

The perfect stocking stuffer for Christmas

Each Christmas, the hustle and bustle of finding the right gift, getting them wrapped, delivering them to the right people or hiding them from prying eyes amplifies. One of the Christmas time tasks is to find a small, affordable and useful gift for a stocking stuffer.

A hunting or fishing license is easily purchased and fits perfectly into a stocking for a family member who likes to hunt or fish.

Unlike a tie, socks, gloves or a scarf, this is something they would purchase for themselves. These licenses provide a tremendous bang for the buck. A fishing license is good for 365 days a year and a hunting license may be used during any open hunting season. The price per day for a fishing license is just under a nickel and a combination hunting and fishing license costs just over six cents a day. For those over 65, the daily cost for all fishing and hunting opportunities is barely over a penny per day.

There are many different options for buying a license. Those on your shopping list who turkey hunt, deer hunt, waterfowl hunt, fish, dove hunt and rabbit hunt may be best served by the sportsman's license. This license includes all licenses and permits, except the federal waterfowl stamp, bonus deer and WMA user permits for hunting and fishing in Kentucky. A combination hunting and fishing license saves considerable money, more than \$35, opposed to being purchased separately.

Licenses are available at most county clerk offices throughout Kentucky. Stores that specialize in sporting goods or a department store that has a sporting goods section can sell licenses. Tackle and bait shops usually sell licenses.

You can also buy licenses without ever leaving your home.

You may log on to fwky.gov and purchase all your licenses on-line with a credit card. Or, you may pick up the phone and call (877) 598-2401 and use your credit card to buy Kentucky licenses through Bass Pro Shops.

While thinking of all of those gift licenses to buy for Christmas, don't forget to buy one for yourself. The license year runs from March 1 through February 28 and the spring fishing season will be here before you know it.

Local student attends WKU Super Saturday

More than 550 first-through sixth-graders participated in Fall Super Saturdays sponsored by The Center for Gifted Studies at Western Kentucky University.

The 43 hands-on, minds-on enrichment classes encouraged children to explore their interests in a challenging, yet nurturing environment. Children from 45 school districts in Kentucky and Tennessee (plus six private schools, two Catholic dioceses and home schools) attended the two-hour classes for five Saturdays in October and November. Hundreds of parents attended the Parent Seminars to learn more about the needs of their children.

Participants from Rockcastle County included Megan Martin of Mt. Vernon, a student at Mt. Vernon Elementary School whose parents are Grant and April Martin.

Winter Super Saturdays will be Jan. 31-Feb. 28. For information, contact The Center for Gifted Studies at (270) 745-6323, by email at gifted@wku.edu or visit the Center's webpage at www.wku.edu/gifted



Betsy Lou York, Kenton Valley entertainer and WKU personality, read "The Night Before Christmas" at the December PTA meeting at Broadhead Elementary. The students led a sing-along of Christmas carols and hot chocolate was served. Santa Claus (Pete Stumper) came by to greet the kids and hand out candy canes.



Best Wishes from the Signal Staff

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Temperatures above normal in November

November 2003 saw both the National Weather Service Office near Jackson and the London Corbin Airport end up with temperatures over three degrees above normal. In fact, Jackson was over four degrees above normal and also established the warmest November temperature ever recorded since the Weather Office opened in 1981. Even though Jackson saw a very warm November, it only ranked 6th on the warmest November list, well behind November 2001. London and Jackson got back on track with normal precipitation. Jackson has seen wetter than normal conditions six out of the last eight months, while London has only been drier than normal one month since April. From April 1st through November 30th, Jackson is 6.28 inches wetter than normal, while London is an incredible 17.52 inches above normal.

The National Weather Service Office near Jackson ended November 2003 with average temperature of 51.8 degrees, which is 4.1 degrees above normal. The average daily high was 61.1 degrees, and the average daily low was 42.5 degrees. The highest temperature for November 2003 was 82 degrees, which occurred on the 4th and is also the warmest November temperature on record. The lowest temperature from last month was 24 degrees which happened on the 25th. Daily record high temperatures were also recorded on the 2nd and 3rd with readings of 81 degrees on both days. Three Maximum low temperature records were also set in November 2003 on the 4th, 5th and 18th, with readings of 58, 61 and 57 degrees, respectively. No record low temperatures were set or tied at Jackson.

At the London-Corbin Airport, the average temperature for November 2003 was 50.4 degrees, which was 3.5 degrees above normal. The average daily high was 61.4 degrees, and the average daily low was 39.3 degrees. The highest temperature for

the month was 80 degrees, which happened on the 2nd and 4th. The lowest temperature was 22 degrees and occurred on the 25th. No high or low temperature records were set or tied at London last month. Although there were two maximum low temperature records established, with readings of 54 degrees on the 12th, and 56 degrees on the 18th.

The Jackson Weather office received 3.49 inches of precipitation in November 2003, which is 1.29 inches above normal. There were 14 days when a trace or more of precipitation fell, and 4 days when at least one half inch of rain was recorded. There was one day when more than one inch of rain fell. That day was with 5th of November, with 1.56 inches of rain fell, which established a new daily precipitation record for that day.

Through November 30th, Jackson has received 51.22 inches of precipitation for the year, which is already above the annual normal. Jackson typically receives 49.38 inches per year. The first measurable snow occurred at Jackson last month, when 0.3 inches of snow fell at the Jackson Weather Office.

The London Corbin Airport recorded 4.87 inches of precipitation in November 2003, which is 0.97 inches above normal. There were 13 days when a trace or more of precipitation fell. There were 11 days when a hundredth of an inch or more of rain was recorded, and 9 days when a tenth of an inch or more fell. There were 4 days when at least one half inch of rain was recorded and one day when more than one inch of rain fell. The greatest daily amount was 1.14 inches, which occurred on the 5th. No precipitation records were set or tied at London last month.

Weather records at the National Weather Service near Jackson, KY date back to January 1st, 1981, while records for the London Corbin airport began on the 11th of November, 1954.

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