

# Steve's Report

Much of the work I do is mental, designing ads and laying out the pages for the newspaper. I get a lot of satisfaction from my work. There is something wonderful about the creative process - transforming an idea into something visual - it satisfies the need for artistic expression.

Life needs balance, however, and after a few days of mental exertion, the old brain starts feeling worn out, making it even harder to come up with new ideas. When I reach that point, I find that the best remedy is a good dose of manual labor.

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believe it, consider this: you need 4,437" pieces of wood, 16,354" pieces, and 44,903" pieces. Next, figure out how many 94" lengths of lumber, and after a few days of mental exertion, the old brain starts feeling worn out, making it even harder to come up with new ideas. When I reach that point, I find that the best remedy is a good dose of manual labor.

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that I would begin to day-dream about the holiday.

First, I thought about my son, Sam, returning home from his two-year mission to Japan on Dec. 22. That reminded me of my daughter, Katie, who is serving her mission in Thailand and will be home for Christmas this year. That reminded me of my own mission to Germany, nearly 30 years ago, and my own first Christmas away from home.

Mom and Dad wrote and asked what I wanted them to do for me for Christmas. Postage was expensive - and as a missionary, my focus needed to be on serving others and helping them to become personal witnesses of Christ. With that in mind, I wrote back and told them what I wanted for Christmas - for me to be able to send my family a personal letter.

My father wrote about

how the Mormon missionaries had visited his parents' home when he was 17, eventually baptizing the entire family. He explained how everything they taught him about the gospel - or that he learned through personal scripture study - simply made sense to him. It fit together logically.

Now, I should tell you that my father is an engineer. He has spent most of his adult life designing logical circuits for microchips. It was only natural for him to apply the same kind of logic to religion: "If it makes sense and it works, then there is no need to question it." So for the next 25 years, Dad continued to attend church faithfully - simply under the assumption it was true - accepting it without question.

Then one evening shortly before Christmas, Dad was out shoveling snow from the

driveway - and like me, he had visited his parents' home as he worked. Looking up into the starry sky, he began to consider what it must have been like for those shepherds - with the angels appearing to announce the birth of Jesus, and what that really means for us today.

That's when it happened. Spirit spoke to spirit and suddenly "Dad understood. His heart was filled with love, happiness, and especially with peace."

As I finished my own work that evening and stepped into the peaceful, wintry night to head back home, memories of my father's experience called to mind the words of one of my favorite Christmas carols, "I Wonder as I Wander:

...to have a wonderful, wonder-filled Christmas.

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# Nicholas County Opinion Poll

This week's question: Do you think the local economy will be stronger this Christmas Season than it was last year?



Kathy Livingood  
"It will probably be weaker. A lot of people are being laid off from work."



Peggy Gilkerson  
"I think it will be a little weaker. A lot of folks will be going out of town for shopping."



Jordan Stewart  
"I don't know. I just hope everyone has a very merry Christmas!"



Kathy Murrell  
"The economy is weaker and people seem to be a little more afraid of spending money they think they should be saving."

# Public Notice

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# HONORS

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because we were exposed, I just stepped on the gas and floored it. I didn't realize I was being pulled over."

Trussell said he deeply appreciated the friendship and trust he experienced while in Iraq and praised the dedication of all the soldiers of Battery B.

"If I had to pick someone to go on a mission with I would have picked Sgt. Peck," he said. "We were very close and he helped me the day that I was wounded."

Trussell said he was torn about the situation in Iraq while still adjusting to the "culture shock" upon returning to Kentucky.

"Sometimes if I see something in the red or blue on the edge, for a split second I think it might be an improvised explosive device, but then I realize that I'm back home. I enjoy every day and I think I get more enjoyment out of the little things in life and I enjoy life in general more."

# Whooping cough and chicken pox documented at school

By Charles Mattox  
Staff Reporter  
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An active case of whooping cough and a separate case of chicken pox have been diagnosed at Nicholas County Schools. Although the both are considered highly contagious, a vast majority of students at the school have been immunized against the disease as prescribed by law. Parents should not that the immunization weakens as the child grows older.

The case involved a high school student, who has undergone prescribed antibiotic treatment for five days, according to school officials.

The "whooping cough" bacteria are an airborne virus most frequently passed from one child to another through sneezes, coughs or inhaling the virus.

If you believe your child has come into contact with the whooping cough virus and exhibits any symptoms you are encouraged to seek medical help immediately.

Symptoms for whooping cough include, runny nose, sneezing, mild cough and a low fever.

Nine students at Frankfort High School have confirmed cases of whooping cough, according to published articles last week. Those who came into contact with those students are now being treated and monitored. One case has also been reported at Shiloh Johnson Elementary in Madison County.

Health officials say they think high school students are getting whooping cough because of the way a new vaccine is administered.

The cabinet for Health and Family Services says there are 60 confirmed or probable cases of whooping cough.

12 of those are in central Kentucky. The illness is categorized by a cough so violent, it sometimes makes people throw up.

Since October, 62 confirmed cases of whooping cough have been documented in school children in the state, and 12 of those have been reported in central Kentucky.

"The hardest hit counties in the state are Bullitt and Hardin counties in the Louisville area, with 29 confirmed cases since October.

Younger children don't always cover their mouths when they cough, so the bacteria is spread through respiratory droplets.

Whooping cough is similar a regular cold cough, but gets worse from one to two weeks. It frequently develops into a long series of coughs, followed by a whooping noise. The cough is often worse at night.

Regular cough medicines usually don't work to fight whooping cough.



Photo submitted

# Golden wedding anniversary

Therashy and Betty Markland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec 6, 2008. Their wedding was married on this day in 1958. They celebrated this wonderful day with family and friends.

# Having an event?

Get the word out!  
Contact Melissa to get it on the Calendar of Events  
The Carlisle Mercury 288-6425

# Nicholas County Schools Menu

Menu subject to change  
Fresh Fruit and Carried Fruit Available Daily

Monday, December 15	Breakfast: Cakes Choice Lunch: Cheese Stix w/Sauce, Corn, Carrots w/ Dip, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday, December 16	Breakfast: Sausage Egg Biscuit Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup or Potato Soup, Pimento Cheese or PB Sandwich, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday, December 17	Breakfast: Cakes Choice Lunch: Cakes Choice
Thursday, December 18	Breakfast: Bacon egg, Cheese Biscuit Lunch: Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk, Bread
Friday, December 19	Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Corn Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Fruit, Milk

# HAIR

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also noted on the citation, which was witnessed by Layne, Kaskaden and Sneed, that a minor gave a positive identification of Hair from a photo pack lineup."

Hair was charged with unlawful transaction with a minor, first degree, and disorderly conduct.

Hair was taken to the Montgomery County Jail where he remains lodged pending the posting of a \$5,000 cash bond.

A public defender has been appointed to defend Hair in future court appearances.

As part of his bond restrictions, Judge Delaney ordered Hair to stay out of Nicholas County at all times except for court appearances and he is to have no contact with the individuals involved in his case.

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# Most Week's Solution

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