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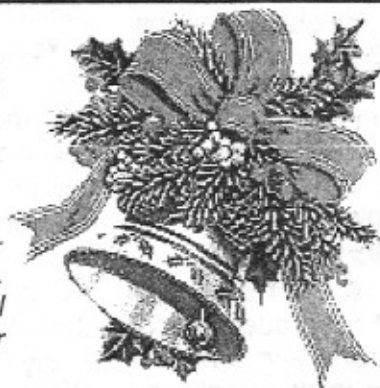
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Merry Christmas from the Daily Edition

The staff of the Daily Edition would like to express our sincere hope for you and your family this Christmas Season. May you enjoy charity, hope and peace during this special holiday season and remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. Merry Christmas Everyone!



Wonderworks stirs imagination of LCES

(see LCES pg. 8)



Students at LCES got to go to Wonderworks in Pigeon Forge this past week just before getting out for Christmas Break.

The Night Before Christmas

A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

Henry Livingston, 1808

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

(see Poem pg. 4)

Verse of the day

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keep-

ing watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of

Toys for Tots a Huge Success



Susan Harrison (center) spearheaded this year's program and worked so many hours she didn't get to set her tree up till the Monday after. Susan's daughter Ashley Shudan (left) helps make Christmas better for another Loudon County family. (More photos inside)

Dunbar Public School in Loudon added to National Register of Historic Places

(see Historic pg. 3)

The Tennessee Historical Commission has announced six Tennessee sites have been added to the National

great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:7-14

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Historic

Register of Historic Places. The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. It is part of a nationwide program that coordinates and supports efforts to identify, evaluate and protect historic resources. The Ten-

nessee Historical Commission administers the program in Tennessee.

Dunbar Public School located in a residential neighborhood southeast of Loudon's courthouse square at 113 Steekee Street was added to the Registry. The circa 1923 school building was constructed in Loudon

(Loudon County) with money from the Julius Rosenwald Fund. Rosenwald, a Sears Roebuck president, set up the fund to help construct schools for African-Americans. This one-story frame school is an adaptation of the Rosenwald Plan #20 designed for two teachers. Dunbar Public School served as the community's only African-Ameri-

can school from the time it was built until the Civil Rights era in the late 20th century. The building was frequently used as a community center, hosting a variety of events. According to local sources, the use of the school building for community functions was one reason the St. Peter Masonic Lodge

bought the building after the school closed in 1965.

Other sites added include the A.R. Brown House in Erwin (Unicoi County), Beech Grove, located outside Nashville (Davidson County), Knickerbocker Apartments in Memphis (Shelby County), the Pippin Roller Coaster in Memphis (Shelby County), and the Robertson Family Farm near Whiteville (Hardeman County).

For more information about the National Register of Historic Places or the Tennessee Historical Commission, please visit the Web site at www.tdec.net/hist.

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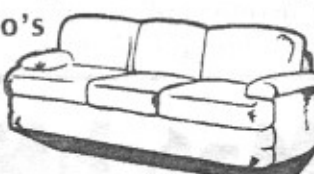
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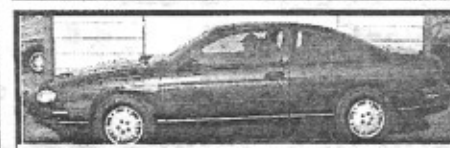
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Poem: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Not a creature was stir-
ring, not even a mouse;

The stockings were
hung by the chimney
with care,

In hopes that St. Nich-
olas soon would be there

The children were
nestled all snug in their
beds,

While visions of sugar-
plums danced in their
heads;

And mamma in her
'kerchief, and I in my
cap,

Had just settled down
for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn
there arose such a clat-
ter,

I sprang from the bed to
see what was the matter.

Away to the window I
flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters
and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast
of the new-fallen snow

Gave the lustre of mid-
day to objects below,

When, what to my
wondering eyes should
appear,

But a miniature sleigh,
and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver,
so lively and quick,

I knew in a moment it
must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles
his coursers they came,

And he whistled, and
shouted, and called them
by name;

"Now! Dasher, now!
Dancer, now! Prancer,
and Vixen!"

On! Comet, on! Cupid,
on! Dunder and Blixem!

To the top of the porch!
to the top of the wall!

Now dash away! dash

away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that be-
fore the wild hurricane
fly,

When they meet with
an obstacle, mount to
the sky,

So up to the house-top
the coursers they flew,

With the sleigh full of
toys, and St. Nicholas
too.

And then, in a twin-
kling, I heard on the
roof

The prancing and paw-
ing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my
hand, and was turning
around,

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Nicholas came with a
bound.

He was dressed all in
fur, from his head to his
foot,

And his clothes were
all tarnished with ashes
and soot;

A bundle of toys he had
flung on his back,

And he looked like a
peddler just opening his
pack.

His eyes -- how they
twinkled! his dimples
how merry!

His cheeks were like
roses, his nose like a
cherry!

His droll little mouth
was drawn up like a
bow,

And the beard of his
chin was as white as the
snow;

The stump of a pipe he
held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke it en-
circled his head like a
wreath;

He had a broad face

and a little round belly,
That shook, when he
laughed like a bowlful
of jelly.

He was chubby and
plump, a right jolly old
elf,

And I laughed when
I saw him, in spite of
myself;

A wink of his eye and a
twist of his head,

Soon gave me to know I
had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word,
but went straight to his
work,

And filled all the stock-
ings; then turned with

a jerk,
And laying his finger
aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up
the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh,
to his team gave a whis-
tle,

And away they all
flew like the down of a
thistle.

But I heard him ex-
claim, ere he drove out
of sight,

"Happy Christmas to
all, and to all a good-
night!"

The End

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LCES

by Mike L.

Now, I have taken field trips before. I have been on trips with students for football ball games. I have been on trips for basketball playoffs. I have been to Safety City and I have been to all manner of play, presentation and recital. I have never, however, been to the facility called Wonderworks in Pigeon Forge until recently and I couldn't have picked a finer host to tag along with but LCES.

The 5th grade class made the trip the day before the Christmas holidays and the ex-

perience definitely didn't disappoint. From being greeted in the parking lot by a young lady with a distinctively British accent and walking through a tunnel that made me feel like I really needed to throw up, to watching 9 and 10 year olds explore all the workings of the attractions, Wonderworks had it all. Anti-gravity, no problem. Aging machines, no problem. Virtual 3-D roller coasters, no problem. Earthquake and Hurricane machines, baseball pitching machines, rock-wall climbing, drag racing simulators, all manner of hands-on science

experiments, upside down 360° inversion machines, works of art that would seriously mess with you head, NO PROBLEM!

I'm telling you folks, this place had almost everything you could want to stimulate and excite a child's mind.

I have to admit that I had a pretty good time as well.

One of my favorites was a live demonstration that you could do to feel what the people of the Titanic ocean liner survivors went through in the water on that fateful night. I have to tell you, that water was COLD!!

After a few hours of exploring all the facility had to offer, the 5th

grade settled into the "Hoot-N-Holler" for a well deserved lunch and then the return trip to LCES.

I would like to thank Mrs. Rogers class for letting me go on this adventure with them. I had a blast and think the kids did, too.

I would also like to thank the staff of Wonderworks for providing us with such

an enjoyable experience.

Note from the writer: Courtney, thank for the conversation the whole trip, and I think Jake "likes" you. Thank you to the drivers who courteously and safely delivered us there and back on the trip.

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Fishing with Gus

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the lake,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a drake.

The poles were out, tightened with care,

In hopes that a cat-fish soon would be there.

And John in his chair and I on the bow,

Both hoping for a cat-fish as big as a cow.

When out on the water there arose such a clatter,

We both jumped up to see what was the matter.

Away to the poles we

flew in a flash,
I reached for the lights on the dash.

The moon on the water gave a good glow,

The line started to peel, man watch it go!

John picked up the rod and gave it a hard jerk,

The pole bent double and I went to work.

Shinning the light

hoping for a glance,
Then there it was, I don't think we have a chance.

It was chubby and plump from whisker to tail,

I am not sure if it's going to fit on our scale.

I think it could be a world record at best,

Maybe a sponsorship with our name on our vest.

The flopping and splashing of tail and

fin,
Then one final splash it was off again,

Then all of the sudden the line went slack,

Oh my God, John fell on his back!

That's the last we saw as it went out of sight,

I looked at John and said, "Well, there's always tomorrow night!"

Merry Christmas!

-Gus



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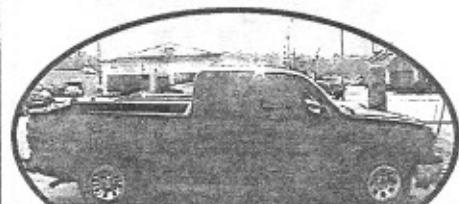
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