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Online poll results

Previous question: During this holiday season, where will you do most of your Christmas shopping?

- 48% Mostly Eastern Ky., 32.7% Mostly elsewhere, 9.2% Mostly online, 10.2% Pretty evenly mixed (98 total votes cast)

This week's question: Did you spend more or less for the holidays this year?

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Today Evening showers, High: 52 • Low: 41

Thursday Rain, then snow, High: 43 • Low: 17

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Board to hire drug counselors

by KATHY J. PRATER, FEATURES EDITOR. HI HAT — Outgoing Floyd County Board of Education member Glenna Slone said Monday evening that she "had enjoyed working with just about everybody" in her four years on the board...

The December 20 meeting was the last for Slone, and she took the opportunity to "highly recommend" that the board approve the positions of substance abuse counselors in the district's schools...

The substance abuse counselors will provide intervention services for students who are beginning to experience substance abuse problems as well as for those who are already experiencing substance abuse related problems...



Outgoing board member Glenna Slone was recognized by her peers and presented with a plaque in recognition of her work on the Floyd County Board of Education the past four years...



The Brothers of the Wheel Motorcycle Club delivered Christmas bags stuffed with toys and new shoes to the Floyd County Board of Education office Friday afternoon...

Violator gets second chance for Christmas

by TOM DOTY, STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Austin Shepherd, 22, of Floyd County, was sentenced to three years of "strictly supervised" probation in circuit court Monday.

The sentence amounted to a Christmas gift from Judge Danny P. Caudill, who had every right to break the plea agreement Shepherd had entered into with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office after he showed up in court under the influence of drugs.

Shepherd was originally set for sentencing in October but that was set aside by the judge so that he could enter a drug treatment program. The plea followed an incident in which Shepherd was found to have been under the influence when he walked away from a single-vehicle wreck that saw him also driving with a suspended license.

Caudill outlined the plan for Shepherd's probation with great care, explaining that he would be subject to intense scrutiny. He informed Shepherd that he would have to get used to frequent and ran-



Last-minute Christmas shoppers descended on the Wal-Mart in Prestonsburg this week, which meant a few instances of people locking themselves out of their cars. The Prestonsburg Police provided an officer with a "slim jim" to get this shopper back on the road.

Clark to serve as model for other schools

by KATHY J. PRATER, FEATURES EDITOR

HI HAT — Though sparsely attended due to frigid weather temperatures, the Floyd County Board of Education held its regular meeting on Monday evening, at South Floyd High School.

Supt. Paul Fanning reported to the board that Clark Elementary School has been selected to be the target of a "successful school audit," meaning that the school has been recognized on

the state level as a successful school and the audit, which is scheduled to be conducted the week of Jan. 10, will help pinpoint the strategies and teaching methods that have resulted in the school's success.

The audit, in addition to helping other schools achieve success, will also serve to help the Clark school "learn what they can do to jump to the next level of success," according to Mike Hughes, a highly skilled educator attending Monday evening's meet-

ing. The audit will be conducted by a team comprising state education personnel who will interview Clark Elementary employees, teachers, students and parents, as well as observe the daily workings of the school.

Additionally, Floyd County Board of Education directors of instruction Kerry Fanning, Henry Webb and Roy Johnson reported to the board that

Turner among legislators receiving 6-days pay for 4-day conference

The Associated Press. FRANKFORT — Taxpayer advocates and a Senate leader are questioning why three Kentucky legislators received pay for six days while attending a four-day conference in Florida.

Two House members and a state senator received the pay for attending the Southern Legislative Conference at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples, Fla. They were required to work only two days.

Records obtained by The Courier-Journal of Louisville show that all lawmakers who attended the Florida conference requested at least four days' salary, the paper reported Monday.

Ten legislators and four aides whose travel was authorized by legislative leaders have filed expense reports, which along with their salary payments total \$26,835.

The Legislative Research Commission, which audits the

expense reports, said others might have attended the conference but have not yet filed for expenses.

Even though billing the state for the two extra days is legal, Senate President David Williams was among those questioning the expenses of the three.

Williams, who is the SLC's 2005 chairman-elect and attended the conference, said he did not know that one senator had put in for six days of pay.

"I would not encourage any of our members to do that," said Williams, R-Burkesville. "Why would you want to spend any more than was absolutely necessary?"

State law allows lawmakers to receive salary payments for travel days to out-of-state events, even those that include travel time in the agenda.

"We did it by the book," said Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, the Senate Democratic caucus chairman, who was paid for six days.

House Majority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins filed for six days of salary and five nights of hotels. Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, said he arrived early and stayed late because he got a "much cheaper" plane ticket on those dates. Records show his ticket cost \$254.39, among the cheapest for the trip. Adkins said his extra pay would be justified by his new insight into such issues as drug reimportation from Canada and

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Odds & Ends

■ **STOCKHOLM, Sweden** — Brotherly love was put to the test this week after two 18-year-old identical twins swapped their clothing and traded places so that one could escape jail.

But prison and police officials were not impressed by the gesture when one of the brothers, serving a 10-month sentence for assault and robbery, walked out to freedom.

The inmate walked out of the Kronoberg Jail, which is located in the same building that houses the headquarters for

Stockholm's police department, undetected on Monday after a visit by his twin brother.

During a visit, the two siblings, neither of whom were named, managed to switch their outfits without anyone noticing.

After visiting hours ended, the inmate walked out, pretending to be his brother. Faced with the prospect of spending the night in jail, his brother admitted the ruse to prison guards.

"We knew there was a certain risk of a mix up, so we took some measures," said Lars-

Aake Pettersson, the warden for the jail. "But this was apparently not enough. They managed to dupe us."

The only noticeable difference between the two twins was a birthmark on the face of the one doing time, but that was taken care of with an ink pen.

The visiting brother was questioned and released, but could face charges of aiding in a prison escape.

His brother? Police said he was still on the run.

■ **ANTHON, Iowa** — Home and business owners in this northwest Iowa town of 650 people were a little shocked at the Christmas gift they got from retired farmer Richard Hamann and his wife, Donna.

The Hamanns doled out \$25,000 to pay the town's electricity bills — all due on Dec. 25.

Hamann, 75, sees the gift as returning a good deed.

"The Lord has been very good to us and so have the people of this community, so I always thought we ought to be doing something in return if we could," he said Monday.

Residents said they were surprised and grateful.

"I just thought it was great," said Beulah Sands, 64, a clerk at a local convenience store. "I haven't talked to anyone who didn't appreciate it. It was a wonderful thing for him to do."

Sands said the Hamanns' gift saved her more than \$50.

A stack of thank you cards and letters sits in a bundle on Richard Hamann's desk in an office at his home.

One letter came from Joyce Sevensing, who wrote that her sister, Fay Miller, is an Anthon resident who has been in poor health in recent months. She said news of the gift brought a tear to her eye.

"It makes me proud that such people as you exist in small towns in Iowa," wrote Sevensing, who provided no return address. "It makes me feel good that someone would go out of their way to help another in any way possible."

■ **MESA, Ariz.** — Now not only is keeping up with the Joneses a daily pressure, but it may become a law.

The town of Gilbert is considering several changes its zoning code, including a major change that would set a minimum interior garage size for homes in this southeast Phoenix suburb.

"We drive Suburbans, Excursions and Silverado extended cabs, and they won't fit in small garages," said Planning and Zoning Commission chairwoman Brigette Peterson at a recent meeting on the proposed land development code.

When recommending the change, town staff told the commission that 74 percent of registered vehicles in Gilbert are trucks or sport utility vehicles.

The proposal for a minimum garage size would be an unobstructed 20 feet by 20 feet, meaning 20 feet from interior wall to interior wall with no water heaters or anything else in the way.

The current code only requires two enclosed parking spaces and has no size minimum.

Saying that's it's an unnecessary standard, the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona has been the loudest critic.

Erin Patterson, deputy director of the association, said the association doesn't think the requirement is appropriate for the code.

"It's a market decision," she said. "Making a garage larger does not mean people will stop parking cars on the street or that theft will decrease."

The council is scheduled to vote to approve the final draft Jan. 25.

■ **COLUMBUS, Ohio** — The fine for the items taken out of the Kenyon College library could be as much as \$250,000. But the penalty is over more than a little forgetfulness.

A former employee of the library pleaded guilty Friday to selling 50 rare books and other documents from the school's

collection for \$26,000.

David Breithaupt, 45, of Gambier, faces up two years in prison and a fine of as much as \$250,000 at his sentencing, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's office.

A sentencing date has not been set on the charge of illegally selling archaeological resources.

Breithaupt sold most of the items, many of which were more than 100 years old, on eBay to buyers in 19 other states and four foreign countries. The sales took place between 1998 and 2002.

A copy made in 1528 of Ptolemy's "Almagest," an astronomy text originally written in ancient Greece, fetched the highest price at \$4,750, court documents said.

Several other items sold were from the 1500s and 1600s.

■ **BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** — Some Indiana University students could face a hefty fine for tossing a guinea pig from a dormitory window with a makeshift parachute.

The students used a garbage bag, dental floss and masking tape to create a parachute and then dropped the animal, Bloomington Animal Shelter manager Leigh Ann Hoffacker said.

Fortunately, the guinea pig landed in a tree and survived. The trembling rodent was discovered moments later by a freshman.

School janitors were able to reach the animal through a third-floor window and Robinson took it to the shelter.

The identities of the students who tossed the guinea pig have yet to be determined, but Hoffacker said the list has been narrowed down by dorm administration.

Police likely would not do much, she said, but the shelter's animal control office can issue a \$500 ticket for animal abuse.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 22, the 357th day of 2004. There are nine days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 22, 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly replied "Nuts!" when the Germans demanded that the Americans surrender.

On this date:

■ In 1775, a Continental naval fleet was organized in the rebellious American colonies.

■ In 1807, Congress passed the Embargo Act, designed to force peace between Britain and France by cutting off all trade with Europe.

■ In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman sent a message to President Lincoln: "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah."

■ In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)

■ In 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington for a wartime conference with President Roosevelt.

■ In 1963, an official 30-day mourning period following the assassination of President Kennedy came to an end.

■ In 1984, New York City resident Bernhard Goetz shot four youths on a Manhattan subway, claiming they were about to rob him.

■ In 1989, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the last of Eastern Europe's hard-line Communist rulers, was toppled from power in a popular uprising.

■ In 1991, the body of Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, an American hostage murdered by his captors, was found dumped along a highway in Lebanon.

■ In 2001, Richard C. Reid, a passenger on an American Airlines flight from Paris to Miami, tried to ignite explosives in his shoes, but was subdued by flight attendants and fellow passengers.

Ten years ago: North Korea handed over the body of American pilot David Hilemon, killed when his helicopter was shot down over the communist country three days earlier. House Democrats chastised Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich for accepting a \$4.5 million book advance from Rupert Murdoch's media empire.

Five years ago: President Clinton urged Americans not to panic despite enhanced security measures prompted by fears of terrorism. An Algerian accused of trying to smuggle nitroglycerin and other bomb-making materials into the United States from Canada pleaded innocent in Seattle to all five counts of a federal indictment. (Ahmed

Ressam was convicted in April 2001 of terrorist conspiracy and eight other charges.) Two astronauts from the shuttle Discovery went on a spacewalk to replace broken instruments in the Hubble Space Telescope.

One year ago: A magnitude 6.5 earthquake hit California's central coast, killing two people. A federal judge ruled the Pentagon couldn't enforce mandatory anthrax vaccinations for military personnel. Colombian rebels freed four Israelis and a Briton held hostage for 101 days.

Today's Birthdays: Lady Bird Johnson is 92. Former House Speaker Jim Wright is 82. Actor Hector Elizondo is 68. Country singer Red Steagall is 66. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Steve Carlton is 60. ABC News correspondent Diane Sawyer is 59. Rock singer-musician Rick Nielsen (Cheap Trick) is 58. Baseball All-Star Steve Garvey is 56. Singer Robin Gibb is 55. Golfer Jan Stephenson is 53. Actress BernNadette Stanis is 51. Rapper Luther Campbell is 44. Country musician Chuck Mead (BR549) is 44. Actor Ralph Fiennes is 42. Actress Laurelee Bell is 36. Actress Dina Meyer is 36. Actress Heather Donahue is 30. Actor Chris Carmack ("The O.C.") is 24.

Thought for Today: "Anger makes dull men witty, but it keeps them poor." — Attributed to Queen Elizabeth I of England (1533-1603).

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Probation

dom testing of his blood, breath and urine.

"I am banking on the fact that you will take advantage of this opportunity," the judge said.

Caudill pulled no punches about where Shepherd's path was leading, saying, "You're headed for a box somewhere after you O.D."

The judge was also clear on the penalties that Shepherd will face if he should test positive again.

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"I won't hesitate to send you to jail," Caudill said.

This was followed by instructions to head to the Department of Probation and Parole for the first drug test. Caudill's final words to Shepherd explained his reasoning for offering the man a another chance.

"You are too young to be lost to drugs," Caudill said, and with that statement, Shepherd headed out to the parole office for the first test of his probation.

Legislators

natural-disaster response.

"I think my constituents would want me to gain all the knowledge I can, to be the best legislator I can be," he said.

Rep. Fred Nesler, D-Mayfield, put in for six days' pay and five nights of hotels. He said he and his wife needed extra travel time because they had to drive 227 miles from Western Kentucky to Louisville to catch a plane. Nesler said there's "nothing unusual" about taking the maximum amount of salary allowed. "If it's not right, then we need to change the rules," he said.

Critics said lawmakers who received extra pay and took costlier transportation appear callous.

"The perception is terrible considering the fact that we don't have a budget, and when we're short of money and thinking about possibly mak-

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ing cuts in Medicaid," said Richard Beliles, chairman of the watchdog group Common Cause of Kentucky.

Kentucky lawmakers are paid only when they're in session, attending committee meetings while out of session or with special permission from legislative leaders. Rank-and-file lawmakers are paid \$166.34 a day. The Senate president and House speaker receive \$208.20 a day.

House Speaker Jody Richards, an SLC executive committee member, said the SLC event was important because the state was angling to bring the group's 2006 annual meeting to Louisville. The SLC formally accepted the invitation last week.

"This is an opportunity to show off Kentucky and the progress we've made," said Richards, D-Bowling Green, who took two office staffers to the Florida event.

Clark

plans to conduct guided self-studies of the district's individual schools have been scheduled. According to Webb, the studies will help school administrators "identify where they are at" in terms of individual school goals.

Hughes commended the district plan, saying that "Floyd County is at least three years

ahead of other districts in facilitating this process."

Board chair Carol Stumbo said, "We are pleased with the progress that Floyd County has made, but we still expect more... We don't want any Floyd County student to go to any university or two-year college and have to struggle."

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Remembrances of Christmas weather past

by PHIL HYSSELL
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The Jackson weather office started keeping climate records on Jan. 1, 1981. This means that 23 Christmas days have come and gone. Let's take a look at the history of weather for Dec. 25.

The coldest Christmas occurred in 1983, when the mercury dropped to 12 degrees below zero. This was the only

Christmas when sub-zero readings were recorded at the Jackson weather service office. In fact, the high temperature only reached 6 degrees that day, which is the coldest high temperature for Dec. 25.

In contrast, the warmest Christmas happened on the previous year in 1982. The temperature soared to 76 degrees, with the low reading only 59 degrees that day, which is the warmest minimum temperature for Christmas day.

The snowiest Christmas

was back in 1993, when 3.6 inches of snow blanketed the ground. There were also three other Christmas occurrences when over an inch of snow fell; 2.1 inches in 1995, 1.5 inches in 2002 and 1.4 inches in 1992. Nine Christmas days saw at least a trace of snowfall over the last 23 years.

The greatest Christmas morning snow depth was two inches, which happened in 1985 and 1989. There were also three Christmas mornings that had a snow depth of one inch — 1993, 1995 and 1998. In total, at least a trace of snow was on the ground for 10 of the last 23 Christmas mornings.

The wettest Christmas happened in 1987, when 1.93 inches of rain was recorded at the Jackson weather office. There have been 11 Christmas days when measurable precipitation occurred between 1981

and 2003.

Here is some other miscellaneous Christmas weather information. There have been 19 Christmas days when the mercury was equal to or dropped below the freezing mark. There were also 10 days when the high temperature was 32 degrees or below. Thirteen Christmas days had average temperatures of 32 degrees or less. Over the last 23 Christmas days nine have been dry.

As for the age-old question of whether will we have a white Christmas this year? The early outlook for Christmas 2004 indicates that it will be dry and cold with highs around 20. Christmas morning temperatures will be in the single digits to around 10 degrees. With snow expected on Thursday, there could be some leftover snow on the ground by Christmas morning.

Board

will be available for any other students experiencing problems, as well.

Additionally, counseling services will be made available for any district employees who may be experiencing substance abuse problems, or who have tested positive in school drug testing programs.

Slone also encouraged each of the board's members to openly volunteer for drug testing themselves.

"After all, if we aren't going to do it, why would we expect

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others to?" she asked.

Before the close of the meeting, Slone was recognized by her peers for the four years on the board. Board chair Carol Stumbo said that she wished to send to her a "personal thank you" and Supt. Paul Fanning presented her with an award.

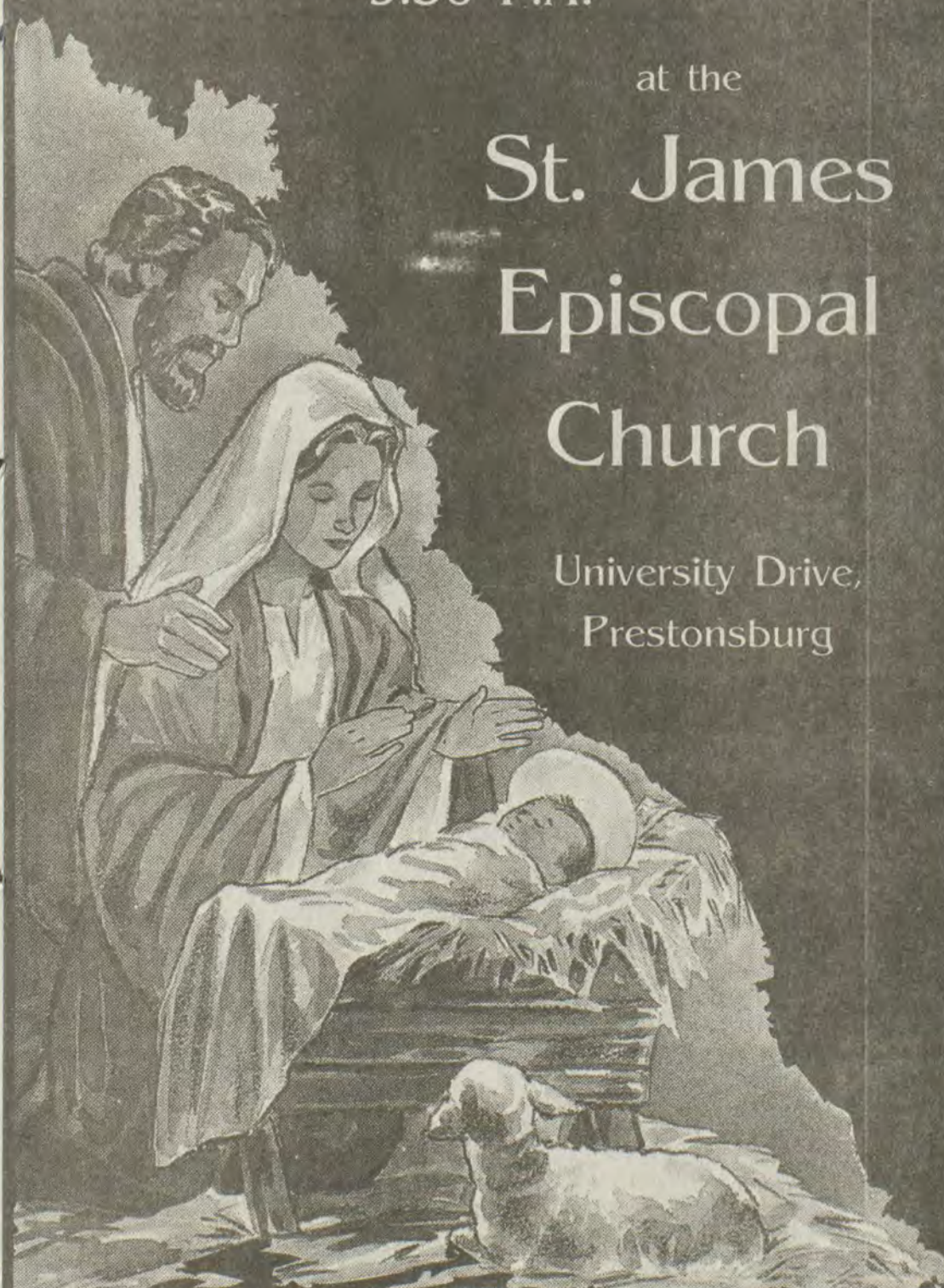
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Worth Repeating ...

"If you want to make enemies, try to change something."

—Woodrow Wilson

Guest View

Games an example of declining culture

It wouldn't be difficult to imagine the conversations that may take place in the design department of a video-game manufacturer.

"Hey, chief," a designer might say. "I've got a great idea for our Christmas line. How about a game in which the goal is to electronically undress this luscious digital babe. The player goes through a series of challenges. Each challenge met is another article of clothing removed."

"Dunno," says the chief. "Can't we spice it up a bit? That sounds too much like the competition's package that didn't sell too well last year."

The designer frowns. "It didn't sell because we had a better product with our meth lab maze — you know, with the player having to outwit the narcs and defeat his turncoat buddies to get to the luscious digital hostage."

The chief ponders this. "Maybe we could get more out of the assassination market. Somebody's already done JFK. But how about a John Lennon game? And wasn't some archbishop shot down in a church in Africa or Peru?"

"But hold that thought. I'll have to get back to you later. I've got to draft my speech supporting self-regulation of our industry."

As we said, it's difficult to imagine what kinds of conversations lead to the bilge water that is being marketed to American kids with the thought of appearing under the tree on Christmas morning.

Even more difficult to imagine is the conversation between Mom and Dad about which game to select for Junior.

A useful purpose was served by the fast-fading idea that something could be pornographic. Certainly it was overdone at times in the 20th century — and even in the 21st, by John Ashcroft.

But the underlying concept was sound: Some material was too intrinsically perverted, darkly titillating, suggestively exciting or shamefully numbing to be fit for any ethical purpose at all, much less be entertainment for children.

With the dramatic lowering of the barriers of taste, pornography has become just another industry, with its sales reps, Internet outlets, credit-card billings and annual trade shows. All but lost in the process is the concept of judging what constitutes sludge.

So when crypto-pornographers design games that play to the fantasy of shooting police officers, stealing cars, running drugs or sexually abusing captive women, the most common societal reaction is a mumble about parental labeling and industry self-regulation.

Readers have asked, now and then, what is meant by an occasional reference, in this space, to "the decline of the culture." The current state of some electronic entertainment would be one example.

— *The Omaha World-Herald*



Capitol Ideas

Judge: Legislators can violate constitution for another 6 months

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The message from Franklin Circuit Judge Roger Crittenden could not have been more clear.

"This court finds the failure of the General Assembly to appropriate collected revenues for public use to be in violation of Section 230 of the Kentucky Constitution. Moreover, the governor of Kentucky has no power to spend state funds without an appropriation from the legislative branch."

Thus Crittenden ruled last week that the legislature's refusal to pass a budget in 2004, and 2002 for that matter, meant lawmakers did not fulfill what is arguably their only constitutional responsibility.

Furthermore, Crittenden said that Gov. Ernie Fletcher — and Gov. Paul Patton before him — was exceeding his constitutional authority by ordering state government to keep spending money and operate without a legislatively enacted budget.

But despite all the criticism, express and implied, Crittenden also gave legislators and Fletcher what amounts to a free pass to continue their unconstitutional conduct for another six months.

Only after June 30, 2005, the end of the current fiscal year, Crittenden said, is there a prohibition on the spending of

public money without a budget. And even then, there may be exceptions for "essential" state services, though that standard too is left undefined.

The flagrant disregard by legislators of their constitutional duty to pass a budget, and the equally flagrant unconstitutional activity of Fletcher in spending money without a budget clearly left Crittenden in an untenable position.

"This court will not step into what is a prohibited exercise of state judicial power and does not desire to monitor, set procedures or oversee specific budget functions," Crittenden said.

The failure of the legislature to do its job has prompted some curious responses.

Senate Republican Floor Leader Dan Kelly of Springfield sort of jokingly wondered aloud last week whether lawmakers had collectively violated their oaths of office to obey and uphold the Constitution.

And there are at least two proposals already pending before the 2005 sessions in which lawmakers want to amend the constitution to, in effect, force them to do their constitutional duties.

One proposal would require that a special session of the legislature be convened if lawmakers ended an even-year session without enacting a budget. The other would extend the current 60-day limit for even-year sessions if there was

no budget.

It is especially ironic that a special session is one proposal to resolve any future budget impasse. In 2000, during the debate over the constitutional amendment that increased the legislature's time in session by 50 percent, House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green pledged there would be far fewer special sessions in the future if only more time were allotted in regular session.

What happened was, the very first special session called after passage of the additional session amendment was by Patton in April and May of 2002 to enact a budget because of the failure of the legislature to do so. And the other special session called since then was by Fletcher in October to add money for health insurance programs for teachers and state employees — a topic that would have been included in a state budget.

Crittenden seemed to give legislators a solution short of a budget: the prospect of enacting some sort of interim spending plans to carry over times when they cannot agree on a complete package.

"The only permanent solution is for the General Assembly to carry out its mandate and provide for the operation of Kentucky government by whatever legislative device it deems appropriate," Crittenden concluded.

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Letters Respect for Human Life Week

We would like to thank the area churches who displayed pro-life yard signs during the election and ask that you would continue your campaign for the protection of the unborn by

observing "Respect for Human Life Week" and "Sanctity of Human Life Sunday" on Jan. 16 to Jan. 23.

Someone may be coming by your church to bring you a yard sign, some literature and information concerning these annual events. Also, a Love Chain has been scheduled for 3 p.m. on "Life Sunday," beginning at Pikeville and running northward toward Ashland. In a Love Chain, area churches and pro-lifers will stand by the highway and display pro-life

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Sharon Stamper
Pikeville

Miscommunication with parents

This letter to the editor is about the Prestonsburg Grade School. I am a father who every morning goes and takes my kids to school, I walk up to the side door facing the lunch room and enter the door, go up one set of steps and take my child into the room. After school I would wait until the second bell rang and enter the same door, go up one flight of stairs and pick my child up.

But on Thursday, Dec. 9, I was told by

an employee of the school, which I don't know her name, "You might want to go to the front door. It's easier to get in from there." Well, I thought she was just trying to be nice and suggest something easier. I thought well if I was not just going in the door a few feet to get my child, then it probably would be a good idea, but I figured, no, that would require walking around to the front, walking all the way down the hallway with kids coming towards you with none going the same direction as you, would be just a little more difficult. So taking the kind suggestion from the lady I decided not to go to the front door.

Now on Friday, thinking no more

about it, I go to the side door where I have been going to since the first day of school and was waiting to pick up my child. The same lady pokes her head out of the door and says to me, "Didn't I tell you yesterday to go to the front door to pick up your child!" in a hateful, demanding voice, I said but his class was just at the top of the stairs. She then tells me, "It is school policy that every parent use the front door" I asked her when that started and she said, "It's been policy for, oh let's see, 14 years." Right then I had heard enough from this lady knowing that she had just told me a lie.

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Health Extra

Americans losing interest in low-carb diets

by MARGARET STAFFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo.— About a year ago, Dave Champlin and his two roommates lived in what their friends at the University of Missouri called the House of Fat.

At a combined weight of 890 pounds, the three decided to try the Atkins diet. By sticking to the low-carb, high-protein diet, Champlin lost about 45 pounds and his roommates each lost between 50 and 60 pounds.

Despite being pleased with the results, all three were off the diet by this past summer and have gained back some of the weight.

"It just got kind of tiresome," Champlin said. "Eating the same thing over and over. It was monotonous."

Champlin, 23, and his friends exemplify why many diet and food industry experts are declaring the low-carb diet craze over.

A study by NPD Group, an independent marketing information company, found that the percentage of American adults on any low-carb diet in 2004 peaked at 9.1 percent in February and dropped to 4.9 percent by early November.

Further, it said only one of four people surveyed was significantly cutting carbs and "virtually none" were reducing carbs as much as the diets recommended.

That means many companies that rode the low-carb wave are either out of business or refocusing their strategies.

One example: MGP Ingredients Inc. of Atchison, Kan., which profited from the low-carb trend, earlier this month announced it was cut-

ting its fiscal 2005 per-share earnings forecast by more than half — from \$1.08 to no more than 50 cents.

The reason is reduced demand for its specialty proteins and starches used to reduce carbohydrates in foods. MGP said low-carb demand had peaked, and it did not expect it to return to anywhere near the level that sparked a 123 percent increase in sales in the third quarter of fiscal 2004.

MGP always expected the low-carb demand to cool, but it happened more quickly than anticipated, spokesman Steve Pickman said.

"We expected at least to continue at its strong level for the next 18 to 36 months," Pickman said. "We by no means feel low-carb is dead, but it's declined to a much lower plateau than we or the industry expected."

While MGP's future is not threatened, many smaller businesses based on low-carb products have closed their doors, and larger companies that introduced low-carb foods are changing strategies.

American Italian Pasta, the nation's largest producer of dry pasta, reported a net loss of \$12.2 million, or 67 cents per share, in the second quarter of this year. The company's reduced-carb pasta was a flop, with sales 50 percent lower than expected. Chief Executive Tim Webster said the company planned to begin marketing it as a low-calorie, high-fiber product.

No one expects low-carb products to disappear. ACNielsen LabelTrends reported that sales of products labeled for low-carb lifestyles were still growing but had slowed. Sales, in terms of dol-

lars, rose only 6.1 percent for the 13 weeks ended Sept. 25, compared to the previous quarter. That compared with a 105.5 percent increase in the 13 weeks that ended March 27.

That decline is not surprising, even at Atkins Nutritionals Inc., a company founded 30 years ago by Dr. Robert C. Atkins to spread the low-carb gospel.

Colette Heimowitz, vice president of education and research, said the market became saturated with low-carb products because companies joined the "diet wars" in 2004. She said many companies are expected to withdraw from the market because of the intense competition for dieters.

Heimowitz said people have been calling the Atkins diet a fad for 30 years. "It has

already stood the test of time," she said. "There is no indication that it's going anywhere."

She predicted people will continue to incorporate it into their lifestyle.

That's true for Champlin,

the Missouri student, who said he will continue to buy some low-carb products.

"It did teach me to watch what I eat and drink," he said. "I'm not going to go back to how I ate before."



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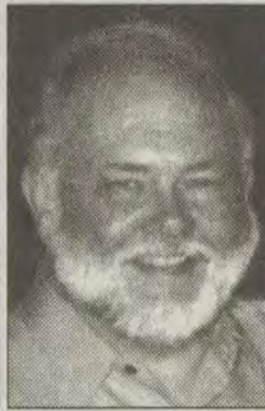
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A series of chiropractic adjustments before your ski trip can greatly reduce the risk of accidents. You may lose mobility and dexterity when your spine becomes misaligned, because the muscles in the lower back, legs and knees do not function at maximum capacity. The muscles, which are forced to work against the body, instead of with it, can become very tired and fail to move as rapidly as they should. This can lead to unfortunate injuries and unnecessary pain.

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Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion
Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion being planned for February. Please contact Patricia Garrison at 606-874-6004, Cory Reitz at 859-

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4-H looking for volunteers!
The Floyd County 4-H program is in need of volunteers to work with the following 2005 activities: 4-H Goat Project; 4-H Backpacking Club; 4-H Horse Club; and 4-H Shooting Sports. If you are interested, contact Chuck Stamper at 886-2668, or email to: cstamper@uky.edu by Jan. 3.

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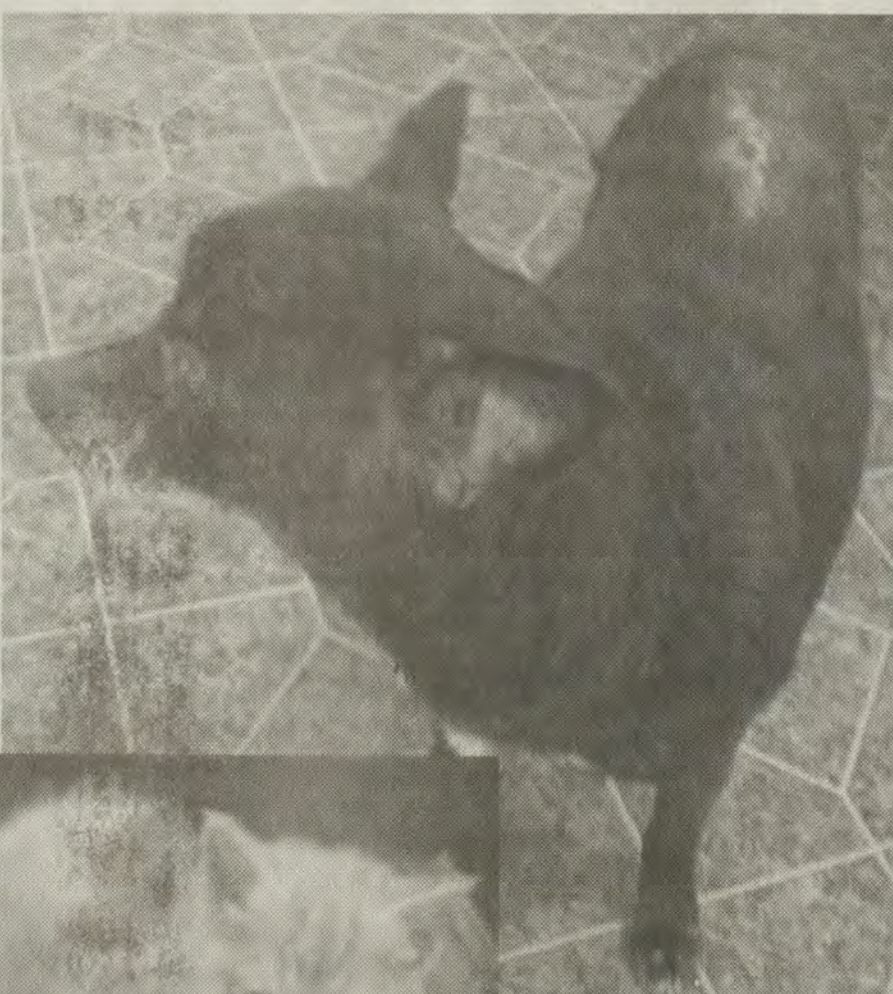
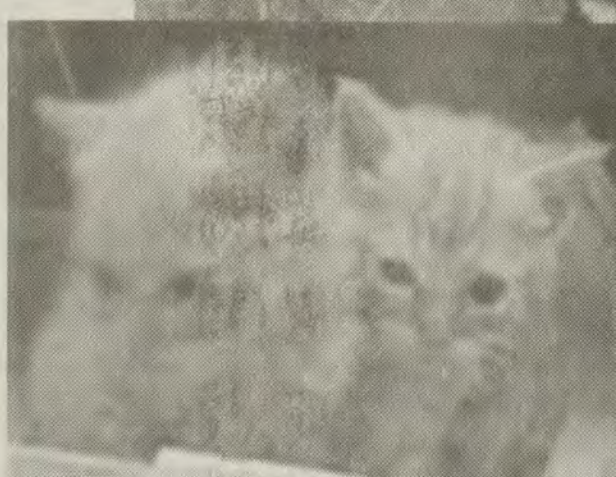
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Johnson judge to retire Jan. 1

FRANKFORT — After 22 years of service to the Mountain Region of Eastern Kentucky as a district, circuit and family court judge, Chief Regional Circuit Judge Stephen

“Nick” Frazier has announced that he will retire Jan. 1 and return to the private practice of law.

“Judge Frazier is a legendary figure in Kentucky,” said Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert. “His leadership in the mountains has been honored by many and his retirement will be a loss for all of the citizens of his region. Judge Frazier has ably stepped into some of the toughest situations and, without seeking credit for his work, delivered justice to the citizens before his court.”

Judge Frazier became the first district judge for the 24th Judicial District in 1978 after the 1975 judicial article created the current unified court structure in Kentucky.

As the first district judge, he designed and implemented the District Court system for Johnson, Lawrence and Martin Counties. In 1984, he was elected to serve as circuit judge for those three counties. In 1986, he was named chief regional circuit judge for the 22 counties comprising the Mountain Region.

Frazier took on another challenge in January 2003 when Chief Justice Lambert appointed him the first Family Court judge for Johnson, Lawrence and Martin counties. In this role, he has implemented several improvements to Domestic Violence Court as well as procedures to secure permanent placement for juveniles within one year after removal from their homes. Under his leadership, Johnson County Family Court and Paintsville City Schools obtained a 21st Century grant that provides creative after-school programs to students at Paintsville Elementary and Our Lady of the Mountain schools.

Judge Frazier also has been special judge in several significant cases throughout Eastern Kentucky, including labor disputes resulting from coal industry strikes. As chief judge and special judge, he has tried cases in every circuit of the Mountain Region. He

served as chief judge for Magoffin Circuit and District courts in the mid-1990s to help alleviate the heavy caseload and ensure the ongoing orderly disposition of cases. He also has been a member of the Kentucky Judicial Conduct Commission for the past several years where he participated in hearings and actions regarding judicial misconduct.

He considers one of his more important cases the one in Johnson Circuit Court in which he declared the broad form deed unenforceable. The broad form deed made legal the strip mining of a person's land without his or her permission and/or payment of damages. Judge Frazier ruled that the deed was, in fact, not legal, citing constitutional reasons. His ruling was upheld in a landmark decision of the Supreme Court of Kentucky.

Judge Frazier has served on the commission that oversees the new justice center under construction in Johnson County. He also was on the organizational committee that established the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine and now sits on its board of directors as a member of the advisory council.

His efforts on behalf of his region have received attention statewide. In 2004, Attorney

General Greg Stumbo presented him with the Judicial Advocate Award for outstanding service, commitment and dedication in protecting battered women in rural Northeastern Kentucky. In 2003, he was given the Kentucky White Ribbon Award by the FIVCO Area Development District in association with the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association and the Governor's Office on Domestic Violence. And in 1993, Chief Justice Lambert and the Kentucky Bar Association presented him with the Chief Justice's Special Service Award.

Judge Frazier holds a bachelor's degree from Pikeville College and a juris doctor from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. During the early years of his career, he was an assistant commonwealth's attorney for Jefferson County, an assistant professor at Pikeville College and the city attorney for Paintsville.

Judge Frazier and his wife, Carolyn, have three sons, Brad, Daniel and Bryan, and one granddaughter, Ashley Victoria. After his retirement, he will continue to sit as a Family Court judge until Gov. Ernie Fletcher names his successor for the 24th Judicial Circuit. He will then return to a practice of law in Paintsville.

Letters

I went to this school for eight years and worked at the fire department which is right beside the school for over 10 years, and I have never heard or ever seen that the parents have to go to the front door to pick up their children. Some people did, some didn't. Now nothing is posted at that door and it even states on a big sign that you must wait for the second bell before entering the building to get your child right beside of that side door leading to the lunchroom.

I told the lady I would just use that door. She then states, “Oh no you won't,” and slams the door shut. I walk around to the front,

wait for the second bell, and walk all the way down the hall dodging the kids trying to miss them, just to pick up my child.

I wouldn't complain if it was school policy, but after getting down there to get my child, I see Mrs. Harmon standing there with the lady who just lied to me. I go over to them and the police show up right behind me, asking what's going on. I asked Mrs. Harmon what was going on and she said, “With your bad attitude towards her ...” and I stopped Mrs. Harmon and said she is the one with the attitude. I asked, “Then when did it become school policy to go

to the front door?” Mrs. Harmon said, “It started today,” which in turn shows this lady lied to me and probably to everyone else. It has not been policy for 14 years.

We really don't need someone in our schools that will tell a parent lies. If she tells one, she can tell many more. On the way out I hear parents asking, is this just for today or is this the way it's going to stay. Who really knows? The lady that lied to me will never be trusted again by me, that is for sure.

There needs to be a sign posted stating that all children must be picked up by the front door, and the one stat-

ing wait until the second bell to enter needs to be removed. It's bad communication from the school to the parents.



I also want to apologize to the parents if what my actions did stopped anyone from getting their child from the side door and to Mrs. Harmon, for I have much respect for you and Rose, who also works in the office.

Timothy Blackburn
Prestonsburg

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Kentucky's jobless rate falls to 4.5 percent in November

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary unemployment rate descended to 4.5 percent in November, the lowest jobless rate for Kentucky in four years, according to the Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Education Cabinet. The November 2004 rate was below both the revised seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2004 of 4.8 percent and November 2003's jobless rate of 6 percent.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate decreased to 5.4 percent in November from 5.5 percent in October, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

"The national unemployment rate of 5.4 percent in November 2004 is .9 percentage point above Kentucky's preliminary November 2004 unemployment rate of 4.5 percent. We also are well below the 6 percent Kentucky recorded in November 2003. In addition, November was the sixth month in 2004 that Kentucky has seen an increase in nonfarm employment," said Carlos

Cracraft, the department's chief labor market analyst.

Seven of the 10 major non-farm job North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) sectors had employment increases in November, while three decreased, Cracraft said. A monthly survey of business establishments revealed that Kentucky's nonfarm employment rose by 800 on a seasonally

adjusted basis to November's 1,800,600 employees. Since November 2003, nonfarm employment has gone up 14,200.

According to the seasonally adjusted employment data, Kentucky's government sector, which includes public education, rose by 900 jobs in November. Since November 2003, this sector has dropped by 2,300 jobs.

The educational and health services sector reported 400 more jobs in November 2004 than in October 2004. Since November 2003, the sector has added 2,900 jobs.

Kentucky's construction sector reported 300 more jobs in November 2004 than in

October 2004. Since November 2003, employment in this sector has shot up by 4,900.

"The construction sector has added employment for four consecutive months and eight of past nine months of 2004," said Cracraft.

The professional and business services sector employment went up by 300 employees from October 2004 to November 2004. This sector recorded the same number of employees in November 2003 and November 2004.

Kentucky's leisure and hospitality sector rose by 200 jobs in November 2004.

Since November 2003, the sector's employment has grown by 8,500 employees.

The sector includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodations and food services and drinking places industries.

The financial activities sector added 100 jobs in November. This sector, which includes establishments involved in finance, insurance, real estate and property leasing or rental, has increased by 1,100 jobs over the past 12

months.

Employment in the other services sector, which includes such establishments as repair and maintenance places, personal and laundry services, religious organizations, and civic and professional organizations, also rose by 100 jobs in November. Over the past 12 months, the sector has added 1,400 employees.

On the negative side of the ledger, the state's trade, transportation and utilities sector, employment fell by 700 jobs in November 2004. This sector includes retail and wholesale trade, transportation and utilities businesses, and warehousing, and is the largest sector in Kentucky with 372,700 employees. Since November 2003, the number of jobs in this sector has increased by 1,100 employees.

The state's manufacturing sector decreased by 500 jobs in November. Compared to November 2003, the sector had 3,000 fewer employees in November 2003.

"The manufacturing sector has fluctuated this year. For example, in August and

September of this year, the sector added 4,600 jobs but then lost 800 in October and November," said Cracraft.

Information sector employment went down by 300 jobs in November 2004. This sector, which includes firms involved in publishing, Internet activities and broadcasting and news syndication, had 500 fewer jobs since November 2003.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistic's monthly estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for November 2004 was 1,891,174 on a seasonally adjusted basis. This figure is up 5,276 from the 1,885,898 employed in October 2004, and up 46,061 from the 1,845,113 employed in November 2003.

The monthly estimate of the number of unemployed Kentuckians for November 2004 was 88,448. This figure is down 6,228 from the 94,676 unemployed in October 2004, and down 29,767 from the 118,215 Kentuckians unemployed in November 2003.

The monthly estimate of the number of Kentuckians in the civilian labor force for

November 2004 was 1,979,622. This figure is down 952 from the 1,980,574 recorded in October 2004, but up 16,294 from the 1,963,328 recorded for November 2003.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Mountain Arts Center receives Federal Funding

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Representative Hal Rogers has included \$100,000 in the federal budget to purchase equipment and technology for the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. The funding will be used to expand the Center's music and arts program by offering instruction in sound and video production, stage design, audio recording, water color art, and photography.

"The Mountain Arts Center provides the people of eastern Kentucky with unique cultural and educational experiences," Rogers said. "This funding will

enable the Center to expand its curriculum and offer more opportunities to develop artistic skills and talents."

The Mountain Arts Center is a publicly-owned cultural arts complex based in Prestonsburg. It hosts a wide variety of shows and concerts, and conducts edu-

(See MAC, page eleven)

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Dec. 27th - Monday
1:30 p.m. - Star of Bethlehem
3:00 p.m. - Laser Holidays

Dec. 28th - Tuesday
1:30 p.m. - Star of Bethlehem
3:00 p.m. - Laser Holidays

Dec. 29th - Wednesday
1:30 p.m. - Star of Bethlehem
3:00 p.m. - Laser Holidays

Dec. 30th - Thursday
1:30 p.m. - Star of Bethlehem
3:00 p.m. - Laser Holidays

Dec. 31st - Friday
New Year's Eve

Jan. 1st - Saturday
New Year's Day - CLOSED

Jan. 2nd - Sunday
1:00 p.m. - Star of Bethlehem
2:30 p.m. - Star of Bethlehem
4:00 p.m. - Star of Bethlehem

Jan. 8th - Saturday
1:00 p.m. - Star of Bethlehem
2:30 p.m. - Star of Bethlehem
4:00 p.m. - Star of Bethlehem
7:30 p.m. - Laser Beatles
9:00 p.m. - Laser Beatles

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Obituaries

Allen (Pin-Ball) Patton Jr.

Allen (Pin-Ball) Patton Jr., 82, of Langley, died Sunday, December 19, 2004, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born March 17, 1922, in Martin, he was the son of the late Allen Patton Sr., and Amanda Hughes Patton. He was a retired electrician/repairman, an Army WW II veteran, and a life member of the DAV Chapter 128, at Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Shepherd Patton.

Survivors include five sons: Michael Patton and Darrell Patton, both of Hueysville, Phillip Patton of Hillsboro, Ronnie Patton, of McDowell, and Elvis Patton of Banner; five daughters: Margie Slone and Cindy Prater, both of Langley, Brenda Cramer of Hueysville, Vickie Ritchie of Martin, and Angela Stevens of Pikeville; a sister, Margie Green of McCloud, California; 27 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers: Oscar Patton, Alonzo Patton, Ishmael Patton and Clyde Patton; and four sisters: Rebecca P. Hays, Eva Ratliff, Effie Post, and Goldie Jones.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 22, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Don Pratt officiating.

Burial will be in the Slone Family Cemetery, at Henry's Branch, in Langley, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Tony Chaffins, Phillip Hunt, Bennie Moore, B. J. Moore, Jason Patton, Mark Patton, Chuck Twist, and David Twist.

Honorary pallbearers: George A. Patton, Jim Slone, Edward Robinson, Earshall Goble, Norman Cramer, Linzie Hunt and Ronnie Patton. (Paid obituary)

Haskell Hall

Haskell Hall, age 71, of McDowell, passed away, on Thursday, December 16, 2004, in the Prestonsburg Health Care Center, following an extended illness.

He was born at McDowell, on November 21, 1933, the son of the late Elisha and Millie Gearheart Hall.

He was formerly employed with General Motors Co.

Survivors include one brother, Melvin R. Hall of Prestonsburg, and one sister, Ruth Howell of McDowell; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Herman and Elmer Hall; and two sisters: Edith Lawson and Ruby Hobson.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 18, at 12:30 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Elders Jimmy Hall and Clinton Moore officiating.

Burial was in the family cemetery, at Orkney, near McDowell, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Michael Hobson, Jerry Alan McBrayer, Bob Hobson, Dwayne Moore, Ken Webb, and Alvin R. Hall.

(Paid obituary)

Timothy Wayne "Timmy" (Earl) Johnson

Timothy Wayne "Timmy" (Earl) Johnson, 26, of Melvin, died Thursday, December 16, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born January 29, 1978, at McDowell, he was the son of Harold Johnson of Melvin, and the late Reba Johnson. He was a correctional officer at Otter Creek Correctional Facility in Wheelwright.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Slone Johnson.

In addition to his wife and father, he is survived by two sons: Braxton Wayne Johnson and Byron Deshawn Johnson, both of Melvin; a daughter, Payton Mashae Johnson of Melvin; and a brother, Tony Warren Johnson of Melvin.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 21, at 1 p.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Johnson Cemetery, (Muddy Gut), in Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Curtis Hall

Curtis Hall, age 54, of Dana, passed away, on Saturday, December 18, 2004, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

He was born at Banner, on August 19, 1950, the son of the late Ralph and Mable Damron Hall.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Sue Sparks Hall of Dana; one daughter, Julie Ann Hall of Dana; five brothers: Dean Hall, Hallard Hall and Kenneth Hall, all of Dana, and Ralph Hall Jr., and Roy Hall, both of Prestonsburg; one sister, Emma Dell Goble of Pikeville; and three grandchildren: Curtis John Hall, Samuel David Willis, and Shawn Cameron Willis.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 22, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with J. B. Hall and Tracy Patton officiating.

Burial will be at Gethsemane Gardens, at Prestonsburg, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Deanie Ray Hall, James Lee Hall, Kelly Dean Hall, Bryan Joe Hall, Bryan Hall, Jerry Kidd, and Joseph Hunt. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Lloyd Brown would like to acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation, all those who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. Thank you all so much for the food, flowers, prayers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. We especially want to thank Clergymen Jimmy Bevins and Kenneth Wright for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for providing dignified and courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF LLOYD BROWN

Card of Thanks

The family of Lucille Daniels Eden would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the food, flowers, prayers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman Lowell Robinson for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, for their kind, professional, and courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF LUCILLE DANIELS EDEN

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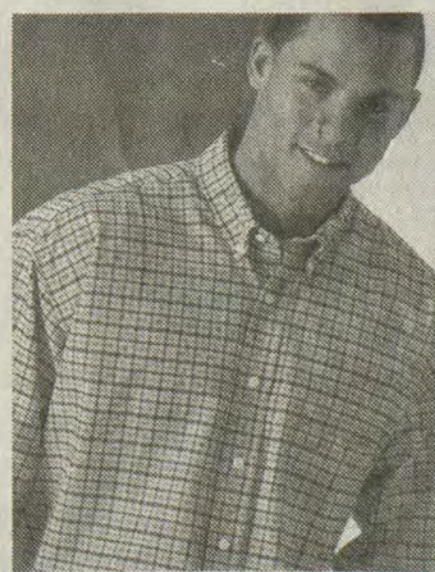
The family of Deborah Dianne Moore Benton deeply appreciates all of those who demonstrated "Acts of Kindness" during her passing. A special thank-you is extended to Hospice of the Big Sandy, the C.N.A.'s, and caregiver, Marie Shepherd. Special thank-you's are also extended to those who shared her memories during her "Celebration of Life," Reverend Harold Dorsey, Reverend Mark Walz, and the Handbell Choir of Prestonsburg First United Methodist Church. Your support and prayers will always be remembered.

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Parents: Jeanice Hall-Allen/
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Victor Hall, deceased
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Madison B. Howell
Born: November 9, 1994
Parents: Kelvin & Sandra Howell
Grethel, KY



Ethan R. Boyd
Born: January 22, 2004
Parents: Jamie & Renee Boyd
Harold, KY



Paul James Slaughter
Born: August 1, 1998
Grandparents:
James E. and Marie Goble
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Gene and Pat Slaughter
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Kennedy Nicole Little
Born: January 16, 2003
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Calendar

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Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church.

Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Thursday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Newbee (Beginner) Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office, Prestonsburg.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

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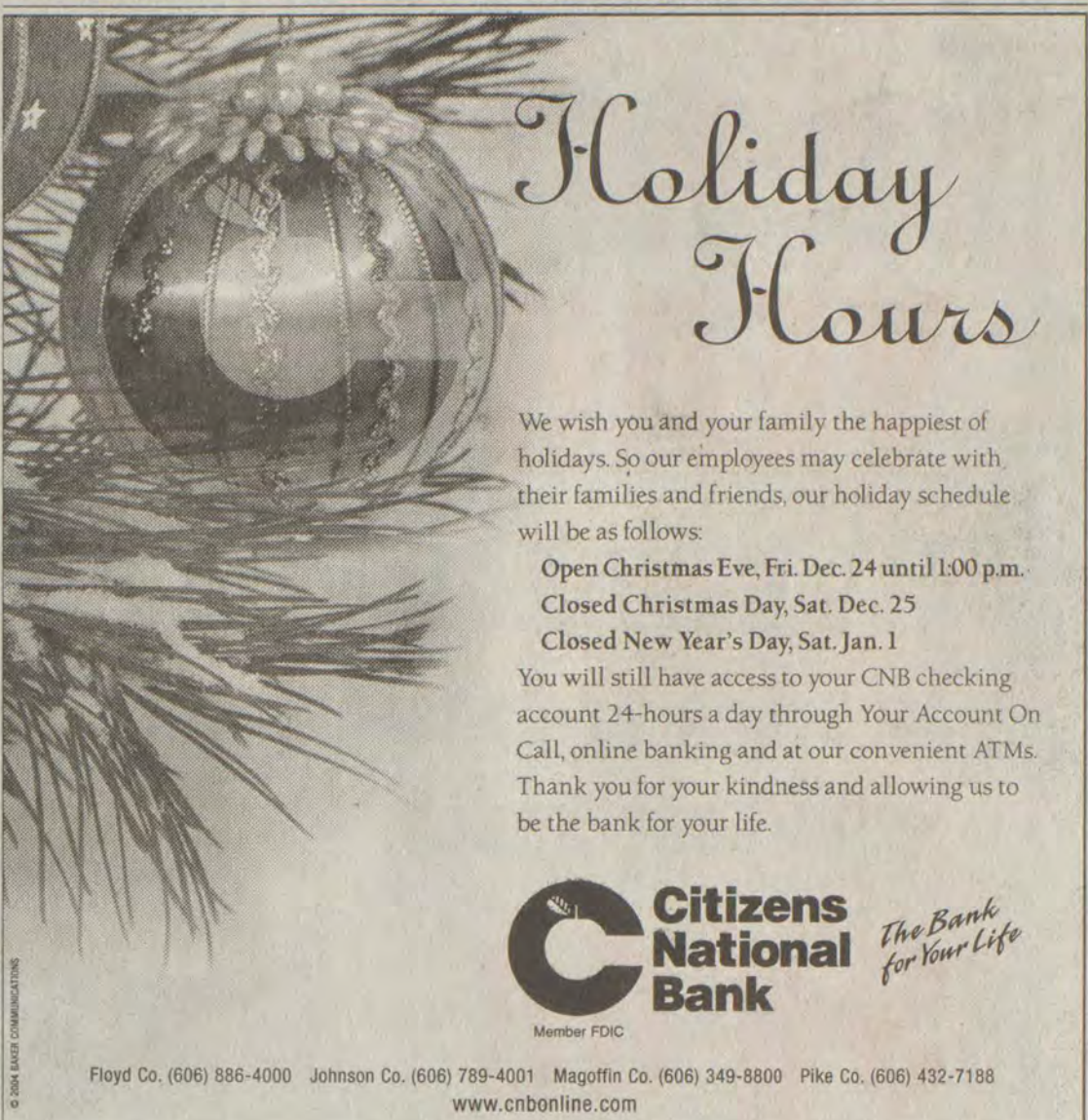
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*When I was young, about eight or nine,
I couldn't wait for Christmas time.
You never get too old to be.
A child around a Christmas tree.*

*Christmas time was made for love,
In memory of the man above.
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We give him thanks down on our knees.*

*Christmas is a time of joy,
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As I sit with tear-dimmed eye,
And watch as Christmas passes by.*

*When I'm sitting on cloud nine,
I'll look down at Christmas time,
And send a star from where I am,
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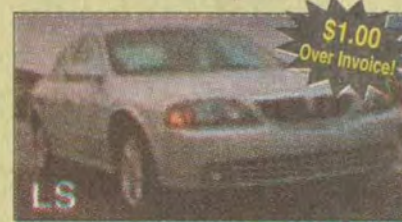
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Lady Blackcats race past Beth Haven

20-9 third quarter spurt lifts Prestonsburg

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE – After defeating a good Johnson Central Lady Eagle team last Friday, the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats were hoping to carry momentum into the opening round of the Country Music Highway Holiday

Classic at Johnson Central. Prestonsburg took on Beth Haven, a team out of the 6th Region, Monday. The Lady Blackcats opened the game with a dry spell as Beth Haven jumped out to an 11-3 lead in the first three minutes. Kristi Drake tossed in seven of her 15 points in the first quarter as the Lady Bearcats built an

early lead. However, the momentum turned quickly on back-to-back three pointers from senior Lady Blackcat Molly Burchett. The Lady Blackcats went on to win 74-48.

Amber Whitaker hit a putback late in the first quarter that tied the game at 18-18 after one quarter of play. Both teams exchanged baskets

early in the second quarter and the score was even at 25 with 1:02 remaining in the first half.

Prestonsburg went on a 7-0 run in the final minute of the quarter and took a 32-25 lead at the half.

A 20-9 third quarter put the game

(See RACE, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg senior Kelly Key got off a shot over the Beth Haven defense during Monday afternoon's game.

Roper to coach UK quarterbacks

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON – Kurt Roper, who coached record-setting quarterbacks Eli Manning and Romaro Miller during the last six seasons at Ole Miss, is the new assistant coach for quarterbacks at the University of Kentucky, Coach Rich Brooks announced Tuesday.



Kurt Roper

"Kurt has a bright, young offensive mind with the experience of working with quarterbacks who put up great numbers at Ole Miss," Brooks said. "He was part of a very productive offense the past several years. He is a very

good fit with our staff. He's a personable coach, familiar with the Southeastern Conference and with some of the areas that we recruit."

In addition to working as the quarterbacks coach for the last six years, Roper was the team's passing game coordinator from 2002-04. Under his guidance, Miller and Manning became the most prolific passers in school history.

Roper coached Miller to second-team All-SEC honors in 2000 as Miller broke school career records for passing yards and touchdown passes. Miller has gone on to a professional career with the Minnesota Vikings of the National Football League and the Ottawa Renegades and Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League.

Manning took over from Miller in 2001 and set 47 school records during his three years as a starter. As a senior, Manning won the Maxwell Award as the nation's top collegiate player, the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award as the nation's top senior quarterback, and was chosen the SEC Offensive Player of the Year by The Associated Press and SEC Coaches. Manning was selected the No. 1 pick in the 2004 NFL Draft by the San Diego Chargers and then was traded to the New York Giants.

Roper joined the Ole Miss staff in time for the Rebels' victory in the 1998 Independence Bowl. The Rebels were bowl-eligible for the next five years and participated in the 1999 Independence Bowl, 2000 Music City Bowl, 2002 Independence Bowl, and the 2004 Cotton Bowl following the '03 season. All totaled, Ole Miss compiled a 44-29 record

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P'burg falters against Valley, Greenup



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg junior Sean Leslie elevated for a shot during Friday night's home game against Shelby Valley. Prestonsburg and Shelby Valley are expected to battle for the 15th Region's top spot.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Friday night, in rematch of an opening round game from last season's 15th Region Tournament, the home team didn't win the second meeting between the two combatants in less than one year. Prestonsburg entertained Shelby Valley Friday night. The Blackcats beat Shelby Valley in last season's 15th Region. On Friday night, Shelby Valley hit more shots than the Blackcats and in the process escaped the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse with a 62-58 win.

Prestonsburg beat Valley 69-66 in March in the opening round of the 2004 15th Region Tournament.

In a foul-plagued game Friday night, the two teams combined for 58 personal fouls. On the offensive end, the two teams combined shot 92 free throws. Shelby Valley was the most effective from the free throw line, hitting 21-of-35 charity shots.

Senior Seth Kiser led Shelby Valley with a game-high 24 points. Kiser hit 13-of-16 free throw tries.

The Prestonsburg offense struggled, most early on, scoring just four points in the first quarter.

"We didn't shoot the ball well," admitted Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp.

Late in the game, Shelby Valley clung to a 59-57 lead in the game's last minute before a shot by Wildcat reserve John Johnson pushed the lead back out.

Mitch Riddle added 11 points for Shelby Valley. Mike Bartley scored seven points and Patrick Tackett tossed in five. Kelsey Friend, Nick Potter and Johnson all had four each.

Kris Bentley, a transfer from Prestonsburg, rounded out the Wildcat scoring with three points.

John Mark Stephens led Prestonsburg in scoring with 11 points. Sean Leslie pushed in nine points and Jesse Chaffin added eight.

Shelby Valley will return to play next week in the Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic.

Greenup County 101, Prestonsburg 72: Prestonsburg found an uphill battle Saturday against the host Musketeers in the Greenup County Pepsi Shootout. The Musketeers outscored Prestonsburg 49-34 in the first half and used a strong shooting effort to roll to the win.

Zach Gillum paced Greenup County with a game-high 27 points. His brother, Codey, added 16. John Taylor tossed in 18 points for Greenup County.

Michael Stephens led Prestonsburg in scoring with 11 points. Sean Leslie added 10. John Mark Stephens scored nine points for the Blackcats and Trevor Compton chipped in eight.

Greenup County outscored Prestonsburg 28-15 in the final quarter.

Following a brief holiday break, Prestonsburg's boys will return to the hardwood next week when they host the renewed Jenny Wiley Invitational.

Betsy Layne falls to Bullitt East, beats Boyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – Betsy Layne suffered its second loss in the Fifth Third Bank Classic at Lexington Catholic Monday, falling to Bullitt East. Jumping out to a quick lead, Bullitt East got out in front of Betsy Layne and led the Ladycats 20-12 through the first quarter before going on for a 59-43 win.

Bullitt East led 36-24 at halftime.

Eleven different Bullitt East players scored. Kim Clark led Betsy Layne with a game-high 17 points. The Ladycats struggled some offensively, never scoring over a dozen points in an individual period.

Clark was the only Betsy Layne player to make it into double figures. Breann Akers scored eight points and Kristen Smith netted seven. Kristal Daniels and Whitney Tackett both had four points. Candice Meade rounded out the Betsy Layne scoring with three points.

Betsy Layne returned to action in the Fifth Third tournament yesterday evening. Information from the game was unavailable at press time.

Betsy Layne 56, Boyd County 44: After falling to Clinton County Saturday in the opening round of the Fifth Third Classic, Betsy Layne bounced back Sunday, beating Boyd County 56-44.

(See BETSY LAYNE, page two)

Raiders start Bryan Station tourney 0-3

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The first three games of the Defenders of the Station Invitational yielded three losses for the South Floyd Raiders. South Floyd began play in the Bryan Station tourney Friday night. In a tournament opener, John Hardin beat South Floyd 66-45. Following the loss to John Hardin, South Floyd suffered a loss to Seneca Saturday and another setback at the hands of Lincoln County, Monday. The Raiders beat Shawnee 74-66 in a game played yesterday. Scoring information from the South Floyd-Shawnee game was unavailable at press time. A recap of the game will appear in Friday's edition. Breakdowns of South Floyd's first three games follow.

John Hardin 66, South Floyd 45: A talented John Hardin team was able to pull

(See RAIDERS, page two)

James Madison defeats Montana 31-21, wins Division I-AA title

Eastern Kentucky natives help
Dukes to first-ever national crown

TIMES STAFF
REPORT

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – The James Madison University football team is the 2004 NCAA Division I-AA National Champion.

The Dukes earned that distinction Friday at Finley Stadium/Davenport with a 31-21 victory over Montana in the



Ryan Brown

finals of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

Paintsville High School graduate Ryan Brown, a sophomore, plays for James Madison. In his time at the Atlantic 10 school, he has played along both the offensive and defensive lines. Phil Ratliff, a Lawrence County native and graduate of Lawrence County High School, who played at Marshall and later coached at the Lawrence County High before taking a coach as head coach at

Valley, W.Va., coached the

James Madison tight ends this past season.

JMU used a stingy defense, a strong running game, and good special teams play to post the biggest win in their 33-year football history.

J M U allowed a first-quarter touchdown for the only time during



Phil Ratliff

(See TITLE, page two)



During a ceremony held Friday, South Floyd High School senior volleyball players Christena Barger and Candice Hall both signed with Kentucky Christian University. Pictured, seated, left to right: Coach Keith Smallwood, Christena Barger, Candice Hall and Kentucky Christian Coach Bruce Dixon. Back row, left to right: South Floyd High School Principal Keith Henry, Sheldon Berger, Nancy Johnson, SFHS AD Barry Hall and Coach Johnny Little.

Title

the 2004 season and trailed twice, but the Dukers rallied to dominate the final minutes of the game as they did for most of the season.

JMU ran for 314 yards overall - 257 during the second half - and had a 318-202 overall yardage advantage during the final two periods.

Fenner led JMU's attack with 164 rushing yards on 29 carries and ran for two touchdowns. Sophomore tailback Alvin Banks added 88 rushing yards on 13 carries, and Rascati

ran 11 times for 57 yards and two scores. Rascati also hit on 13 of 18 passes for 132 yards and wasn't intercepted.

"We went into the game planning to throw the ball, but we were making so many yards rushing that we didn't need to throw," said sixth-year JMU coach Mickey Matthews.

"Our league is great; that was Atlantic 10 football in the second half," Matthews added. "Our league is by far the best in the country. Playing in our league really prepared us to

play in this environment against Montana. Our guys thought they were going to win."

The victory was JMU's fifth straight overall and its fourth in the playoffs away from home. The Dukers completed the year with a 13-2 record and became the second straight Division I-AA champion from the Atlantic 10 (Delaware was the 2003 playoff winner). No other team previously had advanced to the championship with straight road wins.

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Raiders

away and beat South Floyd.

Maze Stallworth led John Hardin with a game-high 26 points. Stallworth also pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds.

Ryan Johnson led South Floyd in scoring with 24 points.

Seneca 53, South Floyd 48: Seneca outscored South Floyd in three of four quarters and held off the Raiders in the fourth quarter en route to the win.

Senior Duke Cole led Seneca with a game-high 19 points.

Wes Hall led South Floyd with 12 points. Mason Hall scored 11 and Steven Stanley added 10. Burnett Little scored

seven points and Ryan Little added four. Ryan Johnson, in an uncharacteristic low-scoring output, was held to three points. Senior Joe Osborne scored on a free throw.

Lincoln Co. 60, South Floyd 59: South Floyd led 37-35 at halftime and battled its way back from a deficit in the second half, only to fall short.

Matt Reynolds led Lincoln County with 14 points.

Three different South Floyd players scored in double figures. Burnett Little led the Raiders with a game-high 17 points. Ryan Johnson scored 14

points and Steven Stanley netted 12. Jack Stone scored six points and Mason Hall netted four. Ethan Johnson and Ryan Little each had nine points.

South Floyd is one of eight teams scheduled to take part in this year's Jenny Wiley Invitational.

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Betsy Layne

Senior guard Kim Clark scored 25 points to lead Betsy Layne to the win over Boyd County, a team that figures to make some noise in the neighboring 16th Region.

After getting out to an early lead, Betsy Layne led at the end of every quarter.

The Ladycats led 15-10 at the end of the opening quarter and 26-19 at halftime. Betsy

Layne outscored Boyd County 20-10 in the third quarter.

Kristen Smith added 13 points for the Ladycats while Kristal Daniels flipped in nine. Candice Meade scored six points and Breann Akers chipped in three.

Guard Brandi Mahar led Boyd County in scoring with 16 points. Mahar was the only Boyd County player to break into double figures.

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out of reach for Beth Haven and essentially gave the Lady Blackcats the win.

Prestonsburg's Meaghan Slone lead all scorers with 18 points. Molly Burchett finished with 13 points and Amber Whitaker added 10 for the winning team. Prestonsburg got seven points each from Darcey Hicks and Brittany Collins. Senior Chanel Music added five points and Elizabeth Chaffin came off the Blackcat bench to finish with four points.

Kelly Key pitched in four points for Prestonsburg and Amanda Keathley added three in the win. Rikki Hughes finished with two points and Alexis DeRossett rounded out the scoring for Prestonsburg with one point.

Prestonsburg improved to 5-4 on the year and will be in action again this evening at 7 p.m.

Lady Blackcats top Johnson Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The Johnson Central Lady Eagles came into the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse on Friday, sporting a perfect 5-0 record. But the perfect record wouldn't hold up. Prestonsburg entered the

game off of a disappointing loss to county rival Allen Central and one had to wonder what mindset the Lady Blackcat would have as the game began. Johnson Central took a 9-8 lead after one quarter of play and the Lady Eagles led 21-17 at the half. Prestonsburg outscored Johnson Central 20-16 in the third quarter and the game was even at 37 after three quarters of play before the Lady Blackcats went on to post a 47-41 win.

Defense was the name of the game in the final stanza as the Lady Blackcats held Johnson Central to only four points over the final eight minutes.

Meaghan Slone led Prestonsburg with 13 points. Amber Whitaker added 11 in the win.

Molly Burchett finished with 10 points and Chanel Music pitched in five as the Lady Blackcats handed previously unbeaten Johnson Central the first loss of the season.

Darcey Hicks contributed four points for the winning team and the duo of Kelly Key and Elizabeth Chaffin each added a bucket to round out the Blackcat scoring. Emily Wireman led Johnson Central with nine points. Chelsey Salyers added seven points in the loss.

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Roper

during his term there.

Roper went to Ole Miss from the University of Tennessee, where he was a graduate assistant from 1996-98. He worked with the Tennessee defense, primarily with the defensive backs, and also helped coach the kicking game. Tennessee played in the Citrus Bowl following the 1996 season and Orange Bowl following the 1997 campaign. The Volunteers were on their way to the 1998 national championship when Roper joined the Ole Miss staff prior to UT's victory in the Fiesta Bowl.

While at Tennessee, Roper helped coach All-SEC defensive backs Terry Fair (1996 and 1997) and Dwayne Goodrich (1998) and two-time All-SEC placekicker Jeff Hall (1996 and 1998).

"I'm really excited about the opportunity to coach with Rich Brooks and the offensive staff at Kentucky," Roper said. "Rarely do you get to work with a man

with the knowledge and accomplishments of Coach Brooks. I know a lot about the Lexington area and (wife) Britt and I are looking forward to moving there."

Born in Ames, Iowa, Roper played his collegiate football at Rice University. He was a three-year letterman for the Owls as a quarterback and defensive back. He began his career as a graduate assistant in the video department at Mississippi State in 1995 before going to Tennessee, where he earned his master's degree in sports administration.

Roper is married to the former Britt Albertson. He comes from a football family as his father, Bobby, was a longtime collegiate assistant coach. Bobby Roper began his career as a graduate assistant at Alabama under Paul "Bear" Bryant, then coached at Wichita State, The Citadel, Virginia, Iowa State, Pittsburgh, Tennessee, Oregon State, and Texas A&M.



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Right: Amber Whitaker put the dribble down on a free throw attempt during Friday night's win over Johnson Central. Left: Prestonsburg senior Molly Burchett leads a talented Prestonsburg team.

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Shelby Valley 70, Perry Central 60

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GREENUP - Fifteenth Region favorite Shelby Valley kept its perfect record intact Saturday, beating 14th Region favorite Perry County Central in the Greenup County Pepsi Shootout. The Wildcats trailed early before outscoring Perry Central in each of the last two quarters.

Senior Patrick Tackett led Shelby Valley in scoring with a game-high 22 points. The Wildcats had a balanced scoring attack. Mitch Riddle added 13 points. Seth Kiser flipped in eight points for the Wildcats and Kris Bentley netted six.

Daniel Combs led Perry Central with 17 points. Earlier in the season, Shelby Valley beat 13th Region favorite Rockcastle County.

SHELBY VALLEY (80) - Kiser 8, Bentley 6, Tackett 22, Friend 6, M. Riddle 13, Bartley 5, Potter 2, K. Riddle 2, Johnson

4, Bryant 2.

PERRY CO. CENTRAL (70) - Bowling 9, Combs 17, Chaney 3, Shepherd 8, Amis 7, Campbell 5, Brashear 5, Kelly 6.

Johnson Central 75, Portsmouth 68

In a win over Portsmouth in the Greenup County Pepsi Shootout, sophomore Jamie McCarty led four Johnson Central players who scored in double figures with 25 points. The Golden Eagles trailed 19-17 at the end of the first quarter and trailed at halftime. Central also trailed at the end of the third quarter before outscoring the Ohio team 29-21 in the final period.

Josh Stapleton netted 16 points and Nick Music added 15 for the Golden Eagles. Tony Hatfield added 11 points.

PORTSMOUTH, OHIO (68) - Nelson 28, Purdy 12, Hichman

15, Johnson 3, Pennington 1, Taylor 5, Valentine 2, Earney 2.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (75) - Whitaker 4, McCarty 25, Stapleton 16, Hatfield 11, Music 15, Meek 4.

Paintsville 93, Jackson City 80

PAINTSVILLE - Host Paintsville led 23-12 at the end of the first quarter and 36-24 at halftime on its way to the 13-point victory.

All five Paintsville starters scored in double figures. Junior bigman Kevin Williams led Paintsville in scoring with a game-high 25 points. Landon Slone added 24 points and Blake Bundy tossed in 16. J.D. VanHoose scored 13 points and Shane Grimm added 11.

Paintsville led at the end of every quarter.

The Tigers, which improved to 4-3 with the win over Jackson

City, are now playing in a holiday tournament in Hilton Head, S.C.

JACKSON CITY (80) - Howard 19, Fugate 24, Ritchie 3, Combs 6, McIntosh 11, Campbell 3, Barger 14.

PAINTSVILLE (93) - Bundy 16, VanHoose 13, Slone 24, Grimm 11, Williams 25, Hensley 2, Hess 2.

Letcher 86, Magoffin Co. 72

JENKINS - After beating host Jenkins 69-63 in an opening game of the Jenkins Holiday Classic, Magoffin County stumbled against Letcher. Five different Eagles scored in double figures as Letcher beat Magoffin County.

Courtney Conley and Eric Arnett both had 11 points for Magoffin County.

Letcher put the finishing touches on the win by outscor-

ing the Hornets 24-17 in the fourth quarter.

LETCHER (86) - Sexton 17, Williams 31, Lumpkins 14, Breeding 10, Gibson 11, Campbell 6.

MAGOFFIN CO. (72) - Ison 6, Shepherd 6, Conley 11, Fletcher 10, Helton 2, Marshall 8, Arnett 11, Hunley 10, Rice 8.

Marlboro Co. S.C. 60, East Ridge 39

COLUMBIA, S.C. - In the Chick-fil-A Classic, Pike County's East Ridge trailed in the first half and was taken out of the game in the second half. Marlboro County outscored East Ridge in the 35-20 in the second half to pull away for the win.

In the loss, three different East Ridge players scored in double figures.

MARLBORO, S.C. (60) - Breeden 18, A. David 5, Lyod 2, Bostic 11, Poe 8, S. David 2,

Ford 2, Davis 10, Kollock 2.

EAST RIDGE (39) - McCoy 6, Branham 10, Slone 10, Thacker 14, Fletcher 2, Coleman 4.

June Buchanan 73, Rose Hill 67

ASHLAND - Freshman Clark Stepp poured in a game-high 30 points to lead June Buchanan to a win over Rose Hill. Senior Kyle Hall scored 20 points and sophomore Ryan Conley added 16 for the Crusaders.

June Buchanan, which trailed at the end of the first quarter and halftime, outscored host Rose Hill 24-13 in the third quarter and 24-20 in the final period.

JUNE BUCHANAN (73) - Stepp 30, K. Hall 20, Conley 16, Martin 2, S. Hall 5.

ROSE HILL (67) - A. Robinson 7, Lovette 7, Chinn 18, B. Robinson 14, Euton 4, Fuller 9, Blair 8.

East Ridge, Lawrence fall in holiday tourneys

TIMES STAFF REPORT

A pair of area teams fell in holiday tournament play Monday as defending 15th Region champ East Ridge and 16th Region contender Lawrence County both suffered losses.

In the Chick-Fil-A Classic at Columbia, S.C., Glenn (N.C.) topped East Ridge 66-51.

Zalindor Banks scored a game-high 25 points to pace a talented Glenn team.

The Glenn team, which hails from Kernersville, N.C., shot 63.8-percent from the field to beat East Ridge in the second annual tournament.

East Ridge point guard Aaron Branham, one of the 15th Region's most talented players, led the Warriors with 15 points and five rebounds.

In the Indian Holiday Classic at Montgomery County, the host Indians overpowered visiting Lawrence County. Montgomery County won, 70-56.

Senior guard Brett Kelley scored all of his game-high 18 points in the second half as the Indians downed the Bulldogs.

Kelley also added a game-high five steals.

Two different players had 10 points apiece for Lawrence County.

GIRLS: Pikeville 78, Shelby Valley 68

PIKEVILLE - On Monday night, host Pikeville got 23 points from Samantha Howard and 20 from Megan Harris in a 10-point win over Shelby Valley. Shawna Howard added

15 points for the victorious Lady Panthers.

Harris, who became eligible over the weekend, settled in early and helped Pikeville pull away from rival Shelby Valley.

SHELBY VALLEY (68) - Mullins 18, Howell 5, Fleming 27, Perkins 2, Roberts 8, Johnson 6, Smallwood 1.

PIKEVILLE (78) - Harris 20, Sa. Howard 23, Sh. Howard 15, Shockey 8, Colvin 4, Cross 2, Davis 6.

Betsy Layne, Pike Central drop Fifth Third openers

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - Defending 15th Region All "A" champ Betsy Layne and defending 15th Region champion Pike County Central each dropped opening round games Saturday in the Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic held at Lexington Catholic High School. Betsy Layne fell to Clinton County in a matchup from last season's Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic state tournament. Rockcastle County topped Pike Central.

Clinton County beat Betsy Layne 75-37. The Lady Bulldogs, defending All "A" state champs, jumped out in front early and maintained a lead over the Ladycats.

The Clinton County-Betsy Layne game was a rematch of a semifinal game from last season's All "A" Classic state tournament.

Paige Guffey led Clinton County in scoring with a game-high 22 points. Amber Guffey added 15 points as the Guffey twins played to the win.

Senior center Kristal

Daniels led Betsy Layne in scoring with 18 points. She was the only Ladycat to score in double figures. Whitney Tackett flipped in seven points and Breann Akers netted six.

CLINTON COUNTY (75) - Dyer 12, A. Guffey 15, DeForest 2, Abbott 5, Hardin 1, Papineau 4, Curry 3, Brown 8, P. Guffey 22.

BETSY LAYNE (37) - Akers 6, Lawson 2, Daniels 18, Smith 2, Spurlock 2, W. Tackett 7.

Rockcastle County 98, Pike Central 50

Rockcastle County raced out to a 28-8 lead through one quarter and nearly broke the

century mark in a blowout win over Pike Central. Thirteen different players scored as the Lady Rockets rolled to the win.

Rockcastle County scored 21 or more points in every quarter. Tara Rowe led Rockcastle County in scoring with a game-high 23 points.

Kim Coleman and Kayla Lowe each had 12 points for Pike Central.

PIKE CO. CENTRAL (50) - P. Lowe 5, Weddington 4, K. Lowe 12, K. Coleman 12, T. Brown 9, A. Coleman 8.

ROCKCASTLE CO. (98) - Abney 12, T. Rowe 23, Hammond 17, K. Parsons 3, A. Lunsford 8, Asher 2, S. Parsons 5, S. Rowe 6, Kilter 2, Barrett 4, Cash 4, T. Lunsford 6, Durham 6.

Lady Hornets whip McCreary Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BEREA - In a game played Saturday, McCreary Central enjoyed an 11-9 lead through one quarter, but soon trailed the Magoffin County Lady Hornets. Magoffin County outscored McCreary Central 19-9 in the second quarter and maintained a lead in the second half on its way to a 57-37 win.

Brittany Manns led Magoffin County in scoring with a game-high 21 points. Only one player

scored in double figures for McCreary Central.

Calloray Howard added 11 points for Magoffin County. Ashley J. Howard scored 10 points, while Michaela Howard just missed double figures, scoring nine.

Magoffin County, coached by Steve Miller, will enjoy a holiday break before returning to action on Monday, Dec. 27 in the Lady Invitational of the South against tournament host Allen County-Scottsville.

MCCREARY CENTRAL (37) - Kidd 2, Tucker 9, Coffey 6, Waters 14, Marion 4, Vanover 2.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY (57) - A.J. Howard 10, M. Howard 9, Manns 21, C. Howard 11, Powers 3, Hall 3.

Johnson Central teams sweep Beth Haven

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Visiting Beth Haven made the trip in from Louisville and dropped a couple of games Monday night in the first round of the Country Music Highway Holiday Classic. Both the Beth Haven girls' and boys' basketball teams dropped games, losing to the host Johnson Central squads.

The Johnson Central Lady Eagles beat the Beth Haven girls 70-44. Johnson Central's girls shook Beth Haven's girls in the fourth quarter Monday night, outscoring the visiting contingent 24-6.

Brianna Ritz paced Johnson Central with a game-high 21 points. Celena Conley added 13. In all, nine different Lady

Eagles scored.

BETH HAVEN (44) - Drake 20, Lamkin 4, Troxle 2, Collier 6, Johnson 12.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (70) - Daniel 3, Dials 4, Griffith 7, McKenzie 7, Salyers 7, Conley 13, Ritz 21, Meek 2, Wireman 6.

BOYS: JOHNSON CENTRAL 69, BETH HAVEN 52

The Johnson Central boys also had to shake a pesky Beth Haven team. The homestanding

Golden Eagles held a lead throughout their game against Beth Haven, but had to battle for the win. Host Johnson Central outscored visiting Beth Haven 19-9 in the fourth and final period on its way to a 69-52 victory.

Senior forward Tony Hatfield paced the Golden Eagles with 18 points. Senior Josh Stapleton and sophomore Jamie McCarty each had 17 points. Tyler Whitaker added nine for the winning team.

The Golden Eagles outscored the visiting squad in three of the regulation game's four quarters. Johnson Central led 16-9 at the end of the first period.

In a girls' game played earlier Monday evening in the Country Music Highway Holiday Classic, Belfry beat Lawrence County in overtime, 60-54.



photo by Jamie Howell

Blackcat senior Trevor Compton worked as the Shelby Valley defense applied pressure.



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg senior Steven Thompson sparred with Adam Layne during a workout Friday. Thompson is ranked as one of the state's top wrestlers.

Leslie County 70, Allen Central 60

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD — Playing on a neutral court Friday night, the 14th Region team prevailed over the 15th Region team. Leslie County, a team out of the 14th Region, met 15th Region squad Allen Central Friday night at Perry County Central High School. Allen Central led by 10 points at the end of the first quarter, 19-9, and eight points at halftime, 30-22. But the Rebels couldn't make the lead stick. Leslie County outscored Allen Central in each of the final two quarters to post a 70-60 win.

Leslie County hit 22 field goals and connected on three three-point tries. Starting center Quinton Morgan led Leslie County in scoring with 18 points. He was one of three Eagles to register double figures. Forward Chuck Baker tossed in 17 points and Riley Hendrix flipped in 10.

The Eagles hit 14-of-20 free throw attempts.

Leslie County (4-2) outscored Allen Central (0-6)

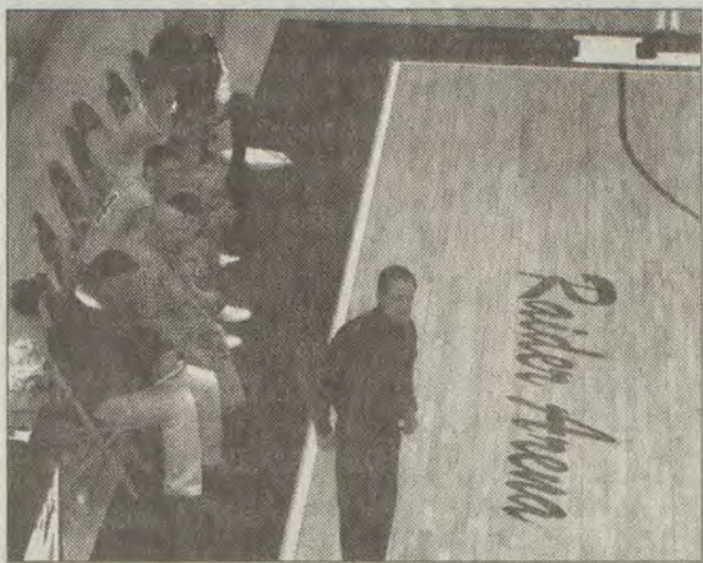
24-14 in the third quarter and 24-16 in the final period. The loss kept Allen Central winless.

Starting center Tim Griffith led Allen Central with a game-high 22 points. Josh Prater scored 12 points and Ryan Hammonds added 11. Wilfredo

Justin Jacobs scored on a free throw.

Allen Central hit on 12-of-20 free throw attempts.

Jake Asher, who hit a pair of three-point field goals, finished with nine points for Leslie County. Daniel Day scored seven



Dominguez scored five points. Ryan Collins and Josh Martin each had four points. Jason Paige netted two points and

and Ryan Howard netted five. Brian Howard and B.J. Young rounded out the Leslie County scoring with two points apiece.

Kentucky soldiers in Iraq, families linked during game

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Jennifer Sanders wore green and black on Saturday. Her husband, a Marine stationed in Iraq and a huge Kentucky basketball fan, would have it no other way.

"I had a red outfit, but he wouldn't let me wear it," Sanders said, as she prepared to watch — along with her husband — the annual Kentucky-Louisville game, played in a sea of Louisville red that included a few small patches of Kentucky blue at Freedom Hall.

The couple, from Taylorsville, were among about 20 families reunited by technology on Saturday, through a program called "Freedom Calls."

Through interactive video-conference technology — arranged by the Kentucky TeleHealth Network — troops at Camp Fallujah and Camp Cooke in Iraq were able to watch the ESPN telecast of the game between No. 9 Kentucky

and No. 13 Louisville and hear the cheers of 20,088 fans.

"I'm really, really excited that the soldiers can watch the game," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said. "Anything we can do to entertain or distract them in any small way is awesome."

Inside Freedom Hall, fans were able to see and hear the troops on the arena's video board. Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who earlier had spoken to the troops and their families, led the crowd before the game in wishing a loud "Merry Christmas" to the troops.

Before and after the game, family members were able to have a private video conference with the soldiers. The family members also stood on the court with players from both teams during the pregame performance of the national anthem.

In Iraq, the soldiers stood at attention during the national anthem.

"No matter who wins here," Fletcher told the troops and the crowd, "we all know that all across the globe where our

troops serve, we're all winners because of your service, dedication and unbridled spirit."

Kentucky won 60-58 thanks to three free throws by Patrick Sparks with 0.6 seconds on the clock.

Technology — such as Web cameras and e-mail — has made it easier to communicate with loved ones in Iraq, but that didn't make Saturday's video conference any less special for soldiers' wives.

"It's more personal," said Rachel Ratliff of Pikeville, who's married to Marine Lance Cpl. Paul Ratliff. "This is the first Christmas we've been separated."

Ratliff, who is more than eight months pregnant with the couple's first child said it's hard for her, but she prays a lot.

Meanwhile, Sanders smiled when asked what she thought her husband, Marine Lance Cpl. Derek Sanders, most looked forward to on Saturday.

"He's probably more excited about the game," she said. "But I'd hope he'd also be excited about seeing me!"

Prominent high school coach hired as Kentucky assistant

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Chuck Smith, who guided Boyle County High School in Danville to a state-record five straight high school football titles, will join Kentucky's staff as the Wildcats' linebackers coach, according to Smith's boss.

Smith told Boyle County athletic director Jim Spears on Monday that Kentucky coach Rich Brooks offered Smith the job, which Smith immediately accepted.

However, Kentucky has made no official announcement of Smith's hiring, and none is planned as of yet, athletic department spokesman Tony Neely said Tuesday morning.

Official word was pending at press time.

Smith will replace Ron McBride, who left earlier this month to become the head coach at Weber State in Utah.

Boyle County won state titles in each year from 1999 to 2003 — the first two in Class 2A, the last three in Class 3A. The Rebels reached the title game again this year, but lost 22-6 to Fort Thomas Highlands. Boyle County finished with a 12-3 record.

During Smith's 13 seasons at Boyle County, the Rebels went 142-33.

Smith interviewed for the job Saturday. Others who interviewed included high school coaches Bob Spire of Lexington Catholic and Bret Burnett of Elizabethtown.

Smith played for Kentucky from 1978 through 1980.

Sparks earns national player of the week honors

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON

— Kentucky junior guard Patrick Sparks has been named the National Player of the Week by The Sporting News, ESPN.com and Dick Vitale after sinking three free



Patrick Sparks

throws to seal a 60-58 come-from-behind win over No. 13 Louisville Saturday.

The Central City native also earned Southeastern Conference Player of the Week honors after totaling a season-high 25 points,

including five three-pointers, in the road victory over the Cardinals. The Wildcats were down 16 points at halftime but climbed back in the game after 18 second-half points from Sparks. It tied the school record for largest half-time deficit overcome.

Collegeinsider.com also has named Sparks their Star of the Week for the performance. In addition, Dick Vitale also named Tubby Smith the National Coach of the Week on ESPN.com.

Western Kentucky 70, Marshall 54

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Elgrace Wilborn scored a career-high 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as Western Kentucky beat Marshall 70-54 on Saturday.

Wilborn, a transfer from Tennessee, was in the starting lineup for the first time since the Hilltoppers' season opener. The center recorded his second double-double of the year and blocked four shots.

Five Hilltoppers scored in double figures, including guard Anthony Winchester who had a game-high 15 points on 7-of-11 shooting.

Western Kentucky (7-1) never trailed against Marshall (1-6) and led 38-27 at halftime before opening the second half with a 7-0 run. Joe Miles led Marshall with 13 points and was 3-of-4 on 3-point attempts.

Marshall cut Western's lead to 47-38 on two free throws from LaVar Carter with 13:33 left in the game, but couldn't get any closer. The Hilltoppers ended the game with a 9-2 run over the last three minutes.

The Thundering Herd committed a season-worst 24 turnovers and shot under 40 percent from the field in their fifth straight loss.

Adams defeats Betsy Layne

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — In grade school basketball play Friday night, the Betsy Layne Bobcats traveled to Prestonsburg to play the Adams Middle School Blackcats. The Blackcats defeated the Bobcats 42-33 in the A-team game as a much improved Adams team showed strength on both ends of the floor. Kyle Hall led the way for Adams with 13 points. Jody Tackett added 10 points, Seth Setser scored nine points and Austin Gearheart chipped in four points. Chris Schoolcraft, Allen Craynon, and Alex Stumbo each scored two points to round out the scoring for the Blackcats.

In the B-team game, the two teams played nip and tuck basketball trading several leads throughout the evening as Adams led 17-14 at the half and 23-20 going into the fourth quarter. The Blackcats led 29-28 with 19 seconds left but missed on the front end of a one and one bonus situation. Betsy Layne then worked for the last shot and Derek Tackett hit a buzzer beater with no time on the clock for a 30-29

Betsy Layne win.

In the B-team win, Betsy Layne demonstrated excellent team play and had a very balanced scoring attack. Colt Stumbo and Casey Adkins each scored six points to lead Betsy Layne while Tackett and Adam Howell each scored five points. Nathan Martin and Bryce Adkins added four points each for the victorious Bobcats. Michael Burchett led Adams with 16 points. Austin McKinney scored seven points and Anthony Hallam added six points to round out the scoring for Adams.

In the C-team game, Betsy Layne defeated Adams 32-17 as Casey Adkins dominated the middle and racked up a game-high 12 points. Nathan Martin and Derek Tackett each scored 6 points for Betsy Layne. Nick Conn added four points and Jason Case and Andrew Roberts added two points each to round out the scoring for Betsy Layne. Joseph Jamerson led Adams with six points, Alex Griffith scored four points, Nathaniel Fraley scored three points, Caleb Petry scored two points and Wil Allen added one point.

No. 9 Kentucky 60, No. 13 Louisville 58

by CHRIS DUNCAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The officials were checking TV replays to see whether Kentucky's Patrick Sparks should get three free throws in the final second against Louisville.

Hoping to keep his player calm, coach Tubby Smith went over, put his arm around Sparks, and struck up a conversation.

"I asked him what he's getting for Christmas — to kind of break the ice," Smith said.

Showing no nerves, Sparks made all three shots from the foul line to cap his 25-point performance and complete the Wildcats' big comeback for a 60-58 victory over their big rival and former coach Rick Pitino.

"I just wanted to step up there and not think about nothing," Sparks said.

The Wildcats (7-1) trailed 32-16 at halftime and were down 58-57 after Larry O'Bannon hit two free throws for Louisville with 15.2 seconds to go.

Smith called timeout with 4.8 seconds left to set up the decisive play. Sparks inbounded the ball, then received a pass in the corner. He pump-faked, then jumped into airborne Louisville forward Ellis Myles to draw a whistle from referee J.B. Caldwell.

"I made a stupid play," said Myles, who had eight points and 10 rebounds.

The buzzer sounded an instant later, and Caldwell and referee Gerald Boudreaux checked to see if Caldwell made the call before time expired. While the fans and players waited, Sparks chomped on gum and wandered around the court before Smith approached him.

"I was just hanging out really," Sparks said. "I just wanted to step up there and knock them down."

With 0.6 seconds on the clock, Sparks — a 71 percent shooter from the line — swished the winning shots.

"I try to bring a lot of toughness to the team. That's what leaders do," said Sparks, who

also hit five 3-pointers.

The Wildcats had few doubts that Sparks would hit the shots.

"The guy's a shooter," Kentucky forward Chuck Hayes said. "We had all the confidence in the world."

O'Bannon's desperation heave from half-court wasn't close, and the Wildcats snapped a two-game losing streak to Pitino, who coached Kentucky from 1989-97, winning the 1996 NCAA championship. After a stint with the NBA's Boston Celtics, he took over at Louisville in 2001.

The Wildcats overcame a 16-point halftime deficit for the first time since beating LSU in 1994 — when Kentucky was coached by Pitino.

"It was an amazing win for us. This should go a long way for the confidence of this team," said Smith, now 2-7 against Pitino, his former boss at Kentucky.

O'Bannon scored 16 to lead Louisville (6-2). The Cardinals' defense dominated the game until Sparks carried the Cats back in the final five minutes.

The Western Kentucky transfer hit his fifth 3-pointer with 4:45 left and converted a three-point play with 2:55 remaining to shrink a 10-point Cardinals' lead to four. Little-used walk-on Ravi Moss drew Kentucky to within one with a 3-pointer from the corner with 2:07 to play.

Two free throws by Keleenna Azubuike gave Kentucky a 55-54 lead, its first since the score was 5-4.

The Cardinals went four minutes without a basket until Francisco Garcia banked in a drive with 54 seconds left. Azubuike had a layup 20 seconds later to put Kentucky up 57-56.

O'Bannon drew a blocking foul call with 15 seconds left, and Smith protested by pounding the scorer's table and nearly falling down as he stomped the floor.

But Sparks had the answer, handing Pitino only his second December loss in four seasons at Louisville.

"It's a great win for them and

H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Monday's Games

BOYS:

Elliott Co. 77, Cordia 63
Fleming Co. 70, East Carter 64
Gatlinburg Pittman, Tenn., 66, Phelps 59
Hazard 74, Lou. Shawnee 68
Johnson Central 69, Beth Haven 52
Lincoln Co. 60, South Floyd 59
Montgomery Co. 70, Lawrence Co. 56
Muhlenberg North 66, North Laurel 61
South Laurel 56, Paul Blazer 40
Warren Cent. 80, Cumberland Gap, Tenn., 65
West Jessamine 79, Somerset 58

GIRLS

Belfry 60, Lawrence Co. 54
Bullitt East 59, Betsy Layne 43
Clinton Co. 61, Rockcastle Co. 57
Dixie Heights 73, Knox Central 35
Garrard Co. 48, Whitley Co. 44
Gatlinburg Pittman, Tenn., 47, Phelps 38
Graves Co. 55, Cawood 23
Greenwood 73, Russell 49
Harlan 43, Estill Co. 40
Johnson Central 70, Beth Haven 44
Lewis Co. 47, Jackson City 26
Lex. Bryan Station 68, Mason Co. 50
Lex. Henry Clay 69, Fleming Co. 29
Lex. Lafayette 64, Perry Co. Central 50
Madison Southern 52, Sheldon Clark 43
Newport Cent. Cath. 56, Whitesburg 50
North Laurel 43, John Hardin 38
Notre Dame 54, Madison Central 39
Pikeville 78, Shelby Valley 68
Russell Co. 69, Jenkins 34
Somerset 41, Webster Co. 37
South Laurel 58, Paris 47
South Oldham 53, Greenup Co. 48
West Carter 73, Burgin 20
Woodford Co. 69, Montgomery Co. 41

KENTUCKY (7-1)		
Azubuike	3-12	4-4 12
Hayes	2-10	2-2 6
Morris	1-1	0-2 2
Rondo	2-7	0-0 4
Sparks	8-15	4-4 25
Moss	1-2	0-0 3
Bradley	0-0	0-0 0
Carrier	0-1	0-0 0
Obrzut	0-0	0-0 0
Perry	1-2	0-0 2
Allelyne	0-0	0-0 0
Thomas	0-1	1-2 1
Crawford	2-6	0-0 5
Totals	20-57	11-14 60
LOUISVILLE (6-2)		
Myles	4-5	0-0 8
Palacios	5-9	1-1 11
Garcia	3-12	0-0 8
Dean	3-10	0-0 9
O'Bannon	4-9	6-6 16
Jenkins	0-0	0-0 0
George	1-1	4-4 6
Totals	20-46	11-11 58

Halftime—Louisville 32, Kentucky 16. 3-Point Goals—Kentucky 9-24 (Sparks 5-8, Azubuike 2-6, Moss 1-2, Crawford 1-4, Carrier 0-1, Perry 0-1, Rondo 0-2), Louisville 7-22 (Dean 3-8, O'Bannon 2-5, Garcia 2-7, Palacios 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Kentucky 30 (Hayes 9), Louisville 35 (Myles 10). Assists—Kentucky 12 (Hayes 4), Louisville 12 (Garcia 5). Total fouls—Kentucky 11, Louisville 13. A—20,088.

Juco lineman signs with Kentucky

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Fatu Turituri, a 6-foot-2, 290-pound offensive lineman out of Los Angeles Harbor College, has signed a letter of intent to play football at Kentucky.

Turituri, a native of

American Samoa, will enroll at Kentucky in January and will have two seasons of eligibility remaining.

Turituri's junior-college team won a division championship during his sophomore season, and one of the team's running backs rushed for 1,562 yards,

second among California jucos players. Turituri chose Kentucky over New Mexico.

"Fatu is a very active lineman who also could get a look on defense," Kentucky coach Rich Brooks said. "He has a big body, experience, good feet and good technique."

Eagles edge Berea

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team held on Saturday and beat visiting Berea College. ALC senior center Jimmy Stumbo led Alice Lloyd with 13 points, including three three-pointers. He also pulled down 11 rebounds, registering a double-double and pacing Alice Lloyd in a 67-64 win over the Mountaineers. Alice Lloyd led 35-21 at

halftime, but had to fight off a ferocious second-half Berea comeback.

Berea sophomore guard Melvin Brown led all scorers with 17 points.

Sophomore point guard Chris Hurt added 10 points and four assists for the host Eagles. Freshman K.J. Waterman flipped in 11 points for the homestanding Eagles.

Alice Lloyd (8-7) won, despite shooting just 31 percent from the floor.

Jeremy Daniels added nine points for the Eagles. Brent Pritchard netted eight points and Shannon Akers chipped in six. Shawn Newsome, who earned a start for the Eagles, and Tim Parks, each had five points.

Alice Lloyd hit five-of-15 three-point attempts.

Berea won the rebounding battle, outrebounding Alice Lloyd 47-44.

The Eagles forced Berea into 25 turnovers.

Chargers, Packers make playoffs in different manners

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

San Diego frolicked in the snow on its way into the NFL playoffs. Green Bay, which knows something about winning in wintry conditions, backed into the postseason.

The Chargers won their eighth straight game, their longest winning streak since 1987, and clinched the AFC West. Ignoring the blowing snow, a game-time temperature of 18 and subzero wind chill, they got their first shutout since 1993, 21-0 at Cleveland.

"It feels great," said quarterback Drew Brees, who attempted just six passes. "It's been a long road for San Diego fans and us. We weren't expected to do too much this year. Instead of 11-3, a lot of people thought we'd be 3-11."

Despite falling 28-25 at home to Jacksonville, the Packers (8-6) became the ninth team in NFL history to reach the playoffs after a 1-4 start. They clinched before kickoff because Chicago, Dallas, Carolina and New York all lost in the run-of-the-mill NFC - where a team with a .500 or worse record will make the playoffs.

But the Packers fell into a tie atop the NFC North with Minnesota, which edged Detroit 28-27. The Packers travel to Minnesota for a Christmas Eve matinee that will likely decide the division.

"We're in the playoffs?" Packers lineman Mark Tauscher asked. "I'll take your word for it."

Also Sunday, it was: Indianapolis 20, Baltimore 10; Kansas City 45, Denver 14; the New York Jets 37, Seattle 14; Arizona 31, St. Louis 7; Buffalo 33, Cincinnati 17; Philadelphia 12, Dallas 7; New Orleans 21, Tampa Bay 17; Houston 24, Chicago 5; and Oakland 40, Tennessee 35. On Saturday, it was: Pittsburgh 33, the New York Giants 30; Atlanta 34, Carolina 31 in overtime; and Washington 26, San Francisco 16.

Chargers 21, Browns 0
LaDainian Tomlinson ran for 111 yards and two touchdowns, and Antonio Gates tied a record for tight ends with his 12th TD of the season, a 72-yarder.

Tomlinson scored on a pair of 1-yard runs, his 15th and 16th TDs this season.

"To go from where we were to this is awesome. I've dreamed of the playoffs for a long time, but it's only been a dream," Tomlinson said.

The Browns (3-11) have lost eight straight.

Jaguars 28, Packers 25
At Green Bay, Byron Leftwich threw two touchdown passes to Jerry Smith, Fred Taylor rushed for 165 yards and a touchdown, and Rashean Mathis picked off Brett Favre twice in bitter cold to help Jacksonville improve to 8-6.

Favre turned over the ball four times and fell to 31-4 at home after Dec. 1, losing for just the second time in 40 cold-weather games at home.

Jaguars safety Donovan Darius was ejected for a helmet-stripping, clothesline hit that sent receiver Robert Ferguson to the hospital in an ambulance. Ferguson has a sprained neck. Team trainer Pepper Burruss said the receiver had movement and sensation in his arms and legs Sunday night. Ferguson was admitted to Bellin Hospital for observation overnight.

Colts 20, Ravens 10
At Indianapolis, Peyton

Manning threw for one TD, moving within one of Dan Marino's record for one season, 48 set in 1984. Manning hit Marvin Harrison for a 29-yard score, but otherwise was flustered by Baltimore's rugged defense.

The fans even booed when Manning knelt down twice in the final minute at the Baltimore 4, running out the clock with a chance to tie the record.

"That's the right way to play," Manning said.

Baltimore's playoff hopes took a hit. The Ravens (8-6) are tied with Buffalo, Jacksonville and Denver for the final AFC wild-card spot.

Chiefs 45, Broncos 17
At Kansas City, Larry Johnson and Eddie Kennison each scored two touchdowns and Dante Hall returned the opening kickoff 97 yards for another score.

Johnson had his third straight game with over 100 yards rushing, running for 151 yards. The Chiefs (6-8) got their biggest margin of victory in the series since a 31-point win in 1983.

The Broncos (8-6) lost for the third time in four games, and were flagged 10 times for 100 yards. Jake Plummer, who was fined \$5,000 last week for making an obscene gesture at a fan in Denver, threw two interceptions that set up Kansas City touchdowns and was sacked six times.

Jets 37, Seahawks 14
Curtis Martin, 31, had 134 yards and two touchdown runs, becoming the oldest runner to gain 1,500 yards in a season.

Chad Pennington threw three touchdown passes, helping host New York (10-4) keep its lead in the AFC wild-card standings. The Jets never punted.

The Seahawks (7-7) had three turnovers that the Jets converted into 14 points, and quarterback Matt Hasselbeck injured his right elbow.

Cardinals 31, Rams 7
Josh McCown threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more and the host Cardinals (5-9) snapped a four-game losing streak. He had TD passes of 8 and 4 yards to Larry Fitzgerald, and scoring runs of 1 and 9 yards.

A victory would have moved the Rams (6-8) into a tie with Seattle atop the NFC West. The Rams' touchdown came on Leonard Little's 61-yard fumble return with 7 seconds left in the first half.

Vikings 28, Lions 27
At Detroit, the Lions (5-9) went 80 yards in 1:29 to pull within a point on Joey Harrington's second touchdown pass to Roy Williams. Then, Don Muhlbach's snap bounced to holder Nick Harris, who was tackled before he could get the ball spotted for kicker Jason Hanson.

Despite losing five of their previous seven games, Minnesota (8-6) can win the NFC North with victories Friday at home over Green Bay and then at Washington. Daunte Culpepper passed for 404 yards and three TDs.

Bills 33, Bengals 17
At Cincinnati, Buffalo (8-6) enhanced its playoff chances with a fifth straight victory, scoring at least 33 points in each.

Takeo Spikes returned an interception 62 yards for a pivotal touchdown against his former team, Jason Peters blocked a punt and recovered in the end zone for a score.

The Bengals (6-8) will have their 14th consecutive season without a winning record - one of the longest streaks of futility in NFL history.

Eagles 12, Cowboys 7

Receiver Terrell Owens sprained his right ankle, but will have almost a month to recover before Philadelphia's next meaningful game, in the second round of the playoffs.

Dorsey Levens' 2-yard touchdown run with 1:57 left helped Philadelphia (13-1) clinch home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. Keyshawn Johnson had a TD catch for Dallas (5-9).

Saints 21, Buccaneers 17

At Tampa, Donte Stallworth's 7-yard TD catch with 32 seconds left capped a late comeback for the Saints (6-8), who revived their postseason hopes with a second straight comeback win. They are tied with Carolina and St. Louis for the last wild-card spot in the weak NFC.

The Bucs (5-9) became the first team to win the Super Bowl and then post consecutive losing records the next two seasons. Simeon Rice had 3 1/2 sacks.

Texans 24, Bears 5

At Chicago, the Texans (6-8) allowed the fewest points in its three-year history and got four turnovers to beat the stumbling Bears (5-9).

With the temperature 9 degrees at kickoff and the wind chill 10 below zero, David Carr threw a TD pass to Corey Bradford and also set up a field goal with a 69-yarder to Jabar Gaffney. Charlie Anderson capped the victory by returning a fumble 60 yards for a TD.

Raiders 40, Titans 35

At Oakland, Kerry Collins threw for 371 yards and matched his career high with five touchdown passes, hitting Jerry Porter for three scores for the Raiders (5-9).

The Titans' Billy Volek had the second-best passing day in franchise history with 492 yards and four touchdowns. But it wasn't enough to keep Tennessee (4-10) from losing its fourth straight game.

Steelers 33, Giants 30

Ben Roethlisberger threw for a career-high 316 yards for a team-record 12th straight victory, all with the rookie at quarterback.

He outplayed Eli Manning, the top overall pick in the draft, who had his first good game in five starts. Manning was 16-of-23 for 182 yards and two touchdowns passes at Giants Stadium.

The Steelers (13-1) have clinched the AFC North. The Giants (5-9) have lost seven in a row.

Falcons 34, Panthers 31

At Atlanta, Michael Vick scored the tying touchdown on a 12-yard fourth-down run with less than 2 minutes to go in regulation, then Jay Feely kicked a 38-yard field goal in overtime, helping Atlanta snap Carolina's five-game winning streak.

The Panthers (6-8) recovered from a pair of double-digit deficits, only to have the Falcons (11-3) respond. Jake

Delhomme was 24-of-35 for 340 yards, but he had two big fumbles and an overtime interception. Muhsin Muhammad had 10 receptions for 135 yards.

Redskins 26, 49ers 16

At San Francisco, Antonio Pierce returned one of Washington's four interceptions 78 yards for a score just before halftime.

Clinton Portis rushed for 110 yards, Rod Gardner caught six passes for 111 yards and newcomer Jeff Chandler kicked four field goals for the Redskins (5-9).

San Francisco dropped to 2-12.

Ohio St. 74, Morehead St. 48

by RUSTY MILLER
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COLUMBUS, Ohio - It's a mark of how far Ohio State has come that coach Thad Matta isn't satisfied with a lopsided win:

J.J. Sullinger had six of his 14 points during a 13-0 first-half run and Ohio State never trailed in a 74-48 win against over-matched Morehead State on Sunday.

"Fundamentally, I was not very happy," Matta said. "Defensively, we tried to shortcut a few things and we can't do that."

The Buckeyes were coming off a 77-71 win on Thursday night over Texas Tech, coached by Hall of Famer and former Ohio State player Bob Knight. That was considered one of Ohio State's biggest road wins in recent years.

"We were really up for that game," said Tony Stockman, who matched Sullinger with 14 points. "Sometimes you've got to dig deep to get up for a game like this. Sometimes it's hard."

The Buckeyes (8-2) ran their record over Ohio Valley Conference teams to 16-0.

Terence Dials scored 20 points for Ohio State, which led by as many as 28 points in the

second half. The Buckeyes were on cruise control after jumping off to a big early lead.

"Coach talked about not letting our guard down after a big win," Dials said. "That was something he was afraid of."

The Buckeyes plugged the paint for Morehead State (5-3), limiting the Eagles to 30 percent shooting from the field - mostly on shots off the dribble and from the perimeter.

Josh Reed and Chad McKnight - both Ohio natives - scored 17 and 15 points, respectively, for Morehead State. Reed hit 5-of-6 3-pointers and McKnight made all seven of his free throws. The Eagles, second in the nation at 80.5 percent in free throw shooting, made their last nine foul shots after Cory Burns missed their first two.

The win was the third in a row for Ohio State, which never trailed after Ivan Harris opened the game by scoring the Buckeyes' first five points. They led by as many as 23 points in the opening half, after holding the Eagles scoreless for almost 4 minutes early in the game to build a 20-4 lead.

"It was like we were afraid of them," Morehead State coach Kyle Macy said. "I don't know

if we were awed by their players or what."

Sullinger started the 13-0 burst with a 3-pointer from the top of the circle, then hit another from well outside the arc on the right wing. After Dials hit two free throws, Stockman looped in a short jumper and then hit a 3-pointer.

The Eagles missed all four of their shots from the field and had two turnovers during the Ohio State spurt.

Reed hit two 3-pointers to cut the Ohio State lead to 39-22 at the half but with Dials controlling the lane and his teammates hitting 5-of-11 3-pointers, the Buckeyes were never threatened in the final 20 minutes.

"Offensively we had trouble scoring points," Macy said. "Some of it was their size and quickness and talent, but from my standpoint it was our own deficiencies."

Matta, in his first year after taking over for the fired Jim O'Brien, said he is still trying to move his team forward day to day.

"I want these guys to hold ourselves to a higher level than we were yesterday," he said. "All I want to do is get a little bit better every day. I don't want to take a step backward."

Petrino to earn \$1 million a year

by CHRIS DUNCAN
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LOUISVILLE - Louisville coach Bobby Petrino signed a new contract Tuesday that will earn him \$1 million a year and offer him a \$100,000 bonus if the Cardinals ever win the national championship.

Petrino, 43, was making \$550,000 a year and could earn up to \$200,000 in bonus incentives. The new deal adds a \$50,000 bonus if the Cardinals reach the Bowl Championship Series title game and another \$50,000 if the Cardinals win it.

Louisville will join the Big East next season. The Cardinals were not eligible to automatical-

ly qualify for the BCS as members of Conference USA.

"That's what our goal is," Petrino said of the BCS. "It's certainly something that's out there for us and something we're committed to getting done."

The No. 7 Cardinals went 10-1 this season, earned the highest ranking in school history and led the nation in points and yards per game. Petrino has been mentioned as a candidate for several major coaching vacancies in the past month, but assured members of Louisville's athletics association board on Tuesday morning that he was never going anywhere.

The new contract, like the old one, runs through the 2010

season. Petrino will earn a \$1 million bonus if he stays through the 2007 season.

"I'm looking forward to the upcoming years," he said. "This is the place I want to be, this is the place my family wants to be. We're looking forward to the future."

Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich still expects Petrino's name to come up when higher-profile jobs open.

"There are certainly schools out there that have more money than us," Jurich said. "But we're going to do everything in our power to keep everything stabilized here."

The Cardinals play No. 10 Boise State (11-0) in the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 31.

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Reds sign Mercker to 2-year deal

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CINCINNATI — Left-hander Kent Mercker signed a two-year deal Monday with the Cincinnati Reds, who have overhauled their bullpen in the last week.

Mercker, 36, went 3-1 with a 2.55 earned run average in a career-high 71 appearances for the Cubs last season. Mercker

is 69-65 career with a 4.19 ERA in 412 relief appearances and 150 starts.

He'll be in his third stint with Cincinnati, where he pitched in 1997 and 2003. He was part of their payroll purge midway through the 2003 season, when the Reds dealt relievers Scott Williamson, Gabe White and Mercker. The

left-hander went to Atlanta for right-hander Matt Belisle.

As a result of the purge, the bullpen had a 5.12 ERA last season, second-worst in the majors. The Reds have been trying to retool it by stocking up on 30-year-olds, signing right-handers David Weathers and Ben Weber — both 35 — to one-year deals last week.

Former pitcher Abernathy dies

Led NL in saves twice, played for seven teams

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GASTONIA, N.C. — Ted Abernathy, who twice led the National League in saves during the 1960s and pitched for seven teams during his Major League career, died at 71.

He died Thursday, the McLean Funeral Home said Saturday.

Abernathy appeared in 681 games and picked up 148 saves during a career that spanned from 1955-1972. He had a 63-69 record and 3.46 ERA.

Abernathy recorded a league-leading 31 saves with the Chicago Cubs in 1965, along with a 2.57 ERA. He had 28 saves and a 1.27 ERA two seasons later with the Cincinnati Reds.

He made his Major League debut with the Washington Senators in 1955. In addition to the Cubs and Reds, he also pitched for Cleveland, Atlanta, St. Louis and Kansas City.

Abernathy grew up near Stanley, N.C., and joined the

Majors after graduating from high school. He changed his pitching motion after shoulder surgery left his career in doubt, switching from a three-quarter delivery and becoming a sidearm.

"He would sling that ball practically underhanded up there, and it looked like the ball was coming right at you as a hitter," son Todd told The Gaston Gazette. "He had the ability to make great hitters look bad."

Palmer walking without crutches, expects to play

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Carson Palmer's sprained left knee was better on Monday, leaving the Bengals quarterback hopeful that he'll play against the New York Giants.

Palmer had to sit out a 33-17 loss to Buffalo on Sunday that eliminated Cincinnati (6-8) from playoff contention. The knee felt good enough after his workout Monday that he assumed he would be back in the lineup for their final home game.

"I'm expecting to play," said Palmer, who still wore a protective brace on the knee but had abandoned his crutches. "I'm planning to play this week, and I'm going to prepare

to play, I ran in the (therapy) pool a little bit today, and I got off the crutches yesterday, so hopefully I'll be ready to roll."

Palmer twisted the left knee when he was tackled in the second half of a 35-28 loss to New England on Dec. 12. Medical tests detected a strained ligament on the outside of the knee, but no tear.

Trainers told Palmer he'd be risking more serious injury if he played against the Bills. Instead, backup Jon Kitna made his first start and threw two interceptions.

Although the loss knocked the Bengals out of contention, Palmer wants to play in the final two games. He and the Giants' Eli Manning have been the top overall picks in the last two drafts, and they'll be the

most intriguing angle to the game on Sunday.

Palmer wants to play even if the knee isn't fully healed.

"My reasoning is I need to play," he said. "I want to be out there. It's fun. Whether the playoffs are here or there, whether we have a chance to make it or not, that's not my reasoning for wanting to be on the field."

Coach Marvin Lewis said Palmer won't play if he can't move around.

"He'd have to be close to 100 percent in order to go in and play that position, and I think that's important," Lewis said. "And obviously you're going to have to practice. You just can't play that position without practicing and being part of the game plan."

The quarterback keeps hitting the books

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The way Peyton Manning goes about his work, no kid will ever grow up wanting to be a quarterback again.

He's short on swagger and long on modesty, just the opposite of what we're accustomed to from somebody who plays the position. He doesn't possess Brett Favre's charisma, Tom Brady's cool, Michael Vick's flair or Donovan McNabb's improvisational skills.

Manning may be having the kind of season all those other great quarterbacks knew was possible, but the only thing he does better than any of them is study. He does more reading on the sideline during games than some kids do in a week, and where's the glory in that?

Manning had a chance to show the Baltimore Ravens just how much he'd learned about their defense Sunday night. But he didn't bother rubbing it in. He came into the game two touchdown passes short of the NFL single-season record of 48 set by Dan Marino, and though Manning threw once for a score, he twice passed up opportunities to make the mark his own.

The first chance came after a blocked field goal, when he drove the Colts to the Baltimore 3. The Ravens, like everybody else in the building, expected a pass and dropped six defenders in coverage. Instead, Manning handed off to running back Edgerrin James for the touchdown and a 20-3 lead.

"Run is a no-brainer look and that's the way I'm always going to play it. They get down there and want to take away the run," Manning said, "then it's a different story."

He said something similar

about his second chance at the record. A late interception and 71-yard return by Indianapolis linebacker Cato June put the ball at the Baltimore 4, and turned the electricity in the dome back on when the offense trotted back onto the field. But after Manning and Colts coach Tony Dungy made sure they were on the same page, he took the snap and dropped to one knee on successive plays, letting the clock run out to boos.

"That's the right way to play," Manning said.

But then he added, with just the hint of a smile, "If they'd called time out right there, maybe it would have been a little bit different."

Manning would never say as much, but you can be sure he did everything short of praying that Baltimore would give him a reason to throw just one more pass at the end. Nobody in the league is more competitive, and if Manning needed any more fuel, part of his exhaustive preparation last week involved watching his brother, Giants quarterback Eli Manning, get mauled by the Ravens over and over on videotape.

"They gave a rookie quarterback a lot of looks last week," he said heading into the Baltimore game, "and they're going to give me a lot of looks."

The difference is that the middle son of Archie Manning needed only so much time to figure the Ravens out. After nearly seven seasons in the league, there are precious few schemes he can't decipher over the course of four quarters. But Manning does it so methodically — patiently probing weaknesses with the running game, then spreading the passes around — that his steady climb to become the best QB in the game is only being conceded as

the record comes into focus.

But Manning was easy to see coming. He threw 26 touchdown passes as a rookie, and that total has increased just about every season. He came into this one with a few specific goals in mind — a completion percentage of 70 percent, 40 TD passes and fewer than 10 interceptions — but didn't share them with many people.

"I didn't want to be disappointed if I threw 41," Manning said, "and feel like I had a bad season."

There's no danger of that happening now, though given the disappointment of postseasons past, he is likely to consider anything short of a Super Bowl appearance as a failure. He knows only too well the arc that Marino's career traced, the column where he is most determined to pass his one of his boyhood heroes is the one marked "championships."

If it seems too soon to be preparing for that final exam, know that Manning is already studying for it. He's trying his best to enjoy the ride, but Manning never loses sight of what's really at stake by the end.

"I realize it's not going to happen again, probably, but it's been kind of a fun ride," he said about the attention. "We're winning games; we've won seven in a row now. We're going to be in the playoffs. We're still fighting for a top seed."

So he'll handle another week's worth of questions about the touchdown mark with predictably thoughtful answers. But like every real student of the game, he's already begun peeking at the chapters ahead.

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Bengals see progress in 14th straight disappointment

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — In the closing minutes of another loss, one fan in a Ki-Jana Carter jersey stood and cheered sarcastically whenever the Cincinnati Bengals did anything right in their nearly empty stadium.

It was a familiar scene for the NFL's most forlorn team. A 33-17 loss to Buffalo on Sunday made it 14 straight years without winning record for the Bengals (6-8), one of the longest streaks of futility in NFL history.

This one felt a little different. As players trudged off the field with a frigid wind smacking their faces, they had a sense that this disappointment didn't sting quite like the others. At least there was a sense of progress, even if it doesn't show in the record.

"Regardless of where we end up, I know the team's headed in the right direction," said quarterback Jon Kitna, who threw two interceptions and fumbled in his first start of the season. "All of the young guys we've got — we've got to lead the league in rookies playing key positions."

Fourteen players currently are on injury lists, forcing the Bengals to play rookies long before they're ready. And the schedule was one of the NFL's toughest, with fledgling quarterback Carson Palmer facing a highly rated defense each week.

All of that aside, the fans were expecting big things as an encore to the 8-8 finish in coach Marvin Lewis' inaugural season. The Bengals sold out their first seven home games, an indication of the lofty expectations.

"The expectations might have been overblown," Kitna said.

They were. The Bengals had a lot more working against them in Lewis' second season, but will finish right around the same mark. That alone is noteworthy for a team that almost never puts together two middle-of-the-road seasons.

"I see progress," said running back Rudi Johnson, who is on pace to set a franchise rushing record. "You guys might not see it, but I see it, everybody in this locker room sees it. We've played tougher teams. We've just got to learn how to win these games instead of losing them."

That's the biggest mystery during their 14-year run. No matter how close they get to that breakthrough season, they always end up breaking down.

Few teams have done it so often, for so long.

Since the All-America Football Conference merged with the NFL for the 1950 season, only two other teams have known as much misery. The New Orleans Saints set the standard by going their first 20 seasons without a winning record. The Bengals and the New

Orleans Saints are tied for the second-longest streak — at 14 years.

Lewis got more control than his predecessors from owner Mike Brown when he took the job. He started overhauling the defense and changing the franchise's mind-set. Finishing close to .500 was no longer a cause for celebration.

Lewis thinks Palmer's progress — he was the AFC offensive player of the week before he sprained his knee — and the improvement of a defense stocked with rookies provide a foundation that's been missing.

"I think a lot of that's been established, but again, as I talked with Mike before the game yesterday, you know what? You've got to go back and do it again next year and not just assume it's going to happen," Lewis said. "You've got to go back and start at square one."

For most of the last 14 years, they've had trouble getting off of square one. One season after another was doomed by a slow start that led to an optimism-building finish that failed to carry over.

In that respect, this season fits the pattern perfectly. The Bengals became an afterthought at 1-4, climbed back up to the verge of playoff contention, and now have lost two in a row to fall out.

"Typical us," offensive tackle Willie Anderson said.

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POISON OAK

Young shoppers take me back

While I don't find Christmas shopping the most joyful of activities, sometimes I do enjoy parking myself on a bench at the mall and watching other folks.

I was particularly amused a few days ago when I was doing that very thing at the Ashland Town Center and about a half a dozen young men walked by toting white plastic bags marked with store logos and filled with who knows what. The way they looked really took me back a ways, to the days of home-made hair cuts and hand-me-down clothes.

Of course these young men were sporting neither, but they sure looked a lot like some of us did in the mid-1940s when we'd go into town to the show on Saturday. Those of us who had never set foot in a barber shop were often teased about our hair cuts by town kids who actually had sat in a genuine, leather-backed, adjustable barber chair. They'd say (from a safe distance, of course) that our hair looked like someone had put a bowl over our heads and simply cut to the bone everything that was hanging out.

Some of us were also fortunate enough to have older brothers who would hand down clothes to us. However, we too were subject to ridicule when our pants were much too baggy,

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Clyde Pack

Students honor HCTC's Dr. Box

Dr. Jay K. Box, president/CEO of Hazard Community & Technical College receives a Phi Theta Kappa Founder's Day Basket from Alpha Beta Epsilon in appreciation of his support to chapter. Shown above, from left, are: Naomi Duff (second vice president), Carla Campbell, Jessica

Madden, Omer Garland, Mike Turner, Frances Everage (president) Kevin Holbrook, Dr. Jay K. Box, Cynthia Osborne (vice president), Kendra Francis, Kaye Deaton (secretary), Kristy Creech (treasurer), Cassandra Smith, Heather Rollins, Ashley Haynes, Carla Singleton, and Henry Brough.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

The 2004 "Christmas in the Park" event was a huge success with as many as 236 children receiving gifts and taking part in holiday activities. The event is sponsored each year by The Prestonsburg Woman's Club, Archer Park and the City of Prestonsburg.

KIM'S KORNER

Garrett First Baptist Youth delightful!

This past Sunday our first born, Ashleigh, and I headed to Garrett First Baptist Church to see my nephew, Colby, and niece, Kennedy, in their very first Christmas play.

The Title of the play was, "The Night Jesus Was Born."

This play was absolutely adorable, with an entire cast of toddlers. Cast members were:

Mary - Lakyln Wallace, Joseph - Tanner Hicks, Donkey - Kevin Chaffins, Lamb - Morgan Davis, Cow - Sara Peters, Spider - Wesley Depoy, Bees - Madison and Allison Turner, Mouse - Lexie Slone, Cat - Hannah Slone, Baby Kittens - Brooklyn Moore, Natalie Slone, Ameila Wallace, Tate Hicks, Gavin Martin, and Kennedy Little.

The Three Wise Men - Colby Little, Jordan Pratt, and Seth Ramsey.

Kennedy, now being the ripe old age of 23 months, decided that making her stage debut wasn't gonna happen! But how adorable she was in that baby kitten costume!

Her big brother Colby, age 4, wasn't so sure about the idea either, but then when it came time for the Three Wise Men to enter the scene, he did his part and made his Aunt so proud!

Taylor Bragg ended the play with a beautiful solo, accompanied by the entire cast.

Yes, it was most precious, and such

(See KORNER, page eight)

'Christmas in the Park' a success once again

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

The Prestonsburg Woman's Club launched its annual "Christmas in the Park" this year this past Thursday evening, December 16. According to club activity coordinator, Judy Bowling, 236 children received goody bags and gifts as well as being treated to cookies and fruit punch and offered an opportunity to "sit a spell" on old Santa's knee.

Volunteers from each of the Prestonsburg, Paintsville and Pikeville campuses of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College assisted the Woman's

Club in making a jovial evening for all those in attendance. Children played games and enjoyed such activities as face painting and coloring while waiting their turn to visit with Old Saint Nick.

The members of the Woman's Club say they look forward to the annual event each year and very much appreciate the help and support of Ralph Little, manager, Archer Park, and his employees as well as the support of Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and his city employees. "Without their help, we wouldn't be able to put on this great event each year," Bowling said.

Thanks for a job well done to all!



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Bill Loftus, of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, got in touch with his creative side when he volunteered for the face painting activity at the event, a favorite of the children in attendance.

CRITTER CORNER

Christmas Returns

Santa comes quietly - long before dawn,
While shops are still busy and lights are still on,
While dinners are cooking and kitchens are warm,
And children count presents they'll open by morn.

He slips past the trees in windows aglow,
Through the gate to the backyard,
Where icy winds blow,
And he finds the pup that he brought just last year,
Chained up in the snow, and it makes his eyes tear.
Kneeling he whispers,
"Are you ready to go?"

There are too many stops like this one tonight,
Before the beginning of his regular flight,
He leaves not a note or a footprint in sight,
Just an unbuckled collar,
On a cold Christmas night...

(See CRITTER, page nine)



This is "Festus," a cute little dachshund who belongs to Times employee Patty Wilson. Patty and Festus both report that the tiny doggie "has been good all year" and is spending these days before Christmas "looking up in the sky for old Santa Claus to appear"! Merry Christmas, Festus, we know your "mommy" will take real good care of you on Christmas morning!

School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
 ■ If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation.

■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School
 **Turn in Food City receipts and General Mills box tops to home room teachers!

 ■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center
 ■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary
 ■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary
 ■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

Duff Elementary
 **School is collecting Food

City receipts again this year! Receipts must be dated Sept. 12, 2004 - March 12, 2005.**

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary
 ■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and

Family Resource Center
 ■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Please collect Food City receipts! School goal is \$500,000 in receipts. Anyone in the community may mail receipts, in care of PES, to 236 North Lake Drive, or drop them off at the school office.

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

**School is participating in the "Apples for Students" program. Please turn in your Food City receipts to office or send with a student. Thanks!

■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

■ Walking track open to public.

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

■ FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

■ "Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If items not picked up within 2 weeks, they become the property of the resource center.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

Wesley Christian School

■ Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

■ For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

■ BSCTC, Prestonsburg campus: Mon., Wed., Fri. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tue., Thur. - 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jason Cassell - 886-3863, ext. 67219. Room m207 (second floor, Library).

■ Auxier Lifelong Learning Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Lucille Fuchs - 886-0709.

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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

December 21, and 23, 1994

Almost five years and more than \$700,000 later, Floyd Countians are wanting to know when they will receive 911 emergency phone service, and the answer to their question depends on who you ask. At Friday's Floyd County Fiscal Court meeting, Arnold Collins of Stanville asked the court why the 911 service has not been implemented in the county...A new banking account will be set up to handle proceeds from the Allen Park and pool, which includes monies generated by the park's golf course. Floyd County's fiscal court on Friday authorized park manager Mike Auxier to open the checking account, apparently in response to allegations that monies had been illegally taken from those accounts...The Wheelwright City Commission met in special session last night (Tuesday) in hopes of passing the city's Code of Ethics. An 8:30 meeting was called for last night and the second reading of the ethics ordinance was the only item on the agenda...This Christmas Eve, Warren and Ruth Risner will close the door on a variety store that has been a staple of Wheelwright for 54 years. During its five decades, the couple's Ben Franklin Five and Ten drew customers from Right Beaver, McDowell, Topmost in Knott County and Pike County...A plea agreement was reached, Tuesday, in a case involving two counts of first degree rape against a Floyd County man. Prosecutors agreed to let Cisco Neeley, 39, of

Hueysville, plead guilty in counts of first degree sexual abuse instead of standing trial on the rape charges...Herbert Gene Salisbury Jr., 46, of Drift, connected in the July 1993 shooting death of Meredith Conn, 29, Printer, and the wounding of Johnny Hall, 30, of Drift, was sentenced to life in prison plus 20 years, Friday...A removal hearing for two parent members of separate site based councils has been set for January 6, by the Floyd County Board of Education. At Monday's meeting, board members voted to have a removal hearing for Clarence Risner, parent representative on Prestonsburg High School's council; and Joe Tussey, who serves on the Adams Middle School council, prior to the January 9 school board meeting...A high level of carbon monoxide gas in the Floyd County Board of Education's Court Street offices sent several board employees home early Monday. Several of the board's offices were shut down Monday morning after Prestonsburg firefighters discovered a low level of oxygen in a section of the building...Floyd County's school board will be getting its legal advice from someone else beginning in January with Monday's hiring of Prestonsburg attorney Phillip Dameron. Board members terminated the contract of attorney Cliff Latta, who has been the board's attorney for almost four years...The Floyd County health department opened a satellite clinic at Wheelwright in the Potter Medical Building on December 8 to make health care more accessible to people living in this area...The ex-manager of a Paintsville car dealership has been accused off embezzling nearly \$90,000 from the business. A

lawsuit filed Monday in Johnson Circuit Court claims Anita Coleman of Emma "forged the signature of a co-worker and embezzled her own use funds" from John Gray Auto Sales...Floyd County's Development Authority and the Big Sandy Area Revolving Loan Fund have agreed to loan a Floyd County lighting company \$100,000 for an expansion. Details of RND's expansion and the loan terms were discussed in closed session, Thursday, by the development authority...Santa Claus could have arrived early for two Floyd County hospitals which will receive extra federal assistance next year under a plan announced, Wednesday, by Human Resources Secretary Masten Childers. Our Lady of the Way Hospital and the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital are two of 59 hospitals in Kentucky set to receive an extra \$200,000 for indigent care if the federal government approves the plan proposed by Childers...Renovation and an addition to Prestonsburg High School was put on hold, Monday, although 75% of the plans have been completed. Floyd County School Board members voted to defer any other work on the project until it can be determined if the district can pay for the \$7 million project...The murder trial of Chad Edward Lovely, 20, of Wayland, charged with the stabbing death of Michael Lloyd Manns on February 21, 1993, got underway, Tuesday, in Floyd Circuit Court. On Wednesday, Lovely entered the guilty plea to first degree manslaughter...There died: Irene Hayes, 73, of Melvin, Tuesday, December 20, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Kathern Frazier, 59, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, December 17, at

Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Nora Jane Parker Hackwort, 64, of Midlothian, Virginia, Sunday, December 18; Mildred Vertese Stone Brumfield, 73, of Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville, Saturday, December 17; Robert Eugene Reynolds, 34, of Albion, Michigan, Friday, at the Oaklawn Hospital emergency room in Marshall, Michigan; Myrtle Marie Adkins, 71, of Harold, Monday, December 19, at Rockcastle Hospital in Mt. Vernon; Rev. Melvin Hughes, of Williard, Ohio, formerly of Spurlock, Thursday, December 15, at Hillside Acres Nursing Home; Susan Rebecca Gillispie, 92, of Hippo, Sunday, December 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Bobby G. Spurlock, 55, of Harold, Friday, December 16, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Marrow Bentley, 73, of Teaberry, Tuesday, December 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; William James Dingus, 80, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, December 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Icuca Esta Sherman Hamilton, 86, of Emma, Tuesday, December 20; Irene Harris, 73, of Melvin, Tuesday, December 20, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Tommie Slone, 92, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, December 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Joe Adkins, 58, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, December 17, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Ennis Cordial, 74, of Wayland, Thursday, December 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Conley Hall, 55, of Alachua, Florida, formerly of Knott County, Wednesday, December 21, at North Florida Regional Hospital, Gainesville.

Korner

a blessing.
 The following play "Christmas In Cricket County" portrayed by 2nd through 8th grade cast members included: Mimi - Taylor Bragg, Oswald-Evan Lawson, Pete - Christian Francis, Petunia - Lamikka Pratt, Brenda Mae - Audreyet-

ta Lawson, Glenda Mae - Britany Davis, Fester - Dillon and Dalton Lawson, Elkin-Zackary Bragg, Donna Jo - Lauren Lawson, Mary - Madison Martin, and Joseph - Jordan Pratt.
 "Christmas in Cricket County," was also a pure delight.

"Hats Off!" to the Toddler's & Youth of Garrett First Baptist, what a wonderful job each of you portrayed.

Til Next Week,
 May Your Christmas Be Merry & Full of Blessings...

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School

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Oak

much too long, and with the crotch often coming down to our knees.

As these young men walked by, it hit me that we were about 60 years ahead of our time because every one off those boys' haircuts looked as if someone had put a bowl over his head and simply cut to the bone everything that was hanging out. Furthermore, they all wore jeans that were much too baggy, much too long, and with the crotch coming down to their knees.

Yep, even as far back as the 1940s, we were trendsetters.

And speaking of Christmas, fortunately, we live in a part of the world where we're taught

that this special holiday is about more than sparkle and shopping, that it's really all about a new star that was placed in the firmament nearly 2,000 years ago... and still burns brightly.

In The Glory of Christmas, Charles Swindoll offers an interesting perspective on the holiday's true meaning.

"Christmas comes each year to draw people in from the cold.

We try hard to attract them into the warmth. Week after week church bells ring. Choirs sing. Preachers preach. Lighted churches send out their beacon. But nothing seems to bring those who need warmth the most.

Then, as the year draws to a close, Christmas offers its won-

derful message.

He didn't come to frighten us, but to show us the way to warmth and safety."

Swindoll's words are plainly spoken, and should remind us that we'd all be better served if we'd make an effort to look beyond the facade of credit cards and dollar signs and just focus on the star.

It worked once; it can again.

 To all our readers who have remained so loyal throughout the years, Merry Christmas. And a special Merry Christmas to our Florida-residing granddaughter Alison, and her Mom and Dad as well. Hope to see you soon.

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Critter

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(This poem was found on a breed rescue organization website. Please, think long and hard before dressing up that cute little puppy or kitten with a red Christmas bow this Christmas morning. There's nothing like the companionship and the love that a wanted

pet can bring, but please, make sure that the pet is wanted, and, that the new owner is willing to make the sacrifices that pet ownership will bring. Merry Christmas, and remember all the shelter animals, too. Food and visits will help make their Christmas brighter, too!)

Big Sandy Community and Technical College holds Winter 2004 Commencement

Paintsville - 183 students graduated from Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) on Friday, December 10, 2004. In an impressive ceremony held in the Mayo Auditorium, at the Mayo campus of BSCTC in Paintsville, graduates made that time honored march to shake the hand of President George D. Edwards and receive their degree, diploma or certificate. Family and friends gathered to witness the milestone that marked the transition from student to member of the workforce for many of the graduates and for others the transition to a four year college or university where they will pursue a bachelor's degree in the field of their choice.

Dr. Michael B. McCall, President of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System delivered the commencement address. In his speech he quoted Winston Churchill as he advised, "Never, ever, ever, ever give up." Dr. McCall cited several examples of endurance, determination and success within the college and student body. Among those he recalled a former student, Jeanie Howard, who had returned to college as a single mother, earned four undergraduate degrees and a bachelor's degree while raising a family and working. Ms. Howard, an employee in the maintenance department at BSCTC, never stopped learning and set an example for her son, Christopher, who was a member of the 2004 graduating class.

Dr. McCall went on to note Linh Pham, an immigrant from Vietnam who had just achieved U.S. citizenship and

graduated with high distinction and a double diploma in manufacturing systems technology and industrial electricity. He also mentioned Rosie Lee Music, the first in her family to graduate from BSCTC but a shining example of the value of education. She currently has three children enrolled in this college. He cited their determination and endurance.

Dr. McCall left the graduates with this advice: "When you leave this auditorium today, I would ask that you remember the words of Winston Churchill and Albert Einstein, who tell us to never, ever give up, and to continue to search for wisdom."

Commencement is a milestone in the lives of the graduates, their families and the communities in which they will continue their life's work. It marks the completion of a course of study that readies the student for the next phase in their life's journey. It marks the onset of a new plan for further study or gainful employment. Whatever the graduate chooses to do will impact all who depend on or are affected by his or her earning ability and contributions to society. It marks success and that success is power. Big Sandy Community and Technical College changes lives through education. Four campuses located at Hager Hill, Mayo, Pikeville and Prestonsburg make it possible for everyone in eastern Kentucky to get a college education close to home, in a friendly setting and at an affordable cost. More information about the college and how you can become a student can be found at <http://www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu>



JBS students reach out to locals

The June Buchanan School students and staff participated in a recent Food Drive sponsored by the National Honor Society. The food brought to the School helped fill somewhere between 35 and 40 boxes, which were delivered to local families and to the Sparrow's Haven Soup Kitchen in Hazard.

JBS students have also collected several boxes of pop tabs. These will be given to a local three year old who is undergoing chemotherapy. Saving the pop tabs allows the family to stay in the Ronald McDonald House. Students at The June Buchanan School felt the spirit of giving this holiday season.

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Pageants



Wal-Mart Pretty Baby Contest Winner

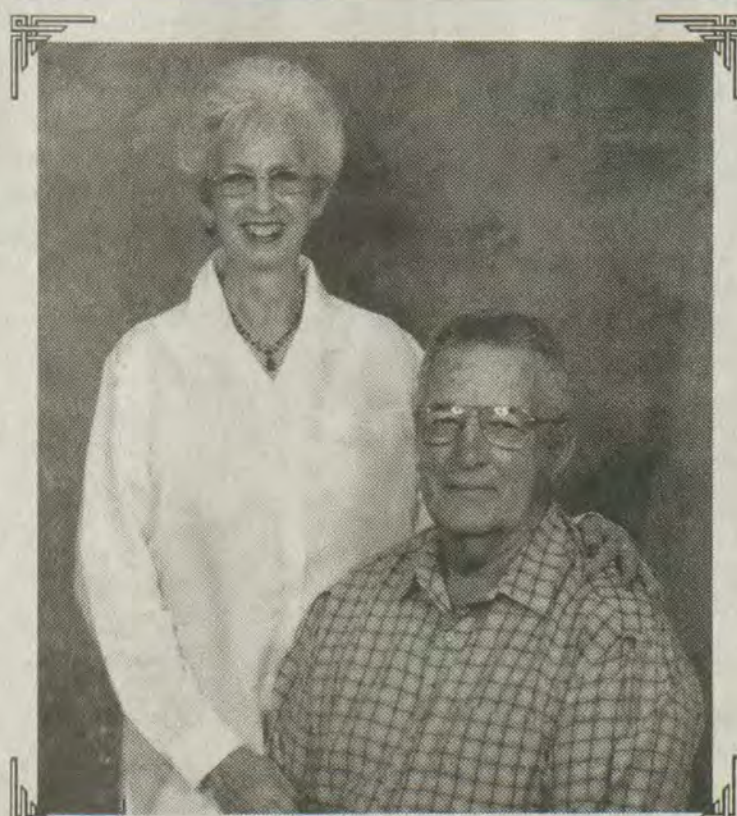
Chloe Elizabeth Watson, the daughter of Manuel and Robin Watson, was the first place winner in the Wal-Mart Prettiest Baby Contest, 1-2 year age category. Chloe Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Melvina Watson and Charles and Annette Kidd.

New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

- Nov. 29, 2004
A son, Ashton Blake Brady, to Samantha Renee Brady
- Nov. 30, 2004
A son, Kevin Blake Shannon VanHoose, to Jamie and Elliott VanHoose
A daughter, Abigail Marie Tolliver, to Crystal Marie Fletcher
A daughter, Jada Danielle Walker, to Belinda Kay Hall
- Dec. 1, 2004
A son, Tyler James Spencer, to Tina and Jody Spencer
A daughter, Dara Nicole Hall, to Stacy Nicole Sparkman
- Dec. 2, 2004
A daughter, Destiny LaShae Dorton, to Suzanne and Andrew Dorton
- Dec. 3, 2004
A daughter, Trinity Alexander Music, to Kimberly and James Music
A daughter, Tiffany Nicole Mae Risner, to Heather Michelle and Jason Russell Risner
- Dec. 4, 2004
A son, Brennan Chase Walter Jarvis Ward, to Jennifer Lee Thompson
A son, Evan Tyler Rowe, to Stephanie Sue Gross
- Dec. 5, 2004
A son, Brandon Craig Slone, to Naomi and Craig Slone
A son, Christopher Dysonn Gradden Nathaniel Clair, to Kimberly Michelle Southwood
- Dec. 6, 2004
A son, Landon McCoy Smith, to Heather and Stuart Smith
A daughter, Izabella Marie Branham, to Suzanna Marie Farrow
A son, Benjamin Andrew Moore, to Gina L. and Alan K. Moore
- Dec. 7, 2004
A son, James Cameron Garrett, to Krista Nicole Garrett
A daughter, Kelli LaShae Wireman, to Courtney Nicole Wireman
A son, Jamis Marshall Mayle, to Jennifer Lynn Mayle
- Dec. 8, 2004
A son, Dakota Ray Manns, to Bonnie and John Manns
- Dec. 9, 2005
A daughter, Katie Marie Miller, to Melinda and Kelly Miller
- Dec. 10, 2004
A son, Braden Luke Moore, to Terra and Benjamin Moore
- Dec. 11, 2004
A son, Braxton Loy Hunter LeMaster, to Crystal Gayle Combs
A son, Dawson Larry Lee Pickens, to Ercella and Richard Pickens

Anniversaries



50th Anniversary

The family of Earl and Altonette May Bentley invite you to attend the celebration of their 50th Anniversary, on Saturday, January 1, 2005, from 3-6 pm, at The Pines (Jenny Wiley State Park) in Prestonburg. All family and friends of the couple are cordially invited to attend. For directions to The Pines, please call (812) 285-2694 or (812) 285-0481.

Births/Birthdays



It's a Girl!

Ellie Grace Anderson, the daughter of Chris and Joy Anderson, of Owenton, was born at 7:55 a.m., Thursday, November 18, 2004, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. She weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz., and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by her brother, Cody David. Ellie Grace is the maternal granddaughter of Ricky and Patsy Fitzgerald, of Owenton. Her paternal grandparents are Ronnie and Debbie Anderson, also of Owenton. Her maternal great-grandparents are Irvin and Joyce Perry, of Lawrenceburg, and Gladys Fitzgerald, of Owenton, and the late Billy Fitzgerald. Her paternal great-grandparents are Conley and Cleo Anderson, of Owenton, and Charles and Betty Hall, of Prestonsburg. Her paternal great-great grandparents are Margaret Cook, of Prestonsburg, and Iness Stiltner, also of Prestonsburg.



Chelsey will be 7 on Christmas Day!

Chelsey Noel Couch will celebrate her seventh birthday on December 25, 2004. Chelsey is the daughter of Chris and Christine Couch. She is the granddaughter of Isabelle and Ray Parsons, Colson and Debbie Couch, and the late Delbert Prater. She is the great-granddaughter of Patty and Janon Coburn, Ruth Couch, and the late James Couch. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Thelma Chaffins. She has one sister, Caitlin Couch.



New Arrival

Grant Minix is happy to announce the birth of his new baby brother, Michael Walker Minix. Walker was born on October 12, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed 5 lbs., 7.5 oz., and was 19 inches long. Grant is 7 years old and is a first grader at Prestonsburg Elementary. Grant and Walker are the sons of Isaac and Jamie (Ward) Minix of Prestonsburg. They are the maternal grandsons of Pamela Hazelett and Michael and Judy Ward, all of Prestonsburg. Their paternal grandparents are J.B. and Mildred Minix, of Salyersville. They are the great-grandsons of Erma Lee Ward, of Paintsville.

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HON. KEITH BARTLEY
FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5327, Renewal In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839, has applied for a renewal for an underground coal mining operation, located 4.6 miles northwest of Bosco, in Floyd and Magoffin Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 11.4 surface acres and will underlie 3816.0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 3827.4 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.8 mile northwest from S.R. 7's junction with S.R. 2029, and located near the head of Raccoon Branch. The latitude is 37°30'50". The longitude is 82°53'40".

The proposed operation is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7 1/2-minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by Sylvia Warrix. The operation will underlie land owned by Ellis Shepherd, Lindburg Hale, Artie Shepherd, Russell Shepherd, Elizabeth Howard Heirs, Reggie Shepherd, Opal Hale, Hayes

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Wireman, Virgil The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Leonard Hall, P.O. Box 219, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 1.2 mile west of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with KY Route 1426, near the community of Harold on Little Mud Creek in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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The owners are as follows: President Daryll Hamilton of Box 100, McDowell, KY 41647; vice president, Brenda Hamilton, Box 100, McDowell, KY 41647. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5461, Amendment No. 2 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky, 41839, has applied for an amendment for an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.5 mile northeast of Hippo, in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 0.0 acres of surface disturbance and an additional 1,609.3 acres of underground acres, making the total area within the permit boundary, 2178.7 acres.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.5 mile northwest from State Route 850's junction with Brush Creek County Road, and located north of Hicks Fork of Brush Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the underground method of mining. The amendment area will underlie lands owned by William E. & Peggy Stephens, Harvey Watson, John Paul & Lou Ellen Pitts, Eva & George Thornsby, John Paul Pitts, Shade Pitts, Floyd & Edna Davis, Jeffrey & Zelma M. Watson, John T. & Anna Lea Thornsby, Kenneth & Phyllis Reffitt, Betty Conn, Dolores Smith, Billy E. & Susan Reffitt, Ina Thornsby, Polly

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The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0308 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal Inc., P.O. Box 2765,

436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 269.6 acres and will underlie an additional 186.9 acres, located 4.5 miles northwest of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.8 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Plummer Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek. The proposed operation is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour strip, area mining, and high-wall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Ollie Jack Howell, et al., G.M.O. Forestry Fund 3, LP, Effie Crager, Kenneth Wallace, Patrick

Brian Ousley, Lowell Dean Shepherd, Glen Shepherd, Clinton Handshoe, Sylvia Warrix, Billy Tussey, Annie Handshoe, Elsie Wright, Thelma and Lurie Hoover, and Knott Floyd Land Company Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Ollie Jack Howard, et al., G.M.O. Forestry Fund 3, LP, Effie Crager, Kenneth Wallace, Lowell Dean Shepherd, Glen Shepherd, Clinton Handshoe, Sylvia Warrix, Annie Handshoe, Elsie Wright, Thelma and Lurie Hoover, and Knott Floyd Land Company Inc. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road KY 7. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road. KY Route 7 will be closed to traffic during blasting operations. The application has been filed for public

inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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Pursuant to Application Number 836-0310, Transfer In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Henson Branch Coal, Inc., 512 KY Route 680, McDowell, Kentucky 41647 intends to transfer permit number 836-0285 to Henson Branch Coal, Inc., 512 KY Route 680, McDowell, Kentucky 41647. The new permit number

will be 836-0310. The operation disturbs 5.42 surface acres and underlies 3.09 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer. The operation is located 0.25 mile east of Drift in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.13 miles east from KY 122's junction with Simpson Branch County Road and located 0.03 miles east of Left Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the Wayland/McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute

quadrangle map at latitude is 37° 28'57" and longitude is 82°45'05". The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestons-

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Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	02-P-00372	Clyde Patton	Hubert Halbert	11-05-04
Final	02-P-00440	Jerry Morgan	Jolene Morgan	11-12-04
Final	02-P-00445	Lucille Ousley	Jerry Patton/Sonja Ratliff	11-15-04
Final	04-P-00168	Vernon Slone	Alice Slone	11-18-04
Final	04-P-00211	Ollie Baldrige	Monroe Baldrige	11-18-04
Final	04-P-00142	Harry Alan Ranier	Toni Kay Ranier	11-19-04
Final	03-P-00396	Bert Hall	Bobby Hall	11-22-04
Final	02-P-00261	Green Lawson (Junior)	Bonnie Jean Dotson	11-23-04
Final	02-P-00464	Katherine Meade	James Meade	12-01-04
Final	04-P-00140	John Morgan Howard	Nancy Hill Howard	12-01-04
Final	04-P-00116	Glenn Pack	Ruth Karen Marcum	12-01-04
Final	04-P-00097	Meda Josephine Yates	Gary Yates	12-02-04
Final	04-P-00193	Billy M. Allen	Dora Frasure Allen	12-02-04
Final	03-P-00224	David Shepherd	Judith Shepherd	12-07-04
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Final	04-P-00219	Halie Hughes	Sallie Smith	12-10-04

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
11-12-04	04-P-00413	Roy Ratliff	Eulene H. Ratliff	
11-15-04	04-P-00418	Jerlean Stratton	Leon Stratton	
11-16-04	04-P-00420	Gerla Elliott	William McKinley Elliott	
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11-18-04	04-P-00427	Deborah Reynolds	Dock Reynolds	
11-22-04	04-P-00430	Opal Hall Johnson	Frank Johnson	
11-24-04	04-P-00435	Ted Thompson	Ruth Thompson	
11-29-04	04-P-00439	Joy Hall	Bobby Joe Hall	
11-29-04	04-P-00441	Kenneth Glen Blevins	Nancy L. Blevins	
11-30-04	04-P-00442	Don Fraley, Sr.	Don Fraley, Jr.	
12-1-04	04-P-00445	Bettina Harris Hunt	Betty L. DeRossett	
12-2-04	04-P-00446	Easter M. Stanley	James S. Stanley	
12-2-04	04-P-00447	John H. Jervis	Shirley Dean Jervis	
12-3-04	04-P-00448	Eddie Randolph Crisp	Reba Harvey	
12-3-04	04-P-00449	Phyllis Elaine Crisp	Reba Harvey	
12-7-04	04-P-00450	Dovie Hall	Glenda Hall	
12-08-04	04-P-00454	Kenneth E. Hall	Deborah L. Hall	
12-08-04	04-P-00455	Gordon B. McLagan	Veda McKinney McLagan	
12-10-04	04-P-00459	Glen Harold Watkins	Kathy Dye Watkins	
12-14-04	04-P-00462	Vernia Newsome	Leonard Joe Sturgill	
12-14-04	04-P-00463	Debra Lynn Gillespie	Kevin Johnson	Bobby Rowe
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Where the sale will be held, with directions or phone number for directions.
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This Week: Kwanzaa

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A Seven Day Celebration

This year, more than 20 million people are expected to celebrate Kwanzaa, a non-religious event honoring African-American culture and community. The holiday is celebrated for seven days, starting on December 26 and ending on January 1.

Kwanzaa centers around seven principles:

- Umoja (unity)
- Kujichagulia (self-determination)
- Ujima (collective work and responsibility)
- Ujamaa (cooperative economics)
- Nia (purpose)
- Kuumba (creativity)
- Imani (faith)

The holiday was created in 1966 by Maulana Ron Karenga, an African-American scholar. Karenga created this special holiday to honor African-American heritage in a celebration of family and community.

The word **Kwanzaa** means **first fruits** in Swahili, an East African language.

Karamu

On the last day of Kwanzaa, friends and relatives gather for a feast. People come to honor ancestors, review the past year and make plans for the new year. There is lots of good food, dancing and music.



How many differences can you find between these two pictures?



Standards Link: Social Studies: Compare the beliefs, customs, ceremonies, traditions, and social practices of varied cultures.

Habari Gani?

Do you know what that means? **Habari Gani** is how you say, **What's the News?** in Swahili. One day you may hear this holiday message as often as you hear Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or Happy New Year. **Habari Gani?** is the ritual greeting of Kwanzaa – the world's fastest growing holiday.

Symbols of Kwanzaa

Christmas symbols are the wreath, tree, holly, and more. Hanukkah symbols include the menorah, latkes and gelt. Follow each of the seven mazes below to find the meaning of the seven Kwanzaa symbols.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Eye-hand coordination.

Extra! Extra!
Kwanzaa Scavenger Hunt
Look through the newspaper for pictures, articles or phrases that show the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Weekly Writing Corner

For the Whole World

If I could give the whole world a gift, I would give them a big teddy bear hug because I like to hug teddy bears.

Emily,
3rd Grade

If I could give the whole world a gift, I would give freedom, because the soldiers in the war are all dying. That is why I would give freedom for the world.

Eddie,
6th Grade

If I were to give the world one gift, I would give the world a mom and dad.

Julia,
3rd Grade

If I could give the whole world a gift, I would educate everyone about all the bad things that cigarettes can do. I would do that to prevent so many people dying from smoking cigarettes each year.

Cass,
6th Grade

If I could get the whole world a gift, I would give everyone cell phones. I think that once in a while, everyone wants to call up a friend. Don't they? Besides, everyone likes cell phones and also they'll be happy too. That's the gift I would give to the whole world.

Jerri,
6th Grade

I would make the world a drug-free world.

Savannah,
6th Grade

If I could give the whole world a gift, I would give the world more plants and take away the pollution in the air so lungs won't be destroyed and plants won't die.

Emily,
6th Grade

I would make this a world with no racist people.

Cameron,
6th Grade

If I could give the whole world a gift, I would make it be happiness and joy. I would choose this gift because what is a world with no happiness or joy?

Kathleen,
3rd Grade

I would like to give out lots and lots of money to everyone in the world.

Dominic,
5th Grade

The Light of Tomorrow

Each night of Kwanzaa, a candle is lit in the Kinara. There are seven candles, one for each night. The candles are called the **mishumaa**. It is said that the Kinara holds the light of tomorrow.

Do the math. Color each candle that equals 14 **red**. Color each candle that equals 15 **black**, and each candle that equals 16 **green**.

4 + 6 + 4
 7 + 2 + 5
 4 + 3 + 7
 6 + 3 + 2 + 4
 8 + 1 + 7
 5 + 7 + 4
 9 + 4 + 3

Black is for Africa, the continent African-Americans came from. Red is for blood, not shed in vain. Green is for hope and knowledge.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- KWANZAA
- SWAHILI
- AFRICAN
- AMERICAN
- CULTURE
- CANDLE
- KINARA
- ZAWADI
- IMANI
- DANCING
- HABARI
- UJIMA
- GANI
- MKEKA

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

H I E R U T L U C N
A M E R I C A N A C
B A E I N A G C A G
A N L L M E I A R N
R I B I R R Z N A I
I A J H F N T D N C
I U O A A N T L I N
I Z A W A D I E K A
M E K S A K E K M D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Give the World a Gift

If you could give one gift to the world, what would it be? Write a letter to the editor telling about the gift you would give.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Writing Applications: Write formal letters.



If you were in a dark room with a candle, a wood stove, a lantern and just one match, which would you light first?

ANSWER: The match!

Write On!

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JUMP BALL! Follow that ball as it takes some surprising twists and turns into the basket. Which route connects X's?

WORD ZOO! Change the first letter of each four-letter word to yield the name of an animal. 1. Yule. 2. Jeer. 3. Coat. 4. Golf. 5. Wear. 6. Deal.

Time limit: 30 seconds. 1. Mule. 2. Deer. 3. Goat. 4. Wolf. 5. Bear. 6. Seal.

PASS HAT! Fold a sheet of paper into four quarters (see drawing at right).

Draw a replica of Santa's cap across top, and add the outline of St. Nick's profile as a rough guide in quarters below. Now, pass paper to three persons and ask each in turn to add features (ears, eyes, nose, mouth, whiskers, etc.) without looking at previous fold. Result is usually good for a laugh.

For a party pastime, distribute copies of original to threesomes. Award a prize for best Santa.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

1	2	3	4	5	6
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

SQUARE THINGS UP ACROSS & DOWN

SIX six-letter words form a word square at left. That is to say, these six words are to read the same both across and down.

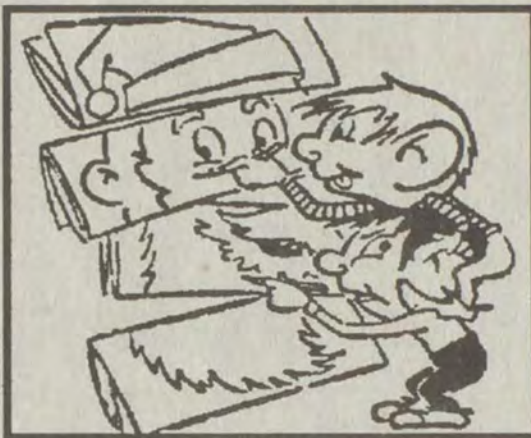
Definitions:

1. Pays out money for Christmas presents.
2. Type of gear.
3. Make possible.
4. Take small bites, as a mouse.
5. A dillar, a —, a ten o'clock scholar.
6. Nasty displays of scorn or contempt.

Remember, words are to read the same in two directions.

Time limit: Two minutes.

1. Spends. 2. Pinion. 3. Enable. 4. Nibble. 5. Dillar. 6. Sneers.



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Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

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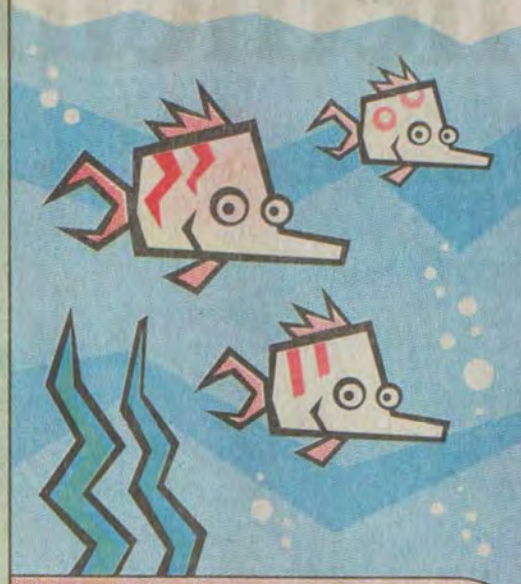
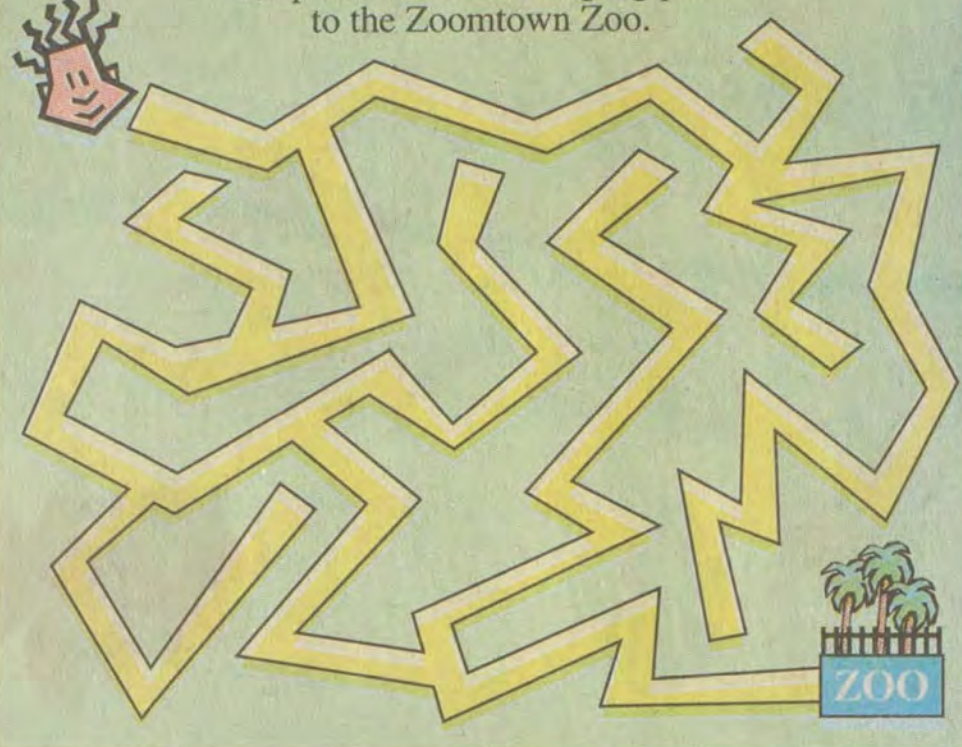


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Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Zigzag Zoo Maze

Help Zoe follow the zigzag path to the Zoomtown Zoo.

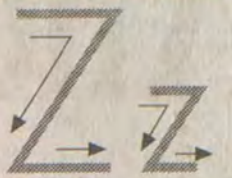


My Rhyme Time

A zany zebra named Zachary lived at the Zoomtown Zoo With purple zigzags across his back And zippers and zeroes, too!

My Letters

Z is for Zigzag
z is for zigzag



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter Z. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound that the letter z makes in the word zigzag?

My Numbers

How many green zigzags? How many red zigzags? How many blue zigzags?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



A zigzag is _____



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that have the same sound as the letter Z in zigzag.	Math Play Point to the number 2 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	Straight or Zigzag? Look at things that make lines in the newspaper, such as columns of type and sides of pictures. With your child find a touch lines that are straight. Can you find any zigzag lines? Any curved lines?	Cut It Up! Cut several pages of newspaper into two parts, cutting the pages in two with a zigzag line. Mix up the page parts and have your child put them back together like big puzzle pieces.	Two By Two Look at pictures in the newspaper and ask your child to find things that come in twos, or pairs. For example, two eyes, two feet, two hands, etc.	Land or Water Draw a straight line under all of the land animals you can find in the newspaper. Draw a zigzag line under all of the animals that live in the water.	Zany Zoo Cut out pictures or cartoons of animals that you find in the newspaper. Cut the bodies apart and put different animal parts together to make new and zany animals. Glue these onto a piece of paper and call it your Zany Zoo.



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M	R	E	T	W	O	H	H	N	O	O	F	N
5	2	7	5	2	3	4	7	4	5	3	4	3
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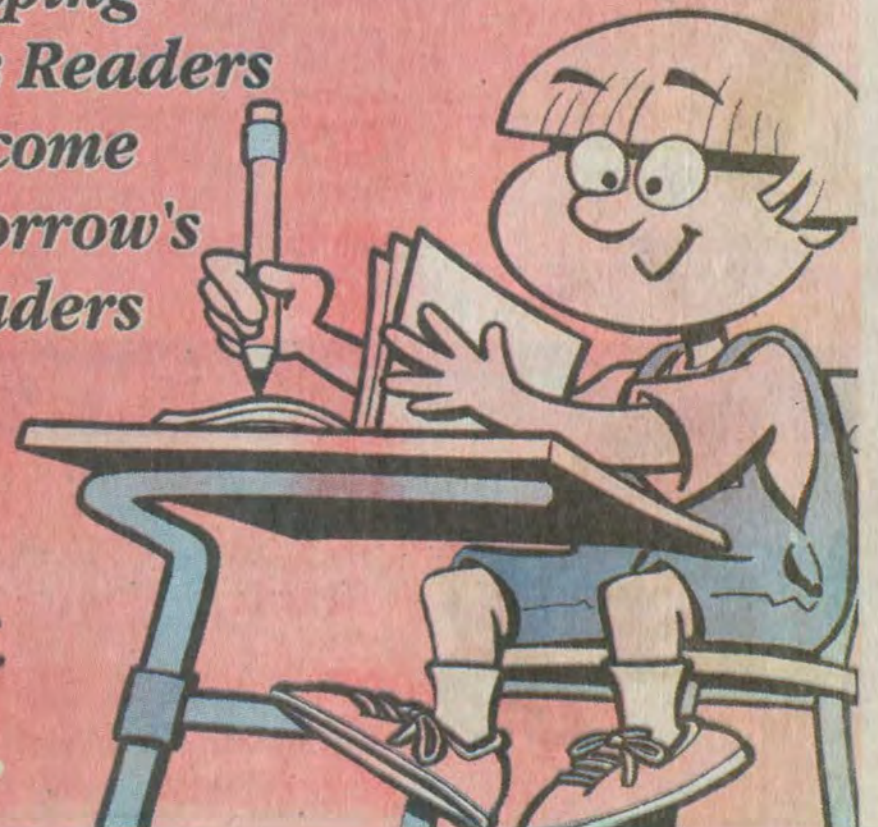
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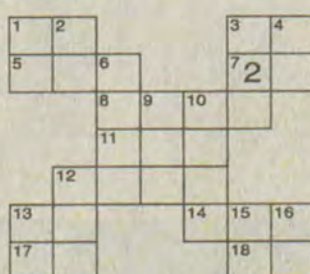
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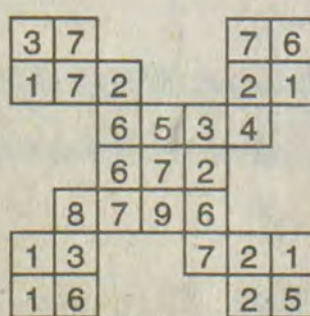
Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



- ACROSS**
- 15-Down plus 16-Down
 - 4-Down plus 16-Down
 - Digits of 14-Across rearranged
 - Consecutive digits in descending order
 - Consecutive digits rearranged
 - Five hundred more than 5-Across
 - Consecutive digits rearranged
 - Digits of 1-Down reversed
 - Three less than 3-Down
 - 1-Across minus 7-Across
 - Nine more than 17-Across
- DOWN**
- Ten more than 7-Across
 - One more than 3-Across
 - Sum of the digits is 13-Across
 - Digits of 17-Across reversed
 - Six hundred less than 10-Down
 - Consecutive odd digits in ascending order
 - One-half of 8-Across
 - 3-Across times 13-Down
 - Same digit repeated
 - Two times 13-Down
 - Two more than 13-Across

Rational Numbers
answers



World of Wonder

EXPLORING THE REALMS OF HISTORY, SCIENCE, NATURE & TECHNOLOGY

Ancient medicine

Medicine as an art and science has played a vital role throughout time in every culture. Healing ailments, wounds and broken bones was as important to human survival as it is today. Remarkably, many of the drugs we use today are derived from the medicinal plants used by our ancestors.

And quite a few modern surgeries have very ancient roots.

Fossil records

Archaeologists have discovered 8,000-year-old skulls with tiny holes deliberately cut into them. The procedure is called *trepnation* and in modern medicine is used to relieve pressure on the brain. These prehistoric, surgically altered skulls have been found around the world, in Europe, the Middle East, India, China and Peru. Bone regrowth indicates that 75 percent of these early surgery patients survived.

Fossil records also reveal that prehistoric man knew how to straighten a broken bone.

Pollen and plant remains tell us that people were raising medicinal plants as soon as they began growing food crops.

Despite an extensive knowledge of healing arts, Stone Age medicine relied heavily on magic and superstition. Archaeologists have found a wealth of statues, amulets and drawings that were used to ensure health and to ward off illness.

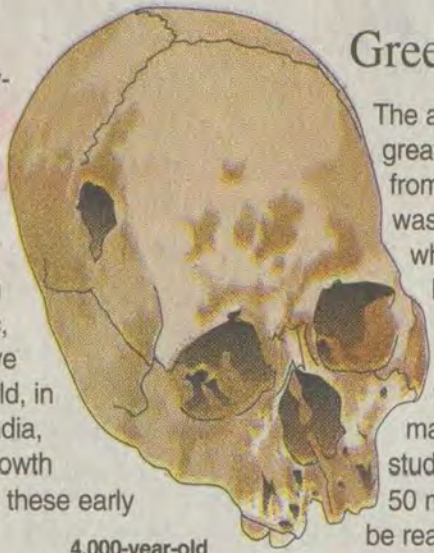
Egypt

Several medical scrolls have been unearthed in Egypt. The Smith Papyrus (c. 1600 B.C.) focuses on injuries and surgery.

The Kahun Papyrus (c. 1900 B.C.) deals with female health issues. The Ebers Papyrus (c. 1550 B.C.) is a medical encyclopedia.

Ancient Egyptian doctors often specialized in treating a particular part of the body. They even had dentists. The earliest known false teeth were made in Egypt 4,500 years ago. Baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) was used to clean teeth.

But not all ancient Egyptian medicines were practical — quite a number of them called for dead mice.



4,000-year-old trepanned skull

Greeks and Romans

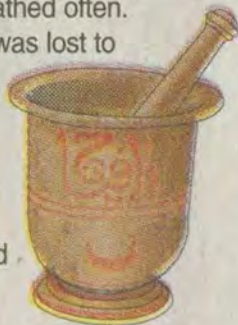
The ancient Greeks learned a great deal about medicinal plants from the Egyptians. Hippocrates was a famous Greek physician who suggested that religion had no place in medicine and that ailments and cures should be approached in a scientific manner. Hippocrates and his students wrote more than 50 medical texts — which would be read by doctors for the next 2,000 years.

Many Greek doctors traveled throughout the land in order to help those in need.

The Romans borrowed much of their medical knowledge from the Greeks, and they may also have been influenced by Indian medicine. Cleanliness was highly important and the Romans were well aware of the connection between dirt and disease. They combated filth on a huge scale, building public baths and aqueducts to bring clean water into cities. They also developed sewers to dispose of waste. The Romans developed an eye surgery for cataracts (cloudy areas on the lens of the eye). It is believed that Julius Caesar introduced the idea of military doctors on the battlefield. Archaeologists have discovered thousands of ancient Roman surgical instruments.

Keep it clean

Many cultures came to recognize the health benefits of sanitation and cleanliness. Pre-historic humans moved so often that they rarely contaminated their living space. But when cities began to develop, people lived in areas of filth. The Egyptians, the Greeks and the Romans understood that dirt could cause diseases so they bathed often. But this basic knowledge was lost to Europe when the Roman Empire collapsed. During these "Dark Ages" it was healthier to live in an Arab or eastern nation since cleanliness was still valued in those cultures.



Mortar and pestle from an Arab country



Acupuncture chart

Medicinal plants

The ancient Egyptians used honey as an antibiotic ointment for cuts and wounds. Castor oil or figs were used as laxatives. Pomegranates were used to treat intestinal worms. The Mayans of Central America cultivated cacao beans to make a refreshing beverage. Today, indigenous people across the globe maintain close ties to the spiritual and natural worlds. Their knowledge of healing plants often surpasses the scientists who study them.

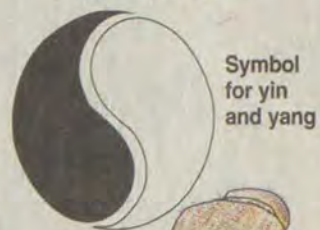


Periwinkle
Catharanthus roseus
The rosy periwinkle grows only in the rain forests of Madagascar. It is used to treat leukemia and Hodgkin's Disease.

Ginger
Zingiber officinalis
(China, India, Malaysia) is used to treat appetite loss, indigestion and motion sickness.

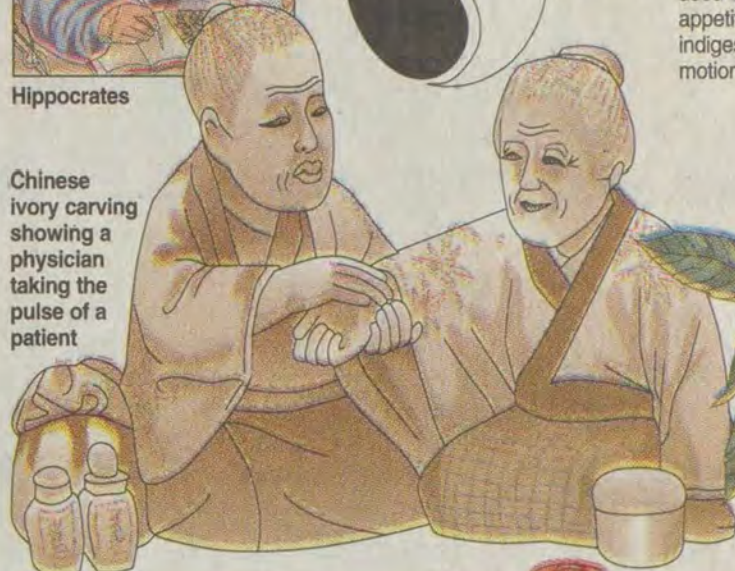


Hippocrates



Symbol for yin and yang

Chinese ivory carving showing a physician taking the pulse of a patient



China and India

Chinese medicine is at least 3,000 years old. Ancient Chinese physicians took regular exams to ensure their qualifications. The ancient Chinese believed health was achieved through harmony and balance of yin (female) and yang (male) in each individual. Acupuncture (needles inserted into the skin) was a way to restore the balance of the life forces. Chinese doctors were aware of the connection between eating too much salt and high blood pressure. Surgery was rare, but they had more than 16,000 herbal remedies.



Indian chakras are said to distribute spiritual power through the body.

India's medical system is about 2,500 years old. Indian medicine is known as *Ayurveda*, which means "knowledge of life" or "science of life." The ancient Indians used more than 500 medications. Prayer and incantations were often part of a cure. Indian doctors also encouraged good hygiene and a good diet.

Witch hazel is often used in modern creams and ointments for bruises and hemorrhoids.



Witch hazel
Hamamelis virginiana
For hundreds of years the North American Indians have used the bark and leaves of witch hazel to heal a variety of wounds.

The scientific name Panax translates as "king of tonics."



Ginseng
Panax ginseng
The root of the ginseng plant is used in Chinese food and medicine. It is said to be an excellent calming agent.

At a glance

<p>c. 8000 B.C. In order to release evil spirits, Stone Age people perform a form of brain surgery called trephining.</p> <p>Razor-sharp Stone Age tool</p>	<p>2650 B.C. Egyptian physician Imhotep records treatments for more than 200 diseases. Historically, he is the first doctor known by name.</p> <p>Bronze and copper knives</p>	<p>400 B.C. Hippocrates theorizes that diseases are caused by natural elements and are not the result of spirits and the supernatural.</p> <p>Roman traction hook</p>	<p>A.D. 100 Roman physician Galen conducts experiments on animals. He writes several books on medicine and anatomy.</p> <p>Mortar and pestle from an Arab country</p>	<p>c. 900 Persian physician Rhazes accurately describes measles and smallpox.</p> <p>c. 1000 Arab physician Avicenna compiles an important medical encyclopedia.</p>	<p>1543 Andreas Vesalius' scientific study of human anatomy is published. (The first of its kind.)</p> <p>Tongue depressor</p>	<p>Mid to late 1800s Louis Pasteur and Robert Koch prove that bacteria can cause disease.</p>
<p>c. 2500 B.C. The Egyptians create a medical text that explains how to treat broken bones, abscesses, tumors and wounds.</p>	<p>1200—600 B.C. The ancient Israelites insist on quarantining people with contagious diseases.</p> <p>Surgical needles</p>	<p>600—500 B.C. Ancient Indian medicine uses advanced drugs and surgical techniques, including amputations.</p> <p>Forceps</p>	<p>c. 1100 First European medical schools are created.</p>	<p>c. 1350 The plague, also known as "The Black Death," kills about 25 percent of Europe's population.</p> <p>Arab scissors</p>	<p>1796 Edward Jenner discovers a vaccine for smallpox which leads to the development of other vaccines.</p>	<p>1846 Ether is used as an anesthetic.</p> <p>1850s Florence Nightingale introduces modern nursing.</p> <p>Eucalyptus <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> The leaves of this plant are traditionally used by the Aboriginal people of Australia. It is used to treat fever and respiratory problems.</p>

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Wednesday, December 22, 2004

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Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,
I want a softball bat and glove. Maybe a NOW 16 CD please!!!

P.S. I have been really, really extremely good this year. Have a Ho Ho Ho Horrific Christmas Santa!!!

Allison

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Shy Hall. I am 4 years old. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like to have, Silly Six Pins, ESPN Game Station, and a pink ice ring. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you, Santa.

Shy Hall
Beaver

Dear Santa,

My name is Kyle Steven Sturgill. I am 20 months old. I have been a good boy this year and this is what I want. Anything to do with The Wiggles or Shrek and if you have time maybe a power wheel. I will leave you cookies and milk under the tree. I Love You Santa. May God Bless You.

Kyle

P.S. And remember the men and women that is in the war.

Dear Santa, how are you? are you ready for Christmas? My name is Daniel. I am 7. For Christmas I want a tv, vcr, Dvd pleyer, Driver I Play-Station game. I would also like a McFlurry maker, a movie, and new cars.

Your friend,
Daniel Halbert
McDowell

Dear Santa,

How are you? MY NaMe is Hanhah I am 5 Soon to Be 6. I have Been pretty good. I like to have Some Movies and A Icee Maker. dvd player. I would like a doll. Would you get Me a little couch. I Will leave you some milk and cookies if the cats Don't Eat it.

Your friend,
Hannah Halbert
McDowell

Dear Santa,

I want a wireless play station II remote control and all three Egyptian God cards. Also remote control car at Radio Shack and a CD player.

Fred Tyler Hicks
Ruff and Tuff Branch

Dear Santa,

How are You? Are you fine, or are you not fine? I want a Game Cube and Cyborg, and Robin and Beastboy vehicles.

I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Paul (six years old)
Goshen, Kentucky

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Caitlin Couch. I am three years old. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I want a Dora Doll House, a Dora Princess Doll, a Bratz Doll and a Baby Doll. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the Christmas Tree. Merry Christmas!

I love you, Santa,
Caitlin Couch

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Chelsey Couch. I am six years old. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I want a Video Now, a Gameboy Advance, a Dora Gameboy Game, a Bratz Diary and a Neopet. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the Christmas Tree.

Merry Christmas!
I love you Santa,
Chelsey Couch

Dear Santa,

My name is Chloe Mills. I attend Dinosaur Playland Daycare. For Christmas I want you to bring me chicken

nuggets, a big bear to sleep with, some bigger clothes, size 8, A motorcycle, a vancum cleaner and a gate.

Love, Chloe

P.S. I'm not afraid of you no more!!

Santa Claus,

My name is Cameron Collins. I go to Dinosaur Playland Day Care. I want a motorcycle, a motor boat and my own red vaccum cleaner so Chloe can't take it. And bring a squirrel for my papaw to skin it and eat it.

Love, Cameron

Hi Santa, my name is Elexius Endicott. I go to Dinosaur Playland Daycare. Bring me a "big" glow t.v. and some things like Kyles got.

Bye, Elexius.

P.S. Bring Poppy something.

Santa, my name is Kyle Horn.

I want you t bring me some cars and Sponge Bob, the real one.

Love, Kyle

Santa,

My name is Ethan Boyd. I go to Dinosaur Playland Daycare. I want you to bring me a little bit of candy and some clothes.

Love, Ethan

Santa Claus, my name is Mathew Kilburn. And my mommy, brings me to Dinosaur Playland Daycare and she picks me up later, after my nap. What I want you to bring me is some clothes and a snowman with no legs and stands like this. But don't need no more toys 'cuz I have a whole bunch!

Love, Matt

Santa Claus, My name is Haley Sue Holbrook. I am 3 years old, and I attend Dinosaur Playland Daycare. I want you to bring me a T.V., a mermaid one, a Barbie, some candy. Bring mommy a toy and daddy a T.V. for his bedroom and that's it. Santa, I got one tree—up with big old lights on it!

Love, Haley

P.S. I will leave my old toys under the tree for you.

Hi Santa, my name is Tyler Shortridge. I'm 4 and I attend Dinosaur Playland Daycare. All I want from you is a motorcycle and just some bubble gum.

Thanks—Tyler

Dear Santa, My name is Aleiah Newsome. I'm 3 1/2 and go to Dinosaur Playland Daycare. Bring one some chicken nuggets, with pink sauce and that's it.

Love, Aleiah

Dear Santa, My name is Katylin Newsome. I'm 3 years old and me and my sissy go to Dinosaur Playland Daycare. Bring me some clothes, some baby dolls, a purple one, some shoes that are pink, some Barbie toys, bring

mommy some clothes and bring me more baby dolls!

Love, Katylin

Santa, my name is Johnathan Doston. I go to Dinorsaur Playland Daycare. I'm 4 years old. I want you to bring me a million bucks, a computer with morcy all over it, a gameboy, a game cue and some new brothers.

Johnathan D.

Dear Santa, My name is Mattie Holbrook. And I go to Dinosaur Playland Daycare. For Christmas would you please bring me a Cabbage Patch doll and some candy too.

Mattie

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Montana Cavins. I am 4 years old. I attend Dinosaur Playland Daycare. For Christmas would you please bring me a duck game, toy butterflies, a stuffed animal bear that's pink, my own fish tank with my own fish in it. A sheep that's pink, and a real red cat. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Montana

P.S. Bring my mommy a pack of make-up.

Hi Santa, I have been a good girl all year. Could you bring me a million dollars?

Karen

Dear Santa, How are you? For Christmas what I want is good health and happiness. For all.

Rose

Dear Santa Claus, I'm not asking for too much this year. I just need some sleep and a fountain of youth.

Connie

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is for my daughter Chloe to have a good Christmas.

Jenny

Dear Santa Claus, I just want my boys to have a good Christmas!

Crystal

Dear Santa Claus, What I want you to bring me for Christmas is a jar of pickles, some garlic herb shrimp and some cajun shrimp. Also I want all the Dinosaur Playland Kids and staff to get what they want.

Kimmie Dawn

P.S. Especially you Jenny!!

Dear Santa,

Could you please bring me some friends that will go out and eat with me? Thank you.

Dewayne J.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a trampoline and Bratz stuff and mostley for Christmas. I want to be with my family and the Bratz T.V. and bedroom set. And a pair of boots. They look like smooth cloth on the top and a hill on the bottom.

Your friend,
Marissa

Dear Santa,

My name is Whitney. I have been a very good girl this year. The are only 3 things I want this year. Number one—I want most and number three—I want the least.

1. My daddy to be better
 2. White Christmas
 3. Cell phone
- Also my little brother and sister have been good, too!

Whitney Rowe
Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,

My name is Latisha Jervis. I am 8 years old. I live in Allen, Ky. in Floyd County. What I want for Christmas is a necklace, a bracelet and a trampoline. But most of all I would like for my Papa to be with me for Christmas. But that isn't going to happen. Because he is gone away with Jesus up in Heaven. But I know he will always be with me in memories. Well, that's my Christmas list. Hope I'll see you soon.

Love,

Your friend
Latisha Jervis
Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,

My name is Lakeisha Jervis. I am 8 years old. I live at Allen, Ky. in Floyd County, Ky. What I want for Christmas is a trampoline, Brittany Spears posters and clothes. But most of all I would like to have my Papa for Christmas. But that isn't going to happen. Papa went to be with

Jesus in Heaven 2 months ago but I will always be thinking of him and keep him in my heart. Well, that is my Christmas list. Hope to see you, Santa.

Love,

Your friend
Lakesha Jervis
Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Summer Ousley. I am 8 years old and in the third grade at Prestonsburg Elementary. My teacher is Mrs. Diana Turner. I would like a doll house, Bratz and Barbie dolls

f o r

Christmas. I would like all the other children who don't have m a n y things to h a v e homes blankets and pillows and any-

thing they don't have. Christmas is about Jesus' birthday. That's why we celebrate Christmas.

I love you,
Summer

Please remember my Sissy, Shayla, Tanner, and Samantha.

I will make sure I make you milk andcookies.

Dear Santa, Hi, my name is Brady Steve Compton. I am 17 months old. I have been a very good little boy this year. I was wondering if you would bring me a ball tent with a lot of balls in it, a riding toy for outside and a Tonka dump truck. Please, bring my big sister Destiny what she wants, because she has been good also Santa.

I love you Santa,
Brady Compton

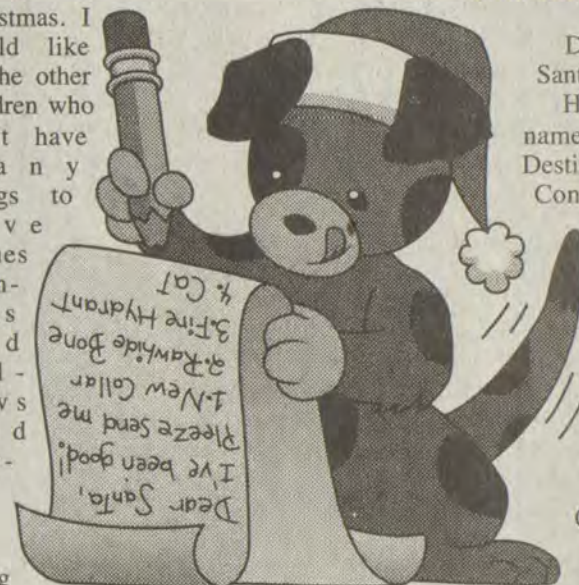
P.S. We will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. Have a safe trip.

D e a r Santa, Hi my name is Destiny Paige Compton. I am 5 years old and go to M s . Mary & Ms.

Carlene's head-start class at

John M. Stumbo. I have been a very good girl this year. I haven't missed any school yet and I help my parents with my baby brother, Brady. I would like for you to bring me a basketball 'goal, ball and lots of other toys and clothes.

I love you, Santa.



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the blessing of hope,
and the peace of
His love at
Christmas, and always.

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Destiny Compton
P.S. We will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. Have a safe trip.

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Matthew Akers and I am 7 years old. I have been a very good boy this year and would love to have a OCC bicycle for Christmas. Please have a safe trip and I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.
Love,
Matt

Dear Santa,
My name is Kimbra Dawn Akers and I am 4 years old. I have been a very good girl this year, so would you please bring me a chopper bicycle, some new barbies, a Cabbage Patch doll and a new purse with dollars in it. As always milk and cookies will be waiting for you under the tree.
Love always,
Kimbra

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very good girl. My name is Adrienne Hope Howell. I am nine years old. I live at Honaker, KY. Santa what I want for Christmas is a Shrek Operation, a bouncy ball that I could sit on and jump. Clothes and my brothers Brett and Payton something that they would like, and my sister, Madison something she would like, and put joy on other childrens faces.
Love,
Adrienne H. Howell

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl and I hope Rudolph is doing good. Are the elves working very hard on the toys? Are you checking the list twice on the kids that's been good and bad? I want for Christmas a Barbie doll with 16 pairs of earrings, laptop computer, a Dora Magic Hair doll. I will leave you milk and chocolate chip cookies under the tree.
Love,
Megan

P.S. Please bring my brother some toys and anything else you want to bring him and don't forget it's his birthday. Happy Birthday Nick!!

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very good girl this year. Would you please bring me a Bratz doll, a Luv cub and Gorge games. Would you please bring my brother a rocking horse and my sister a new CD. She loves Eminem). Please be with our troops and help them.
Have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Taylor Brooke Castle
Age: 6
Duff Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Taylor. I am 8 years old. I have been a very good girl this year. Could you please bring me a Care Bears chair, a giant Care Bear. And a work out Care Bear. I would also like a CD player, Game Boy Advance, games and some pretty clothes. I'd like some Barbie dolls too. Santa, please bring something nice for my brother Chris. Don't forget mommy and daddy and my aunt Sharon. I'll leave you cookies and milk by the tree.
Love,
Taylor Caldwell

Dear Santa,
Instead of giving me toys this year, like you do every year, I was wondering. See I'm not like kids are at this Jesus holiday. Instead of toys I would like to have Jesus to watch over me, my family and friends and to be by my side when I lay my head down to pray.
You see Santa, Jesus took my two papaws away from me not too long ago, and I'm still sad about that. The one thing that would make feel better is for me to know that their happy being Jesus' Angels, and that they will always watch over me, be with me my every move, to make sure I do right and not wrong.
Until this time
Next year, Santa.
Merry Christmas.
Love, Montana Adams
6 years old

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl all year long. I have also been very nice to my family and my big sister, Kennedy. I would like to get a weight bench, a Spiderman, Web blaster, trucks, clothes and anything else you would like to bring me. Make sure to bring my family some fun presents to open. Me and my family will have some milk and cookies under our Christmas tree.
P.S. Please, tell all the elves and reindeer I said, "Hi!"
Merry Christmas!
Jeffery Kaleb Scarberry
6 years old
Martin

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl all year long. I have also been very nice to my family and my little brother, Kaleb. I would like to get a Cabbage Patch doll, 3-D Space Projector, office set, clothes and anything else you would like to bring me. Make sure to bring my family. Some fun presents to open. Me and my family will have some milk and cookies under our Christmas tree.
P.S. Please tell Mrs. Clause I said, "Hi!"
Merry Christmas!
Kennedy Brooke Stumbo
9 years old
Martin

Dear Santa,
My name is Austin Dye and I have been a good boy this year. Would you please send me a yellow Hummer, new track for my train and ESPN Basketball game. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.
Austin

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Morris Adkins. I am a boy. I am 6 years old. I live in Tram. This year I have been good.
Crayons

please ask her to come home. I would like for my mom to bring me an X-box and my brothers and sister for me to see.
Joshua I. Greene
Thank you, Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeremy Barnett. I am 2 years old. I live in Martin, Ky. What I would like for Christmas this year. Is a Elmo that sings his name and a singing and Dance Wiggles guitar. I love Elmo and the Wiggles, they're my favorite.
Thanks Santa.
Jeremy Barnett
Age: 2 years old

Dear Santa,
My name is Camron Barnett. I'm 4. I live in the city of Martin in Floyd County, Ky. What I would really like for Christmas this year is a Power Wheel motorcycle. I would also like a Spider-man motorcycle playtoy and Batman one too from Wal-Mart. Well, if you could Santa please send me these things for Christmas this year.
Thank you Santa
Camron Michea Ryan Barnett
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. All I want for Christmas this year is some toys, and maybe a Wiggles DVD. If you can Santa make sure all the boys and girls get presents this year.
Love,
Joshua Marcus Hall
13 months

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy. How are you doing? Are your elves busy making toys? I'm trying to find a gift for you. What do you want for Christmas? I would like a Sly game one, Spider-man 2. I'd likew for everyone to have a good Christmas.
Happy holidays to you.
Love,
Alex Shepherd
Age: 6
Prestonsburg, Ky.
(Parents-Mark & Kari Shepherd)

Dear Santa,
What I would really like for Christmas is good health and happiness for my family. But if you'd like you could also bring me one of the following: a blues clues shirt, a leap frog-leap pad or a princess vanity with princess dress.
Thank you,
Love,
Marisa Mercedes McCoy
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy all year long. I have also been very nice to my family and my big sister, Kennedy. I would like to get a weight bench, a Spiderman, Web blaster, trucks, clothes and anything else you would like to bring me. Make sure to bring my family some fun presents to open. Me and my family will have some milk and cookies under our Christmas tree.
P.S. Please, tell all the elves and reindeer I said, "Hi!"
Merry Christmas!
Jeffery Kaleb Scarberry
6 years old
Martin

Dear Santa,
My name is Jordan Adkins. I am a girl. I am 5 years old. I live in Little Mud. This year I have been good.
Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Carebear
Barbie
Baby doll
I love you.
Be careful.
Jordan

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Made Hatfield. I am a girl. I am 5 years old. I live in Dana. This year I have been good.
Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Kitten
Doctor Set
Scooby Doo 2
P.S. Santa
I love you. Merry Christmas.
Made

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Sarah Hall. I am a girl. I am 6 years old. I live in Toler. This year I have been good.
Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Bratz doll
Poster of Bunny
Bratz Shirt
P.S. Santa
Merry Christmas
Sarah

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Cheyenne Phillips. I am a girl. I am 5 years old. I live in Ivel. This year I have been good.
Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Computer
Barbie doll
New crayons
P.S. Santa
I love you.
Thank you.
Cheyenne

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jamie Wolford. I am a girl. I am 5 years old. I live in Betsy Layne. This year I have been good.
Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Barbie
Movie
Doctor set
P.S. Santa, I love you.
Merry Christmas.
Jamie

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Sabroh Adkins. I am a boy. I am 6 years old. I live in Pikeville. This year I have been good. Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Crayons

Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Dirt bike, toy car, toy train. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Morris

My name is Dereck Keathley. I am a boy. I am 5 years old. I live in Harold. This year I have been good.
Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year.
Spiderman, dirt bike, blocks.
I want a bowl of snow
Dereck

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Seadr Adkins. I am a boy. I



years old. I live in Pikeville. This year I have been good.

Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Monster truck
Dinosaur
Crayons
P.S. Santa, I love you.
Seadr Adkins

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Kimber Dotson. I am a girl. I am 6 years old. I live in Banner. This year I have been good.

Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Barbie
Puzzle
Clothes
P.S. Santa, I love you.
Kimber

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Jordan Adkins. I am a girl. I am 5 years old. I live in Little Mud. This year I have been good.

Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Carebear
Barbie
Baby doll
I love you.
Be careful.
Jordan

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Made Hatfield. I am a girl. I am 5 years old. I live in Dana. This year I have been good.

Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Kitten
Doctor Set
Scooby Doo 2
P.S. Santa
I love you. Merry Christmas.
Made

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Sarah Hall. I am a girl. I am 6 years old. I live in Toler. This year I have been good.

Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Bratz doll
Poster of Bunny
Bratz Shirt
P.S. Santa
Merry Christmas
Sarah

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Cheyenne Phillips. I am a girl. I am 5 years old. I live in Ivel. This year I have been good.
Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Computer
Barbie doll
New crayons
P.S. Santa
I love you.
Thank you.
Cheyenne

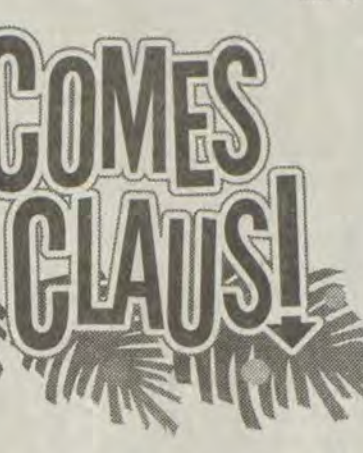
Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jamie Wolford. I am a girl. I am 5 years old. I live in Betsy Layne. This year I have been good.
Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Barbie
Movie
Doctor set
P.S. Santa, I love you.
Merry Christmas.
Jamie

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Sabroh Adkins. I am a boy. I am 6 years old. I live in Pikeville. This year I have been good. Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Crayons

Spongebob
Chalkboard
Merry Christmas.
Sabroh

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Brittney R. I am a girl. I am 5 years old. I live in Ivel. This year I have been good.
Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Chopper bike
Water baby
Puppy
I love you.
Brittney R.

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Austin Case. I am a



am 5 years old. I live in Dana. This year I have been good. Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.

Bike
Spiderman
The Hulk
P.S. Santa
I will leave cookies and milk.
Austin

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Brandon King. I am a boy. I am 5 years old. I live in Harold.

This year I have been good.
Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.
Bike
Robot
P.S. Santa
I love you.
Brandon

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Brianna S. I am a girl. I am 5 years old. This year I have been good. Santa some things I would like for Christmas this year are.

Barbie
Barbie dolls
Be careful. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Charles Hall
Mrs. Little's 1st grade

Brianna
Dear Santa,
I really like the camera that you brought me last year.

I have been a very good girl this year, Santa. If you could please bring me a Gameboy Advance SP and some really nice games for it. I'll leave milk and cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Your friend,
Madison B. Howell
Age: 10
Grethel, KY
McDowell Elementary
P.S. Bring my mom and dad something too. OK. Santa Claus. See ya. Santa, thanks.

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Austin Case. I am a

JMS Elementary
Dear Santa,
Hi. It's me Santa, Jessica Hall. I have been a very good, well pretty good, uh, well just talk to my mom. Since I'm sure she'll say I have been very good. This year for Christmas. I would like...A giant green pillow snake, a football, hand held game-boy, bella ballerina studio, princess, and the pauper, lots of chapter books, a light brown kitten that is good with kids is what I want most because I never had one color pixter with a barbie chip, and a color video now with Jimmy Neutron.
Love, yours truly
Jessica Hall

Dear Santa,
I want a dog
I want a four-wheeler.
I love you.
Devin Hamilton
Mrs. Little's 1st grade
JMS Elem.

Dear Santa,
Will you brag me a sled and gluz and a cot for my dog, a par uva bus for my dog.
Love,
Daniel Martin
Mrs. Little's 1st grade
JMS Elem.

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a telescope. I want a bicycle and DX box and B.B. gun, vicity, pistol, and Harley Davidson.
Love,
Charles Hall
Mrs. Little's 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I want a pasat, an Xbox and gameboy. Will you bring my

JMS Elm.
Dear Santa,
Will you bring me rej mak. This year, will you bring me red dog this year? Will you bring me one cat this year?

Gabby Mahan
Love Santa
Mrs. Little's 1st grade, JMS Elem.

Dear Santa,
I been good. So will you get me a x-box.
Love, Ryan Hamilton
Mrs. Little's 1st grade
JMS Elem.

Dear Santa,
Please bring makeup set and a cat and a dog. And the mast thing I wanted fforever, Little Bears.
Love, Shantana Hall
Mrs. Little's 1st grade
JMS Elem.

Dear Santa,
I want a tape baer and please bring our press on Christmas. OK Santa.
Love,
Kristen Newsome
Mrs. Little's 1st grade
JMS Elem.


Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. Will you bring me a toy brega, a canope bed and a bike for Christmas.
Love,
Amanda McKinney
Mrs. Little's 1st grade
JMS Elem.

Dear Santa,
Will you bring my video games and Mr. Robot.
Love,
Zack Bentley
Mrs. Little's 1st grade
JMS Elem.

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a real beba and a real cat. And real web brum and real dog and a real box and real bobo and andrel mankuaket.
Love,
Ashley Isaac
Mrs. Little's 1st grade
JMS Elem.

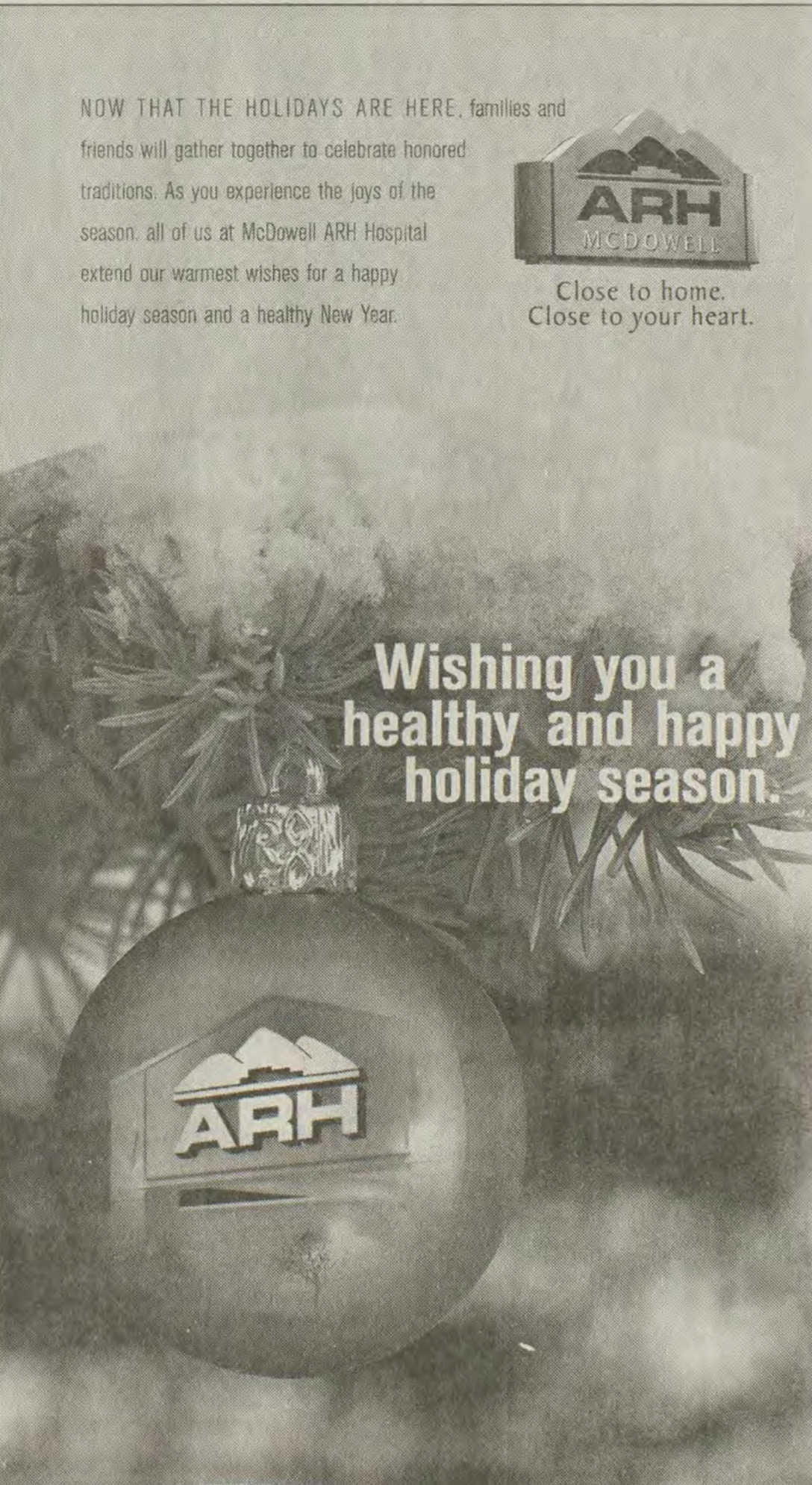
Dear Santa,
I want a pasat, an Xbox and gameboy. Will you bring my

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dogs sweaters.
Love,
Chase Newman
Mrs. Little's 1st grade
JMS Elem.

Dear Santa,
I have been good.
Love,
Chandler Hicks
Mrs. Little's 1st grade
JMS Elem.

Dear Santa,
Speedboat, telescope, dirt bike.
Love,
Corbin Hamilton
Mrs. Little's 1st grade
JMS Elem.

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been a really good girl.
I would like a coloring book and crayons and Dora playhouse.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Megan O'Brien

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a pair of cowboy boots.
Santa, Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Thomas M.

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a basketball, ball goal.
Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Destiny C.

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a makeup, earrings and purse.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Toshia

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a purse, earrings, baby doll, Mary Kate and Ashley boots.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Hannah T.

Dear Santa,

How are you?
This year I have been good boy. I would like a motorcycle.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Tyler Jones

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been a good boy. I would like a truck like my daddy's.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Devin Cain Edmonds

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy.
I would like cars, trucks, games and a bike.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Lanc Hall

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a motorcycle, a race car to ride, 4 wheeler and power ranger, race car, guitar.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Evan Newsome

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Power Ranger and dyno thunder.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Ethan A.

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a orange County Chopper Bike.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Kimbra A.

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good.
I would like a motorcycle and 4-wheeler.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Shane M.

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Barbie House, Dancing Dora, drums.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Megan Frazier

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Dora House, Dora Dancing Doll, drums, Barbie, house, Dora costume and 4-wheeler.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Sara Akers

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a motorcycle and a tractor for Jacob.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Tyler P.

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a guitar.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Dalton Harris

Dear Santa,
My name is Kerry and I am 8 years old. I attend Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Tackett's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Game, Bicycle and Blues for Christmas. Would you also bring Mama Papa a clock. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the tree. I love you, Santa.
Your friend,
Kerry

Dear Santa,
My name is Anthony Johnson and I am 9 years old. I attend Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Tackett's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me hot wheels, remote car, and new clothes for Christmas. Would you also bring mommy some perfume. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you, Santa.
Your friend,
Anthony

Dear Santa,
My name is Jayla Little and I am 5 years old. I attend Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Tackett's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Wiggles guitar, Wiggles game, and Wiggles toys for Christmas. Would you also bring mama and papa a nice gift.

Santa I will leave you some cookies and pop under the tree. I love you, Santa.
Your friend,
Jayla

Dear Santa,
My name is Levi Bolen and I am 6 years old. I attend Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Tackett's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me dump truck, big car, and remote control car for Christmas. Would you also bring Bubby a car. Santa I will leave you some cookies and pop under the tree. I love you, Santa.
Your friend,
Levi

Dear Santa,
My name is Ronnie Thacker and I am 8 years old. I attend Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Tackett's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a remote control monster truck, a remote control 4-wheeler, and a bicycle for Christmas. Would you also bring Sean David a remote control dump truck. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you, Santa.
Your friend,
Ronnie

Dear Santa,
My name is Cassie Hall. I attend Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Tackett's room. Santa, I have been very good this year. Please bring me baby doll, bike, and clothes for Christmas. Would you also bring mommy a ring. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Cassie Hall

Dear Santa,
My name is Logan Hill. I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a dirt bike for Christmas because I like dirt bikes. I will leave you some cookies and a sandwich by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Logan Hill
Mrs. Jones Primary

Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob Burke. I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a Omega Supreme transformer f o r Christmas because its my favorite. I will leave you some milk and cookies by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Jacob Burke
Mrs. Jones Primary
Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Junior Johnson. I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a big train for Christmas because I want to have it to play with. I will leave you some milk and choc. chip by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Junior Johnson
Mrs. Jones Primary
Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Cheyann Light. I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a DVD player for Christmas because I can watch movies when I go on a trip. I will leave you some milk and cookies by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Cheyann Light
Mrs. Jones Primary
Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Chad Hall. I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a real dirt bike for Christmas because I like to pop wheelies. I will leave you some chocolate cookies and milk by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Chad Hill
Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Corey Hall. I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a play station II game for Christmas because I like to play in Nellie's room with her. I will leave you some candy cane by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Corey Hall
Mrs. Jones Primary
Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Jordon Slone. I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a big toy truck with airplanes on the back for Christmas because I think it pretty and blue. I will leave you (a present) by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Jordon
Mrs. Jones Primary
Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Briana Little and I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs.



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Your friend,
Briana Little
Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Hope Ann Hall. I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a Dolphin figurine for Christmas because I like to collect them. I will leave you some cookies by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your friend,
Hope Hall
Mrs. Jones Primary
Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Jaisen Collins. I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a Play Station for Christmas because my old one is broke. I will leave you some milk and cookies by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your friend,
Jaisen Collins
Mrs. Jones Primary
Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Landon Gillespie. I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a new bicycle for Christmas because my old one is too small. I will leave you some milk and cookies by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your friend,

Landon Gillespie
Mrs. Jones Primary
Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Johnathan Osborne. I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a go cart for Christmas because I like to ride them. I will leave you some milk and cookies by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your friend,
Johnathan Osborne
Mrs. Jones Primary
Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Benji Patrick. I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a dump truck for Christmas because I can put rocks in it. I will leave you some milk and cookies by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your friend,
Benji Patrick
Mrs. Jones Primary
Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Seth Miller. I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a Play Station 2 for Christmas because I like to play it with my daddy. I will leave you some cookies and milk by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your friend,
Seth Miller
Mrs. Jones Primary
Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Cassandra McPeek. I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have

a remote controlled motorcycle for Christmas because I have never had one. I will leave you some milk and cookies by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your friend,
Cassandra McPeek
Mrs. Jones Primary
Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Destiny and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me toys and doll house and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Destiny Howell
Age: 4

Dear Santa,

My name is Nathan 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,
Nathan Keathley
Age: 4

Dear Santa,

My name is Hannah and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me a real pony and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Hannah King
Age: 4

Dear Santa,

My name is Kiesha and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me a baby doll and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Kiesha
Age: 5

Dear Santa,

My name is Bryanna and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me a 4-wheeler and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Bryanna Allen
Age: 4

Dear Santa,

My name is Wesley and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me Gameboy Advance and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Wesley Tackett
Age: 5

Dear Santa,

My name is Drema and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me a Barbie Doll and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Drema Mahan
Age: 4

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been a good little boy. I would like a fish tank with Jellie fish and Spongebob signs for my tank.

Your friend,
Shane Hamilton

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been pretty good. I would like a race track and baseball glove.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Brady Hall
Age: 4
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,

My name is Seth and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me a toy donkey and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Seth Hamilton
Age: 3

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a baby and bike.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Katelyn Hamilton
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb
Age: 5

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been a very good girl and I would like a big pony, and a barbie.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Hannah Hamilton
Age: 4
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,

My name is Mackenzie and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me a baby doll and bottle and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Mackenzie Hamilton
Age: 3

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a princess bike.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Kitana Bentley
Age: 5
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,

My name is Shawn 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,
Shawn Howell
Age: 4

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I

have been a very good girl. I would like a cabbage patch, operation game and a connect four game.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Haley Clark
Age: 4
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,

My name is Chandra 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,
Chandra Brown
Age: 4

Dear Santa,

My name is Robert and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me a dirt bike and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Robert Keathley
Age: 4

Dear Santa,

My name is Ariyonna Friend and I attend Head Start at Betsy Layne in Ms. Diane's room. Please, bring me a barbie doll, some playdough and clothes and remember all the children in the world.

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Love,
Ariyonna

Dear Santa,
My name is Sebastian Friend and I do not go to school yet. I am 2 years old. Could you please bring me some cars and trucks, and some clothes. Please, remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Sebastian

Dear Santa,
My name is Glenn David Conn, I am in the third grade at Betsy Layne Elementary could you please bring me a video game for my x-box, and some toys. Please, remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Glenn David

Dear Santa,
My name is Cameron Saddler, I am in Kindergarten at John M. Stumbo. Please, bring me a Hulk, and a Spiderman.

Love,
Cameron

Dear Santa,
My name is Kasie Johnson and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a cheerleader outfit, and toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Kasie

Dear Santa,
My name is Cameron Donaldson and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a fire hat, and motorcycle and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Cameron

Dear Santa,
My name is Shelby Howell and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a motorcycle and toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Shelby

Dear Santa,
My name is Dalton Hamilton and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a drum and some toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Dalton

Dear Santa,
My name is Matthew Hunt and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a Fire Flame Ball and a motorcycle and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Matthew

Dear Santa,
My name is Dalton Newsome and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a motorcycle and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Dalton

Dear Santa,
My name is Jordyn Conn and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a strawberry short cake house and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Jordyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Johnatan Hall and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me some trucks and cars and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Johnathon

Dear Santa,
My name is Kirklin Newsome and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a big motorcycle, and a police car and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Kirklin

Dear Santa,
My name is Kimberly Slone and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a Barbie doll and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Kimberly

Dear Santa,

My name is Jonathan Keathley and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a Orange County Chopper motorcycle and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Jonathan

Dear Santa,
My name is Gabrielle Johnson and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me some dolls and a doll house and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Gabrielle

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Berrigan and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me lots of toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
My name is Victoria Moon and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a barbie doll, and a Dora doll and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Victoria

Dear Santa,
My name is Alexis Hall and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a barbie doll, toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Alexis

Dear Santa,
My name is Derrick Justice and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a motorcycle and trucks and cars and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Derrick

Dear Santa,
My name is Kassie Ray and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a purse, and lipstick and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Kassie

Dear Santa,
My name is Travis Hall and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a motorcycle and some toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Travis

North Pole Arctic
Dear Santa,
I have been very pleasant this whole year. I have helped my cousin, Tad, with his homework. I have been good to my mom. I have been good to my dad. I helped my Grandpa give his cows a shot. It was kinda fun.

I would like for the people that are poor to have food and clothes. They should have a nice chair to sit in and relax. Please bring them gloves and hats. Please bring kids who are in countries where they are fighting Peace on Earth for Christmas.

What I want for Christmas is a Game Boy, a hat, a bike, some clothes, and a PS 2 game.

Your Friend,
Tyler H.
May Valley Elementary

clothes, school books, footed pajamas, handbags, monkey, a penguin, bean bag, Austin doll, and other stuff.

Love,
Rebecca
May Valley Elementary
P.S. tell Blitzen Hi and I love him.

North Pole Arctic
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I have used my manners. I have helped people. I helped my Grandma Judy dust the furniture with Pledge. I have been getting along with others. I help people at the laundromat.
I want you to bring my



mom a necklace and my dad some basketball shoes and my sister a picture of a dolphin jumping up in the air.

For myself please bring me a motor scooter, some candy, and bring me beef jerky, and sour punch straws. Then put them in my stocking.

Your friend,
Mason
May Valley Elementary

North Pole Arctic
Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I've turned in my homework all year. I haven't been in any fights and I don't talk back.

I want you to bring peace and joy to people without homes or people that aren't fortunate enough to have food. I also want you to find a way to help kids with sickness. I want you to bring happiness to everyone. Please help my cousin with leukemia. Also, please help my dad find out who stole all of our stuff. I just want you to help people everywhere.

I want you to bring me a Video Now, a new game, and a candy cane.

Your friend,
Tyler Ousley
May Valley Elementary

North Pole Arctic
Dear Santa,
I have been excellent this year because I have helped clean around the house. I have also helped my Mamaw Rose and Papaw Virgil Jr. I have also helped my granny around the house too. I like to help people around the house a lot.

Santa, I would like for people to have food for people who does not have anything to eat and beds for people who do not have anywhere to sleep.

Also, I would like a Video Now and a Gameboy Advance. I would also like a flip cell phone that takes pictures. I would also like a camera, a Barbie Video Camera.

rings. Also bring my cousin a movie.

I would like a Playstation 2 game and a big screen tv.
Your friend,
DeShea
May Valley Elementary

North Pole Arctic
Dear Santa,
I was a good girl this year. I helped my sister do her homework and I helped my mommy clean. I also helped my mom put up the Christmas tree.

I want you to bring my mom a diamond necklace and my brother some toy cars. My sister wants a Shoo Shoo Doll. I also want homeless people to have

North Pole Arctic
Dear Santa,
I have been VERY wonderful this year. I have helped my teacher by running errands. I helped my sister, Jenny, wrap gifts. I have helped my mom get things out of the kitchen cabinets.

I hope you bring my teacher a husband for Christmas. He could fix her car if it tore up. He could also give her money to go to the mall with. I would like to be the flower girl. Please bring my sister a new car so she can take me to the mall. I hope you help kids that don't have a family. Also help kids whose families are abusing them.

I hope you bring me the gift of being a star singer. So I can be like Lizzie McGuire. I would like a Game Boy SP. I would like a Video Now Color, a new go cart, and let my teacher like the gift I got her.

Love,
Emlee

North Pole Arctic
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have put up the Christmas tree. My brother and my dad didn't help. I also helped my dad get things from the attic. I also loan paper in class if my friends need it.

I would like you to bring my dad some more boots. My mom would like some rings. My brother could use some games.

For me I would like some candy in my stocking. I want a big tree house and a game.

North Pole Arctic
Dear Santa,
I have been kinda good this year. I do what my Mamaw tells me. I help my little brother, Ryan, write and when he can't make his letters I help him. I loan other boys and girls borrow sheets of paper.

North Pole Arctic
Dear Santa,
Three good things have done this year are I brought chapstick that we sent to the soldiers in Iraq. I also took good care of my puppy. The last thing I am going to list is I bought a Christmas present for my mom, my 2 sisters, my dad, and my puppy.

I would like for you to take soap and presents to the soldiers in Iraq. They need it they don't have these things. The soldiers won't be coming home for Christmas. Their families are sad about this. Bring my dog a box of treats and a pet bed that will fit in her dog house.

Bring me a drum set. Would you put it in my bedroom so that so that if I can not move it the drum set will be where I want it. I want it in my bed room so I can go in there close and lock the door so that Annelise, my sister, will not bother me when I try to play them.

Your friend,
Laurel
May Valley Elementary

North Pole Arctic
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I played school with my brother. It helped him learn. I gave my toys to kids that don't have any toys to play with. I gave my coats that I outgrew to a little girl that

needed it.

My brother could have been a lot nicer this year but I would like you to bring him a trampoline. Please bring my dad the rest of the parts to fix his car. Shauna, my step mom, would like a seat belt purse. Please bring my mom a good job. Bring my other brother, Lucas, a little notebook and a pencil. Bring Cameron, my brother, a little car to ride in.

Please bring me a horse, a puppy, a trampoline. My brother to be well, bean bag, money, and a bird that talks.

Love,
Kristina

North Pole Arctic
Dear Santa,
I have been VERY wonderful this year. I have helped my teacher by running errands. I helped my sister, Jenny, wrap gifts. I have helped my mom get things out of the kitchen cabinets.

I hope you bring my teacher a husband for Christmas. He could fix her car if it tore up. He could also give her money to go to the mall with. I would like to be the flower girl. Please bring my sister a new car so she can take me to the mall. I hope you help kids that don't have a family. Also help kids whose families are abusing them.

I hope you bring me the gift of being a star singer. So I can be like Lizzie McGuire. I would like a Game Boy SP. I would like a Video Now Color, a new go cart, and let my teacher like the gift I got her.

Love,
Emlee

North Pole Arctic
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have put up the Christmas tree. My brother and my dad didn't help. I also helped my dad get things from the attic. I also loan paper in class if my friends need it.

I would like you to bring my dad some more boots. My mom would like some rings. My brother could use some games.

For me I would like some candy in my stocking. I want a big tree house and a game.

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I wish other kids in the world that are in the war have enough clothes, toothbrushes and soap. You can also bring them a toy this Christmas.

I would like to have a Play Station 2, a DVD player, a little toy elf, a little toy wizard that walks, a toy snake, and a tiger that walks and acts like it is real. I would also like a play crocodile.

Your best friend,
Devin

North Pole Arctic
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I have helped my mom in the house. I have also helped my dad in the jeep and in the car. I have helped my dad bath the dog.

Can you give my mom a diamond necklace? Can you give my dad a new jacket and his brother a new fishing pole? My brother wants Grand Theft Auto San Andreas. Also my dad needs a new truck and my mom needs a new car.

I would like a new pool stick and a scooter. I also want a Video Now and a juke box. I would like a PS2 and a flip call phone. I really need a safe place for my money and my games too. I would also like a car and a SUV. I also want some basketball games and fifty dollars. Some beef jerky, turkey, and candy would also be nice.

Your friend,
Chris
May Valley Elementary

North Pole Arctic
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I watched my sister, Kylie. I have been listening to my teacher. I have also been listening to my mom and dad.

I would like to buy a present for my friend, Haley. She does nice things for me. Please bring my friends in my class lots of presents. Please bring my mom earrings and my dad a gold watch. Bring Kylie a stuffed animal. Bring Manissa and Corey a game boy SP and a Ninetendo DS.

I would like you to bring me a new Ninetendo DS, a Game Boy SP, Crash Bandicoot, Twin sanity, Jack 3, Ratchet and Clank 3, Mega man, a new controller that lights up in the dark. Also bring me a Play station 3 (when it comes out), a new laptop, and a lot of CDs.

Your friend,
Cameron
May Valley Elementary

North Pole Arctic
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Three things I have done good this year are: I helped my dad when he was working. I helped my mom fix the plates of food. I helped my sister on her homework. I have been excellent this year.

I think some people around the world might need food, houses, and electricity and lots more things. If I knew somebody like that I would buy them the stuff they need. Please bring my sister a Dora dollhouse.

I want a PlayStation 2 and a game called NBA Live 2004. Will you please have a Merry Christmas?

Your friend,
Braxton
May Valley Elementary

North Pole Arctic

Dear Santa,
I have very good this year. I gave my sister, Topanga, my toys. I saved up money gave I to my family. I brought my dogs inside so they would not freeze.

Santa, I wish you would bring people who need a house one for Christmas. I wish you would bring my mom a ring. I wish you would bring my sister a hamster.

I would like a turtle for Christmas. I also want some Yugio cards, a lizard, and Pokemon cards.

Your friend,
Austin
May Valley Elementary
Merry Christmas

North Pole Arctic

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good boy this year. I have helped my mom around the house. I have been honest. I have also helped other people.

I would like my mom to have a Merry Christmas and to get a beautiful necklace. I would like for kids in other counties who do not have clothes to get some for Christmas. I would also like everyone in Ms. Meade's class to have a Merry Christmas.

I would like a Game Boy color and a pack of socks, some shirts, pants, and some cologne. I would like some toys also.

Your friend,
Antonio
May Valley Elementary

North Pole Arctic

Dear Santa,
I have been excellent this year. I have been taking care of Smokey, my cat, this year. I have been helping people. I have helped my mom and dad cook. I have helped my Pap get his mail out of his box.

Santa, I would like for Smokey to be better this Christmas. He tries to throw up all the time and he is sneezing. I would like to see my cousins who live in South Carolina for Christmas. I would like to see Kennedy again for a Christmas party. Please bring all the children in the world a good life like I have for Christmas. Also I would like Smokey to not be afraid of anything for Christmas.

I would like you to bring me some friends that could live near me. I would like to have a Care Bear and a Glow-a-lot. I would like you to bring me some Mary Kate and Ashley clothes.

How are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Rudolph? Sincerely,

Amy
May Valley Elementary

North Pole Arctic

Dear Santa,
This year I have been really good! When I was in UK hospital I listened to the nurses and neurologist. I helped my brother, Ben, put a tire on his bicycle. I helped my dad work on our motorcycle.

This year I would like you to bring people who are homeless a home for Christmas. Please make jobs for people who can't find work. Please let my dad come home for Christmas. He is half way around the world and I miss him.

For Christmas this year I would like a new skateboard, a new bicycle, new roller skates, new shoes, and new toys.

Your friend,
Alex
May Valley Elementary

North Pole Arctic

Dear Santa,
I have been really good all year. I have helped my mom clean house. I have also helped my aunt because she has a broke ankle and I have helped my sister while she has been sick.

For Christmas, I wish that you could bring my dad a tool-

box and my mom a computer. Also, my sister would like a giant Care Bear.

I would like to have my own room for Christmas. I would also like to have some new clothes.

Your friend,
Haley
May Valley Elementary

North Pole Arctic

Dear Santa,
I have been really good all year. I have helped around the house and I have washed clothes. I have also been really good at school.

I would like for Devin to get a Power Ranger tractor and trailer for Christmas. I would also like for my mom to get a diamond ring for Christmas. I would like to have a portable dvd player

and some dvds. A new necklace would also be very nice.

Your friend,
Derrick
May Valley Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Joanna Tackett and I am in the second grade at Osborne Elementary. I have been a good girl this year and I hope you bring me a Bratz doll house and the movie Shrek2 in my stocking. How are you Mrs. Clause and the elfs? I miss you very much. I think my little sister Jessie Tackett will want a Dora house. I love you very very much. Merry Christmas Santa.

Your friend,
JoAnna

Dear Santa,

My name is Samantha Helton. I am in the second grade at Osborne Elementary. I am a good girl. I want to know how are you doing? I wish you would bring me CDS and I wish you could help me find my brother something for Christmas. I wish Christmas would come soon.

Your friend,
Samantha

Dear Santa,

My name is Mikayla Little and I am in the second grade at Osborne Elementary. I have been a good girl this year and all I want for Christmas is DVD's and a Go-cart too. Please bring me a bear too with a pink bow to.

Your friend,
Mikayla

Dear Santa,

I am in the second grade at Osborne Elementary. I want you to bring me some DVD's, a west coast chopper, a BB gun, a go-cart, a motorcycle, and some Hot wheels. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Dwane

Dear Santa,

My name is Chloe Little and I am in the second grade at Osborne Elementary. I have been a good girl this year. If you don't mind I was wanting some stuff for Christmas. I would like a go-cart, a bed for my cat, a dolphin picture for my mom, a map for dad, stuffed animals for my two brothers. As for me, I would like a giant bratz cat.

Merry Christmas to you Santa!

Your friend,
Chloe

Dear Santa,

My name is Tesa Isaac and I am in the second grade at Osborne Elementary. I have been a good girl. My brother wants a big truck and I want a go-cart. But please get me a new motor scooter because mine is torn up. I love you very much, but some people don't believe in you.

Love your friend,
Tesa

Dear Santa,

My name is Andrew Tackett

and I am in the second grade at Osborne Elementary. I have been a good boy and I want cars and a B.B. gun. That's all I want!!

Your friend,
Andrew

Dear Santa,

My name is Cameron Johnson and I am in the second grade at Osborne Elementary. I want a BB gun and some DVDs of Shark Tales and a Charge crotchrocket. I have been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring my mom a new dress.

P.S. I'll take a mini crotchrocket.

Your friend,
Cameron

Dear Santa,

My name is Byron Caudill and I am in second grade in Osborne Elementary. I would like to go to the North Pole and play with reindeer, ride the sleigh, and watch the fire. My brother wants a remote control car. I want a dirt bike. Merry Christmas!!

Your friend,
Byron

Dear Santa,

I am Kendra Evans and I am in the second grade at Osborne Elementary. I have been a pretty good girl this year. I want a guitar, a grandparents doll, and a nintendo. Oh yes, I love you!! Merry Christmas!!

Love,
Kendra

Dear Santa,

My name is Andrew Bailey. I am in the second grade at Osborne Elementary. How are you doing in your workshop? I have been very good this year. Will you bring me a motorcycle for Christmas and a pixter? And please bring Jonathan safely home for Christmas from Iraq. Could you bring Mrs. Hall a dog to go with her cat?

Your friend,
Andrew B.

Dear Santa,

My name is Austin Mitchell and I am in the second grade at Osborne Elementary. I hope that you are alright. I want a dirt bike for Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa!!

Your friend,
Austin

Dear Santa,

My name is Jonathan Hall and I am in the second grade at Osborne Elementary. I would like a transformer and Power Ranger for Christmas. I would also like to have a GI Joe and I have been good this year. Have a Merry Christmas!!

Love,
John

Dear Santa,

My name is James Johnson and I am in the second grade at Osborne Elementary and I love you Santa. Will you get what my brother and sister want? I would like to have a motorcycle and a go-cart. Would you please bring Mrs. Hall a ring?

Your friend,

James Johnson

Dear Santa,

My Name is Alisha. And I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a strawberry shortcake for Christmas because I like dolls. I will leave you some candy by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your Friend,
Alisha

Dear Santa,

My name is Cody. And I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a carnotwdeel for Christmas because I like them. I will leave you milk and cookies by my tree.

Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your Friend,
Cody

Dear Santa,

My name is Dalton. And I have really tried to be nice this year.

I hope that you and Mrs. claus have ad a good year. I would really like to have a Play station for Christmas because I think it will be fun.

I will leave you some candy by the tree.

Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your Friend,
Dalton

Dear Santa,

My name is Tasia. And I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. claus have had a good year. I would really like to have real guitar for Christmas because I want to be on American Idol.

I will leave you some milk and cookies by my tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your Friend,
Tasia

Dear Santa,

My name is Sarah. And I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a Barbie Car for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies by my tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your Friend,
Carter

Dear Santa,

My name is Larry. And I have really tried to be nice this year. I hpe that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a Playstation 2 for Christmas because I would love that. I will leave you some soda by my Christmas Tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your Friend,
Larry

Dear Santa,

My Name is Candace. And I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a 4-wheeler for Christmas because I think it would be so much fun. I will leave you some milk and cookies by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a sage trip on

Christmas Eve.
Your Friend,
Candace

Dear Santa,

I will like a pare of Harley boots and a froggie cover for Christmas. Please, I have been good this year. Thank you for my two front teeth last year and my other stuff to. I will set cookies and milk on the table for you. I would like to see your rain-deers this year to. I hope I am on the good list and Katelyn, Karie and Bubby wants a 4-wheeler. Please try to get them that.

Marry Christmas, Santa.
Katerina Poston

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a Game Boy Advande DS and a sellphone chair, and a Barbie with a sellphone in it. And what ever else you will give me. I'm going to put out milk and cookies out for you. Santa, I know some kids do not believe in you but I do. And one more thing from you a stuffed monkey. I know parents don't believe that you have elves that make the toys for little kids but just one more thing some chuck taylors for my friend Kasey, Once bell of your sleigh.

Love, Chelsea Rice

Dear Santa,

I want lots of toys and pants and a gameboy. I want a Play Station 2 and a hummer. Santa decide the rest, Git my brothers toys to.

Tyler Manns

Dear Santa,

I would like a Game Boy SP with games and T.V. with C.D. player built into it, C.D.'s, one of your sleigh bells, a 4-wheeler my sizes, boots, journal, a monkey, monkey covers, my room done in a baby yellow and write. Kayla's room on it, DVD player, Harley Davison coat, computer of my own in my room, clothes, high pink

and bell off his sleigh and some boots that is what I want!
Joanna Chaffins

Dear Santa,
I like to have a gameboy Advance SP for Christmas and I want monkey, 4-wheeler, shoes, boots, clothes, T.V., DVD player with DVDs, monkey cover, CD player, mini-polar express train, sled, santa sleigh bell, light black cunck toyhors, size 2 1/2, computer, trampoline, journal, Harley Davison shoes. I beleive in you Santa. Cellphone from you Santa, I want my room done in monkeys, I want my cover monkey and pillow too.

Kayla Johnson

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I have my tree up and I want you to bring me a Harley Davison boots, coat, cover, pants, and I want a Dell desktop computer with lots of games to play. And I want all of the poor children to have a very, very, good Christmas. I want them to get every thing they ever wanted. And I want a game boy Advance S.P. and that's what I want for Christmas.

Kasey Conley

Dear Santa,

I would like a dirt bike to ride at my house. I would like a 4-wheeler to ride up hills and in creeks. I would like a toy hummer to play with it at my house. I really hope you can get a bell off your sled for me. I would also like a mini-polar Express train. I hope you have a merry, merry, merry Christmas, Santa.

Merry Christmas!
Brian Coburn

Dear Santa,

I would like a 110 ATV because my mommy will not get me one and a CD player mini polar express train, Santa sleigh bell.

Chase Soler

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a Harley Davison coat and a Game Boy Advance SP and a Santa sleigh bell and a stuffed monkey, T.V., with CD player and DVD player, and a Harley Davison.

Love, Lakisha Ousley

Dear Santa,

I want a Hummer for Christmas and a Harley bike, DVD player, Monkey, cookies and milk. You decide what's best for me. Santa, can you get me a DVD player that is polar express DVD.

Willis Hunter

Dear Santa,

I have been a good little boy. Will you get me a Gameboy and a 4-wheeler and a T.V. with a DVD player and the race train in the bank and 1 mortag Hummer that is all that I want.

Jordan Cole

Dear Santa,

I have decided what I want and these are the things: stuffed money and a barbie doll with a sell phone and clothes and a gameboy advance and a barbie doll with the makeup and a mother dollhead, that you fix its hair and toys and a CD player and a dirt bike and Harley daves coat and a ted

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Kiley Allen

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. And here is what I want for Christmas. A Disney princess 17 pc hoby doll set, and a mini polar express train. And I will leave you cookies and milk under the Christmas tree.

Gabrielle Slone



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How are you and the reindeer doing. I'll have you some cookies and milk at my house. I have been a good boy. Here are some of the things I want for Christmas. A Hala II, a blues, a movie, and pape mario game.
Your friend,
Robbie Vance

Dear Santa,
Do you know what year Jesus was born? I don't know. I think it was Christmas. I love Christmas time because we celebrate Jesus, birthday and we get presents. I bet you go all over the world to give out presents. I love to get presents from you they are really cool. I want you to bring some cool presents this year too. I would like to have live action figures, some games, and a toy bone for my dog. I hope you have a safe trip flying in your sleigh and watch out for my dog. Tell Rudolph I said Hi.
Your friend,
Matthew

Dear Santa Claus,
When where you born? Was it Christmas? Trealy don't no. I only no that Jesus was born on the first Christmas. His mother is Mary his father name is God. Your wifes name is Rudolph the red nose reindeer. You are really big and fat. Maybe its because way you eat lots and lots of cookies every year. I hope you, bring me lots of stuff for Christmas. This is what I want a skate board, some pokemon, stuff, a crash game, a game boy and some other stuff. I will see you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Jacob B.

Dear Santa,
Are you getting for the big night? How are the reindeers? How is Mrs. Claus. I am leaving you cookies and milk. Why do you the chimney win I am asleep. Were you born at Christmas. I have been a good girl this year. I want carebears, breatz dolls, a purse, a race car, carealot castle, Barbie, Rapuzel tower, a dollhouse and a barbie car.
Sincerely,
Kari

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope Rudolph will greit the slay this Cristmas. How old are you and Mrs. Claus? When did you become Santa Claus? I have been a very good girl this year. I have helped my mom and dad by knowing my room clean. All I want for Cristmas is a polly poket set, an easy bake oven and last of all best of all a silver bell.
Love,
Rachel

Dear Santa,
Are you getting ready for Christmas Eve? How have you been doing all year? What time do you have to leave from the North Pole? Will you come to my house, first. Are your reindeer ready for their big night? Have your elves made all the toys yet?
I have been a pretty good boy this year. I have got in trouble a few times. The three things I want for Christmas is a new Play Station game, a basketball and a CD player.
Love,
Dillion

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeers doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Has Rudolf been good? Is it for riding a slay? Santa, I have been a good girl this year. I have helped my mom and dad. sometimes, I do get agervated with my dad and brother. I am sharing, helping, being kind, and listening. I would really like to see you and Mrs. Claus and Rudolf too! I hope it's not snowing to hard on Christmas Eve.
What I want for Christmas is Barbie, Horse, Adventure game, milkshake, CD, most of all best of all I want a Silver bell from your slay.
Love,
Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
What time will you leave to bring my presents. Is it cold at the north pole. How come Winter is in December. How much presents are you going to bring me. I will see you on Christmas eve.
I have been a very good boy this year. Because I help mom and dad clean the whole house. I also feeded the dog and turtle. I cleaned the yard. And all I want for Christmas is a game boy, sp

pokemon, fire red, Poke Dex Advance.
Your friend,
Joshua

Dear Santa,
Are you getting ready for Christmas? Is Rudolph doing okay? Why do you live in the North Pole? What have you been doing? Are you doing fine? I have been a good boy this year. I helped my dad in the garden. I picked up my toys and helped my mom. I want Dragon Ball and Butikai3, Mario kart Doble Dash and blue eyes, shining dragon.
Your friend,
Nich

Why do you live at the North Pole? Why is Christmas colors red and green? How can y ou not be cold at the North Pole? I have been a good boy this year. I have listen to my parents. And I want three things. I want Magneat X, a little go cart and a mandlen.
Love,
Jadon

Dear Santa,
How are you, Mrs. Claus and the reindeer doing? Are you getting ready to give presents to all t he good kids? Is it a job going to people's houses on Christmas eve? I'm going to leave you some cookies and some carits for your reindeer. I've been a very good boy this year. All I want for Cristmas is a 1. X box 2. Marion Party 5. and 3, a Star Wars game.
Your friend,
Zach

Dear Santa,
I hope you don't get a cold if you do can I deliver the presents? I hope you have a happy new year.
Santa have been good lately. This year I hope you will give me and Mae something like a yugiah deck just don't get mae too many. He got 115 cards. I got 41 cards and I want a new gamecude and a game for it. Well see you. Have a nice year.
Your friend,
Joe

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year Santa? Santa when, where you born. Was you born in the north pole? Will you put lot's of toys in my stockings this year. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing. Santa, can I see your rain deer? Is it true you are real.
Santa, I will still leave you some milk and cookies. If you still don't leave me some presents.
My friend,
Dylan

Dear Santa,
How has Rudolph and all the other reindeer doing? How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Is your slay ready for Christmas eve. I will leave you some milk and cookies and a carrot for Rudolph.
I have been a very good boy this year. I got reward for helping my dad around the house. I cleaned my room, sweeped the floor, and cleaned my closet out. He took me to, a Allen Central basketball game. All I want for Christmas is a bible, Shrek 2 and a new PS2 game.
Your friend,
Dalton

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year? I bet you are getting ready Christmas eve. I will leave cookies and chocolate milk this year.
I like your praests they are very good. I hope you, bring me a lot of presents for me.
I do not that much for Christmas. I want a filp phone, spring board, and mat to go with the spring board.
Love,
Melanie

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? Hos is Mrs. Claus? HUavethe elves bech working hard? How cold is it at the north pole? I am going to leave cookies and milk, and Rudolph Calliots. I have been good. This is what I want for Cristmas, a remote control car and two games.
Your friend,
Nicholas

Dear Santa,
Are you coming to my house on Cristmas? Is Rudolphs nose glowing? I'm going to bake you some cookies at my house. I have been a good boy this year. All I want this year is a Play Station 2, Span Advance.
Your friend,
Justin

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? Is Rudolph acting up or all of the reindeer? Had only baby reindeer lately? What did you name them?
Me and my family is doing fine. My big brother is in the 8th grade know, I am in 3rd grade, know I go to school at Duff Elementary, know, My dad works at North Star mining still yet.
My mom works at Subway in Martin.
Our babysitters has two girls.
Love,
Kate Lynn



Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Jamie Henderson and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me plane, bike, DVD player and Huck Scooby doo movie for Christmas. Would you also bring my dad a cellphone. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Jamie Henderson

Dear Santa,
My name is Autumn Hall and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a bear, doll, and ball for Christmas. Would you also bring my family a present. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Autumn Hall

Dear Santa,
My name is Candi Mullins and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a bratzbed, a bratzdoll, and bratzcat for Christmas. Would you also bring my sisters some clothes and presents. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Candi

Dear Santa,
My name is Brett and I am 8

years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a plane, ship, and tape of GI Joe for Christmas. Would you also bring my family a present. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Brett Daniels

Dear Santa,
My name is Brandon Brown and I am 8 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me icemaker game, and toys for Christmas. Would you also bring me a toy gun. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Brandon

Dear Santa,
My name is Ethan and I am 7 years old. I attend the second

grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me santa dress, jeep and hot wheel cars for Christmas. Would you also bring Ryan a santa dress. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Ethan Spears

Dear Santa,
My name is Chris Cicchetti and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a bike, ship, and truck for Christmas. Would you also bring my family a present. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Chris

Dear Santa,
My name is Megan and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice's Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Yu-gi-oh cards, killer clowns, and killer clowns from outer space for Christmas. Would you also bring Chad a car. Santa I will leave you jsome Christmas cards under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Megan

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob Meade and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me cars, toy dirt

bikes, and clothes for Christmas. Would you also bring Dakota a Shrek 2 game. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Jacob Meade

Dear Santa,
My name is Morgan and I am 8 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a doll house and pack of peos and a copey mcin for Christmas. Would you also bring my dad a whole lot of books. Santa I will leave you some gifts under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Morgan Danielle Hall

Dear Santa,
My name is Donovan and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Vice City game, modle car and spiderman 2 movie game for Christmas. Would you also bring my sisters a jeep. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Donovan

Dear Santa,
My name is Darren T. and I am 8 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me some yo-yo for Christmas. Would you also bring Andrew a football. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Darren T.

Dear Santa,
My name is Ethan Johnson and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me gameboy S.R. X box, and a new bike for Christmas. Would you also bring my brother a new bike. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Ethan Johnson

Dear Santa,
My name is Abigail Linn Hall and I am 8 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Joy for Everyone in Kentucky and my family together for Christmas. Would you also bring my mom a cellphone. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Abigail Linn Hall

Dear Santa,
My name is Meghan Stewart and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me My Size Barbie, a Harry Potter and Hermine Time Turner for Christmas. Would you also bring a barbie doll, a bratz doll. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,

Meghan Stewart

Dear Santa,
My name is Christian Isaiah Allen. This will be my first Christmas at home with my family. I am one year old. I am too young to know what I want for Christmas but I know my parents will have a list of toys for me. My grandparents will get me lots of toys so you won't need to bring me very many this year. Santa, bring my mamaw's and papaw's good health this Christmas because they have been very sick. My sissy will leave you some milk and cookies near the fireplace. Have a safe Christmas and I love you Santa. Oh yea, Santa, bring my sissy and brothers some nice things for Christmas. They have been very good to me.
Love you Santa.
Christian Isaiah Allen
Son of Jeanice and Jerry Allen

Dear Santa,
My name is Maya Cotton and I am a second grader at Osborn Elementary. I have been a good girl this year. How are you doing in the North Pole? I would like you to bring me a new outfit and the stuff for a manicure. I would like some shoes to go with it and all that you can imagine. And one more thing, agiant bratz doll would be appreciated.
Love, your friend, Maya

Dear Santa,
My name is Daniel Hatfield and I go to school at Osborne Elementary. Would you please bring me a new bicycle, a boy necklace and a set of drums. I have been a good boy and I can't wait until Christmas.
Your friend,
Daniel

Dear Santa,
My name is Jonathan Henderson and I go to school at Osborne Elementary. I would like to have a new dirt bike and a new four-wheeler for Christmas. Could you please bring me a black dog to go coon-hunting with? Santa, I'll take whatever you bring me except a baby doll.
Your friend,
Jonathan

Dear Santa,
My name is Laken Little and I am in the second grade at Osborne Elementary. I've been a really good girl this year and I hope to see you on Christmas Eve. I would like to have a baby doll named Annabelle and a necklace with a heart that opens up so I can put B.J.'s picture in it. I hope everybody has a wonderful Christmas.
Love,
Laken

Dear Santa,
My name is Desiree. And I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a heart necklace for Christmas because I like jewelry. I will leave you some fruit by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Desiree

Dear Santa,
My name is Wesley Johnson. And I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a Play Station with a game for Christmas because I want to have fun. I will leave you some cookies and milk by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip

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Your friend,
Wesley

Dear Santa,
My name is Billy. And I have really tried to be nice this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus have had a good year. I would really like to have a C.D. player for Christmas because I like music. I will leave you some milk and cookies by my Christmas tree. Also, I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Billy

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is all my family to be together. Also I would like brat doll.
Thank you
Emily Conn

Dear Santa,
Christmas is special to me because it's Jesus's birthday. My family and I celebrate at Christmas two days before Christmas. We eat, open presents, play, and visit family. I love Christmas because it's also my birthday too. We get to celebrate my birthday. This is what I want for my birthday, cloths, toys, CD's, and my family. I really believe in you.
Hope you giv me what I want.
Stewart

Dear Santa,
I believe in you and Christmas. Christmas is the time of the year to spend time with your family. My family and I like Christmas because they all like to get gifts. Christmas is the holiday in December. Santa comes to your house to give you some toys under your tree. You could put your tree on Christmas eve. If you come to my house. Would you get me a barbie doll?
Rebecca Risner

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car, a new TV and a bell and a picher of the polar express and sponge bob TV and a Book that has all of my family in it. May I have a picher of you.
Kristin Chaffins

Dear Santa,
I want a My Scene doll that's in the bath tub. I also want a Spongebob TV, a playhouse, a remote control hummer with a Barbie doll inside, a tree house, a silver bell, a remote control convertible, a picture of the polar express, a harp, a baby sister, ice skates, a new sweater, a ball, a train set. That's what I want for Christmas.
P.S. I love you, Santa.
Sarah Hackworth

Dear Santa,
I want some rocket skates, the Polar Express movie and the book and a guitar, some drums and a new bike and a piano.
Hope Kinslow

Dear Santa,
I will like a Spongebob, T.V. and I will like a goodtrome and some baby clouse and a drums sute.
Martyna Wohner

Dear Santa,
I believe in you, your wife, and Christmas because Christmas is a special holiday cause it is Jesus' birthday. My family and I love Christmas because we believe in Jesus. Santa is the elves good helpers? What is the reindeer names? Do you love sending gifts? I love Christmas because I love presents and my family. My family loves Christmas. My friends love Christmas because they respect Chistmas.
Carey Ousley

Dear Santa,
I want a train set for Christmas. I also want my daddy to come home. I want a motorcycle and a toy from you Santa.
Your Buddy,
Michael Kohler

Dear Santa,
I want a new doll and a swing set for Christmas. My mom wants a new angel and my dad wants an eagle.
Love,
Sandra Tuttle

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until you come. Mrs. Hall needs some dry erase markers. I need some markers too. My mom needs a cat.
Love,
Megan Hall

Dear Santa,
I want a Bratz Doll for Christmas. I also want a bell from your reindeer. I hope you get here safe.
Your Friend,
Nikki Johnson

Dear Santa,
I hope that you bring me a Polar Bear that hugs you and you can feed it too.
Love,
Summer

Dear Santa,
Please bring Mrs. Hall some dry crase markers. Please bring me a Barbie Doll and a stuffed puppy dog and a new lunch box and a new crayon box too.
Your Friend,
Jonna Isaac

Dear Santa,
Santa, I want a play house for Christmas, so I can play in it. Will you get me some dishes to go with it? I hope you can.
Santa, I love you.
Love,
Adrianna Moore

Dear Santa,
I hope that you bring me a stuffed puppy. Please bring Mrs. Hall some dry erase markers.
Love,
Amber Ross

Dear Santa,
I want a Juice Box and a Miracle Baby doll for Christmas. I would like a Brite Doll and other toys. I hope you have a nice Christmas.
Love,
Makyla Vance

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and a toy. Please bring a toy for my turtle too.
Love,
Adrianna Kidd

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie Doll for Christmas. Please bring Mrs. Hall some dry erase markers.
Love,
Emily Mullins

Dear Santa,
Please bring some markers for Mrs. Hall and I want a big bike and I don't care what kind it is. I also want a soft dog.
Love,
Caitlin Branham

Dear Santa,
I want you to surprise me, and I hope that it will be a big surprise like a bike and a stuffed animal.
Love,
Katelynn Newsome

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a computer for Christmas. I also want a Barbie doll, a four wheeler and a dirt bike.
Love,
Mikayla Little

Dear Santa,
I don't want anything for Christmas, but you could bring my mom a ring.
Love,
Courtney Jennings

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Grand Theft Auto 3 and a Grand Theft Auto Vice City game for Christmas.
Love,
Braxton Hamilton

Dear Santa,
My name is MacKenzie Burke and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Jeanice Allen's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a fish, a stuff bear like I got a new pair of ery rings for Christmas. Would you also bring my family a seletion. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
MacKenzie Lashae Burke

Dear Santa,
My name is Deven Newsome and I am 8 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in

Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a football, a basketball, and a baseball cards for Christmas. Would you also bring Josh a XR100. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Deven

Dear Santa,
My name is Christin Mars and I am 8 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me computer, Bratz book, and a picture of family for Christmas. Would you also bring my two brothers a gift. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Christin

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody Chaffins and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me street bike, dirt bike and truck for Christmas. Would you also bring my sister a gift. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Cody

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeremiah Keens and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me nintendo 64, Gameboy and basketball for Christmas. Would you also bring Cody a gift. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Jeremiah

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Caldwell and I am 8 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me coal truck, wrestlers, and bicycle for Christmas. Would you also bring Mrs. Tackett a gift. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Williams and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring my family penguin puppet and a battery General Lee for Christmas. Would you also bring popey his family. Santa I will leave you some presents under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Tyler Williams

Dear Santa,
My name is Sarah Danielle Akers and I am 4 years old. I live in Wheelwright, KY. Santa I have been a very good girl this year. Please bring me a Dora dollhouse and furniture. I love Dora. Bring Josh a Game Boy Advance and a new basketball tape. If he has his own we will not have to argue over who gets to play first. Also, bring Bobby a new video, he always lets me watch his new tapes. Santa I will leave you something good to eat under the tree. I love you Santa and I love Rudolph too.
Your friend,

Dear Santa,
My name is Sarah Danielle Akers and I am 4 years old. I live in Wheelwright, KY. Santa I have been a very good girl this year. Please bring me a Dora dollhouse and furniture. I love Dora. Bring Josh a Game Boy Advance and a new basketball tape. If he has his own we will not have to argue over who gets to play first. Also, bring Bobby a new video, he always lets me watch his new tapes. Santa I will leave you something good to eat under the tree. I love you Santa and I love Rudolph too.
Your friend,

Sarah Akers
Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Short and I am 9 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a X box, and PS 2 for Christmas. Would you also bring Rose Marie a go-cart toy. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Tyler Shane

Dear Santa,
My name is Dylan Johnson and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me game cube, new bike and grand theft auto, san andrew for Christmas. Would you also bring dad a number 8 bat. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Dylan Johnson

Dear Santa,
My name is Gerel Jackson and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me football, a airport and a toy airplane for Christmas. Would you bring Timeka a watch. Santa I will leave you some gloves under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Gerel

Dear Santa,
My name is Sierra Hall and I am 8 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Care Bear baby doll and roller skates for Christmas. Would you also bring Zoe a baby dolls. Santa, I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Sierra

Dear Santa,
My name is Shiann Hall and I am 8 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Bratz doll, a gameboy, and a Bratz cat for Christmas. Would you also bring Kortney a stuffed animal. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Shiann

Dear Santa,
My name is Natasha Barrett and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Video New Power Wheels and Ring for Christmas. Would you also bring Robert his family. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Natasha Barrett

Dear Santa,
My name is Tommy Mosley and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Spyron Video now, and Grand Theft Auto game for Christmas. Would you

also bring Kayla a horsebook. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Tommy

Dear Santa,
My name is Amy Curry and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Bratz, limo, a doll house, and a Polly Pocket Car for Christmas. Would you also bring Maria a Porcelain doll. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Amy Curry

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan Brandon and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Grand Theft Auto vice city, Grand Theft Auto and Grand Theft Auto San Andreas for Christmas. Would you also bring Little Lonzie a mini motorcycle. Santa I will leave you some brownies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Isaiah

Dear Santa,
My name is Kerry and I am 8 years old. I attend Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Tackett's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Game, Bicycle and Blues for Christmas. Would you also bring Mama Papa a clock. Santa I will leave you some cookies under the tree. I love you, Santa.
Your friend,
Kerry

Dear Santa,
My name is Alex Tackett and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a penguin crash dummie and Harry Potter 3 for Christmas. Would you also bring Mamaw Hamilton a video collection. Santa I will leave you some 2 slimjims and Pepsi under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Alex B. Tackett

Dear Santa,
My name is Olivia Branham and I am 8 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a ring, go-cart and Barbies for Christmas. Would you also bring uncle Anthony a hundred dollars. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Olivia

Dear Santa,
My name is Dakota Bentley and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a Gameboy

game, VCR and a toy for Christmas. Would you also bring my mom a necklace. Santa I will leave you some presents under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Dakota

Dear Santa,
My name is Aleana Boudle and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a gameboy, games for it and a go-cart for Christmas. Would you also bring mom a Mickey Mouse doll. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.
Aleana

Dear Santa,
My name is Isaiah Tackett and I am 7 years old. I attend the second grade at Osborne Elementary School and I am in Mrs. Teresa Akers' room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Grand Theft Auto vice city, Grand Theft Auto and Grand Theft Auto San Andreas for Christmas. Would you also bring Little Lonzie a mini motorcycle. Santa I will leave you some brownies and milk under the tree. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Isaiah

Dear Santa,
My name is Anthony Johnson and I am 9 years old. I attend Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Tackett's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me hot wheels, remote car, and new clothes for Christmas. Would you also bring mommy some perfume. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you, Santa.
Your friend,
Anthony

Dear Santa,
My name is Jayla Little and I am 5 years old. I attend Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Tackett's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me Wiggles guitar, Wiggles game, and Wiggles toys for Christmas. Would you also bring mama and papa a nice gift. Santa I will leave you some cookies and pop under the tree. I love you, Santa.
Your friend,
Jayla

Dear Santa,
My name is Levi Bolen and I am 6 years old. I attend Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Tackett's room. Santa I have been very

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good this year. Please bring me dump truck, big car, and remote control car for Christmas. Would you also bring Bubby a car. Santa I will leave you some cookies and pop under the tree. I love you, Santa.

Your friend,
Levi

Dear Santa,
My name is Ronnie Thacker and I am 8 years old. I attend Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Tackett's room. Santa I have been very good this year. Please bring me a remote control monster truck, a remote control 4-wheeler, and a bicycle for Christmas. Would you also bring Sean David a remote control dump truck. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you, Santa.

Your friend,
Ronnie

Dear Santa,
My name is Cassie Hall. I attend Osborne Elementary School and I am in Ms. Tackett's room. Santa, I have been very good this year. Please bring me baby doll, bike, and clothes for Christmas. Would you also bring mommy a ring. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I love you Santa.

Your friend,
Cassie Hall

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a X-box, this year. Please, bring all the boys and girls something too.

Love always
Jordan Slone
Mrs. Walkers 1st grade

Dear Santa,
How is it going in the north pole? I want a dollhouse with dolls in it. I want a new dress and some high heels to go with it. I want a new suite.

Love,
Kionna Vance
Mrs. Walkers 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Does Rudolph still have a tummy ache? How are you? How are the other reindeer? I want every one to be happy. I want the Batman Batcave. I want the Batman book that tells all about Batman.

Love, Tanner Hall
Mrs. Walker's 1st grade

Dear Santa,
How is Ms. Claus? Are you doing? Is yours shinny? I want a X-box, a horse, some cats, and a horse.

Love, Grant Minix
Ms. Walker's 1st grade

Dear Santa,
How is it going at the North pole. A lot of work ha. Well, I want a pzz PS2 games for it.

Love,
Brandon Mullins
Mrs. Walker's 1st grade

Dear Santa,
How is the reindeer. You are my friend. I love you. How are you, Santa? You are cool.

Love, Cody C.
Ms. Walker's 1st grade

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing, Santa. Are the elves working hard? I want a Play Station game. It is dragonballz Bod Ki 3.

Merry Christmas
Love,
Dustin Blair
Mrs. Walker's 1st grade

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How are the elves? How is Miss Claus? I want a lamptop, a twin bed, and new Bible.

Love,
Kaleigh Kendrick
Ms. Walkers 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer cooperate. Is it cold up there? Are the elves working hard? I want a barbie doll for Christmas. I want a Play Station 2. I want a Gameboy and spandane w/folder.

Love,
Shelby Hitchcock

Mrs. Walker's 1st grade

Dear Santa,
How is it going in the North Pole? I've been a good girl all year. I want my Cristmas to be in Texas. I do not care if I get any presents. I jest want to be with my family.

Love,
Catherine Garza
Mrs. Walkers 1st grade

Dear Santa,
What is Mrs. Claus doing? How are the reindeer? I have been a little good, a little good and a little bad. Here's what I want for Christmas: a baby doll, clothes, a bike, jewelry and make-up. What have you been doing Santa? Tell rudolph I said Hi.

Love,
Courtnea Wireman
Mrs. Walkers 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a little bad. I still need a little bit of presents. Can I have a go-cart and a Bratdoll. I promise to be good next year if my sister does fight with me.

Your friend,
Hannah Little
Mrs. Walkers 1st grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are the elves doing good? This is what I want for Christmas: Crocodile Dentist, Can You Beat Ken Jennings? Who wants to be millionaire the grown-up edition and I think I've been good this year. And the other thing I want is to be with my family.

Sincerely,
Tate Greene
Mrs. Walkers 1st grade

Dear Santa,

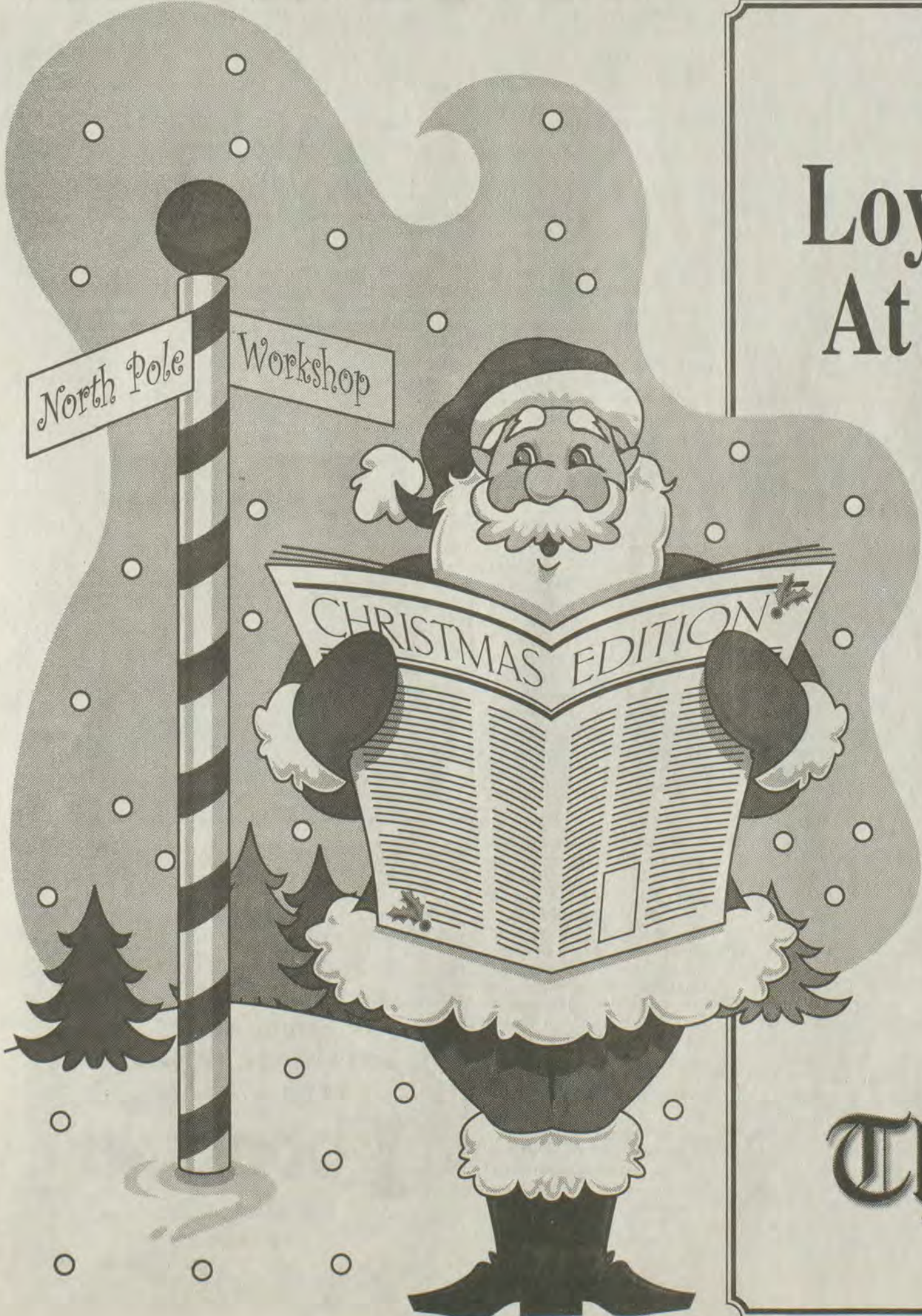
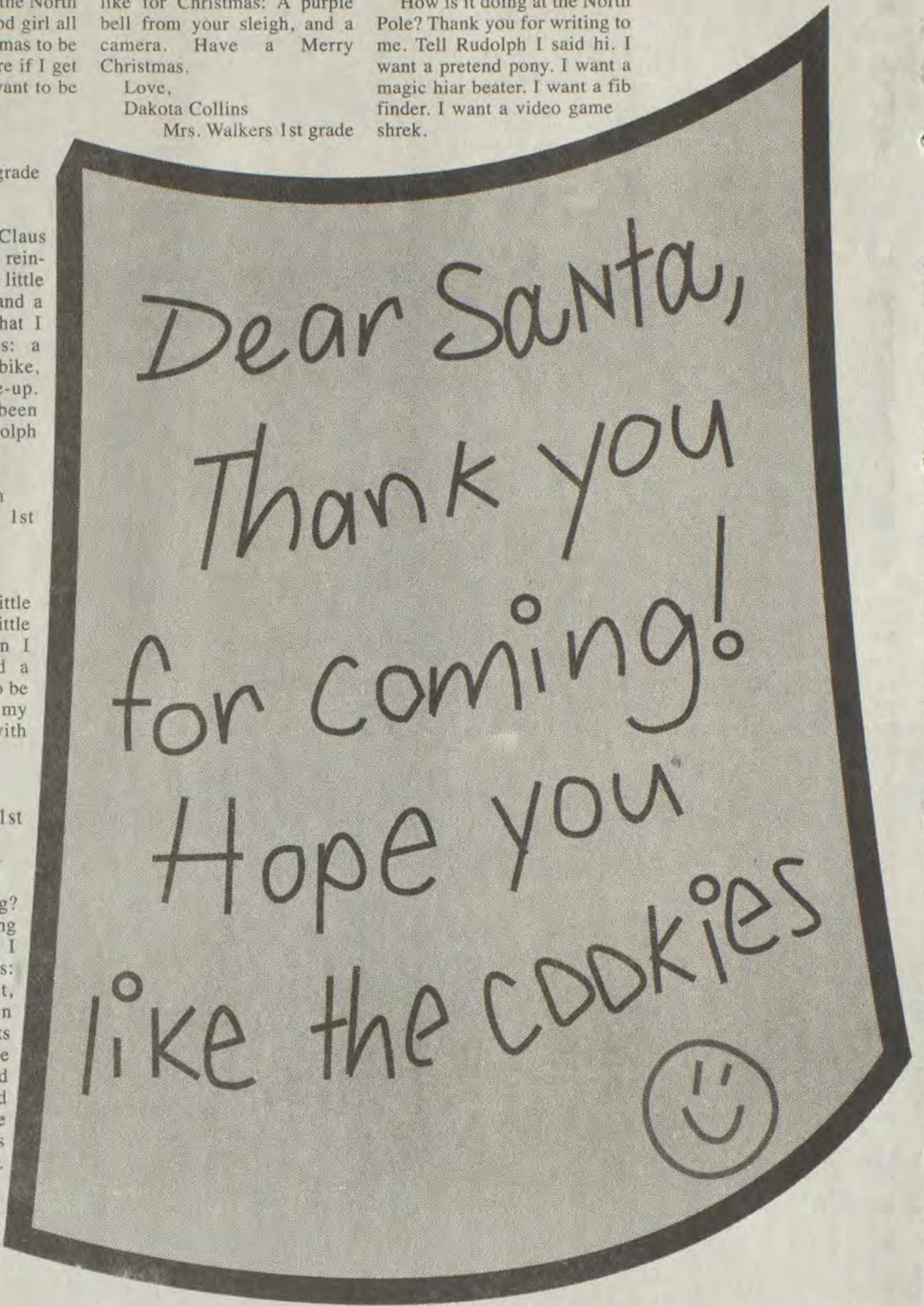
How is it at the North Pole? Are you working hard? Well, this is a few things I would like for Christmas: A purple bell from your sleigh, and a camera. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Dakota Collins
Mrs. Walkers 1st grade

Prestonsburg Elem.

Dear Santa,
How is it doing at the North Pole? Thank you for writing to me. Tell Rudolph I said hi. I want a pretend pony. I want a magic hiar beater. I want a fib finder. I want a video game shrek.

Love, Charity
Mrs. Walkers 1st Grade



To Our Loyal Readers At Christmas

As we wrap up another holiday edition, we'd like to deliver an extra measure of thanks and best wishes to all of you.

Here's hoping all your news is good news this season

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Santa's Little Angels



Leslie Maria Sha Slone
Born: December 14th, 2003
Daughter of Justin & Angeline Slone
Garrett, KY



Kevin Blake Shannon VanHoose
Born Nov. 30, 2004
Parents:
Jamie and Elliott VanHoose



Molly & Noelle Allen
Daughter of
Barron Allen



Shawna Marie Holbrook
Born: December 29, 1999
Parents: Eddie A. & Marie Martin-Holbrook
Grandparents: Priscilla (Pat) Owens, Alice Messer and late Edmund Holbrook
Great-grandparents: Molly & late Ralph Owens



Jordan Lee Mullins
Born: April 28, 2004
Grandparents: Donnie & Wilma Mullins
Hi Hat, KY



Isaac "Grant" Minix
Born: October 16, 1997
Parents: Isaac & Jamie (Ward) Minix
Grandparents: Pam Hazelett, Michael & Judy Ward, JB & Mildred Minix
Great-grandmother: Erma L. Ward



Michael "Walker" Minix
Born: October 12, 2004
Parents: Isaac and Jamie (Ward) Minix;
Grandparents: Pam Hazelett, Michael and Judy Ward, J.B. and Mildred Minix; Great-Grandmother: Erma L. Ward



James Anthony Owens
Born: January 26, 2004
Parents: Gail Foster and Tony Owens
Garrett, KY



Joshua Marcus Hall
13 months old
Son of
Josh and Candy Hall



Rebecca Joe Hall
Born: November 17, 2003
Parents: Stephanie Mullins & Billy Hall
Hi Hat, KY



Austin Zachary Dye
Born: September 20, 2000
Parents: Brandy Everage & Kent Dye
Eastern, KY



Lucas Ousley
Born: March 21, 2004
Parents: Gary & Jennifer Ousley
Grandparents: Earl D. & Nancy Ousley; Russell & Jeanette; James
Prestonsburg, KY



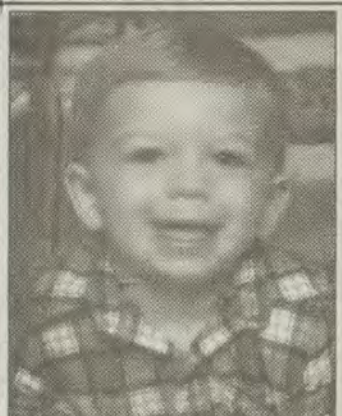
Rylee Jode Cook
Born: December 15, 2003
Parents: Leah and Robert Cook
Topmost, KY



Kayli Renea Caudill
Born: June 11, 2004
Parents: Chris and Tammy Salyersville, KY



Melana Grace Cole
Born: August 5, 2004
Parents: Jami & Steve Cole
Grandparents: Jim & Gail Campbell
Carl & Ocie Cole
Prestonsburg, KY



Logan Cody Spurlock
Born: April 13, 2003
Parents: Kevin & Misty Spurlock
Lexington, KY



James Christopher Adams
Born: June 22, 2004
Parents: James K. & Kim Adams
Prestonsburg, KY



Jayden Dean Barela
Born: January 5, 2004
Grandparents: Bob & Annise Sword
Wheelwright, KY



Addison MaKayla Akers
Born: July 2, 2004
Parents: Adam & Heather Akers
Dana, KY



Hannah Grace Collett
Born: October 27, 2003
Parents: Edgar & Amanda Collett
Garrett, KY



Madison Grace Little
Born: June 22, 2004
Parents: Sherry & Derek Little
Wheelwright, KY



Jonah Wendell Matthew Porter
Born: October 23, 2003
Grandparents: Dennie & Joyce Blackburn
Hippo, KY



Ashlee Maree Bellamy
Born: September 17, 2004
Scot & Jennifer Bellamy
Hueysville, KY



Tia Elizabeth Newsome
Born: September 24, 2004
Parents: Chris & Tessa Newsome
Grandparents: Tim & Roma Newsome
Larry & Janie Roach
Harold, KY



Hannah Corrine Boyd
Born: August 9, 2002
Parents: Adam & Elizabeth Boyd
Grandparents: Wade & Katie Boyd
Ronald & Margie Tackett
Harold, KY



Michael L. Shepherd II
Born: January 20, 2000
Great-nephew of
Patricia Bentley Shepherd
Hippo, KY



Christian Isaiah Allen
Born: November 24, 2003
Son of Jeanice and Jerry Allen
Bypro, KY



Laia Megan Elizabeth Bryant
Born: July 15, 2003
Grandparents: Larry & Carolyn Bryant
Wheelwright, KY



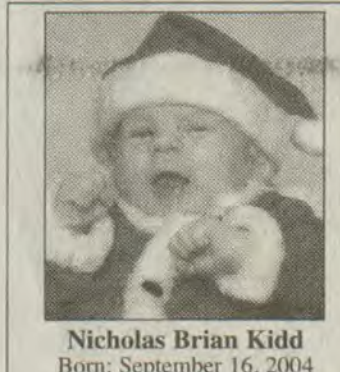
Conner James Hall
Born: September 2, 2003
Parents: Jason and Leslie Hall
Grandparents: Tex & Mona Mitchell, Leonard & Bulavene Brye Hall
Harold, KY



Jaxson Blaize Goble
Born: May 19, 2004
Grandparents: Carole & Butch Bentley
Wayland, KY



Trey D. Moore
Born: June 20, 1999
and Dylan T. Moore
Born: March 25, 2004
Parents: Bradley and Crystal Moore
Bevinsville, KY



Nicholas Brian Kidd
Born: September 16, 2004
Parents: Brian & Brandy Kidd
Grandparents: Sheriffe & Vicky Wells
Teresa Kidd, Willard & Cindy Kidd
Great-grandparents: Bonnie & late Bob Pelphrey
William "Jr." Wells



Tiffany Joyce Hughes
Born: February 16, 1994
Brittany Nikkole Hughes
Born: September 1, 1995
Libby Ann Hughes
Born: February 1, 2002
Parents: William & Jennie Hughes
Printer, Kentucky
Grandparents: Bill & Margie Hughes
Garrett, Kentucky
Barbara & Abel Parsons
Eastern, Kentucky



Kaden Isaac Conn
Born: May 12, 2003
Parents: Tony & Jessica Conn
Martin, KY



Tyler Damion Francis
Born: September 11, 2002
Parents: Brian & Lana Francis
Grandparents: Sterling & Bethel Francis
Leslie & Brenda Cox
Allen, KY



Kylie Jade Tackett
Born: August 7, 2004
Parents: Kayla & Kevin Tackett
Hi Hat, KY



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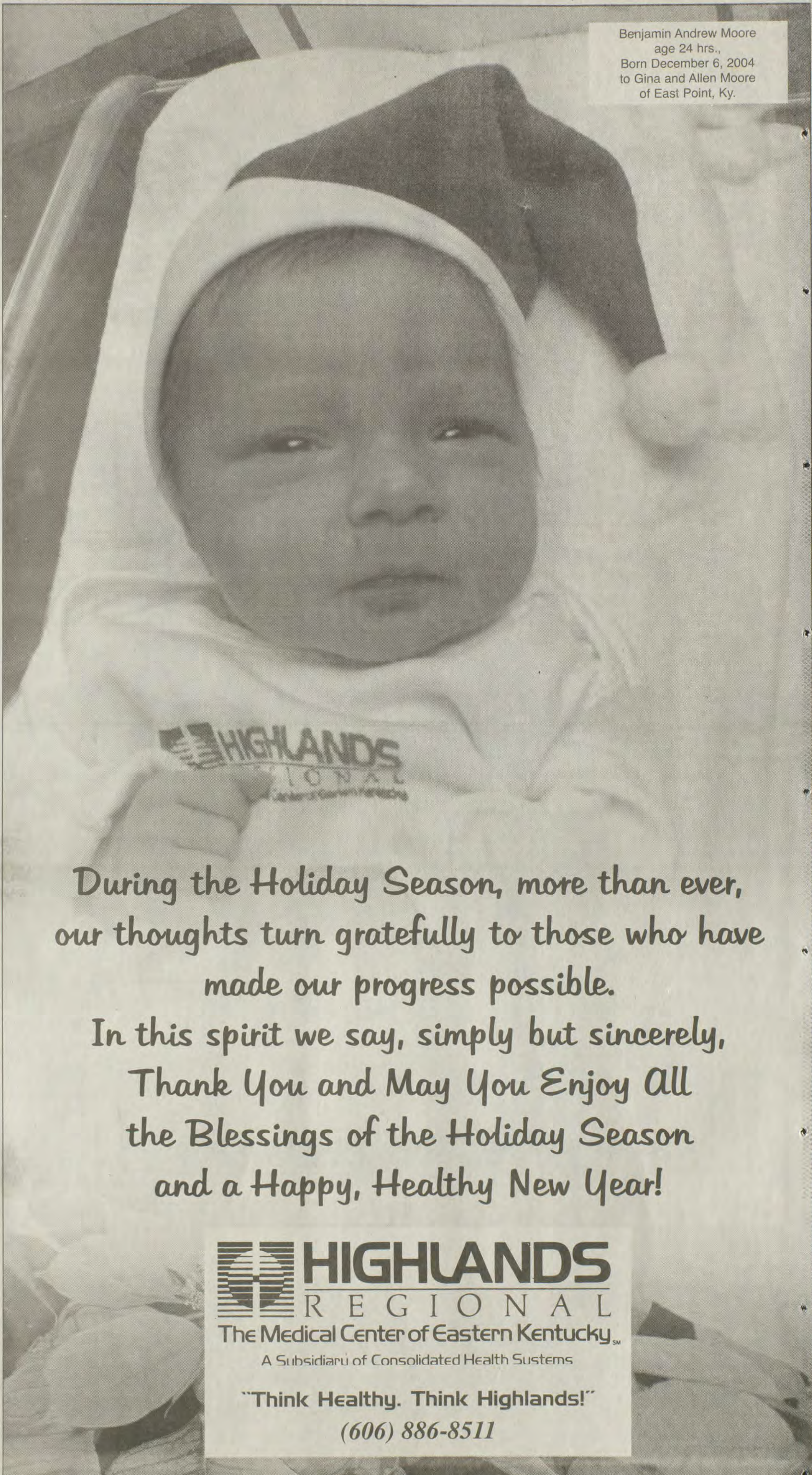


Ronnie "Dylan" Mosley
Born: March 24, 2004
Parents: Traci & Ronnie Mosley
Martin, KY



Kyle Steven Sturgill
20 mo. old 2004
*Merry Christmas.
May God bless you.
Happy Birthday, Jesus.*

Benjamin Andrew Moore
age 24 hrs.,
Born December 6, 2004
to Gina and Allen Moore
of East Point, Ky.



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*During the Holiday Season, more than ever,
our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have
made our progress possible.*

*In this spirit we say, simply but sincerely,
Thank You and May You Enjoy All
the Blessings of the Holiday Season
and a Happy, Healthy New Year!*

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