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### briefs

#### Pike County store owner killed during robbery

A Pike County store owner was shot and killed during a robbery at Thompson's Grocery in Raccoon Wednesday, police said.

According to reports from Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville, that office received a call of a shooting that had taken place at the grocery store at 7:02 p.m. Wednesday.

The shots reported to police came after an unidentified perpetrator, armed with a gun, had attempted to rob the store, police said.

Charles Thompson, the 55-year-old owner of the store became involved in an altercation with the alleged suspect during the course of the robbery attempt.

He was shot during the struggle, police said, and his assailant fled the scene shortly afterwards.

There were no reports on whether or not any money or other goods were taken from the store.

Thompson was pronounced dead at the scene at 8 p.m. by Pike County Coroner Charles Morris. The incident is still under investigation by the Kentucky State Police.

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Construction workers spent Wednesday afternoon paving the northern entrance to Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. photo by Sheldon Compton

## Kidd to be tried on sex charges December 11

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

The trial of a Louisa man accused of multiple sexual abuse charges will take place next month, Floyd County Circuit Judge John David Caudill said Wednesday.

F.B. Kidd, 58, who was indicted in 1998 on 17 sexual abuse offenses will face his fate before a jury of his peers on December 11.

Kidd was arrested on February 13, 1997, by Kentucky State Police Trooper Bobby Johnson for those offenses, which allegedly occurred during the 1960s and 1970s against

an underage juvenile.

Officials with the commonwealth's attorney's office previously confirmed that the charges against Kidd were filed by a woman who alleged he sexually abused her on multiple occasions throughout her childhood.

He was released from the Floyd County Detention Center on a property bond nearly two weeks following his arrest, and has since been awaiting trial, which has been postponed on several occasions for various reasons, according to court records.

A Floyd County grand jury indicted Kidd for the 17 offenses in October 1998.

Five of those counts alleged the rape of a child under 12 between 1969 and 1974.

He was also indicted on that day for one count of rape of a female over 12 for events which allegedly took place in 1974, one count of second-degree rape which allegedly occurred in 1975, one count of second-degree sodomy which allegedly occurred in 1975, one count of second-degree sexual abuse which allegedly occurred in 1975, and eight

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## Judge offers medical advice, then accepts guilty plea

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

A guilty plea from a Floyd County man charged with two counts of first- and second-degree complicity to commit trafficking of controlled substances was not enough.

Circuit Judge John David Caudill also ordered him to stop taking his prescribed narcotics or to change doctors before his next court appearance.

During a hearing on those charges in Floyd County Circuit Court on Wednesday, Ronnie Hall, 38, agreed

to do so.

During routine questioning before Hall entered his guilty plea, Caudill asked him if he was currently under the influence of any drugs or alcohol that may prevent him from understanding court procedures.

Hall then remarked that an injury which occurred while he was working in the mines left him with severe back pain. Hall said his doctor prescribed him two prescription medicines for that and other ailments, one of which was the narcotic Zolar to ease the pain in his back.

In light of the charges against

Hall, Caudill pointed out that he, too, had back injuries and suggested that Hall find another remedy to ease his pain.

"I have two bulging discs that I know of ..." said Caudill, "and I don't even take an aspirin for my pain. In light of what you're charged with, I suggest you grin and bear it as well."

Caudill told Hall, who is scheduled for sentencing on December 28, that he had more than a month to ask his doctor to place him on a non-nar-

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## Greathouse is first candidate for PVA

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

In Floyd County, five people are currently eligible to run for property valuation administrator.

Current PVA Connie Hancock is automatically eligible to seek another term, and four others — Michael Vance, Debra McKinney, Glenn May II and Jerome Christopher Greathouse — have passed a qualifying exam allowing them to run.

On Wednesday, the first of those five made his candidacy official.

Greathouse — son of another Jerome Greathouse who made an unsuccessful bid for commissioner in 1998 — became the first person to file for the office of PVA. The Auxier resident filed as a Democrat.

Greathouse is an employee of The Floyd County Times, working in the advertising department.

Other than Greathouse's filing, no other candidates in any race filed papers on Wednesday. Five others filed on Monday and Tuesday, as reported in Wednesday's Floyd County Times.



With Thanksgiving turkey just behind us, Prestonsburg city streets are lined with the colors of Christmas.

photo by Mary Music

## Nude club appears unlikely

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

Reports have indicated that Giovanni Maynard, the man who challenged the Prestonsburg City Council with a proposed "gentlemen's club," has decided to withdraw his plans to bring City Light's Gentlemen's Club to Prestonsburg.

Although Maynard could not be reached for confirmation on this decision, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin said Wednesday that Maynard had changed his mind, with some help from a clause existing in the building owner's lease agreement.

"I think the people who actually owns the building had a clause in their lease that said you could not put anything that was that type of facility in there," said Fannin. "It was sort of a moral clause. He has changed his mind ... I think he got the feeling from the community that we didn't want anything like that."

Maynard caused a bit of a panic among city leaders after first inquiring about opening an adult entertainment establishment within city limits. Following his request, the city council hurriedly passed an ordinance banning nude dancing at establishments which serve alcohol.

Maynard initially seemed undeterred, however, saying he would open his club without alcohol but with full nude dancing.

Local churches had been planning to do "whatever possible" to stop anything like Maynard's club from

(See NUDE, page two)

## Sex scheme defendant pleads guilty

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

A David resident dubbed by several authorities as the "ring leader" of a local sex scam will likely make it home in time for Christmas after she pleaded guilty in court Wednesday to charges of theft and promoting prostitution.

Tammy Woods, 30, agreed to enter a plea agreement with the commonwealth's attorney's office last week on charges relating to that alleged sex scheme conspiracy.

Wednesday, she pleaded guilty to three counts of theft by unlawful taking, class D felonies, and a third-degree promoting prostitution charge, a misdemeanor charge that was amended from the original class C felony charge.

In return for her guilty plea, the commonwealth sug-

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Tammy Woods

**Guilty**

gested that Woods be sentenced to three years for each of the three felonious theft charges, sentences that will run concurrently with an additional 12-month sentence for the promoting prostitution charge. She will be eligible for probation after serving 231 days of that sentence, 193 of which she has already served at the Floyd County Detention Center. With time already served, said her attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, Woods will likely be released on Christmas Eve. Woods will then face three years supervised probation on those charges.

As a stipulation of her plea,

Woods will also have to pay restitution to each victim, \$1,000 each to Jeffrey Caudill and Wayne Hayes, and an additional \$600 to Raffe Lafferty.

She will be formerly sentenced on December 14.

"I thought it was a fair resolution," said Pillersdorf in an interview following the hearings Wednesday. "The commonwealth treated her fairly, and I don't always say that."

Woods, along with her husband, Michael Woods, 46; Randy Minor of Martin; Theresa Jones, 42, of Prestonsburg; and Patricia Shepherd, 30, of Prestonsburg, were indicted in

June on charges relating to various thefts which occurred throughout Floyd County.

According to reports, these individuals used "sex or the promise thereof" to burglarize thousands of dollars from residents throughout Floyd County. Allegedly, one of the perpetrators would divert the victims' attention by promising sexual favors while the others burglarized the residences.

The promoting prostitution charge against Woods and Shepherd stems from an incident which occurred on March 8,

when they allegedly sold a female to a Prestonsburg resident for sexual favors in order to pay for prescription drugs that the female had consumed.

In addition to Woods' guilty pleas, arraignments were also scheduled Wednesday for unrelated felonious theft charges filed against her and two other individuals, Shepherd and Estep, for thefts which occurred at the home of Raffe Lafferty.

During preliminary hearings earlier this year, arresting officer Shawn Roop testified that the three were involved in a "crimi-

nal conspiracy" which resulted in the theft of \$600 worth of items from Lafferty's home in April.

Estep, who had no attorney present Wednesday, pleaded not guilty to the charges pending against her concerning that theft. She will remain on bond and is awaiting a pretrial conference on March 7.

Shepherd, however, was not present for her arraignment. Judge John David Caudill issued an indictment warrant for her arrest.

Woods' husband, Michael

Woods, pleaded guilty last week to one count of receiving stolen property, a class D felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor.

He was sentenced to two years for the felony charge and received 12 months for the misdemeanor charge, both to run concurrently. He will also be probated and supervised for two years and also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,200 to Jeffrey Caudill.

Other cases regarding the alleged conspiracy are still pending.

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**Plea**

cotic alternative drug or get another doctor to do so.

"I don't expect you to be on that when you come back on the 28th," Caudill told Hall.

When questioned later about his determination in the Hall case, Caudill remarked that his decision is not one uncommonly recognized in the court system.

"I have had exposure to people alleging that their back injuries require them to take these narcotics," said Caudill. "I assure you that some of them do in fact have these problems, but many of them don't need to take these medications ... You hear the same story over and over again. I know what a bad back is and 99 out of 100 of them don't need this kind of medication."

Hall was indicted by a grand jury on August 7, for aiding two other individuals, whose cases are to be heard at a later date, in selling Lortab and OxyContin.

In return for his guilty plea, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor recommended that the second charge against Hall, first-degree com-

ing to the area, Fannin said.

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**Nude**

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The building owner, Martin County resident Frank Crum, could not be reached for comment to confirm the exact item within the lease agreement that may have tripped up Maynard, according to Fannin's statement, but according to Price, Maynard was on his way out regardless.

"He told me that too many people in the community were against him putting it (the club) in," said Price. "He said he felt like he was banging his head

against a wall because all the politicians were against it."

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**Trial**

additional counts of indecent or immoral practices with another, all involving a child less than 15 and allegedly occurring between 1967 and 1974.

Currently, all the documents in the case are sealed, a general practice of Floyd County courts

concerning allegations involving child sexual abuse.

However, court records do show that Kidd's attorney, Greg Stumbo, filed a discharge summary and medical records prepared by Dr. Mark Kingston on November 6. Stumbo's filing

countered a motion filed by Pike County Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley on November 7 to hold a status conference to consider holding Kidd in contempt of court for failing to produce that court ordered documentation.

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# Lawmakers hear opposing views on black lung compensation

FRANKFORT — Representatives of the coal industry and those representing coal miners gave state lawmakers opposing views Nov. 15 on whether the state's system of compensating miners for black lung disease is working. Kentucky Coal Association President Bill Caylor told members of the Interim Joint Committee on Labor and Industry that federal studies show that Kentucky's percentage of black lung occurrence is 3.3 percent, a percentage that Caylor said falls in line with percentages from other coal states.

"The system is working," said Caylor. "Black lung has been dramatically reduced from the levels it was years ago."

Caylor, who warned committee members that Kentucky "cannot return to the entitlement days when miners felt that their black lung award was simply a right," said the coal industry wants specific areas addressed in any legislation affecting workers' compensation in

Kentucky. The industry, said Caylor, wants legislation that requires X-ray analysis by university physicians instead of B-readers, rejects "statutory presumptions," or presumptions that a person is sick based on statutory language that fits that person's situation, retraining miners rather than provides awards to miners in lieu of retraining, prevents the retroactive application of worker's compensation laws and prevents cost shifting of moneys to special funds.

Committee member Sen. Richard Roeding, R-Lakeside Park, was also supportive of the coal industry.

"You go into business to make money," said Roeding. "It seems to me that we need to take lesson from the health insurance industry. They told us what was going to happen back in 1994," Roeding said, referring to instability in the health insurance market that followed health care reform measures.

Other lawmakers were con-

cerned that so few miners - a total of 11 - have been awarded benefits from the Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis Fund (CWPF), a state fund established in 1996 from which benefits are paid to miners with black lung. An estimated \$16 million is currently in the fund.

"Something is awry here. There's too much money being accumulated; there's not enough money being paid out," said Sen. Dick Adams, D-Madisonville.

Kentucky AFL-CIO President Bill Londrigan acknowledged that there is a glut of money in the CWPF.

"Clearly, there is a disconnect between funding and diagnosis which has resulted in a huge fund surplus that is not serving any purpose but to accumulate additional investment income and pay a small liability," said Londrigan. "It is not the funding mechanism that needs to be addressed... It is the diagnosis of black lung disease which has caused our current

debacle and which requires the most attention."

Londrigan said the problem with the current system of diagnosing black lung is that very few miners are being diagnosed with black lung. Contributing to that problem, he said, is what he called "the presumption" that cigarette smoking is the primary cause of breathing impairment in miners.

Caylor quoted testimony from medical experts who spoke to the committee at an earlier meeting to stress that medical evidence proves that coal dust and smoking produce different effects on the body.

"You have heard testimony that smoking can be distinguished from black lung," Caylor said, quoting one witness, Dr. Peter Tuteur, as saying, "Rarely, coal dust produces a condition similar to COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). Miners who smoke have a COPD picture about 15 times more often than never-smoking miners."

# Kentucky businesses hurt by reservist call-ups may get help through SBA loans

LEXINGTON — Relief may be in sight for Kentucky businesses that employ military reservists who have been called to active duty for America's War on Terrorism. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loans (MREIDL) to eligible small businesses to cover operating expenses that cannot be met because an essential employee was called to active duty.

Several units have already been activated in Kentucky, and more call-ups are expected as the war against terrorism continues in Afghanistan.

"The loss of a key employee for any period of time can be devastating for a small business," said Becky Naugle, Ph.D., State Director of the Kentucky Small Business Development Center. "These low-interest SBA loans can help keep those businesses afloat

until our reservists return home safely." The KSBDC is a program partially funded by the SBA to give free and confidential assistance and counseling to small businesses throughout the state.

Small businesses may apply for MREIDLs of up to \$1.5 million if they have been financially impacted due to the loss of a key employee. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills.

The interest rate on these loans is 4 percent, with a maximum term of 30 years. The

SBA determines the amount of economic injury, the term of each loan and the payment amount, based on the financial circumstances of each borrower.

Businesses that think they may qualify for these loans should contact the KSBDC at 1-888-475-SBDC (7232). Consultants are available who can analyze the financial situation of the business, interpret the loan regulations and also assist with the application process. More information about these SBA loans is also available at [www.ksbdc.org](http://www.ksbdc.org).

# Kentucky Child Now introduces redesigned, enhanced website

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Child Now, a three-year-old organization devoted to meeting the needs of the commonwealth's children, today unveiled a redesigned Web site that is a comprehensive online resource that will help parents, teachers, businesses and community leaders foster stronger developmental assets for children of all ages.

Found at [www.kychildnow.org](http://www.kychildnow.org), the new site explains the importance of developmental assets, shows the results of a recent 12,000-student survey that evaluated Kentucky's delivery of those assets, provides a blueprint that can help the community improve the provision of assets, and suggests numerous ways that individuals and organizations can get involved in asset building in their community.

"This new Web presence is truly a one-stop resource for anyone who cares about Kentucky's children and wants to improve the future of the commonwealth by enhancing their exposure to positive influences," said Dr. Thomas L. Young, chairman of Kentucky Child Now's board of directors. "If you have an interest in brightening the prospects of the state's youngest citizens, you should spend a little time at this site. With all the content that's out there, you could spend hours at [kychildnow.org](http://kychildnow.org), but even a quick visit will benefit anyone who cares about our children's future."

The organization previously had a Web presence at the same URL, but it was redesigned and enhanced this fall with the help of Lexington-based communications consultants Roberts and Kay, Inc.

"One of the challenges of this project was the wide variety of audiences to which the new site must appeal," said Carol E. Lopez, Kentucky Child Now's executive director. "With so many different constituencies looking to this site for information, we had to enhance its usability. I think we accomplished that by making navigation easier and more intuitive. We have restructured the content and delivered it with a much

more appealing look and feel."

Visitors to the site can:

- Learn more about the organization's history, staff, directors and advisory council members;

- Read about Kentucky Child Now's many child-focused programs and initiatives, such as the Blueprint for Healthy Kids, the Coordinated School Health program, the Kentucky Youth Development Partnership, and the Youth Policy Network;

- Find out how to get involved in their community in a variety of early childhood development or internal/external asset development programs; and

- Connect to a wealth of useful resources, including publications, research, event calendars and other online databases.

"There are myriad ways that the Internet has proven its usefulness to noble causes," continued Lopez, "but I can think of very few applications of online technology that can make such a positive and lasting difference as this one. Our new Web site unites all who want to make a contribution to the enrichment of Kentucky's future by educating citizens, connecting stakeholders and enabling solutions."

Kentucky Child Now, a non-profit organization established in 1998, is working to make sure that Kentucky meets the needs of children of all ages. This requires the individual efforts of committed adults, including parents and teachers, and the collective efforts of communities, businesses, and policy-makers. The goal of Kentucky Child Now is to support those efforts through education, public awareness, collaboration, special programs, and through the work of its members - individuals and organizations from around the state who have made children their priority.

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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feel pain seldom  
think  
that it is felt.

—Samuel Johnson

Amendment 1

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## Guest View

# A mess of taxes

Insight Communications Inc. went to court earlier this month to seek a fairer shake on taxes.

All Kentuckians can identify with that.

The cable television company, the largest in Kentucky, alleges the tax it pays on accounts receivable and its various franchises is outdated, unfair and unconstitutional.

The reason, in short, is because Kentucky's tax structure is hopelessly out of step with the times.

The cable television company points out that it now faces competition from satellite TV services. Any monopoly it might have enjoyed that made the tax warranted is gone now.

But Insight has to pay the tax and the satellite companies don't.

Insight wants the tax repealed and it wants a refund.

On the face of it, Insight's argument looks strong.

But Kentucky's entire tax structure is out of date and riddled with inequities, including overburdening low-income families.

Whether or not Insight wins, the cable TV company's case ought to spur our elected representatives to take up tax reform.

Though it's been talked about for years, those in Frankfort have been loathe to embrace any kind of overall tax reform.

Word out of Frankfort again this year is don't expect an overhaul. The times are too bad. Legislators might fiddle with some taxes, like those on telecommunications companies, and maybe even remove the hated property tax on motor vehicles. You'll remember that Gov. Paul Patton's attempt at a comprehensive tax overhaul last year sank like a stone - in large part because it talked of raising the gasoline tax.

Of course, to accomplish the kind of top-to-bottom reform that Kentucky needs will require raising some taxes, while lowering others and eliminating some altogether.

Nobody appears brave enough to handle such decisions.

Over the years our elected leaders have declined to take up tax reform during bad times and also during good. Nor have they wanted to do it during election years nor in an off year.

What does that leave? The mess we're in now.

—The Kentucky Post



## Think About it

### Guitars and late night snacks

I've been playing guitar since I was 6 years old. I can remember my father, who used to play lead guitar in a band, inviting my uncles over late at night just before bedtime and gathering in the living room with the low hum of an amp and the persistent sound of several guitars being tuned at the same time. It's a sound that still brings back good memories.

I would go to bed and listen for my father and uncles to begin a song and then I would get up with the complaint that I had to go to the bathroom. Then, after about another 10 minutes when they were really rolling,

I would get up and complain that I was hungry. Before long, my father, unable to stay away from the guitar for very long, would simply agree to let me sit up and listen.

I would sit beside his chair and watch his '66 Silvertone move in the shadows of the room while he turned it first left and then right trying to hit just the right note for the lead solo.

Guitar has always played a big role in my life. There's always been a guitar nearby — most of the time within arm reach, and during those hours of watching my father play in the evenings with my uncles, I learned.

Now I own the Silvertone and play with my own son, whom I bought a starter flat top when he was three. It's not something I'm trying to push on Tyler, but somehow he's picking it up without my prodding, and that makes me feel good.

It's not surprising really. My grandmother started the whole thing when she used to learn old country songs on her father's guitar. She in turn taught my father and two of his three brothers who, in turn, taught their

sons.

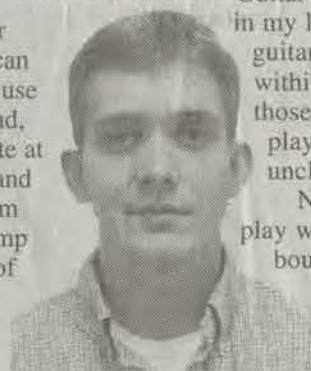
The guitar goes way back in my family. Even as I write these words I am listening to Stevie Ray Vaughn tear out a killer lead and scream about Texas floodwaters.

But more than the talent I was born with, or the skills I was taught, it's the sense of tradition I feel with guitar playing and music in general. No matter how strained my relationship may get with my father or my uncles or my cousins, we have always had music to treat as a foundation.

I found that foundation by using late night snacks as an excuse to get closer — to watch music being made.

Even today when I visit my father in Virgie, I usually go straight to where he has his replacement for the Silvertone given to me when I was 16 — a Gibson Epiphone — leaning against the couch or chair and plug-in. We talk and catch up with background music and now I have the odd task of occasionally showing my father a few chords of a recent song. The student becomes the teacher, I suppose. But I still owe my ability to play guitar and other music to my father, regardless of who's teaching who.

Thanks, Dad, I appreciate it.



SHELDON COMPTON

## Letters

### Let the market decide

As an American citizen, I am familiar with the term "free enterprise." It is one of the freedoms on which this country is based.

If a person opens a business and nobody frequents it, there was no demand for that type of business. On the other hand, if there are many patrons, then there was a need and the owner should be allowed to run his business.

When I am watching a television show and there is something objectionable on, I change the channel. If there is a business that does not meet my needs or I have no interest in, I don't go there.

Mr. Maynard: Good luck in your new business. If you don't see me there, it is not because I want you to fail or that I think it is wrong. It is

simply because I have no interest in it.

However, I do hope that when my husband is visiting your establishment, he will be treated right and has a great time.

Kate Gulick  
Prestonsburg

### Commends company, driver

Most of us are ready to criticize at a moment's notice; however, we tend to find it more difficult to pay deserving compliments. That is the reason I am writing you today.

A truck driver for Hylton Homes here in Floyd County damaged my mailbox while traveling past it on a narrow road. That was less than two weeks ago. They have already replaced by mailbox with a new one.

I wish to commend the dri-

ver for reporting his accident and the company for replacing the damaged mailbox. It would be wonderful if everyone were this honest and quick to respond in accidents and emergencies.

Norma Boyd  
Harold

### Thanks dedication helpers

On behalf of the Friends of the Samuel May House, I would like to thank Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn and his deputies for the part they played in making last Saturday's dedication of the Ivy Mountain Monument a success. At my request, Blackburn and his men monitored traffic on U.S.

Route 23 during the ceremony, making sure that everything went smoothly.

I would also like to thank Judge Paul Hunt Thompson, Prestonsburg Tourism Director Fred James, and Tom Fugate of the Kentucky Heritage Council for the parts they played. Also deserving recognition are Don and Patricia Johnson of Williamsport, Mark and Michelle Holbrook of Middle Creek, Tim Adkins of Louisa, Alice Howard of Prestonsburg, Judy Music of Auxier, Lillian Baldrige of Prestonsburg, the Col. A.J. May Camp #1897 of Prestonsburg, the Gen. Humphrey Marshall Camp #1429 of Paintsville, and the Mattie Morgan Chapter #1 of the Order of the Confederate Rose, Paintsville. Special thanks to Don Stansky of Warfield for serving as our media coordinator.

My friend Alice Howard supervised the May House reception which followed the event, and let me note that Carol Stratton was of invaluable help.

(See LETTERS, page five)

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# For the Record

## MARRIAGES

Melissa Thomsberry, 25, to Chet Andrew Davies, 24, both of Prestonsburg.  
 Jennifer Ann Caudill, 29, to Bobby Darrell Slone, 42, both of Wayland.  
 Hollie Marie Prater, 22, of Wayland, to James Everett Sexton, 26, of Winchester.  
 Sheila Faye Goble, 35, of Prestonsburg, to Walter Winchell Arnn, 45, of Greenup.  
 Jennifer Renee Osborne, 31, to Michael David Kirk, 29, both of Martin.  
 Brenda G. Blackburn, 53, of Melvin, to Robert M. McClain, 79, of Three Rivers, Mich.  
 Amanda Kay Elliott, 19, of Prestonsburg, to Clifford Brandon Bentley, 19, of David.

## LAWSUITS

Ruth Jacobs vs. Randall Conn; complaint.  
 Comtrust Bank vs. Harold Ousley; complaint.  
 Ebbets Partners LTD vs. Larry Hall; complaint.  
 Inez Deposit Bank vs. Sheridan Martin; complaint.  
 Stacy Tackett vs. Jimmy Tackett; divorce.  
 State Farm Mutual Insurance vs. Denilya Hatfield; complaint.  
 Bay Financial Savings Bank vs. Frank Stickle; complaint.  
 Jimmy O. Shepherd vs. Brenda Gail Hoffman; complaint.  
 Aaron J. Bingham vs. Scott R. Walls; complaint.  
 Joyce Hicks vs. Angela Akers; complaint.  
 Judy Moore vs. James Fitzpatrick; petition for health care insurance.  
 Robert Shepherd vs. Randy Fletcher; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
 Kristi Harris vs. James Harris; petition for child support

and healthcare insurance.  
 Terry Hamilton vs. Joan Hamilton; petition for health care insurance.  
 Randy Akers vs. Cathy McKinney; petition for health care insurance.  
 Ky. Farm Bureau vs. Randall Sartin; complaint.  
 Mike Johnson vs. Wonita L. Johnson; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
 Charles Hurst vs. David L. Hurst; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
 Larry Spears vs. Elzie Campbell; complaint.  
 Tina Sue Rose vs. Edgar Eugene Rose; divorce.  
 Jennifer Tackett vs. Gary Tackett; complaint.  
 Dempsey Miles Jr. vs. Stephen Lawson; complaint.  
 Don Avery Slone vs. William Conn; complaint.

## CHARGES FILED

Millard Ray Conn, 52, Martin, receiving stolen property, no operator's license.  
 Terry Glenn Gayheart, 38, address unlisted, terroristic threatening, first-degree wanton endangerment.  
 Carmel Howell, 52, Grethel, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol/drugs, driving under the influence on a suspended license, failure to wear a seatbelt, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container.  
 Merlin Conn, age unlisted, Printer, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.  
 Marsha A. Moore, 32, address unlisted, theft of identity without consent.  
 Donald Thornsberry, 35, Topmost, theft by unlawful taking, nine counts of second-degree forgery/checks.

Kennel W. Hackworth, 32, Topmost, flagrant non-support.  
 Zack H. Salisbury, 18, Wheelwright, theft by unlawful taking.  
 Terence L. Mullins, 23, Hi Hat, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license, failure to surrender revoked licenses, speeding, reckless driving, fleeing evading, first-degree wanton endangerment.  
 Joanna Collins, age unlisted, Pippa Passes, custodial interference.  
 Jonathan Hamilton, age unlisted, Stanville, theft by unlawful taking.  
 Alma Patton, 64, Allen, criminal trespassing.  
 Edgel Crum, 38, Prestonsburg, harassment.  
 Billy Blankenship, 20, Beaver, criminal trespassing.  
 Terry G. Tackett, 20, Hi Hat, terroristic threatening.  
 Jody D. Bentley, 26, Grethel, two counts of illegally pursuing turkey/deer out of season.  
 Deanna Johnson Hicks, 24, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.  
 Lester Murphy, age unlisted, Auxier, criminal trespassing.  
 Jimmy W. Arnett, 23, Salyersville, alcohol intoxication.  
 Olivia Johnson, 18, Garrett, alcohol intoxication.  
 Michael D. Mitchell, 35, Hi Hat, alcohol intoxication.  
 George Avery, 32, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.

## INSPECTIONS

Country Roads Cafe, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not stored in an easily seen place, upright refrigerator in unit in storage area was observed to have a build-up of accumulation of water standing in the bottom and contacting food items, sliding doors of chest type refrigerator broken and repaired with duct tape, outside dumpster area has moderate build-up of garbage, walls in food preparation area and restroom in disrepair and not of a texture easily cleaned, overall facility appears clean and well organized, no critical violations were observed. Score: 94.  
 Pizza Den, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all refrigeration units have easily seen thermometers, cardboard liner used in walk-in refrigerator on storage shelf, gasket in bad repair on walk-in refrigerator door, wall in moderate disrepair around three compartment sink. Score: 95.  
 Dollar General Store, Bypro,

complaint. Violations noted: The complaint received on sewage of this establishment running into the creek is invalid of this date. No score given.  
 Hall's Community Market, Bypro, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some canned items severely dented, tops of some canned items dusty, some display shelves noted to be slightly soiled, sliding door grooves are soiled on the display meat cooler, window in the restroom has a hole in it in excess of half an inch, floors soiled slightly between ice cream coolers, light is not shielded in the open-faced meat cooler, some boxes and various articles laying on the ground at the back of the store. Score: 87.  
 Hall's Community Market, Bypro, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Dented food items have been corrected, hole in window has been corrected. Score: 96.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Teresa Ousley to Rudolph Ousley, property located on Middle Creek.  
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 Doris Clark to Johnny Ray Turner and Linda Turner, Steven W. Hall and Janet Hall, property located on Bridge Branch.  
 Earnest Reynolds and Brenda Reynolds to Ossie Reynolds, property located on Mink Branch.  
 James L. Horn and Monica Preece Horn to Consolidated Health Systems Inc., property located on Big Sandy River.  
 David Carl Webb to Sonja Terry Webb and Keith Phillip Webb, property located on Right Beaver Creek.  
 Allen Ray Hampton and Sue Ellen Hampton and Henrietta Roberts to Knott Floyd Land Company Inc., property located on Brush Creek.  
 Kathleen Smith and Ralph Smith, Bobby Gene Prater and Jane Prater, Ethel Geraldine

Eckler and Gerald Eckler to Knott Floyd Land Company Inc., property located on Brush Creek.  
 Dorothy Vanderpool to Arlit E. Little and Teresa Little, property located on Left Beaver Creek.  
 Commissioner's sale: Thurman West et al., to First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, Inc., property location not listed.  
 Kennel Joe Dye to Rengie Dye, property located on Left Beaver Creek.  
 Jerry Banks and Patty Banks to Frances K. Henson and Clayton E. Teel, property loca-

tion not listed.  
 Sylvia Warrix to Bonnie Warrix, property located at Hueysville.  
 Steve Cordial and Katherine L. Cordial to James Brock and Myrika Brock, property location not listed.  
 Hilbert H. Hook to Elizabeth Charlotte Cook and Winford Cook, property located in David.  
 Rudolph Ousley to Teresa James Ousley, property location not listed.  
 Rudolph Ousley to Teresa Ousley a/k/a Teresa James Ousley, property located on Abbott Creek.

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## Rabbit, Quail season on Peabody WMA closes February 10

Frankfort - The hunting season for rabbit and quail on the Peabody Wildlife Management Area (WMA) will be open from November 15 through February 10, 2002. This is the season framework as last year and the closing coincides with the closing of the rabbit and quail season in the Western Zone.  
 A misprint in the 2001-02 Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide states this season is open until February 28, which is incorrect.  
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# Community Calendar

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

**Editor's note:** Due to rising costs and space limitations we will no longer be accepting items for our Community Calendar that contain a revenue-producing nature as of Monday, October 8. If your organization is holding a fundraising event, please contact our classified or advertising departments to announce your event. The Floyd County Times will continue its practice of posting meeting dates and public service announcements, up to seven lines of type. These submissions must be received in writing no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. Items may not be taken over the telephone. Community Calendar items are subject to editing according to space limitations.

### Roadie's hosts Otter Creek's Santa Donations

Roadie's will be hosting donations for Otter Creek Correctional Center's 2001 Santa's Sleigh donations beginning November 14 through December 15. Old or discarded toys can be donated at the Hi Hat restaurant where they will be taken to the prison for repairs and then given to needy children in the community. For questions contact Gary or

Loretta Tackett at 606-377-6700. All donations are appreciated.

### Youth Rally

First United Methodist Family Life Center will hold its monthly youth rally on Saturday, November 24, from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend. Free food, fun and Christian fellowship. Call 297-2715 for more information.

### Free business workshop

"Starting your own Business" is a free workshop for prospective and existing small business owners. The workshop is being offered by the Morehead State University/Small Business Development Center and Mayo Technical College. It will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Mayo Technical College, Paintsville, from 1 - 3:30 p.m. You may call (606) 432-5848 for more information or to pre-register.

### Love Line Christmas donations

Bring toys or food to the following locations: John Gray Pontiac, Paintsville, 606-297-4066; Gloryland Church, Pastor Jim Riddle, 270-622-5266. Contact "LoveLine Outreach" at 606-889-9056 from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m., or fax to: 606-889-9092, or write to: 57 Hopson Street, Auxier, KY.

### End of Life seminar

A seminar entitled "End of Life" will be presented on Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Pikeville. Dr. Tamara Musgrave, Lawana McGuire, hospice clinical director, and Judith Branham, administrator will speak to nurses, doctors, families and caregivers. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 p.m. For further information call Angie Owens, social services director, at 606-639-4840.

### PHS grads of 1992 plan reunion

The 1992 graduates of Prestonsburg High School are now planning their 10th reunion. Phone numbers and addresses of all graduates are needed. Please contact Alan Derossett at (606) 874-9514.

### Conservation Contest Deadline

The deadline for entries into the Floyd County Conservation District's 2001 Conservation Art and Writing contest is Monday, November 26. Students K-5 may enter artwork on an 11" x 14" poster. Students in grades 6-12 may enter a writing, not to exceed 1,000 words. Awards will include certificates, t-shirts, and trophies, including a \$50 savings bond. The contest is sponsored by the Floyd County Conservation District, Kentucky Farm Bureau, The Courier-Journal, and the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts. For more information, contact the District's office at 889-9800, or

e-mail: conserve@eastky.net

### Maytown Lifetime Learning Center Activities

Volleyball: Mondays, 8 p.m., teens and up; Basketball: Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m., all ages; Prayer Lunch: Tuesdays, 12 p.m., bring sack lunch; Breakaway: Wednesdays, 4-5:15 p.m., after school mentoring/tutoring program; Thursday Night Live: Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m., 7th grade and up; Community Faith: Sundays, 7:30 p.m., all ages. Call 285-0539 for more information.

### Applications for Mrs. Floyd County

Applications are now being accepted for the title of Mrs. Floyd County. Competitions will include interview, aerobic wear, and evening gown - there will be no swimsuit competition. Married women living in the Floyd County area that are interested should call (304) 453-6443, or e-mail: mrswwintl@aol.com.

Website: www.mrskentucky.8m.com

### Quilt Guild to meet

The Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Floyd County Co-op Extension office. New membership is encouraged. Hand quilting techniques taught and shared, new ideas welcomed. Bring: Two - 18" sq. muslin; batting, hoop, needle, thimble, thread, and scissors. More info. call 886-2668.

### Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

\*\*G.E.D. classes - FREE - each Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m.\*\* For more information, call 886-0709.

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### Mud Creek Clinic

A social security representa-

tive will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, each Tuesday (except holidays) throughout Nov., and Dec. This representative will assist in filing retirement and disability claims, and survivors benefits, in addition to SSI, Black Lung, and accepting applications for social security numbers.

### Housing assistance in Wayland area

HOMES Inc. has opened an office in the Wayland Community Center to assist low income persons in the Right and Left Beaver areas with housing needs. Nelson Hopkins is in the office on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help persons who need repairs on their existing homes or with securing new housing. Area persons may call 358-9473 on Wednesdays to speak with Hopkins or leave a message on other days. Or they may call the HOMES Inc. headquarters in Neon, toll-free, at 1-877-271-1791, ext. 10.

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## Obituaries

### Leroy Baisden

Leroy Baisden, age 94, of Prestonsburg, Ky., passed away Tuesday, November 20, 2001, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, after an illness of one month.

He was born March 21, 1907, at Lenore, W. Va., the son of the late Hiram and Laura (Wills) Baisden. He was married to Pearl (Calhoun) Baisden, who preceded him in death.

He was a retired coal miner, having worked for Princess Elkhorn Coal Co. at David, Ky.; and a Mason, a member of Zebulon Lodge No. 273 at Prestonsburg, Ky.

He is survived by one son, Roy Baisden of Prestonsburg, Ky.; and two daughters, Ruth Campbell and Pearl Lee Baisden, both of Prestonsburg, Ky.

A Masonic service was conducted Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 21, at 1 p.m., from the Burke Funeral Home Chapel at Prestonsburg, Ky., with Rev. Shawn Blair and Rev. Emery Williams officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery at Prestonsburg, Ky.

All arrangements were under the direction of Burke Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

### Jerry David (J.D.) Mullins

Jerry David (J.D.) Mullins, 71, of Bevinville, Ky., died Tuesday, November 20, 2001, following an extended illness.

Born on October 3, 1930, at Bevinville, Ky., he was the son of the late Harry Evans Mullins and Nancy Jane Tackett Mullins. He was a disabled foundry worker.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Mary Hall Beaver of Fredricktown, Ohio.

Other survivors include one son, Mickey D. Mullins of Printer, Ky.; three daughters, Linda Riner of Delaware, Ohio, Brenda Burke of Bevinville, Ky., Alice Patterson of Cardington, Ohio; one sister, Mallie Brown of Martin, Ky. and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, November 23, 2001, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, Price, Ky., with ministers of Old Regular Baptist officiating.

Burial will be in the Hall and Mullins Family Cemetery, Bevinville, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation will be at the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church at Price, Ky., after 7 p.m. on Wednesday. (Paid obituary)

### Noah Blaine Rose

Noah Blaine Rose, son of Kenton and Crystal Watson Rose, of Prestonsburg, was stillborn, Tuesday, November 20, 2001.

Survivors, other than his parents, include his grandparents, Wilce and Maxine Rose of Prestonsburg, Ky.; Clared Wendell and Brenda Watson of Pyramid, Ky.; great-grandparents, Harvey and Gertie Watson of Caney, Ky.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 21, 2001, at 1 p.m., at the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, Abbott, Prestonsburg, with Jim Price and Charles Blanton officiating.

Burial was in the Malcom Reffitt Cemetery, Pyramid, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation was at the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church. (Paid obituary)

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New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Sayersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.  
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 60 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

**BAPTIST**  
Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.  
Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.  
Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.  
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.  
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.  
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Com Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.  
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.  
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.  
Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.  
Daniels Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Randy Turner, Minister.  
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.  
Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Egt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Buddy Jones, Minister.  
First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.  
First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.  
First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.  
Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2656 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.  
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Gretzel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Banham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.  
Jackie Creek Baptist, Benlowsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barnett, Minister.  
Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.  
Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.  
Lancer Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter.  
Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.  
Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.  
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Prairie Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Fish, Minister.  
Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, J. 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, President; 874-9489/478-2978.

**Rock Fork Freewill Baptist**; Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.  
**Rock Fork Regular Baptist**, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Moore, Assistant Minister.  
**Salt Lick United Baptist**, Salt Lick, Huysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th; Sunday, Thursday, 8:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.  
**Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist**, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Terry Hall, Assistant Minister.  
**Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist**, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.  
**The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist**; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Marford Fannin, Minister.  
**Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist**, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.  
**Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist**, CRT Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.  
**Trimbale Chapel Freewill Baptist**; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.  
**United Community Baptist**, Hwy. 7, Huysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.  
**Wheelwright Freewill Baptist**, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferral, Minister.

**CATHOLIC**  
St. Martha, Water Gap, Mass; Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, John Moriarty, Pastor.

**CHRISTIAN**  
First Christian, 580 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.  
Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hadworth, Minister.  
Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.  
Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.  
Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.  
Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
Huysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.  
Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.  
Mere Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Mitchell, Minister.  
Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.  
Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mike Hall, Minister.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.  
Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.  
First Church of God, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.  
Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.  
Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.  
Little Point First Church of God, 671 Little Point Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater, Jr., Minister.  
The Church of God of Prophecy, H. Har. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Fraley, Jr., Minister.

**EPISCOPAL**  
St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m.; Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m.; Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

**LUTHERAN**  
Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Cottage House, Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLV (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Berthrup, Minister.

**METHODIST**  
Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Doug Lawson, Minister.  
Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Backburn, Minister.  
Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

**Community United Methodist**, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pascozoldo, Minister.  
Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.  
Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Paul Allen, Minister.  
First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wayne Sayre, Minister.  
Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.  
Martin Methodist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.  
Maytown United Methodist, Langley; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.  
Salisbury United Methodist, Priner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.  
Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.  
Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.  
Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.  
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.  
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.  
Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Est. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.  
Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sarlian, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.  
Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, Davitt; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Skone, Minister.  
Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister; 287-6262.  
Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Saturday 7 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

**PREBYTERIAN**  
Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Mary Alice Murray, Minister.  
First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sunday School, 8:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Gary Shepherd, Minister.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Relief Society/Preschool/Primary, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Mtg., 11:20 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41648; Meeting House telephone number, 285-3133; E.P. Grigsby, Bishop.

**OTHER**  
Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday 6:30 p.m.  
Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 6 p.m.; Woodrow Crum, Minister.  
Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg (next to old flea market); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Bill Sulkenberg, Pastor; 889-0905.  
Faith Bible, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.  
Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.  
Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagens, Minister.  
Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.  
Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.  
Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cooby, Minister.  
Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday/Sunday.  
Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.  
Spurlock Bible, Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Heintzelman, Minister.  
Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month; Tom Nelson, Minister.  
The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.  
Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; Prayer Line: 359-2001; Ernest Morris, Pastor.

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## Proposed subsidy program

FRANKFORT - In order to receive public input and allow for sufficient review, the Kentucky Public Service Commission today suspended the joint application of Louisville Gas and Electric (LG&E), Metro Human Needs Alliance (MHNA) and People Organized and Working for Energy Reform (POWER), the Kentucky Association for Community Action, and the Jefferson County Government for a proposed low-income energy assistance subsidy program that would be funded through a surcharge on residential meters. The decision is expected before January 1, 2001.

The proposed subsidy program, filed with the commission on Oct. 1, would be funded by a surcharge of \$.46 per electric meter and \$.46 per gas meter applied to the bills of all LG&E residential customers, generating an estimated \$3.6 million to be used to pay a portion of the gas and electric bills incurred by low-income customers.

The application was filed with the PSC pursuant to a change in the statutes enacted by the 2001 General Assembly. HB 305 allows utilities and low-income groups to develop an

energy assistance program. The law requires the PSC to review and approve the program before it may be implemented.

In the order issued today, the commission said that, while it is sensitive to the pending expiration of the non-ratepayer funding for LG&E's current funding program, the evidence of record is "insufficient to determine the reasonableness of the proposed program."

The commission will hold a public hearing on Dec. 6, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. at its offices at 211 Sower Blvd., in Frankfort for the purpose of cross-examination of the joint applicants, witnesses and intervenors.

Individuals wishing to comment on the application or intervene in the case may call the PSC utility hotline at 1-800-772-4636; send a letter to the commission at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Ky. 40602; make send comments on-line [http://www.psc.state.ky.us/agencies/psc/consumer/inq\\_form.htm](http://www.psc.state.ky.us/agencies/psc/consumer/inq_form.htm); or attend the public hearing on Dec. 6.

Consumers should reference case number 2001-323 on any correspondence.

A copy of the order is available on the PSC Web site at <http://www.psc.state.ky.us>.



The participating members of the Mexico Medical Camp held in a rural area of the country this past October, was comprised of U.S. physicians, nurse practitioners, optometrists and opticians. Dr. Gan Maddiwar is pictured, kneeling, directly behind the symbol shown on the displayed banner. His wife, Surekha, stands directly behind him.

## Local Rotarians participate in rural Mexico medical expedition

by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR

Dr. Gan Maddiwar and his wife, Surekha, traveled to rural Mexico this fall to take part in the Mexico Medical Camp, a volunteer camp set up to aid rural Mexicans in receiving quality medical care.

The camp was stationed in Penjamo, Mexico, where,

according to Surekha Maddiwar, the people "are very poor." Mrs. Maddiwar said that the region reminded her very much of her native India.

Mrs. Maddiwar worked in the optometry area of the facility. She examined the eyes of local residents with a "Retinomax," a specialized piece of optical equipment. In

five days time, she examined over 1,100 people, or "2,200 eyes" as she puts it. "Sometimes we had to do the examination three or four times on the same person because they were either blinking too much or their eyes, for some reason, would not register a reading," she said. 864 people received free eyeglasses.

Accompanying the Maddiwar were eight other volunteers. Besides the Maddiwar, there were two optometrists and two opticians from Denver, Colorado; two nurse practitioners from Key West, Florida; and two medical doctors from Knoxville, Tennessee. The medical expedition was organized by Remote Area Medical (RAM), which operates out of Knoxville, in conjunction with Volunteer Optometrists for Service to Humanity (VOSH).

The team took along 32 large suitcases of eyeglasses, medicines, and surgical supplies to Penjamo. 864 people received free eyeglasses. 750 medical services were provided, and Dr. Gan Maddiwar performed 37 operations during the length of the camp. 1,765 Mexican citizens received treatment.

Dr. Maddiwar has led 12 international expeditions of this nature to various developing nations in Central and South America, as well as his native India. He opted to retire from a lucrative practice as a general surgeon in order to participate in such volunteer medical efforts.

The volunteers receive no pay and even pay their own travel expenses, although they are provided meals and lodging by the host country. Mrs. Maddiwar reports that the host families "go out of their way" to ensure that the volunteers are comfortable. "The cook even made vegetarian meals for me," she said, "on the second day, she had made rice, chicken, and

Mexican vegetarian foods. The cook said to me, "You can eat rice?" I said, "Yes, but not the chicken." She said "okay," and began to prepare my dinner plate. She put on the plate, quessadias, which is like our chapati, but with cheese rolled inside, tortilla chips and tomato salsa. Then she picked up the spoon from the chicken and put that spoon in the rice and started to put the rice in my plate. I said, "I can not eat that rice." She said, "Why?" and I told her that she had used the same spoon from chicken. She could not understand what difference it made to use the same spoon. I explained to her why it is not okay, and then I explained that for Hindus eating any meat is a sin. After that she became very particular about serving me and even while preparing the food she took special care about not to mix the spoons. I thought that was very nice of her. She really went out of her way to make me feel at home."

Four to five interpreters were available to the team to aid in communication with the locals. As the camp came to a close, the team was honored with a send-off celebration. A mariachi band was present, as well as local dignitaries from the town of Penjamo and the surrounding region.

Each team member was presented with a framed certificate of recognition, a personalized album of photos, a bottle of tequila.

The next scheduled expedition will take place in January, 2002, to rural India. The team is also formulating plans to bring assistance to the victims of the Afghanistan struggle.

The Maddiwar both report that "seeing the grateful faces" of those they help "makes it all worthwhile."

The Maddiwar are actively involved in the local Rotary organization and invite others to join this organization and its many efforts.



Surekha Maddiwar pauses in her examination of a rural Mexican resident. Mrs. Maddiwar, a resident of Banner and a native of India, participated in the RAM/VOSH volunteer medical expedition to Penjamo, Mexico. She was accompanied by eight other volunteers, as well as her husband, Dr. Gan Maddiwar. The Maddiwar are very active in the Rotary organization and volunteer relief efforts.

## Calendar

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### Attention Veterans!

The Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs has moved their veterans field representative office from the Prestonsburg Courthouse to the Kentucky National Guard Armory on Rt. 321 North, just outside of Prestonsburg. Services remain free of charge and phone number remains the same—(606) 886-7920.

■ Laryngectomy Support Group—Meets every 3rd Thursday of each month at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Medical Office Building, meeting room B. Further info, call Connie Clifton, (606) 886-2995.

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■ Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group—Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's) at 7 p.m.

For more info., call Dana Caudill at (606) 886-0265.

■ Depression Support Group—Meets every Thursday at 6 p.m., at the Allen Convention Center, Stumbo Park. For more information, call Tina at 874-0544.

■ The Ups of Down's Syndrome Support Group—Meets the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside the Pikeville Independent School. For more info., call (606) 377-6142, or (606) 478-5099.

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## 1st Resident at Thomson-Hood Veterans Center passes away

Albert C. (Buck) West died at the Facility

Albert C. (Buck) West passed away at the Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore, Kentucky on November 12, 2001...the very day many across our country paused to observe Veterans Day. On August 26, 1991 Mr. West became the first person admitted to the then brand new veterans nursing home. A Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. West served as a Petty Officer Second Class aboard the USS Medusa. An avid gardener, the first garden path at the nursing home was named after Mr. West. There is a sign posted along the path that simply reads "Buck's Crossing". Thomson-Hood Veterans Center, operated by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, is currently the only veterans' nursing home in the Commonwealth...but not for long. Two brand new facilities are scheduled to open soon to better serve the veteran population. The Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center in Hazard is scheduled to open in January 2002 and the Western Kentucky Veterans Center located in Hanson is on track to open in March 2002. Veterans or their family members interested in the services provided by these veterans' nursing homes should contact the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs by calling (502) 564-9281.



With the holiday comes postseason honors, awards

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

As you read today's column, please remember no one should be held accountable for anything they write at 4 in the morning. Especially at 4 in the morning the day before the biggest eating day of the year.

OK, let's get started.

I have to say I'm mildly surprised to see the American League MVP went to Ichiro Suzuki.

Unlike every other award baseball has handed out this off-season, there wasn't a clear-cut favorite here. Some people thought Sammy Sosa had a good year, but most conceded that when Barry Bonds hit 73 homers, he was going to take the National League honor.

The same can be said in the coach and rookie of the year races.

But the race for the AL MVP crown was a close one. Suzuki, who annoyingly goes by his first name, finished the voting with 289 points, while Oakland's Jason Giambi had 281.

MVP ballots include votes for 10 players, with the top guy getting 14 points before the points descend from nine on out. This makes it fairly clear the race could have swung based on a single ballot.

Both are solid players. I personally thought Bret Boone deserved it, but felt he and Suzuki would split the vote from the Great Northwest and open the door for Giambi.

In the end, Suzuki became the second player in AL history to win both the Rookie of the Year and MVP titles in the same season. Boston's Fred Lynn did it in 1975.

I read where someone wrote that the Detroit Lions "aren't that bad." At 0-9, they aren't too good either, pal.

Last week, you may have read this little line in this space as it concerned the Thursday night UK/WKU fiasco: (ital) "As of this writing, I'm just assuming it was a fairly easy win." (ital) I could blame deadlines for that mistake, as my closing date for that column Well, it was - for Western, was several hours before the game was played. But I won't.

I could say it was a typo. Bill Watson had the best suggestion. He said I should say I was mis-quoted.

I like that. But the real blame in that lies in the (lack of) heart and minds of that talent-laden group of Kentucky Wildcats. With the possible, and I emphasize possible, exception of Duke, there isn't a more talented team in the country than the Cats.

As it turned out, another line in that same column predicted what had happened

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# My last season...

by BECKY ISAAC  
SFHS SENIOR

You know the feeling you got the first time you walked into practice? The adrenaline rush after making an awesome play? Or the importance you felt when you stepped out onto the court with your jersey and you knew you were finally a South Floyd

Athlete? These were and still are the best feelings you will ever have during your four years in high school.

The 1998-1999 season was the first year volleyball was offered at South Floyd. It was also my first year of playing. It was a scary experience for me because there were a lot of girls wanting to try out and I had

never played before. I was one of sixteen that didn't get cut, but I was still very scared. It was a rookie year for the athletes and the coaches alike. We were learning the rules of the game and how it should be played. It was very difficult for us to accept all of the rules and be ready for our first game in time. After taking everything into

consideration, we felt we had a decent season to be a first year team.

The 1999-2000 year was a much improved season. We were getting comfortable with each other and our abilities on the court were improving. The varsity did well but the junior varsity did exceptionally well. We were acknowledging the

skills we had learned and putting them to good use on the court. This was the year Kevin Steele, the assistant volleyball coach from UK, came to teach us better techniques. He taught us the fundamental steps of serving, setting, passing and spiking. Coach Steele worked

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The Allen Central Middle School Rebels are champions of the 2001 Right Beaver Classic. ACMS is coached by Paul Francis.

photos by Jamie Howell

## Rebels win thriller to take Right Beaver Classic

by JAMIE HOWELL  
SPORTS WRITER

Late November means time for turkey and exciting holiday basketball tournament action on the hardwood. Tuesday night the Allen Central Middle School Rebels

showed why they are one of the top teams in Floyd County this year by handing the Betsy Layne Elementary School Bobcats their first loss of the young season (49-48), and by doing so claiming the

(See REBELS, page two)



## Kentucky Sportsline: UK defense coming around?

by TOM LEACH  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Was Kentucky's 38-35 loss to sixth-ranked Tennessee satisfying? It better not be, if the Wildcats want to move up in the Southeastern Conference.

Encouraging?

You better believe it. I can't recall ever seeing a team move the ball and score with the ease that Tennessee did

last season in Knoxville. This time, it took the Volunteers a quarter-and-a-half to get their initial first down. Kentucky hasn't stopped anybody this season, even Ball State, and yet coach John Goodner's unit played its best game of the year against the second-best team Kentucky has faced.

Imagine what that defense might do without inside linebackers under 220 pounds and cornerbacks with the speed to combat big-time receivers.

On offense, Kentucky put up 35

points against a Tennessee defense that was giving up an average of 17 and that led the SEC in total defense. And all of that should illustrate clearly that this team believes in coach Guy Morriss just as much as it did when a group of players lobbied for him to get the job last winter.

One of those under-sized linebackers, senior Chris Guyton, generously listed as a 205-pounder in the media guide, delivered an emotional postgame speech that hopefully helped take some of the

sting out of the loss for a team that has displayed amazingly resiliency.

"He's a senior and the reaction he had really surprised me," sophomore wideout Derek Abney said of Guyton. "He said that he was not really mad about the loss. (Instead) he was excited about our future. It says something when a senior, that knows this is his last shot at a number six team, says he's excited for us. It's exciting to be in a

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Betsy Layne

What: 3rd annual Ladycat Challenge Panorama,  
When: Saturday, Nov. 24  
Where: BLHS

11 a.m. - Betsy Layne vs June Buchanan

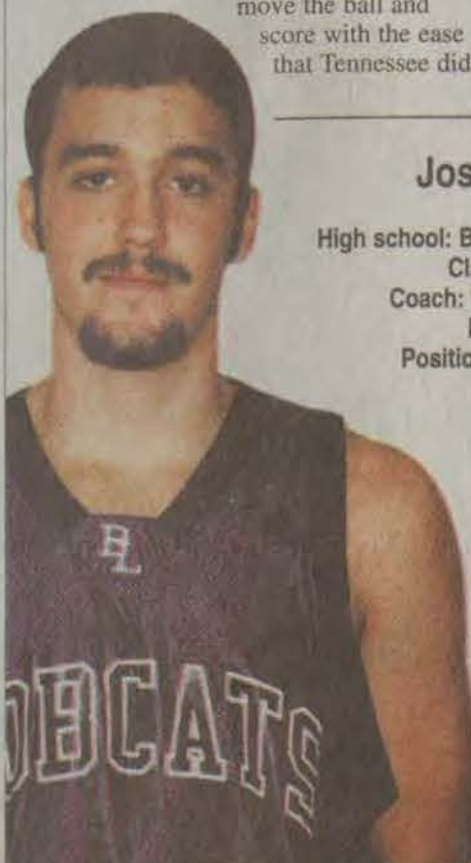
12:30 p.m. - Fleming Neon vs Shelby Valley

2 p.m. - Owsley County vs Paintsville

3:30 p.m. - Menifee County vs Millard

5:00 p.m. - Raceland vs Piarist

6:30 p.m. - Jenkins vs Magoffin County



Josh Allen

High school: Betsy Layne  
Class: Senior  
Coach: Brent Rose  
Number: 42  
Position: Forward

**TONIGHT:**  
**Blackcats vs. Royals**  
Prestonsburg at Mason County  
Kickoff: 7:30 p.m.  
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## Piarist to host conference tourney

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Piarist School boys' basketball team will get its season started on Monday by hosting the Letcher Eagles in the first round of the Three Rivers Conference Boys' Basketball Tournament. In other first round action, Buckhorn is at Oneida Baptist Institute (OBI), Riverside visits The June Buchanan School (JBS), and Redbird travels to Cordia.

Pool A includes OBI, Buckhorn, Letcher and Piarist. Pool B includes JBS, Riverside, Redbird and Cordia.

Round two gets underway on Tuesday with OBI on the road at Letcher, Piarist at Buckhorn, Cordia at Riverside and JBS at Redbird. The tourney then takes a night off on Wednesday before getting back in order Thursday with all games from that point on being played at Piarist.

Thursday night action pits JBS against Cordia in the first game of the evening and Riverside against Redbird in the nightcap. Letcher takes on Buckhorn in the opener on Friday night while Piarist takes on OBI in the

(See PIARIST, page two)

Comments

the night before, if that makes any sense (hey, at 4 in the morning, you too can write like Yogi Berra). Saul Smith was a pretty fair basketball player and a smart one too, and replacing him at the point won't be easy.

But the real problem was Kentucky's lack of interest in playing the Toppers, and as a result,

they got blitzed at home in the season opener. Hats off to Western; they are pretty fair.

By the way, apparently the folks at ESPN have taken to making up their own statistical categories. One writer based his argument that Giambi deserved the MVP honor over Suzuki based on something called the "OPS", which

is the on-base percentages added to the slugging percentage.

I don't see the significance. However, in my estimation, the batting average should be replaced in importance - including the hitter's box given at the beginning of each at-bat - with on-base percentage. It's a far more significant category, particularly for leadoff hitters,

Suzuki and Bonds have this in common, in addition to each winning MVP honors. It was the fourth such crown for both. Suzuki won three in Japan's Pacific League.

Oh, and then there's this - his first three were consecutive. No one has ever won three straight in the Major Leagues.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Sophomore Jordan Kidd will see plenty of playing time for Betsy Layne this season. Kidd also plays baseball for the Bobcats.

Season

with us until we were confident enough to try it on our own. We owe him a lot of thanks and gratitude for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and help us. Looking back, I think this season was our most improved.

During the 2000-2001 season, Coach Steele came back and worked with us on our fundamental skills that we were lacking. He really helped us improve both physically and mentally on the court. He helped us gain confidence that we needed to succeed. We expected to

make it to the district tournament, and we did! But during the third round we fell short of the win. Although our spirits were broken, we walked with our heads held high because we were proud.

The 2001-2002 season Senior year has arrived but all too quick. As I am putting on my jersey, my socks, and my knee pads, I realize that this will be the last time I will be able to feel the adrenaline rush of the first game of the season. Or the importance or the energy you feel before you serve the game

winning point. It is like a broken record, the words you have dreaded to hear since your freshman year: "This is your year, show what you can do."

This makes my fourth year as a volleyball player, I am the senior! It's my time to shine and show what I can do. My fellow senior teammates and I are striving to make this the best season we will ever have. Not just because this is our senior year, but because ever since our fresh-

man year the expectations for us have been so high, we feel that we could win even if all odds were against us.

It is very exciting to be a senior athlete but also very saddening. Everyone has high expectations for our upcoming season. I feel we have the talent and the heart to get us to the state finals. All we can do is play our best; whether we win or lose, we do it as a team!

When you are a senior you

realize that there are many aspects of the season that will be both joyful and saddening. When you are out on the court giving it your all, nothing else seems to matter except the game going on around you. With the good comes the bad, losing is a part of the game. You have to experience a loss to appreciate the win. Our team has had our share of the good and the bad, but speaking for myself, and I know my senior teammates will

agree, these experiences will always be treasured and never forgotten. So, as I step out on the court for the last time, my mind will be filled with the memories of the past four years and every tear that I shed will represent a different experience that has become a special memory. When I step back off the court and take off my jersey for the last time, I will know and realize that my time as a high school athlete...is over.

NASCAR

tional product will also participate in the program.

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Steve Boguski, NASCAR vice president of strategic marketing and licensing. "It's a great way to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of Jeff Gordon and Hendrick Motorsports."

Athletes of the Week



ACMS Right Beaver Classic Champs



Megan Hyden, Prestonsburg, Senior hoops player returning from severe injury

championship for the 2001 Right Beaver Classic. It was an even matchup heading into the game as both coaches had nothing but great things to say about the opposing team.

Coach Dwayne Johnson of Betsy Layne stated, "We like to push the ball up and down the floor, and we seem to have a size advantage on them." Allen Central Coach Paul Francis explained, "our lack of experience on the inside is something we have to work on, but we hope to offset that by pressuring the ball and causing some turnovers."

Allen Central opened the game on an 8-2 spurt led by the hit hand of sharp shooting guard Shane Feltner, whose 20 points led the Rebel effort. After exchanging baskets for the rest of the first quarter Allen Central led 18-14 after the first quarter.

In the second quarter the pressure defense of Allen Central caused several Betsy Layne turnovers, and the shooting of Feltner and backcourt mate Nick Music helped increase the Rebels lead at the half to 29-21. But it would prove to be hard to hold on to halftime lead.

Betsy Layne came out for the start of the second half not about to give up, and outscored the Rebels 17-6 in the third quarter largely in part due to the play of center Derek Case and his game-high 25 points. Case's outstanding play and determination helped keep the Bobcat hopes alive. Betsy Layne guard Adam Roberts was also a big part of the Bobcat rally in the

third quarter as he scorched the nets with 10 of his 19 points in the third quarter. At the end of three quarters it was now Betsy Layne clinging to a three-point lead at 38-35 and it was now a matter of who would take control in the fourth quarter. Allen Central came out to start the final period with the large group of Rebel fans behind them, and seemed to take control opening the first minute on a 7-0 run that saw Betsy Layne call a quick timeout. The good crowd on hand from Betsy Layne cheered on the Bobcats as they battled back to take a one-point lead with two minutes

to go in the contest, but in the final moments Allen Central would pull out a one-point win on the strength of some clutch shooting by Robbie Vanderpool, Justin Jacobs and Daniel Howard.

"I can't tell you how proud I am of these kids, they played hard and never quit," stated Francis. "We tried to keep the ball out of Derek Case's hands at the end, and I thought we put pressure on the ball really well. These kids worked really hard and I am very proud of them."

If you missed this tournament, you missed some great grade school basketball and

everyone involved came out winners. The folks on Right Beaver should be proud the tournament was such a huge success with everyone having the chance to see some great basketball.

Earlier in the evening the consolation game took place between Adams Middle School and the Mountain Christian Academy, with Adams coming out on top with a 46-30 win over the Falcons. Michael Stephens led the way for the Blackcats with 11 points followed closely by Nick McGuire with 10. Adam Milam was the top scorer for MCA with eight points.

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program like this where we know we've got the potential. It's just a matter of time. It's gonna turn."

No player on this team knew anything but the feeling of a thorough spanking from Tennessee and yet with only four combined in the last two years, the players found the confidence to believe an upset was possible.

"We've got the same people here, player-wise, and we were not in the games that we're in now. You can make your own decisions. Obviously,"

Abney said, "a lot of credit to the coaches."

"With a coaching staff that is not the quality of the one we have, people quit. Anyone who has seen us play understands that we don't quit," Abney continued. "We've got the same people. The only difference is the coaches."

Abney & Lorenzen

If Jared Lorenzen was going to have a go-to receiver, it would have figured to be Derek—Smith that is, not Abney.

And while Lorenzen has found Smith at some opportune times, Abney is the player with whom Lorenzen is developing a special on-the-field bond.

"It's something like when you play basketball with someone for a long time," Abney said, noting that he and Lorenzen both played roundball, in northern Kentucky and Wisconsin respectively.

"They know where you're gonna be before you get there. We just seem to know where we're gonna be before it happens. And that really helps in picking apart the zones," Abney observed.

Abney has 59 catches going into the December 1 finale at Indiana and he's caught 36 of those balls since Lorenzen returned to the starting lineup against Georgia four games ago.

Keeping your head up

Some day, UK tight end and one-time would-be quarterback Chase Harp will be a football coach, at the high school level or in college.

And some day, one of his players will fumble at a crucial time or drop a key pass.

Harp will put his arm around that player's shoulder and tell him that football is the ultimate "team" sport and that one play doesn't win or lose the game.

He'll say there was no guarantee that the team was going to score anyway.

He'll tell that young man that when all the pluses and minuses are added up, the team is much better for the fact that this partic-

ular player is on it. And he'll say that in a world where terrorists fly planes full of innocent people into buildings full of innocent people, some of the most important things are maximum effort, loyalty and perseverance.

Harp will know those words ring hollow at the moment they're uttered, but he'll say them anyway—because it's the truth and because after some time has passed, they'll be understood.

Big Blue Blues

There's no way to sugarcoat the egg laid by the Kentucky basketball team in its season opener last week. But it's also not the last word on this club. Western Kentucky is a good team and one that was well-equipped to combat the Wildcats—the Hilltoppers had athletic and physical players on the perimeter and they had the ability to extend their defense because of the presence of Chris Marcus in the middle.

What the loss to Western pointed out is what we knew from last year's NCAA Tournament loss to Southern Cal—that Kentucky is a team that doesn't like physical play. Now if you're physical and slow, the Wildcats can get away from you, but if you possess both qualities, it really frustrates this team.

There's a real disdain in Tubby Smith's voice when he mentions things he hears like

"it's not my game." Well, any opponent with the proper personnel is going to make it that kind of game and if Kentucky wants to win a national title, it had better get used to that and learn how to push back.

I have no doubt that Smith will get the message across, but it's obviously still a hard sell. A player like Chuck Hayes, as he matures, may help immensely in setting a stronger tone from the Kentucky side.

And it must also be noted that Kentucky played most of the first half without a real point guard and the Wildcats got nothing against Western from Marquis Estill, who was shaking off the rust of missed practice time from a back injury.

The sky may not perfectly blue for Kentucky right now, but it's not falling either.

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final game before Saturday's championship play.

"We're real excited and feel very fortunate to be hosting the conference tournament," said Piarist Coach Gary Kidd. "We're looking real forward to getting the season started."

Play on Saturday, December 1 begins at 2 p.m., with four games scheduled. The championship game is slated for an 8 p.m. start.

Pool A: OBI (Oneida Baptist Institute), Buckhorn, Letcher, Piarist  
Pool B: JBS (June Buchanan School), Riverside, Redbird, Cordia

Monday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m.  
Buckhorn at OBI  
Letcher at Piarist  
Riverside at JBS  
Redbird at Cordia

Tues., Nov. 27, 7 p.m.  
OBI at Letcher  
Piarist at Buckhorn  
Cordia at Riverside

JBS at Redbird  
Thurs., Nov. 29 at  
The Piarist School  
JBS vs. Cordia  
Riverside vs. Redbird

Fri., Nov. 30 at  
The Piarist School  
Letcher vs. Buckhorn  
Piarist vs. OBI

Saturday, Dec. 1 at The Piarist School  
Pool A 4th place vs. Pool B 4th place for 7th, 2 p.m.  
Pool A 3rd place vs. Pool B 3rd place for 5th, 4 p.m.  
Pool A 2nd place vs. Pool B 2nd place for 3rd, 6 p.m.  
Pool A 1st place vs. Pool A 2nd place for 1st, 8 p.m.

Tie in a pool will be determined by head-to-head game.  
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PRESTONSBURG AT MASON COUNTY

**Going to  
Louisville?**

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2001 edition of the Prestonsburg Blackcats find themselves in the same position as the 2000 edition: State Semifinals.

Prestonsburg will roll into Mason County tonight. On the line is a trip to Louisville and the State Championships.

The Blackcats were scheduled to leave Thursday at around 4 p.m. A stop in Morehead was slated to precede the game against Mason County. This is Mason County's first trip to the State Semifinals. Prestonsburg made it to the State Semifinals last season. Before that, the Blackcats made it back in 1993. Under then-coach Bill Letton the Blackcats made it to Louisville and the State Championships where they eventually lost.

Many Prestonsburg fans expect the Blackcats to go into Mason County and come away with passes to Louisville.

- Neither team has a common opponent.
- Bill Letton tie-in: Mason County beat Letton's Montgomery County team 20-7 in Week Two of the regular season.
- Mason County also boasts one of the top boys' basketball teams in the state. The Royals are a likely 10th Region contender in the upcoming high school hoops season.
- This is Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett's second trip to the Class AA State Semifinals.
- Kickoff for tonight's game is 7:30 p.m.

**Prestonsburg Blackcats**

Coach: John DeRossett  
Class: AA  
Region: 4  
District: 8

Aug. 17	.....at Sheldon Clark 34-12 (W)
Aug. 25	.....Bell County 25-16 (W)
	(at Hazard, Pride of the Mountains Gridiron Classic)
Aug. 31	.....Paintsville 43-23 (W)
Sept. 7	.....at Whitley County 13-16 (L)
Sept. 14	.....Portsmouth East, Ohio 41-6 (W)
	(Reno's Bowl)
Sept. 21	.....at Whitesburg 39-7 (W)
Sept. 28	.....Betsy Layne 85-0 (W)
Oct. 5	.....Belfry 40-14 (W)
Oct. 12	.....at Pike County Central 54-8 (W)
Oct. 19	.....Shelby Valley 62-0 (W)
Oct. 26	.....Open
Nov. 2	.....Powell County 79-20 (W)
Nov. 9	.....Leslie County 33-0 (W)
Nov. 16	.....Belfry 34-14 (W)
Nov. 23	.....at Mason County

**Mason County Royals**

Coach: David Buchanan  
Class: AA  
Region: 3  
District: 6

Aug. 17	.....Tates Creek 20-14 (W) (overtime)
Aug. 24	.....at Montgomery County 20-7 (W)
Aug. 31	.....at Rowan County 35-14 (W)
Sept. 7	.....Lafayette 39-10 (W)
Sept. 14	.....Russell 27-14 (W)
Sept. 21	.....at Bath County 61-6 (W)
Sept. 28	.....at East Carter 26-0 (W)
Oct. 4	.....at Lewis County 64-6 (W)
Oct. 12	.....Open
Oct. 19	.....at Fleming County 13-20 (L)
Oct. 26	.....West Carter 48-0 (W)
Nov. 2	.....Garrard County 35-12 (W)
Nov. 9	.....at Lloyd Memorial 40-35 (W)
Nov. 16	.....at Fleming County 14-6 (W)
Nov. 23	.....Prestonsburg

**Tonight's games**

<b>CLASS A</b>	
Friday, Nov. 23	
Danville (11-2)	.....at Mayfield (8-5), 7:30
Paintsville (11-2)	.....at Newport Central Catholic (12-1), 7:30
<b>CLASS AA</b>	
Friday, Nov. 23	
Bardstown (13-0)	.....at Glasgow (12-1), 7:00
Prestonsburg (12-1)	.....at Mason County (12-1), 7:30



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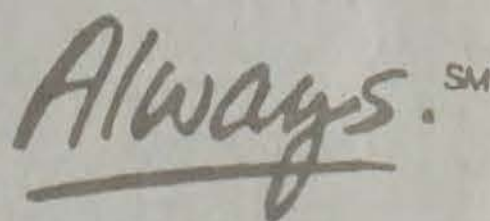
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The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile southwest of the junction of the Upper Wolfpen Branch Road, and the Little Mud Creek Road, and is located 0.05 mile north and south of Upper Wolfpen Branch Road.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Emmitt Lawson. The mineral is owned by the Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Emmitt Lawson, Lewis Bernot, and Grover Moore.

**NOTICES**

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by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR



## IT'S A MATTER OF RESPECT

So, according to a "suave" businessman from Florida, folks in these parts don't have a "decent club to go to," so he's gonna help us out - by opening a "private gentlemen's club" that will feature dancers that are "totally nude."

Excuse me, but I think we might have a problem of conflicting definitions going on here. Like when your Aunt Hattie comes to visit and she taps on the door before fully opening it and speaks into the crack, "Are you decent?"

"No, wait just a minute, Aunt Hattie - I have my clothes on."

Funny how city folk and country folk can differ on interpretation, huh?

Now don't get me wrong, I'm no prude. And I also believe wholeheartedly in the right of others to practice free will and freedom of choice. But in matters such as these, I just prefer it when they do it somewhere besides my little

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## Family Medicine

John C. Wolf, D.O.  
Associate Professor  
of Family Medicine

## Herpes can irritate, spread after blisters are healed

**Question:** My husband gets frequent cold sores that are a nuisance more than a real health problem. Four months ago I had burning with urination and genital discomfort. My doctor prescribed an antibiotic for a urinary tract infection without examining me. My symptoms persisted so I followed up with my gynecologist, who diagnosed me with type 1 genital herpes. I'm taking Valtrex and have no obvious sores, but I do have some mild itching. Is it common to pass herpes when no obvious blisters are present, and is it also common to have mild irritation continually?

**Answer:** The herpes virus family is a large one. The most common member of this family is called Herpes Simplex Virus type 1 (HSV 1). It causes most cases of herpes infections of the mouth and lips but can also sometimes cause genital herpes infections. Likewise, other members of the family, particularly Herpes Simplex Virus type 2 (HSV 2), which usually produces genital infections, can sometimes infect the area in and around the mouth.

HSV 1 usually strikes for the first time in childhood, where it produces a sore throat, mouth sores and often the typical "fever blister" on the lip. Subsequent attacks are less severe and characteristically produce a single blister or a cluster of small

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A long line formed through the fellowship halls of the small Martin church as many waited to have books autographed by Richard Paul Evans. Many, as indicative of this particular photograph, brought along several of Evans' works to be signed.

## Of Christmas boxes, miracles, and blessings

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

As the Christmas season fast approaches, Christmas blessings begin to be spread far and wide, and the brethren of one small church in our area have experienced already a special blessing in the form of a special visit.

An author of international acclaim paused this week from his hectic schedule

to spend a special evening in Floyd County. Richard Paul Evans, the author of "The Christmas Box," a #1 New York Times best-seller, spoke Monday evening at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, of which he is a member.

The small Martin church was ecstatic with the opportunity to play host to this special evening of testimony and fellowship as Evans related the events that transpired in his life that lead up to his writing

of the "little book" that has since brought a message of healing and love to an international audience.

The small book, comprised only of 125 short pages, first came to Evans' mind as a means to expressing a father's love for his children, for his first intentions were to write a simple Christmas story to give as a gift to his two young daughters, Jenna and Allyson. He made 20 copies of the book to give to family and friends and what ensued was more remarkable than anything he said he could ever have imagined.

As these 20 copies were reproduced and given out to others as gifts, repeated requests for the book began to flood in. Bookstores were tracking Evans down to request information on how to purchase the book. When Evans informed one bookstore owner that the book was not published, he explained that he had only made a few copies of it for his family and friends. Evans relates that the owner of the bookstore suggested to him that perhaps, then, he should have the book published.

Publication efforts were daunting, as Evans' book was turned down by publishing companies who told him that "a book like this will never sell." Believing in his book, and in its unfolding mission, Evans took on the task, and the cost, of self-publication. In record time, the book outsold every major publishing company entry to become, simultaneously, the #1 hardcover and paperback book in the nation. Since then, the book has been published in 18 languages and more than 8 million copies have been distributed worldwide. In

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Richard Paul Evans, author of "The Christmas Box," and "The Christmas Box Miracle," paused from his busy schedule recently to visit Floyd County. Evans spoke Monday evening at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in regard to the events leading up to the writing of his #1 best-selling book. He was invited to visit Floyd County by Mona Dingus, who is pictured with him.

## Things to Ponder...

# Power plays for the holidays

The connection of "family and holidays" just keeps coming to my mind, which probably relates to how important family is to me. I suppose that is why I really attend to the dramas of families' interactions near the holidays. Isn't this not the time when everyone is expected to be cheery, laughing, and fetching cocoa for each other with a heavy cloud of the scents of a favorite foods floating about? But, based on some observations, one can sense a mighty gap between expectations and reality. Look out for weird mind games, emotional blackmail and "jockeying for power" battles during this time. Are you a major player, an innocent bit-player, or a victim in these Super Bowl games?

Let me give you an update on the continuing story of the little, old grandmother who was trying to get her children to respect her. Since she has been looking at how she interacted with her children, the grandmother began paying more attention to "where her money went" and questioning herself, "Am I trying to buy love and respect?" In addition, she was on a very fixed income. Quite by accident, she learned that her son was asking his father, the grandmother's ex-husband, for money to pay the same bills she had been paying for. The son was receiving as much as \$500.00 from each parent for one spe-

cific "need." She sure felt like she was being used. Feeling that she needed to set limits financially, as well as emotionally, the grandmother reminded her son that she had been buying everything for the grandson for five years—clothing, tutoring, extracurricular activities,

**Remember that anyone, a child or adult; feeling powerless, will often seek to gain power through revenge. They will seek to hurt others as they feel hurt, and will often engage in behavior that ultimately hurts themselves. However, eventually adults need to take responsibility for their own feelings and behaviors.**

birthday parties, etc. This financial support was in addition to the grandmother usually keeping the elementary-school-aged child. At times, the child went home for a few days, such as when his grandmother was hospitalized.

Well, the little old lady was just not prepared for her son's reaction. Within a few hours after she had given her list of purchases for the kid, the son had the

child home with all of his belongings that the grandmother had collected over the years. There was also the son's proclamation that the grandmother would never see the child again. They would not spend the holidays together. Since the grandmother had announced several weeks ago that she would not be cooking Thanksgiving dinner, the son and his wife were going for the long weekend to the home of the wife's family in Alabama. There had never been any interest in going before this year. They were also going to take the child, even though the son's wife had quickly remarked, "He (the child) won't have a good time, because all of the children in the family are much younger than he is." In addition, the grandmother's daughter and her friends had decided to visit friends in the opposite direction. The grandmother would be having Thanksgiving dinner alone. This was the woman who had tried to keep her children happy all of their lives, and wanted some respectful behaviors shown to her in return.

The loving grandmother and I discussed her feelings and choices. Her major reaction was grieving the "loss" of her grandchild. My questions were about the possibility that the grandmother felt her son had wanted to emotionally write her off and, at the same time, using the



by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PH.D.

grandson as a "pawn." Although it seemed very clear that the grandmother had enabled her son to use her, emotionally and financially, all of his life, and I know that there are all kinds of people in the world, I still do not want to believe that people, who supposedly love each other, can mistreat each other in such a way. This story illustrates game playing at the major league level. Spring training began when her son was a small child. The grandmother's need for the son to be happy, led her to create a feeling in her son that she was the source for meeting all his needs, no matter what sacrifice she

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## Feri tales

### The Field of Dreams

by FERI KHATIB

Whenever I get stressed out, I close my eyes and mentally travel to a private heaven of mine. I imagine myself standing in the middle of a field of poppies with warm rays of the sun on my face and a gentle breeze whispering in my ears. The bright, cheerful colors of poppies with their soft petals, wash away my worries. A few minutes in this world of wonders and I am ready to tackle any situation. There are days that I have to nip over to my field of dreams several times but I never get tired of looking at them. In the language of the flowers, poppies mean forgetfulness and their beauty makes me forget the stressful world around me. They also work more effectively than any mind-altering drugs as well as being safer and cheaper.

Poppies have been around for a long time. Ancient Sumerians cultivated opium poppy for medicinal purposes (one hopes!) as far as 5000 years ago. Poppies were found preserved in the ancient Egyptian tombs.

There are more than 70 species of true poppies (genus Papaver) and some 250 species in the family Papaveraceae. There are many varieties of annual poppies (Papaver rhoeas) or more commonly known as corn poppies that exist in a wide range of colors and sizes. They readily reseed themselves. Poppies have very modest requirements for growth. Unlike some plants that require personal blessing from the Vatican, poppies grow practically in any type of soil. Just give them full-sun and some elbowroom and they're content. These qualities allow them to produce breathtaking effects in the landscape; in wild flower gardens, and in combination with perennials.

The best-known variety, the Shirley poppy, was hybridized from wild poppies in red, lavender, and rose colors. These poppies lack the black centers characteristics of their wild ancestors.

California poppy (Eschscholzia californica) is a popular relative of true poppies. They tolerate heat and

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## Postscript: ANOTHER BOOK TIP

by PAM SHINGLER  
COLUMNIST

Several years ago at a civic club meeting, a guest gave out small, round, wooden disks with the letters "Tuit" on them. He explained that most of us whine that we'll do something when we get around to it. Now, he said, we could go ahead, because we'd gotten a "round tuit."

Sometimes it takes me a long time to get around to doing things I want to do. My intentions are good; I just can't always get around to it.



Almost two years ago, when I was still on the staff of The Times, I received a copy of a new book "Back Porch Faith," by Paul Prather, a minister and former reporter with the Lexington Herald-Leader.

At that time, Prather had left the central Kentucky newspaper, but was still writing a weekly column, which The Times and other Kentucky papers wisely chose to run. He stopped writing the column when his wife became very ill. I have no idea how she is doing now or if he's still writing. I enjoyed Prather's columns, and I'm confident many other readers did, as well.

A few months ago, I finally got around to reading "Back Porch Faith." (Hold on to that round tuit.) I regret I did not share it with you sooner, for it is an excellent spiritual resource.

The book is meant to be read over a year. It consists of 52 devotional essays. I broke the rules and read the book straight through. Frankly, that's how I think most people will approach this highly personal, deeply spiritual collection of short writings. It's hard to read a little bit and then stop.

Each entry follows a select topic, often giving a personal anecdote from Prather's life. It ends with a devotional passage from the Bible. Each essay is a kind of confessional lesson and reads like a diary entry.

Essentially, Prather writes about everyday life and translates that into universal principles.

For instance, in illustrating the importance of attitude in success, he writes, "... it's not the school or the state or aid programs or even parents that determine how a student will turn out. Ultimately, the student decides."

A man after my own heart, Prather discusses the therapeutic benefits of porches. "Sometimes I practice back porch religion," he pens. "That's the faith I join when life becomes too nerve-racking... Occasionally, everyone must escape the harshness of the real world. For a while, we need to see only the people we want to see and think only thoughts we want to think. Or perhaps see

no one and think nothing."

Prather writes lovingly of his family, including his father who grew up poor and became a minister who spent his life trying to make life better for other people. For years, he repaired old bicycles and gave them to kids who had none.

"Poverty left both physical and emotional marks on Dad, but he turned his grief to positive ends," the son writes. "We choose the legacies we'll leave. If we stingily hoard either our measly comforts or our petty resentments, we'll die alone and forgotten."

Prather also expounds on religious philosophy. In a series of meditations on the Ten Commandments, for instance, he explains the third rule: Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. It is a simplification, he says, to read the commandment as a mere condemnation of cursing.

"Religious folks are the worst abusers of that rule," he proposes. "Catholics and Protestants in Ireland invoke God's name before blowing up one another with bombs... TV evangelists use God's name to bilk money from Social Security recipients... the evil we commit in the name of God is the worst of all."

Every essay is rich. I only wish I'd read the book sooner and discovered its wealth earlier.

I hope it's not too late for you to share. If you're interested, "Back Porch Faith" was published by Andrews McMeel Publishing, 4520 Main St., Kansas City, MO 64111-7701; phone 816/932-6700.

It would make an excellent gift for you or for someone you care about.

## School Happenings

### Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Nov. 26 - Picture re-takes for absent students, sports, and clubs. All sports pictures must be pre-paid. For more information, contact Gaye Hatfield at 886-2671.

■ Nov. 27 - Seventh grade parent luncheon.

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812.

### Allen Central Middle School and Youth Service Center

■ Nov. 27 - CPR presentation for 8th grade - Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

■ Nov. 27 - Recycling presentation for 6th grade - Southeast Area Recycling.

■ Now until Nov. 20 - School will be collecting canned food items for Thanksgiving Baskets.

■ School is currently collecting Food City receipts. Students may turn them in to their homeroom teachers.

■ Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. Call 358-0134 for more information.

### Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Telephone: 874-0621

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

### Clark Elementary

■ Nov. 26-29 - TWYSSA Presentations - 5th grade.

■ Dairy Queen "buy one, get one free" cards still on sale through the Family Resource Center.

■ After School child care hours are 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., school days.

■ FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.

■ MCCC services are available at the center. Call for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

■ The Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. Center is located in the Clark Elem. school building. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Office phone is 886-0815.

### McDowell Family Resource Center.

■ Floyd County Health Department nurse, Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday. Services provided include: immunizations, T.B. skin tests, school physicals (Head Start, kindergarten, and sixth grade), WIC appointments, prenatal and postpartum care and others. If you are in need of an appointment, call 377-2678 to schedule.

■ GED classes each Monday and Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Instructor - Linda Bailey, of the David School.

■ McDowell Family Resource Center hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are in need of assistance, call the center at 377-2678.

### Mud Creek Family Resource Center / John M. Stumbo Elem.

■ The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

■ Center is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

### Piarist School

■ The Piarist School is currently collecting Food City receipts to be used toward the purchase of school equipment and technical tools. You may send your receipts to school with any Piarist School student, or you may mail them in to the

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## Feri

drought during summer. The color of the species California poppy is bright orange. However, new varieties of this poppy are red, lilac, or white.

Opium poppy (*P. somniferum*) is also an annual species. Its seedpods contain around 25 different alkaloids, notably morphine and codeine, the powerful painkillers extensively used in medicine.

In addition to annual poppies, there are biennial and perennial groups. The most popular biennial type is American poppy (*P. tritriofolium*). It is worth growing for its foliage alone; a blue rosette resembling a doily. The flowers of pale apricot appear in the second year and last for two months.

Oriental poppies (*P. oriental*) are the most familiar of perennial poppies. They are very winter hardy and actually require a cold winter to grow and bloom well. Like their annual cousins, they are not fussy about soil, growing even in heavy clay. Oriental poppies are tall perennials and belong to the back of the border or among other bulky perennials. Exotic yet simple beauty of poppies has earned them an honored place in the garden as well as in our hearts.

### I SWEAR I SAW STARS EVERYWHERE

Have you ever fallen down the stairs? If not, don't. No good comes out of it; believe me. I had started working in the garden since early dawn. For hours, I buzzed along merrily but eventually, the old age caught up with me. I decided to call it a day.

As I was wrapping up, a neighbor came along carrying three azalea bushes in a wheelbarrow. He was wondering if I wanted them. Needless to say, I dived after those bushes like a hungry seal after fish. I thought of planting them the next day but the sight of those exposed roots gave me renewed strength. I forged ahead. Creaking at every joint like a tin man, I planted the azaleas and thought it would be

nice to transplant some seedlings. I ran inside the house, grabbed one tray, and ran out again. Actually, that was what I thought had happened. Let me see. I came out, entered the porch, and then I was flying down the steps, head first. It was so weird.

One moment I was walking and the next moment I was flying through the air like a witch without a broom. Strangely enough, I could see everything frame by frame, like watching a movie. I fell. The seedlings flew from their tray. My face hit the second and third steps and finally landed on the edge of the raised bed.

For the climax, my face got entangled in a rose bush. True, I loved those purple flowers passionately but not as much as to want to graft my face permanently to the bush. Well, at this point I must have fainted. The next thing I remember was my husband trying to break up the love feast between my face and the thorny bush.

Needless to say, I felt awful and looked a mess. In the doctor's office, I got patched up for my scratches, bumps and bruises. After that the doctor dug her finger into my ribcage and asked me if it hurt a bit. Unable to speak coherently with my swollen lips, I just nodded in agreement (what did she think? That I was naturally black and blue?) I was badly shaken but no broken bones. She told me to rest for a few days and then totter around to see her, no doubt for more poking opportunities.

The next day, all kinds of unsuspected muscles were aching. The slightest movement hurt like hell and bit like a serpent. However, my biggest worry concerned the seedlings. I inquired after them. My husband gave me a nasty look, which was mostly lost on me (with my shiner and all) and told me to hurry up and take my painkiller.

Well, the moral of the story is to quit while you're still standing. Otherwise, doctors will have to poke around your flabby midsection and your spouse will mutter in undertones that you were totally unhinged. That is life, I guess.

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## Weddings



### Hannah-Hamilton to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Keith E. Hannah, of Leander, along with Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Hamilton, of Harold, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of their children, Leigh Ann, and Steven Bradley. The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Johnson Central High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Kentucky. She holds a master's degree in physical therapy. She is the maternal granddaughter of Gloria Blair, of Paintsville, and the late Kenneth Blair. She is the paternal granddaughter of Sarah June Hannah, of Leander, and the late Myron T. Hannah. Bradley Steven is a 1991 graduate of Betsy Layne High School. He attended Prestonsburg Community College and graduated in 1995 from Mayo State Vocational College with a degree in respiratory therapy. He is the maternal grandson of Mona Hall, of Teaberry, and the late Bill Hall. He is the paternal grandson of the late Anthony and Octavia Hamilton, of Harold. The couple will exchange marriage vows on Saturday, November 24, at six thirty in the evening, in a candlelight wedding ceremony that will take place at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. All family and friends are cordially invited to attend.

## Eyes

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town. Already, we see each and every day in our schools and in our courts, the after-effects of low self-esteem and the absence of self-respect.

Already, we are engaged in battle attempting to convince our young females that they, too, can have careers in the fields of science, mathematics, medicine and law.

Already, we see a nation of young women who deprive themselves of proper nutrition and spend their every cent on products designed to make them as "beautiful" as the models that grace the covers of the magazines that line the check-out counters of every grocery and discount department store for miles around.

Already, we are attempting, through education, to convince our young people that an Appalachian heritage is something of which to be proud, rather than ashamed.

Already, we are battling to shed the stereotypes that hold our people back and keep them from claiming their rightful place in the many annals and journals of accomplishments that line library shelves all across this nation.

For too long the women of Appalachia have been handed buckets of disparaging comments and discouraging words. For too long the eyes of a nation have been averted from the creative prowess and sharp intelligence of Appalachian women.

The women of Appalachia have much of which to be proud. They don't need to resort to cheapening themselves with vulgar displays of their bodies in order to become "valuable"; and conversely, their men don't need to learn to accept such displays as sophisticated and worldly. Appalachian women are beautiful, and this beauty is showcased in the way that they love their families, cherish their children, and respect their menfolk.

And I, for one, believe that they deserve no less than to be loved, cherished and respected in the very same way.

## Ponder

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had to make. Without casting blame, there is a need to recognize that it takes two players for this game to go on. For example, if the grandmother had attempted to interact with adults for her needs, then she would not have wanted to accept being involved so deeply in the elementary-age world again at middle-age, and ultimately feeling used. The "You being happy, makes me happy" wheel will not roll. Everyone is responsible for their own feelings and behaviors.

As we have talked before, one does not have to be knocked down to know that there is a big-time POWER STRUGGLE taking place between the grandmother and her son. Who knows what the son's other stressors of life might be, but he certainly felt challenged by his mother changing his life so. No matter what the "cause" of the power struggle, it can be dealt with appropriately. A suggestion is to empower and not overpower, the two adults need to find useful ways for each to feel powerful and valuable, and deal with power struggles in ways that reduce fighting and create cooperative relationships that empower both.

A first step to effectively and positively deal with power struggles is to side-step it, such as "refuse to pick up the other end of the rope." This sends the message, "I am not going to fight with you. I am not going to overpower you, and I'm not going to give in, either." The next step would be to give choices, not orders, whether it is another adult or a child. It is important to make sure that all choices are acceptable. Try to give broad and open-ended choices whenever possible, and they need not represent a punishment as one alternative.

Whenever you find yourself in the middle of a power struggle, ask, "How can I give the other person more power in this situation?" Attempt to reestablish relationships and keep in mind the close, loving and cooperative one that is your long-term goal. A real good approach to power struggle is to have negotiations that will help both individuals feel like it is a win-win situation, instead of a situation where someone has to win or lose. Although some parents think of children saying "NO," as them questioning authority, it is best to teach your child to say "NO," or disagree respectfully and appropriately. This helps children to be able to say "NO" to peer pressure. Remember that anyone, a child or adult, feeling powerless, will often seek to gain power through revenge. They will seek to hurt others as they feel hurt, and will often engage in behavior that ultimately hurts themselves. However, eventually adults need to take responsibility for their own feelings and behaviors.

## Medicine

blisters on the lip. These attacks are often brought on by physical or emotional stress. In children a common stress is mild illness that produces a fever — hence the name "fever blister." These attacks clear up in a few days without any specific treatment.

Though 85 percent of the world population has immunologic evidence that they have had an HSV 1 infection, only about 20 percent actually have apparent cold sores. The rest of us just carry the virus. You see, our immune system doesn't kill the HSV infection. Instead, it just holds it in check. When the conditions are right, the virus will seize its opportunity to replicate and produce the characteristic viral blister. Though, as I mentioned earlier, HSV 1 produces cold sores most often,

about 30 percent of us will have these blisters on the genitals, as you do.

HSV 2 is a subtly different member of the herpes family that is present in 20 percent of the population. This, remember, is the strain that causes genital herpes most often but can also cause oral lesions. As you can see, these distinctions are subtle. They are of great interest to the virologist but of little importance to the rest of us as there is no major clinical difference in the type of health problems the two strains cause.

Up to 90 percent of the cases of herpes infections are spread by individuals who have no obvious sores.

We doctors call this "asymptomatic shedding of virus." What this means is that any time you kiss, share eating utensils or

have intercourse with someone, you are at risk of contracting a herpes infection.

Today we don't have medicines that will kill the HSV viruses that cause these infections. Instead, the drugs now on the market, like the Valtrex you take, only reduce the severity and frequency of attacks. The drug hampers the ability of the virus to replicate and, thereby, limits the amount of tissue that is damaged by infection.

You have some persistent mild burning or discomfort even though the genital skin appears healed because the virus sets up its permanent residence within the nerves supplying the area of the initial blisters. This causes some reaction in the nerves that you perceive as your mild symptoms. These will subside with the passage of time, but it doesn't happen overnight.

**School**

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following address:  
The Piarist School, Highway 80,  
Box 870, Martin, KY 41649.  
Call 285-3950 for further information.

**Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center**

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.  
■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
■ 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**

■ Adult education classes available.  
■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 135.

**The David School**

■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:  
■ Monday and Wednesday: McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Call 377-2678.  
■ Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405.  
■ Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389.  
■ Tuesday: Cliffside Housing Project Community Center, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Call 886-9860.  
■ Wednesday: Floyd County Detention Center, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
■ Thursday: Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Call 886-0709.  
■ Thursday: St. James Episcopal Church, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046.  
■ Friday - The David School, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Call 886-8374.



Evans paused for several minutes to comfort Gladys McKinney, of Cow Creek, who lost a young child several years ago. Evans' book, "The Christmas Box," has received much acclaim in bringing healing to those who have lost children.

**Christmas**

photo by Kathy J. Prater

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1995, it was made into an Emmy Award winning television special starring Richard Thomas and Maureen O'Hara.  
Evans credits the book's success not with his own skill per se, "there are mistakes in the book," he said, but rather with divine inspiration. Evans said that the book came to him "in the form of a jigsaw puzzle, in bits and pieces." As he worked, he had moments when he doubted the work and didn't understand where the story was leading. At this point, he relates, he "had a profound spiritual experience."  
Evans believes that the book is ordained with a threefold mission, one, "to bear witness" to the truth of the Bible and to the life of Jesus Christ, two, "to bring a message of healing to those who have lost children," and three, to bring realization to parents around the world that "parenthood is one of the greatest gifts we are given by our loving Father" and that each moment of our children's childhoods are to be "held dear."  
Evans says that he was guilty of "trading diamonds for stones" during the first few years he became a father, working long hours and not fully realizing how quickly his daughters would grow. He believes that the story of the Christmas box was a forewarning to

him, "it changed my life, it maybe even saved my life," he said. "How grateful I am to have been warned."  
Evans also related the phenomenon of how, repeatedly, wherever he goes, his path crosses with those who are grieving the loss of a child. "I can be at a book signing, and someone will walk up to me and ask, 'What are you doing?', and I will say, 'I'm signing my little book, would you like to buy one or can I help you?'. So many times, the person will say, 'No, this is a Christmas book, I'm looking for a book that will help my friend (relative, whomever) - they just lost a child.' " "Without even knowing it," he continued, "they just found what they were looking for."  
Bearing testimony to Evans' very words was a woman in attendance at Monday evening's program, Gladys McKinney, of Cow Creek. McKinney had not yet read Evans' "The Christmas Box," and was not aware, prior to this evening, of the message it contained. As she approached Evans in the book signing line, he rose to greet her and she tearfully related to him her own story of the loss of her three year old child, several years prior to this meeting. Evidenced by McKinney's apparent grief, the pain of this loss has not dimmed with time. Evans spent sev-

eral minutes comforting and consoling her as though time was of no apparent essence to him.  
For one who has dined with and shared the podium with many of the world's greatest leaders and notable personalities, such as President George W. Bush, former British Prime Minister John Major, Elizabeth Dole, and Bob Hope, as well as appearing on major network television shows and being featured in numerous national magazine publications, Evans exhibited a very humble and unassuming nature as he patiently took the time to comfort, chat with, and shake hands with those who had come out this evening to meet him.  
"A Special Evening with Richard Paul Evans," was, for those in attendance, very special, indeed.  
For more information on Richard Paul Evans and his books, as well as the "Christmas Box House International," an organization he founded that is dedicated to building shelters and providing services for abused children, you may write to him at the following address: P.O. Box 1416, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110, or log on to his website at: www.richardpaulevans.com.  
All proceeds from Evans' books for children go to the Christmas Box

**NUTRITION-WISE**

**Q** Which is a lower-calorie topping for baked potatoes: sour cream or butter?

**A** In most cases, regular sour cream adds less fat and calories than butter or margarine, and reduced-fat sour cream a little less. One tablespoon of regular sour cream has 26 calories and 2.5 grams of fat, but the same amount of butter or regular margarine contains about 105 calories and 12 grams of fat. A teaspoon or two of reduced-fat spread is comparable to a tablespoon of sour cream. For the lowest calorie and fat additions, think "outside the box" of traditional choices. Many people have found that they love their potatoes topped with a few tablespoons of low-fat cottage cheese or a teaspoon or two of Parmesan cheese, which add about 20 calories and no more than 1 gram of fat. Try salsa or a splash of lemon juice, which add 10 calories or less and no fat at all, or use herbs and seasonings, which are virtually fat- and calorie-free.

**Q** Does a woman need more protein when she is pregnant?

**A** When a woman is pregnant, her protein needs increase by 10 to 14 grams a day. Many women already consume the recommended 60 grams of protein a day, however, and don't need to eat more. The women who may need more are those who don't use dairy products and limit meat consumption. They should make a particular effort to use beans and nuts to supply the protein so vital at a time when new tissue is being formed.

**Q** Is creatine a safe and effective supplement for athletes?

**A** Creatine is one of the most widely-selling nutritional supplements on the market, usually taken in hope of achieving bigger muscles or improved athletic performance. Some studies do suggest that creatine may help prolong the time muscles can work in high-intensity, repeated-type motions. But, according to the American College of Sports Medicine, many people have unrealistic expectations of this supplement. It clearly does not improve aerobic (running, etc.) performance or strength. Creatine may help increase muscle mass, possibly by allowing prolonged strength-training workouts, but only as part of an intense exercise program. One of the health experts' greatest concerns about safety is that studies show many people are exceeding recommended doses, which can lead to kidney damage. Another major concern is widespread use by teenagers, because we have no data about safety for this age group. Experts say creatine may leave teens more prone to muscle strains, and they are also concerned about possible damage to the kidneys and to reproductive and other organs.

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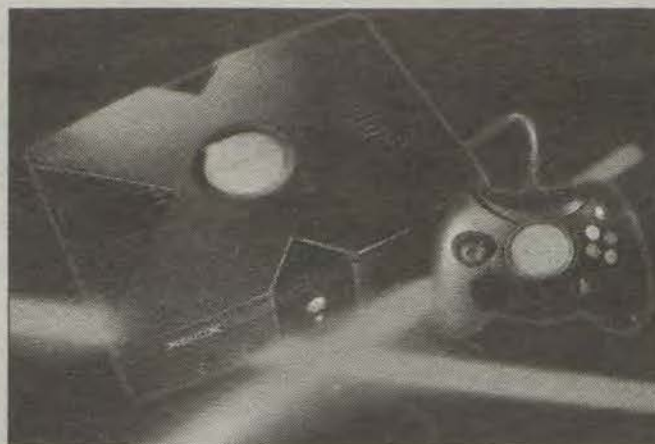
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## National survey shows tech toys are high on holiday gift lists this season

From digital cameras to TV/DVD combos, tech toys make holiday shopping a snap

(ARA) - The holidays are a time for giving and receiving. With that comes the challenge and stress of what to give, what to ask for and when to start shopping.

A recent national survey conducted by Best Buy shows which tech toys top



gift lists this year and who shoppers feel it is hardest to buy for.

One of the first questions that comes to mind when starting the holiday shopping is: "What do I get for the people on my list?" According to the Best Buy survey, nearly half (45 percent) want digital cameras/camcorders, followed by high-definition televisions (HDTV) (39.1 percent), computers (37 percent) and DVD players (36 percent). For women, the top three "I hope I get" techno gifts include digital cameras/camcorders, computers and DVD players. For men, HDTV topped the list, followed by digital cameras/camcorders and computers.

But let's not forget those gifts that keep on giving. Music and movies are the most popular consumer electronic items people will give this holiday season. Sixty-four percent of shoppers will purchase CDs for loved ones and half (50 percent) plan to wrap up this year's hottest movies. One quarter of people (25 percent) plan to help their family and friends make memories by giving digital cameras/camcorders, and 25 percent hope to surprise someone with a DVD player.

So when do people start buying holiday gifts? One out of three (30 percent) early birds start shopping two to four months before the holidays. Twenty-one

percent of people are bargain-hunters, hitting stores for the day-after-Thanksgiving sales. And, nearly two out of 10 people (19 percent) procrastinate, rushing out at the last minute to buy what's left on the shelves. More than any other age group, 55- to 65-year-olds prefer to beat the end-of-the-season rush, with nearly one-third (28 percent) beginning their holiday shopping one year in advance.

While most shoppers claim to give themselves ample time to find the perfect gift, when it comes down to the last minute, there is almost always one person on their list who is hard to buy for. When asked which three people were the hardest to shop for during the holiday season, nearly half indicated that mom and dad present the biggest holiday challenge (47 percent); followed by significant others (34 percent); co-workers and friends (29 percent); and teens (21 percent).

But as everyone fears, even the best holiday gift intentions can go awry. When unwrapping holiday gifts they don't necessarily like, 62 percent of gift-getters prefer to grin and bear it rather than risk hurting their loved ones' feelings. Another 16 percent admit they secretly exchange unwanted gifts without a receipt, while 36 percent wish for more flexible return policies.

Read on for tips on how to use the season's hottest tech gear to make the holidays a little less stressful for the gift giver and gift receiver.

### Wine Coolers

For the wine connoisseur in the family, Haier's Wine Cooler is the perfect gift. The cooler features automatic setting for red and white wines, a smoked glass door with slide out chrome racks and a locking door. Compact in design, the cooler can chill up to 30 bottles of wine at one time.

### Computer LCD Monitors

Computer LCD monitors are a great gift for the person on your list with a home office or for the energy conscious. The flat-screened monitors save desk space, use one-third less energy than a regular computer monitor and are more affordable than ever.

### TV/DVD Combos

Great for family entertainment, the new TV/DVD combo sets gives the person on your list the opportunity to bring the movie theater into their living room. With the enhanced picture and sound, some shoppers may have a hard time giving this gift away.

### Video Game Consoles

Gamers are going to love the new products coming out this holiday season. With the launch of Microsoft's new console Xbox and Nintendo's Game Cube, new entertainment standard will be set.

### Digital Cameras/Camcorders

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## The north pole goes digital: High-tech sights and sounds for the holidays

*Great sight and sound for the holidays: Turn your living room into a cinema with a complete home theater package from Sony or catch a flick on the run with a portable DVD player from Panasonic that's great for travelers. Or travel back to the future with the classic Henry Kloss Table Radio.*

(ARA) — Restless children might suspect Santa as the source of downstairs clamor this Christmas Eve. But if hot trends in audio and video gear are any indication, the real culprits are proba-

bly mom and dad, who couldn't wait until morning to open their presents.

From home theater systems that bring everything but the ticket-taker to the living room, to classic radios that evoke images of holidays long ago, the gift-giving season is brimming with entertainment options that'll keep everyone smiling long after the tree comes down.

"The quality and the selection in consumer electronics has never been better. The digital revolution has really taken audio and video products to a new level of enjoy-

ment," says Dan Hodgson, senior vice president of Merchandising at Crutchfield Corporation, an Internet and catalog retailer of consumer electronics. Crutchfield offers high-quality electronics through its audio/video catalog and its Web site at [www.crutchfield.com](http://www.crutchfield.com).

Topping the holiday gift list this year are "all-in-one" home theater packages. These easy-to-use, affordable systems are offered by

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## New children's website unveils holiday hot list



(ARA) — Every kid wants 'em, and they've got 'em.

The new eToys Web site, ([www.etoys.com](http://www.etoys.com)), presents the toys that top every child's most-wanted list for the 2001 holiday.

Ranging from down-to-earth Fisher-Price Rescue Heroes to out-of-this world LEGO Bionicle, fashion-conscious Polly Pocket! by Mattel to Playskool's playful Sulley from the new Disney/Pixar movie "Monsters, Inc.," LeapPad's innovative Learning Center

ture, learning, creativity and discovery."

"Based on shopping patterns at the all-new eToys Web site, we know families are looking for the broadest selection of nationally-advertised toys, plus the best assortment of quality learning toys at great values," continues Novitsky. "People want convenience this holiday. That's why they appreciate the ease of shopping at eToys for every child on their list."

The new eToys offers a wide selection of popular, learning and specialty toys, features like Shop by Age, Wish List and Gift Wrap, an outstanding customer experience, and great ideas for learning and creative play in the Idea Center.

### eToys 2001 Holiday Hot List

■ **Bob the Builder with Scoop Action Figure (Playskool)**

"Can we fix it? Yes, we can!" Raise talking Scoop's smokestack to hear phrases from the popular television show. Includes snap-on Bob the Builder action figure. Ages 3 and up.

■ **LeapPad Learning Center (LeapFrog)**

Your child's reading proficiency improves by leaps and bounds with the interac-

tive LeapPad Learning Center. This talking book helps your child sound out letters, words and phrases. Ages 4 and up.

■ **LEGO Bionicle (LEGO)**

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■ **IlluStory (Chimeric)**

If your child dreams of writing his or her own book, IlluStory makes the perfect gift. This award-winning kit lets children write and illustrate a 12-page book they mail to the publisher for typesetting and binding. Ages 7 and up.

■ **Jumbo Music Block (Neurosmith)**

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■ **Monsters, Inc. Glowing Bedtime Sulley (Playskool)**

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■ **Pixter (Fisher-Price)**

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■ **Polly Pocket! (Mattel)**

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■ **Rescue Heroes (Fisher-Price)**

From Fisher-Price, Rescue Heroes action figures represent the best of the best. From firefighters to police officers to medics and mountain rescue teams, Rescue Heroes honor those who help others. Ages 3 and up.

■ **Thomas the Tank Engine**

All aboard for adventure on the Island of Sodor! Based on the popular VHS/DVD series, friendly Thomas the Tank Engine transports children to a brand new world, filled with discovery and fun. Ages 3 and up.

### Tech

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era and camcorder. With no film to develop, digital cameras allow you to preview picture immediately and adjust setting for the perfect shot. And since most digital camcorders fit in the palm of your hand, the models are easy and fun to use.

### MP3/CD Combo Players

For music lovers, MP3/CD combo players make the perfect gift. New this season, the combo player allows you to listen to your favorite MP3 file and CDs all in one.

### Music, Movies and Games

With the release of several new movies, music and games this holiday season, shoppers will have an easy time picking up a gift for the person who has everything.

Check out these holiday must-haves and more at your local Best Buy store or order online at [BestBuy.com](http://BestBuy.com), with shipping directly to your home.

# Old-fashioned letters to santa go high-tech

## 'Site lets kids create online wish list'

(ARA) - Santa's going online.

When was the last time you or anyone you know actually wrote a letter using pen and paper? Since most adults correspond electronically now, it's only logical that our children will wonder why their annual letter to Santa has to be tediously drafted and carefully written the "old-fashioned" way.

This year, it doesn't have to be. And there's a bonus in it for you, too. By having your children go to [www.wishbook.com](http://www.wishbook.com), they can look through a selection of the season's most popular toys, electronics and sports equipment, build an online list and even e-mail it to the Santa in your family, or other family members who want to know what to get for the kids this year. No more sneaking a look at the big letter before it's sent to find out what their hearts' desire is for this year — and no more disappointments when gifts are opened.

The online Sears Wish Book not only makes it easy to find and buy the perfect gifts for everyone on your list, but also provides services including an online Gift Advisor with suggestions for the hard-to-please people on your list and e-mail notifications of special promotions.

Here are some gift suggestions to make it easier for you (and Santa) to find just the right gift for a perfect holiday surprise for everyone on your gift list.

### For young children

Instead of a traditional doll, give the Robo Baby to any child on your list who is

fascinated with robotics. The Robo Baby is interactive: the more it's played with, the more it responds. Exclusive biorhythm technology allows it to display realistic emotions. Robo Baby can speak short phrases, sing songs and

notes or melodies. Other toys feature favorite characters from the movie including Boo Doll, Mike and Sulley. (\$26.99 to 44.99)

Based on the animated character, Bob the Builder, these toys help children learn

beat. (\$69.99)

For active teens, sports equipment such as trampolines, in-line skates, skateboards and sneaker skates are always "in." Added features such as a trampoline guard and protective pads are also available. (\$29.99 to 249.99)

### For him

Think he already has everything? How about a Virtual Vision aquarium? The calm, tranquil motion of a coral sea comes to life on a motorized rotating screen lit by two eight-watt fluorescent bulbs. Measuring approximately 17 x 11 x 5 inches, it can fit on a bookcase or shelf to provide hours of relaxation. (\$59.99)

To bring 'out the kid in anyone, try the Tiger Karaoke. Pre-loaded with six songs and a professional-style microphone, the system allows you to change from a male to female voice (or female to male) and download songs from the Internet to your computer and then to the karaoke machine. (\$149.88)

### For her

Help her soothe away aches, pains and tension with the Body Benefits Dual Jet Bath Spa and Massaging Tool. The spa allows you to adjust the intensity of the bubble and water action and also includes a hose with a hand-held-massage tool and variable mood light to create a relaxing environment. (\$59.99)

Guys, you can never go wrong with a gift of diamonds. Solitaires, pendants and earrings in a range of sizes and prices are available through the Wish Book, as well as bracelets, anniversary bands and gold jewelry. (From \$129.99)

### For anyone

Nostalgia is big this year. Do your part to preserve memories by putting special

photos into a talking photo frame or talking photo album. Digital recording systems and built-in microphones allow you to record a customized 10-second message for the frame, or a 15-second observation for each spread of the photo album. The photo frame holds your favorite 5 x 7 photo and the photo album's cover holds a 5 x 7 photo while the inside pages hold 5 x 7, 4 x 6 or 3 x 5-inch photos. (Frame:

\$29.99; album: \$39.99)

The Philco Turntable with CD and Cassette player is a great way to let someone enjoy music in newer formats as well as treasured vinyl records. With nostalgic style and an oak finish, the unit features a front-loading CD player and side-loading cassette as well as a turntable that plays both 33 1/3 and 45 rpm records. (\$199.99)

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Once the kids have seen the latest Disney Pixar movie, "Monsters, Inc.," they're going to want monsters. The Scream Factory piano is an eight-key piano that looks like the Monstropolis Factory and plays eight different screams. Change modes, and it plays

skills like counting and logical thinking. Bob's Electronic Building Yard features the voices of Bob and Wendy and includes a base, a Bob figure, Scoop vehicle, Bob's house and more. The Electronic Talking Scoop comes alive with expressions and phrases, and when Bob is placed on Scoop, the two talk to each other. (\$24.99 to 79.99)

### For teens

Electronics are sure to be high on the list of most teens. Sony's Ultra Compact CD/Radio/Cassette boom box comes in bright colors and has a matching remote control for all functions. (\$79.99) For kids on the move, the GPX Portable CD player provides 45-second electronic anti-shock protection to handle bumps without missing a

## Express your patriotism with gifts of crystal

Jewelry and home decor items reflect the nation's resurgent pride

(ARA) — For the person on your gift list who already has everything, give the gift that commemorates those who gave their all.

As a tribute to the courageous men and women who responded to the tragedies in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, Swarovski has created the Brave Heart Pin, a flag made of red, white and blue crystals encased in a silver heart.

"Our hearts go out to the families of the victims of these tragedies, and we are moved by the courage of the men and women who gave their lives to save others," says Daniel Cohen, president of Swarovski North America Limited. "As a tribute to their bravery, we created this exclusive pin. We hope to provide people with a way to outwardly honor those who perished while also supporting our country."

Increased demand for patriotic paraphernalia has also spurred increased production of the Swarovski



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# Video game consoles offer consumers fun, variety

(ARA) — This holiday season's hottest selling products may come with wires attached — in the form of new video game consoles. Just as Sony's PlayStation 2 dominated the video game market last holiday season, sales of new video game consoles, including new offerings from Microsoft and Nintendo, look to be strong in the 2001 holiday season. In fact, a survey from independent research firm The Strategy Group shows that 42 percent of video game enthusiasts plan on buying a new gaming console before the end of 2001.

If you're one of the millions of Americans planning to purchase a video game console or related accessories this holiday season, you'll have a wide range of options from which to choose.

## Non-traditional Gamers Spur Increased Sales

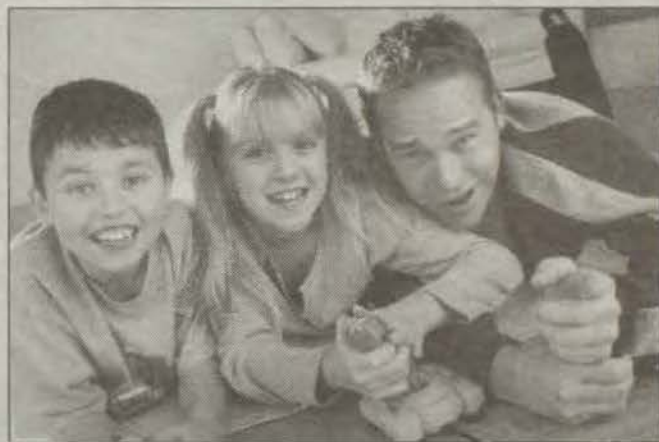
Unlike early generations of video game consoles, which appealed mainly to younger children and teenagers, today's games have become increasingly popular as a mainstream entertainment choice for more mature, diverse audiences. According to the International Data Corp. (IDC), both men and women enjoy video games. And they aren't necessarily teenagers — the average gamer is just over 21 years old, according to IDC.

"With a wide range of games and educational software to choose from, just about anyone can find something they like," says Al Engleman, video game buyer at Fingerhut, a leading general merchandise cataloger. "Video game consoles

have expanded beyond their traditional audience."

## A New Generation of Video Game Consoles

Today's newest video game platforms include Sony's PlayStation 2, which dominated the market during the 2000 holiday season, Nintendo's GameCube and Microsoft's Xbox, released in late 2001. All three con-



soles use the latest technology to provide lightning-fast play with unprecedented graphics and DVD-quality sound. The innovative machines are designed to take advantage of the converging technologies of high-speed computer chips, the Internet and digital technologies (such as those used to create and play DVDs). Here's a closer look:

■ Microsoft's Xbox resembles a home computer in that it features a high-speed Internet port and a built-in hard drive. These features allow users to save game data, add their own music to game soundtracks and compete with other Xbox users via Internet video game sites.

■ Nintendo's GameCube may be a good system for families because the compa-

ny has historically been known for creating video games that are appropriate for children of all ages. With optional accessories to be released in coming months, GameCube will also offer users different ways to connect to the Internet, either with a high-speed connection or a slower, 56k dialup modem option.

■ Sony's PlayStation 2 can be used as more than just

a game machine. The video game console allows users to play DVD movies as well as music CDs, making for an impressive all-in-one entertainment system. Sony also plans to release an optional broadband adapter and hard drive for the PlayStation 2, which will allow users to download and play games, music and even movies from the Internet.

## Games for the Bargain Hunter

Despite the popularity of new consoles, sales of video game machines introduced a few years ago, such as the Sega Dreamcast, Sony PlayStation 1 and Nintendo 64, continue to move steadily. Such consoles, which fea-

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# Holiday gift ideas for the person who has everything

(ARA) — Struggling to find a gift for that hard-to-shop-for person on your holiday gift list? It's a problem many of us will face this holiday season. But, often the real dilemma lies in the fact that we aren't thinking creatively enough when it comes to potential gift ideas.

Even if the person on your list seems to have

everything, these tips and a little creative thinking, based on the recipient's personality and interests, may help you find the perfect gift.

## Tools for the Blossoming Chef

Thanks to the rising popularity of television cooking shows and chefs like Emeril Lagasse, many

Americans are rediscovering the joy of good cooking. If someone on your list has a passion for cooking, a variety of products are available to help them enjoy their hobby.

"There are many new innovations available for the home cooking enthusi-

ast," says John Damrow, vice president of merchandising for Fingerhut, a direct-to-consumer marketing company. "Some are designed to save time, while others feature improved quality elements such as thicker cooking bases or non-stick coatings

with lifetime warranties. There are hundreds of products available for the experienced chef or the novice."

## Some innovative cooking products to consider include:

■ An electric food slicer, which can speed the process of creating many vegetable or fruit dishes

■ A hand-held blender that combines a variety of tools into one, easy-to-use appliance, acting as a hand mixer, juicer, coffee grinder and more

■ A combination espresso, cappuccino and coffee maker, which can add a sophisticated touch to a fine dessert or breakfast

## Help Your Sports Fan Root for the Home Team

If the sports enthusiast in your life already has enough team posters, banners and jerseys, Damrow recommends some alternative gifts.

"There is a variety of outerwear available featur-

(See **IDEAS**, page S7)

## Games

ture impressive graphics and CD-quality sound, are available at lower prices than today's newer offerings. And because the machines have been available for a few years, users can choose from a wide range of games.

"The older consoles also remain popular because they give consumers a pretty good value for the money," Engleman said. "Some companies even have bundled packages that offer a game console packaged with several different games. Sega, for example, offers a sports bundle for under \$120 that includes the Dreamcast console along with three very popular sports games."

## Find Out More

Before you decide what type of system is best for you, be sure to consider all of the video game console

options available. For a more complete listing of available video game consoles and related products, visit the Fingerhut Web site at [www.fingerhut.com](http://www.fingerhut.com).

## Holiday

name brand manufacturers such as Sony, Pioneer, Panasonic, Denon, Onkyo, Kenwood, Bose and Aiwa, and range from \$500 to \$1,000 for more powerful, feature-packed systems.

While the equipment and specifications vary somewhat, all have a DVD player (which also plays CDs) and a complete set of speakers, including surround sound speakers and a subwoofer for booming low notes. Their compact size, excellent performance and simple set-up make them an ideal choice for watching engrossing movies in small- to medium-sized rooms.

"This is one of our fastest growing product areas," Hodgson says. "These packages show that you don't need to mix and match separate components and huge speakers to bring a total cinematic experience to the living room."

If you prefer movies on the go, Crutchfield has laptop DVD players that are perfect for travelers or children in the back seat. Panasonic's top-of-the-line DVD-LA95 (\$999.95) has a large 9-inch LCD display for letterbox or standard films. It has a built-in rechargeable battery pack, and even plays a variety of music discs. Panasonic also has a model with a 7-inch screen (the DVD-LV70, \$799.95) and a 5.8-inch screen (DVD-LV60, \$599.95). Aiwa's affordable XD-DW5 (\$449.95) also has a 5.8-inch screen and a 2-hour rechargeable battery pack.

"The portable DVD players are popular because you can watch them as you travel, and then hook them up in a hotel room or at home and see the rest of the movie," Hodgson said.

Of course, you don't have to just watch movies — you can shoot your own with the

next-generation Panasonic VDR-M10 DVD-RAM camcorder (\$2,299.95). This incredible 1.1 megapixel video camera brings a new wave of features to home videos, including studio-quality MPEG2 video and disc navigation without rewinding or fast-forwarding.

For audio buffs, Sony's XM Satellite Radio tuner (XM01C, \$299.95) is a true cutting-edge stocking stuffer. It enables you to receive 100 channels of crystal-clear news, sports and entertainment in your car through a cassette receiver or auxiliary input (a monthly subscription fee is required). Used with the XM01HK accessory home kit (\$149.95), you can even listen to satellite radio through a home receiver.

"Satellite radio is a relatively new technology, but it's already changing the way people listen to radio. The programming is beyond anything that traditional radio has been able to offer, and some of the products let you enjoy it at home or in the car," Hodgson said.

Music lovers also will appreciate portable CD players from Panasonic, Aiwa and Kenwood, that play both regular CDs and MP3-encoded CDs (\$130-\$170, depending on options). Many of these players also come with car adapter kits, so you can play a single MP3-encoded CD of 10 hours of music anywhere you go.

And one of the coolest gifts this year is one of the most traditional. The Henry Kloss Model One table radio (\$99.95) brings the classically designed radio of years ago back to the home. Though the radio's wood cabinet and tuning dial look like the one your parents grew up with, the sound is distinctly modern and uses the same signal-detection technology found in cellular phones.

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Deck the halls with fresh flowers:

# Holly and poinsettia care

(ARA) — Holly and poinsettia plants are classic symbols of the winter season. In addition to their role as traditional Christmas decorations, both can serve as tokens of goodwill, friendship and joy during the holiday season and beyond.

Here are some care and handling tips from the floral experts at 1-800-flowers.com:

■ If you are one of the

more than 50 million people purchasing a poinsettia this holiday season, select one with dark green foliage, strong, stiff stems and completely-colored flowers. Make sure your plant has no fallen or yellow leaves and that it is fully balanced and attractive from all sides.

■ While most Americans prefer traditional red poinsettias, there are more than 100 different varieties. The newest of these varieties, the Plum Pudding Poinsettia, is the first true purple poinsettia and is sure to compliment the purple accents in your holiday decorations.

■ Holly is another popular seasonal plant that can be used in a variety of ways to decorate homes for the holidays. When choosing holly, look for branches with good color and ripe berries. Both the berries and foliage should be free of blemishes, scratches and other types of damage. Try not to cut holly in temperatures below freezing. Cut holly will last about a week indoors. Misting it with water daily

will help preserve its freshness.

■ Place your plants in a room with a temperature between 68 and 70 degrees and keep them away from cool drafts, direct sunlight or sources of heat. Water poinsettia plants only when soil feels dry to the touch — about

every 3 to 5 days. If your plants are wrapped, unwrap them immediately to avoid deterioration. Following these care tips will keep your plants healthy well into the new year.

Visit 1800flowers.com on the Web for the Plum Pudding Poinsettia and more holiday fun.



## Gifts

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Flag Pin (\$95), a rhodium-based pavé crystal pin with vibrant stars and stripes in sapphire, ruby red and clear crystal. The Eagle Pin (\$125), made of pavé crystal and pearl, depicts our nation's symbol and provides a traditional expression of patriotism.

Just as expressions of patriotism take various forms, so do Swarovski's patriotic items. The "Healing Hearts" pendant, made of rhodium crystal, can be hung on a 15 1/2-inch chain to wear as a necklace, or on a 7 1/4-inch chain to wear as a bracelet. Crystal tattoos in the shape of stars, flags, and red, white and blue hearts are popular with teens and young adults. For men, the American Flag crystal cuff link is a classic way to express patriotism and show support for continuing relief efforts.

For those on your gift list who prefer collectible items, the Silver Crystal Bald Eagle (\$275) makes an ideal desk ornament or home accent. In clear crystal with a yellow beak, this piece depicts an eagle momentarily touching down with wings spread wide, beautifully capturing the eagle's strength and sweeping motion.

Swarovski is available at department and specialty stores nationwide, as well as Swarovski Gallery Stores in major cities. For local outlets, call (800) 426-3088.

## Ideas

ing NASCAR's most popular drivers or NFL teams," Damrow says. "In addition, you could purchase high-pile throws featuring a wide selection of NFL teams. The blankets can be used to help fend off the chill at home or when out catching a game."

Collectible sports cards from professional baseball, basketball and hockey teams might be another gift option for the sports fan on your holiday shopping list.

"For around \$40, you can buy special sports card sets containing anywhere from 700 to 3,200 unopened cards," Damrow said. "These sets can give card collectors hours of enjoyment. And the sets may even hold a valuable card featuring a popular rookie or a famed star play-

er."

If someone on your list owns a video game console such as Sony's PlayStation 2 or Nintendo's GameCube, you might also want to consider giving a sports-related video game. Whether it's football, hockey, baseball or basketball, many of today's most popular sports games feature the teams and players of real-life professional teams.

### Give the Gift of Relaxation

Everyone from the stay-at-home mom to the busy professional needs some time to sit back and unwind after a hectic day. You can give the gift of relaxation with these products:

■ A portable spa, which

uses jets of water and bubbles to turn an ordinary bath into a soothing, spa-like experience

■ Aromatherapy candles, which give off a variety of fresh, relaxing scents, can be a low-cost gift that offers hours of enjoyment

■ Sound-emitting relaxation machines, which produce soothing sounds of nature like falling rain, ocean waves and birds chirping, can help reduce tension after a long day

"Other popular items that promote relaxation include foot spas, hand-held massage units and heating pads," Damrow says. "While prices will vary depending on the features you want, many of these products are available for under \$40."

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