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Deputy jailer assaults head to grand jury

LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two cases in which a Floyd County Detention Center inmate is charged with assault of a police officer were referred to the grand jury on Tuesday in Floyd District Court.

According to court documents, Steven E. Farrell, 38, of Florence, was charged with third-degree assault pursuant to a December 10 incident in which he is accused of striking Deputy Jailer Dwayne Marsillett in the face several times while the defendant was a prisoner at the detention center.

As previously reported, Marsillett also sought charges against Jonathan Crider, another inmate at the Floyd County Detention Center, for terroristic threatening, which allegedly occurred on the same day.

Both cases were referred to the grand jury on Tuesday, where bond for Farrell was set at \$5,000 cash and Crider was given a \$10,000 cash bond.

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Task force conducts first sweep

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

Four months worth of investigations paid off for the drug task force composed of both county and city police Tuesday and early Wednesday morning as a total of 14 alleged drug dealers were arrested.

Although members of the Floyd County Sheriff's

Department and the Prestonsburg City Police Department did not undertake the bulk of an expansive drug-roundup until early Wednesday morning, three of the 14 taken to jail facing drug-related charges were arrested Tuesday during a controlled buy at Highlands Plaza in Prestonsburg.

Police said the three were arrested during the buy after attempting to sell 80 milligram

Oxycontin tablets to undercover cops. After their arrest, more than 45 of the tablets were seized.

The three arrested included:

■ David A. Francis, 32, of Liberty Mills, Ind.

■ Bradley S. Hamilton, 26, of Blue River.

■ Janice A. Dixon, 28, of Dotson Branch.

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Drug dog "Nitro" helped the Floyd County Sheriff's Department sniff out drugs during a roundup of suspects conducted by the Floyd County Drug Task Force Tuesday and Wednesday.

photo by Sheldon Compton

RECORD ON A STRING



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Three hundred twenty-seven students at Betsy Layne High School unofficially broke the world record for continuous flossing with one piece of string on Thursday.

No Loss for Floss

Betsy Layne teens seek to break record

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Students at Betsy Layne High School turned an early morning routine for most people into a quest for entry into the Guinness Book of World Records on Thursday.

Three hundred twenty-seven students flossed with one continuous

piece of string for 54 seconds. Unofficially, that was good enough to beat the previous record of 297 people for 45 seconds set by a youth camp in Illinois in 2001.

According to Ernie Walker, media technician for the school, the student council sponsored the event and helped to come up with the idea.

"We wanted something that the

whole student body could be involved in and that was relatively easy to do," Walker said.

Dr. Lee Boyd, a pediatric dentist, was on hand to give out the dental floss and provide gloves for everyone who participated.

If the record is verified by Guinness, it will be published in the 2004 edition of the book.

Police nab hit-and-run suspects

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two arrests have been made in the investigation of a Dec. 12 hit-and-run accident in Honaker that claimed the life of 2-year-old Stacia Collins.

Tracy Yates, 46, and his wife Bronis Yates, 32, both of Honaker, were arrested at the Floyd County Courthouse on Wednesday by Kentucky State Police Det. Byron Hansford.

Tracy Yates is charged with leaving the scene of an accident and reckless homicide. Bronis Yates is charged with hindering apprehension and prosecution.

According to records at the Floyd County Detention Center, Bronis Yates was incarcerated.

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Bronis Yates



Tracy Yates

Ethics panel fields queries from officials

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Ethics Commission held a meeting Tuesday to discuss an issue brought up by County Treasurer David Layne.

According to John Rosenberg, ethics commission member, Layne presented him with a note that said that \$2,134 had been spent for parts at Layne Brothers by the county.

Layne, who is employed by the county and by Layne Brothers, wanted to know if this was in violation with any of the ethics commission's rules.

"I think it comes down to if they could go somewhere else or give others the option to bid," Rosenberg said.

The commission voted to get more information on the issue and check with the Department for Local Government before

(See ETHICS, page three)

Rape trial ends with hung jury

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The trial of a Decoy man who faced charges of first-degree rape and first-degree unlawful

imprisonment as the result of an alleged incident in February ended with a hung jury Wednesday, in which he is accused of raping a Floyd County Teen, resulted in a hung jury on Wednesday.

The case against Brian Smith, 28,

went to trial on Monday and after three days of testimony from the defendant, the alleged victim, the arresting officer and hospital employees including the

(See DEADLOCKED, page three)

Pike man in two wrecks killed in second

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Pike County man was killed on Wednesday after being involved in two separate accidents.

According to the police report,

Rockie L. Bishop, 39, of Phelps, had attempted to avoid a black Camry driven by Margaret M. Whitt that had pulled out from a stop sign at Tollage Creek. Bishop was unable to avoid a collision with the car. As a result of the crash, the battery terminals came off the battery

post of Bishop's Jeep Cherokee, leaving it without lights in the slow lane of northbound traffic. Whitt was able to pull her vehicle to the side of the road.

According to witness accounts,

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■ **LINCOLN, Neb.** — A thief with a conscience mailed back a gold wedding band and earrings to the jewelry store where he or she stole them 34 years ago.

A letter to Sartor Hamann Jewelry accompanied the traditional woman's wedding band, size 7, and a pair of pearl earrings with gold posts, tiny diamonds and dangling pearls.

"Enclosed are two items that I stole from you in 1968. I'm very sorry and I should not have taken your property," it said. "The pieces belong to you NOT me. I was wrong and I want to apologize for my actions."

Store owner Don Hamann said the letter that arrived Tuesday did not have a signature. The only telltale sign was a Boys Town, Neb., postmark.

"It's kind of interesting," Hamann said. "What must have gone through the person's mind after what, 34 years?"

The package provided few clues. The 18-karat gold ring appeared worn even though it had been polished, he said.

The earrings on close examination appeared to be costume jewelry, a brand the store normally wouldn't carry.

It was the first time Hamann could remember a stolen item being returned voluntarily.

■ **ST. ANN, Mo.** — A tent near a nativity scene in this St. Louis suburb isn't part of the Christmas decorations. It's the temporary home of alderwoman Carrie Cavazza.

Cavazza is running for mayor and wants to garner the extra 3 to 5 percent of the vote that often goes to the candidate named first on the ballot. She's been camping

out in a tent since December 11 to be ready for filing that begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

"I just want the people of this community to know that I really want to be mayor for them," Cavazza, an eight-year alderwoman, said. "I've lived here all my life, and I want to make the city even better."

Inside her tent, Cavazza has a TV and heater, although she joked that on one cold night she considered climbing into the manger display to keep warm.

City Clerk Rhoda Womack said it has been a tradition in St. Ann to camp out to be first on the ballot. Still, "I think Carrie may have set a new record," Womack said.

■ **ROYAL OAK, Mich.** — Hundreds of guinea pigs did so much damage to a house that authorities called in a demolition crew to raze it.

The owner had given more than 440 guinea pigs free run of his house in a prosperous subdivision of brick ranch houses near Detroit. On Monday, a demolition crew leveled the three-bedroom house and hauled away the rubble.

A social worker who intervened on behalf of the owner's family first told officials about the infestation. The owner had lived in the house for 15 years.

The rodents were crawling through every room as well as in the walls, duct work and furnace, said city building department spokesman Robert Hudson. Urine had soaked through the subfloors into the basement.

"The guys went in with the fire department, and they had to wear full respiration gear like they would wear at a fire,"

Hudson said. "I stood by the door and my eyes were burning."

The owner fed the animals from plastic children's swimming pools and laid sheets down on the floors to collect the waste, which he would haul out to the backyard.

City officials said they know little about the homeowner, now believed to be living in assisted care.

The social worker placed almost all of the guinea pigs with pet stores and the humane society, Hudson said.

■ **MISHAWAKA, Ind.** — A man accused of stealing a police car from an officer who was pursuing him has been arrested.

Authorities said a North Liberty police officer was pursuing a van Dec. 9 following a reported burglary in St. Joseph County when the driver bailed out near a church.

When the officer left his car and chased the man on foot, he circled around the church and stole the squad car, authorities said.

The officer had left the keys in the ignition and the engine was running, said North Liberty police Chief Steve Michael.

The man fled into LaPorte County at speeds over 100 mph and again eluded pursuit.

Investigators believe the man then broke into a home in LaPorte and called for a cab, but

the dispatcher became suspicious and called police.

Police went to the home and surrounded it after finding the squad car in the garage, but the man was no longer there when officers entered the house.

Investigators believe he fled on a bicycle that was later found outside a YMCA in LaPorte.

Timothy Hurley, 35, of South Bend, was arrested Saturday in a mobile home park in Mishawaka after a woman reported a suspicious vehicle to police.

Hurley was being held without bond Tuesday on charges of trespassing and resisting law enforcement. He was expected to face burglary and other charges in LaPorte County.

■ **SARASOTA, Fla.** — Bernice Strickland started college in 1945. She finished Tuesday.

Strickland, 76, was the oldest of 202 graduates receiving bachelor's or master's degrees from the University of South Florida at commencement exercises Tuesday night. Strickland majored in English and American Literature.

"I taught her five times, and she never missed a class," said literature professor Susan Harrington. "That was remarkable."

Strickland, a retired kinder-

(See ODDS, pagesix)

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 2002. There are 11 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States during ceremonies in New Orleans.

### On this date:

■ In 1790, the first successful cotton mill in the United States began operating at Pawtucket, R.I.

■ In 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union.

■ In 1864, Confederate forces evacuated Savannah, Ga., as Union Gen. William T. Sherman continued his "March to the Sea."

■ In 1879, Thomas A. Edison privately demonstrated his incandescent light at Menlo Park, N.J.

■ In 1945, the Office of Price Administration announced the end of tire rationing, effective Jan. 1, 1946.

■ In 1968, author John Steinbeck died in New York at age 66.

■ In 1976, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley died at age 74.

■ In 1980, the government of the Soviet Union confirmed that former Premier Alexei N. Kosygin had died two days earlier at the age of 76.

■ In 1987, more than three-thousand people were killed when the Dona Paz, a Philippine passenger ship, collided with the tanker Vector off Mindoro island.

■ In 1989, the United States launched Operation "Just Cause," sending troops into Panama to topple the government of Gen. Manuel Noriega.

### Ten years ago:

U.S. Marines and Belgian paratroopers in Somalia took control of Kismayu's port and airport; the first truck convoy in more than a month reached the starving inland town of Baidoa.

### Five years ago:

President Nelson Mandela stepped down as leader of South Africa's governing African National Congress. Pope John Paul II sent Christmas greetings to the Cuban people in advance of his visit to the island.

### One year ago:

Argentine President Fernando De la Rúa resigned, hours after his economy minister, following two days of anti-government unrest that left about two dozen people dead and more than 200 injured. The U.N. Security Council authorized a multinational force for Afghanistan. Microsoft admitted its new Windows X-P operating system software was vulnerable to hacking. Comedian Foster Brooks, known for his "Lovable Lush" fake drunk act, died in Encino, Calif., at age 89.

### Today's Birthdays:

Movie director George Roy Hill is 80. Rock musician Peter Criss (Kiss) is 57. Psychic Uri Geller is 56. Actor John Spencer is 56. Singer Alan Parsons is 53. Actress Jenny Agutter is 50. Actor Michael Badalucco is 48. Actress Blanche Baker is 46. Rock singer Billy Bragg is 45. Country singer Kris Tyler is 38. Rock singer Chris Robinson is 36.

### Thought for Today:

"We are all citizens of history." — Clifton Fadiman, American author, editor and radio personality (1904-1999).

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Roundup

All three were charged with first-degree trafficking.

Wednesday morning, members of both police agencies left Prestonsburg at approximately 7 a.m. en route to various spots throughout the county.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn, Deputy Stan Farler and Deputy Bob Caudill would make their first stop in Wayland at the home of Steel Creek resident Gordon Collins.

Collins, who Blackburn said was a "known" drug dealer in the county, was less than prepared for his early morning visitors, according to Blackburn.

"He (Collins) was pretty surprised when he answered the door and I was standing there," Blackburn said Wednesday. "When I walked into the house, I smelled marijuana."

Blackburn said another thing he noticed upon entering the house was a burning marijuana cigarette, which he quickly found that Collins had been

smoking.

According to Blackburn, Collins quickly signed a consent form for police to search his home and surrounding property.

"There wasn't really much he could say," Blackburn said. "We had him dead to rights."

Blackburn and assisting officers searched Collins' house, car and storage building adjacent to the home and found approximately eight ounces of marijuana and various drug paraphernalia, including a set of scales.

Police also recovered the half-smoked joint Collins was supposedly smoking when they arrived.

Nitro, the K-9 unit's black Lab, pointed police to a plastic bag containing a roll of \$5 and \$1 dollar bills, which was added to items found.

The arrests cap off a decision made in July between the Floyd County Fiscal Court, the sheriff's department and Prestonsburg police. Those

agencies formed the drug task force at that time with the primary intention of upgrading the

level of undercover work being done to take drug dealers off the streets, said Blackburn



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Republican state Rep. Steve Nunn announced his candidacy for governor at Hatcher Field in Pikeville on Thursday. He is flanked by his wife, Tracy, and his running mate, former state Rep. Bob Heleringer.

## Nunn flies new campaign to Pike

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — State Rep. Steve Nunn announced on Thursday that he will enter the Republican primary for the office of governor during a six-city barnstorming tour that included a stop at Hatcher Field in Pikeville.

Along with announcing his intentions concerning the governor's race, Nunn introduced former state Rep. Robert Heleringer as his running mate selection.

"We will address our budget shortfalls based upon the situation that we inherit," Nunn said.

Nunn also said that education was a very important issue with his campaign.

"Education is the most important investment in Kentucky's future," Nunn said.

Nunn and Heleringer both listed taxes as one of the most important parts of their campaign.

"If you are a taxpayer who cares about how your tax dollars are being spent, then we are the team to make sure that we invest your dollars," Nunn said.

Nunn's father, Louie B. Nunn, was the last Republican governor of Kentucky from 1967 to 1971.

## Wrecks

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Bishop exited his vehicle to check the damage when he noticed an 18-wheeler driven by Douglas Gentry Smith approaching. Bishop then allegedly jumped back into the vehicle in an attempt to keep it from being hit by the truck.

According to the report, Smith was unable to see

Bishop's vehicle because the lights were disabled and he was approaching from behind. The 18-wheeler crashed into the Jeep that Bishop was sitting in.

Bishop was pronounced dead by Deputy Coroner Zeb Hampton. Both collisions are still under investigation by the Pikeville Police Department.

## Deadlock

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doctor who performed an examination after the alleged rape, the jury deliberated for 11 hours before announcing that they were "hopelessly deadlocked."

Smith had been accused of

raping a teenager.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said that his office will schedule another trial at the earliest convenience and he was hopeful that the next jury would be able to render a verdict.

## Defendant jailed for contempt during bail hearing

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man charged with two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment was given 30 days for contempt of court during a preliminary hearing on Tuesday.

Albert Clevenger, 19, appeared for a preliminary hearing Tuesday in Floyd District Court to face the charges of wanton endangerment that stemmed from the Dec. 7 incident in which he allegedly attempted to run over Charles Perry and his 3-year-old daughter, both of Town Branch.

He was arraigned on Dec. 9 at which time he pleaded not guilty and a \$5,000 cash bond was set.

According to Jimmy Marcum, assistant county attorney, Clevenger was charged with contempt of court after, pursuant to a review of his record, Marcum refused to agree with lowering his bond. Marcum stated that Clevenger hit the table while looking at Marcum and ask "Do you think it's funny?" Marcum stated that Clevenger claimed he didn't want to get out of jail and when the judge attempted to bring order to the court, Clevenger ignored him.

"The judge told Clevenger

that he would hold him in contempt if he said one more word and he did," said Marcum.

As previously reported, there are pending charges of second-degree criminal mischief, second-degree burglary forced entry-residence, and theft by unlawful taking over \$300 from Sept. 18, as well as pending charges of menacing and terroristic threatening from Oct. 7.

## Arrests

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ated at the time of the incident on charges of theft. According to a representative at the detention center, Bronis Yates was released at 11:30 p.m., approximately three-and a-half hours after the incident.

Police had previously located the car that was involved in the

accident in the Honaker area. The automobile was registered to Bronis Yates.

Both Tracy and Bronis Yates are being lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center. The incident continues to be under investigation by Detective Byron Hansford.

## Ethics

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making a ruling.

The theme of the meeting continued when newly-elected Magistrate Alan Williams asked for the commission's opinions on some questions that he had.

Williams questioned the commission about a construction company owned by his father that had done business with the county in the past. The commis-

sion told Williams that it would be best if he abstained from the decision making process if the company was bidding for county work.

Rosenberg summed up the best way to avoid problems of that nature at the end of the meeting.

"If in doubt, don't do it," Rosenberg said.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Carolyn Ferrell, top, a teacher at Betsy Layne Elementary, and Allen Central Middle School teacher Patricia Handshoe happily received plaques recognizing their achievement as a National Board Certified Teachers this past Monday evening.



## Teachers recognized for national certification

Times Staff Report

ALLEN — Two Floyd County teachers were recognized at the Monday evening meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education for their achievements of gaining National Board Certification.

"This is really quite a big thing," said Beverly Crisman, community involvement coordinator for Floyd County schools. "These teachers are to be applauded for their achievement."

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards announced recently that Kentucky now has 365 National

Board Certified Teachers, with 204 of the state's teachers earning the top honor this year, making Kentucky now the 10th highest in the nation for nationally certified teachers.

"These accomplished teachers will not only strengthen the teaching profession, they will also help our students achieve at higher academic levels," said NBPTS Chair Barbara Kelley. "I salute this year's candidates."

Teachers Patricia Lynn Meade Handshoe, Allen Central Middle School, and Carolyn Ferrell, Betsy Layne Elementary, were recognized and applauded for their achievements Monday evening.

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Last year Blackburn, hoping to illustrate his department's shortcoming in the fight against drugs, appealed to communities across the county to help him start a "money chest" for funding controlled buys, saying the sheriff's department did not have a budget which could sustain those kinds of expenditures.

Considering the arrests Tuesday and Wednesday, the collaboration seems efficient with the fiscal court providing funding for controlled buys and both county and city police agencies fielding undercover officers.

"We've recovered a lot of drugs in the last four months," Blackburn said. "All kinds — marijuana, cocaine, heroin, Oxycontin and meth."

Farler said the number of arrests or amount of drugs seized isn't the most important thing to the task force right now.

"It's not the numbers that's important," Farler said. "It's the quality of the cases and we have some really strong cases against these people because of the quality of our buys and work we're doing."

Blackburn, whose officers arrived with arrest warrants in hand Wednesday, said all of the

suspected drug dealers taken into custody had already been handed over to the grand jury.

"It's simple," said Blackburn, "If you deal, drugs in Floyd County, then you can expect me to be knocking on your door."

Those arrested Wednesday were:

■ Travis Blevins, age unlisted, of Drift, first-degree trafficking.

■ Mark Wallen, age unlisted, of Bull Creek, first-degree trafficking.

■ Gary W. Robinson, 39, of Printer, two counts of second-degree trafficking and one count of third-degree trafficking.

■ Gordon R. Gibson, 47, of Wayland, trafficking in less than 8 ounces of marijuana and possession of marijuana.

■ James S. Stone, 24, of Melvin, trafficking in more than 8 ounces but less than 5 pounds of marijuana.

■ Michael Dale Hagans, 20, of Langley, first-degree trafficking.

■ Randall Hoover, 33, of Garrett, first-degree trafficking, two counts of second degree trafficking, and third-degree trafficking.

(See ROUNDUP, page seven)

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

(PURSUANT TO 401 KAR 5:006 SECTIONS 4 & 5; KRS-424, and 40 CFR 25.5 & 6)

To all interested citizens of Wayland, Kentucky: The Southern Water and Sewer District, P.O. Box 610, McDowell, KY 41647, has drafted a 201 Facilities Planning Document (Plan) detailing wastewater collection and treatment. The Plan proposes to sewer the Wayland/Garrett area and to extend service to the surrounding communities. Interested citizens may obtain further information by viewing a draft copy of the Plan by contacting Bob Meyer, at the above given address, or by calling 606/377-9296 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at 6:00 p.m., at the Wayland Community Center. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the Plan and its contents, specifically the collection and treatment alternatives, project cost, financing sources, user charges, and hook up/tap fee. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting and shall have a right to comment on the Plan for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, by writing to the above address, or before the termination of the hearing, whichever is later. A longer comment period may be requested in writing. All persons who believe any condition of the Plan is inappropriate, inaccurate, incomplete, or otherwise not in the best interest of the public and environment, must raise all reasonable issues and submit all reasonable arguments, facts, and comments, with supporting documents, to the above given contact person.

Additionally, the Kentucky Department for Local Government is accepting pre-submission forms under the 2002 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Wayland intends to submit a pre-submission form for assistance to the Wayland Sewer Project. The City must hold a public hearing prior to submitting the pre-submission form, it will be held in conjunction with the above referenced 201 Facilities Planning Document public hearing. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain views on housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, the proposed application, and to solicit public comments. Technical assistance is available to help groups representing low and moderate-income persons in developing proposals. Any persons requiring special needs assistance for the public hearing should contact Betsie Carroll at 606/432-1447, or the state number 800/247-2510, prior to the meeting.

The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection at the above referenced address during regular business hours:

Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.

Estimated amounts of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate-income.

Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities associated with CDBG funds and plans for providing assistance to those persons to be actually displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities.

Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds.

A summary of other important program requirements.

Comments on Application

A copy of the CDBG pre-submission form will be on file at the above referenced address for citizens' review and comment during regular business hours, from December 30, 2002, through January 7, 2003. Comments on the proposed application may be submitted at the public hearing, or to the attention of Mayor Thomas Murphy, until the close of business, January 7, 2003.

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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—G.K. Chesterton

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Guest View

## Editorial roundup

Carlsbad (N.M.) Current Argus, on Trent Lott:

President Bush's efforts to attract blacks to the Republican Party suffered a big setback last week when Senate Republican leader Trent Lott made a seemingly pro-segregationist remark.

What makes his remark particularly galling is that the Mississippi senator has a history of statements and actions that identify himself with causes not friendly to civil rights.

At last week's birthday celebration for 100-year-old Sen. Strom Thurmond, Lott said Mississippians were proud to have voted for Thurmond, the Dixiecrat candidate in 1948. "If the rest of the country had followed our lead, we wouldn't have had all these problems over all these years, either," Lott said.

After much criticism over the remark, Lott issued a halfhearted apology, saying he used a "poor choice of words." But his explanation hasn't satisfied many people in his own party.

His defenders consider Lott's statement to be a slip of the tongue. But how can they explain a similar statement about Thurmond he made at a political rally 22 years ago? He was quoted as saying, "You know, if we elected this man 30 years ago, we wouldn't be in the mess we are in today." And how can Lott's 1999 appearance at a meeting of the Council of Conservative Citizens, a group known for its racist views, be explained?

It's becoming more and more evident that Lott's views on race relations are out of the mainstream. Republicans should find a new Senate leader if they want to succeed in making their party more diverse. Lott is a relic from another time.

The Press-Republican, Plattsburgh, N.Y., on cheating and children:

If children are the reflection of the adults around them, it would seem that grown-ups are greatly in need of some ethical grooming, if not a full-body morality makeover.

High-school students are cheating, stealing and lying more than ever. And it's not a phase, but a trend that's been rising for a decade.

According to a recent survey of 12,000 students by the Joseph Institute of Ethics, students who cheated on an exam at least once in the past year jumped from 61 percent in 1992 to 74 percent in 2002.

And that's not all. Those stealing from a store went from 31 percent to 38 percent; and lying to parents — from 83 percent to a startling 93 percent. Just since 2000, teenage cheating rose from 71 percent to 74 percent, while those who would lie to land a good job spurted from 28 percent to 39 percent.

We need only to look at this year's headlines to see why the trend to cheat and steal is increasing.

The news of Enron and other huge American corporations that bilked their investors out of hundreds of millions of dollars was on kids radar screens if only for the amount of newspaper and television coverage it received. ...

Popular film star Winona Ryder, no stranger to young theatergoers, last week was punished in a court of law for trying to rip off an exclusive clothing store by attempting to walk out with more than \$5,000 in merchandise. She initially claimed a movie director had ordered her to do it in preparation for a role. ...

So, besieged by corporate corruption, energy scandals, consumer fraud and celebrity behavior, we need not wonder what's the matter with kids today. Whatever it is, they're coming by it very naturally.

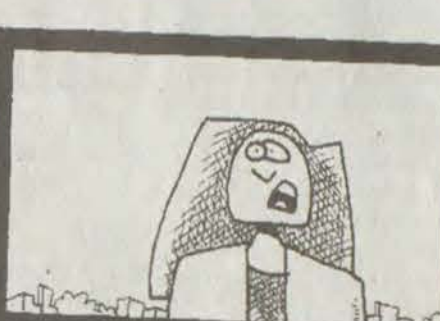
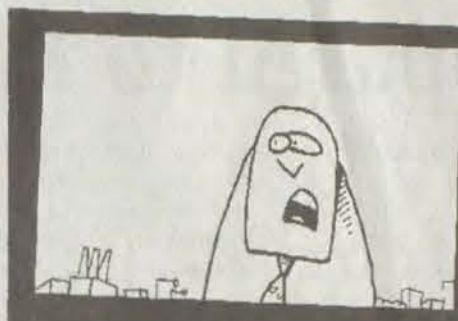
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## In the moment

### Letting go

I have let go of a lot of things in my life. Some of which were positive and some negative, however they were all somewhat difficult. Some have went rather easily with little struggle while others I have held on to as if my life depended on it. Some have caused a little grief, because it is unavoidable when you let go of anything, while others have caused pain that I thought would never go away. But with all the things that I have struggled to relinquish possession of, control over, or need for, I have been dealing with the most painful lately.

It appears that my 14-year-old son has decided that he would rather live with his father. Now, I know that it is a common thing for divorced parents to share children like this but thus far it has not been this way for us. For nearly five years I have had full custody of both of my children and I have been sole

provider with the help of a couple of agencies along the way. Their father was busy dealing with problems and wasn't around much. But now he is suddenly around and capable of taking care of a child.

If I sound bitter it is because I am selfish. I had to acknowledge that about me on my way to learning to let go in this situation. You see, I have full custody of my children and I don't have to let my son go live with his father. However, I know in my heart that I can't make him stay with me just because I want to keep him all to myself. If I did that he would be bitter toward me and he would not be happy. I don't want that for my son.

I have struggled with the ego that says I can raise him better, as well as the guilt that says I didn't do something right. I have had to let go of the selfishness that makes me want to hold on to him and the anger that tells me his father

doesn't have a right to have him. In the end, I realize that I have to let go.

Who am I to say that he can't build a relationship with his father such as he has with me? We have the communication problems, but those exist between all teenage kids and their parent or parents.

Ultimately I know that he recognizes my love for him and I know that he loves me. He is a wonderful child and is wise beyond his years in the maturity arena. He just needs his daddy and has for quite a while.

So here I am, grieving, one minute I'm sad and the next I'm mad, but I am learning how to let go. After all, it is not like I won't see him anymore or that he won't be coming to visit. It's just that I won't see him every day.

You know I have been talking to my mother and listening to her as she works toward letting go of her mother, who is suffering with incurable cancer. I try to



LORETTA BLACKBURN

(See MOMENT, page six)

## Letter

### Miners treated poorly

My name is Den Hunter. I am only expressing my feelings.

Black lung doctors the Department of Labor sends a coal miner to, they know they are not going to give them nothing. They are paid to not give a coal miner anything. I think us coal miners would be better off if we could see bin Laden or Saddam Hussein and get a better result. They would help us or shoot us. I can't understand why our coal miners are done so rotten.

When someone is running for office in Washington, D.C., they tell us we are the government. If we are, let's set up an election and vote a big cut in their salaries, then see what they would say about that.

I know there are coal miners out there that have 35 years

underground and have been denied their black lung. I think that is a shame. A man works his life away in the coal mines to keep our country on the move, then gets done so rotten in his older days. It makes me feel the Department of Labor has let the miners down real hard. It seems like when they get a poor man down, they want to keep him that way.

Den Hunter  
Harold

### Offers thanks

Heartfelt thanks to everyone for your support at the annual "Meet the Blackcats Night." We appreciate very much all who had a hand in making Nov. 23 a success.

To our local businessmen, we could never say thanks enough for all your enthusiastic efforts in helping our boys' basketball program. In our hearts,

you are the best.

To all who gave of their time, energy and effort, thank you. Those of you who open your hearts and donated anything in anyway, we appreciate everything so much.

Thanks again and come out and support the Prestonsburg High School basketball program.

Fast Break Club

### Too much emphasis on sports

In talking with some coaches, players and parents over the past few weeks, I have learned more than I wanted to know about this issue I will write about today, and it's disappointing.

I will not use any names, any schools and will write only

about the issue at hand, as something needs to be done.

What I speak of is the practice of holding kids back so they can play sports. In games I have attended recently, one team had four or five starters held back so they could be bigger and better this year. A team also had two freshmen players who were older than a senior cheerleader. Another had a child who made all F's last year, but was put into special education classes so he could play basketball. You have kids with driver's licenses playing eighth-grade ball. I could go on, but you get the picture.

We are all guilty together as parents, coaches and school administrators. We are guilty of doing a disservice to our kids!

Have you seen one child who is going to make his or her living playing professional basketball, or football for that mat

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# Review: Two Towers meets expectations set by Fellowship

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

Last year's release of *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* was widely hailed as one of the year's best, and both longtime J.R.R. Tolkien buffs and new fans created by the first movie were left breathless in anticipation of the next movie.

Wednesday's release of *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* does not disappoint, although moviegoers may find themselves breathless once more, this time from the sheer action shown on the screen.

Director Peter Jackson does not waste time recounting the events of *Fellowship*. Instead, he delves straight into the story and the opening sequence, which I do not wish to spoil, is just the first of many which will leave hearts pounding and lungs gasping for air.

Detailing what is right with the movie would take a very long time, so I will concentrate on what is outstanding:

First, the special effects are first-rate. Nothing shown on the screen is unbelievable, from the incredibly detailed tower of Barad-Dur to the computer-generated character Gollum.

A word about Gollum: when I first learned he would be a CGI



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character, I must admit to feeling a sense of dread. Images of Jar-Jar Binks from the *Star Wars* movies flooded my mind.

Those worries were for naught, however, as Gollum appears every bit as real and natural as the characters surrounding him. That is a credit both to his creators, who obviously wasted no effort to make him as vivid and detailed as possible, as well as to the actors whose job it was to "interact" with him.

Gollum provokes the greatest emotional response from the audience of any character in the movie, from his first terrifying appearance on-screen to the touching scenes which expose his truly pitiful state. It is easy to

see how his performance is already becoming a favorite among early moviegoers, which is all the more remarkable due to the fact that he isn't even real.

Another outstanding aspect of *Two Towers* is the sound, which serves to make everything on-screen that much more believable. From every growl, roar and shriek of the various creatures which populate Middle Earth, to the thud made by each plodding step of the Ents, the movie is a feast for the ears as well as the eyes.

Then there's the action. While the first movie was action-packed, Jackson cranks it exponentially in *Two Towers*. That, of course, has much to do with Tolkien's original book, the first half of which leaves readers on the edge of their seats from the pursuit of the Uruk-Hai who kidnapped Merry and Pippin to the climactic battle at Helm's Deep.

That apparently was not enough to satisfy the mood Jackson was attempting to set, and he's thrown in a minor battle or two of his own. The changes work, as they do not distract from the overall storyline, but instead work to promote the sense of urgency among the residents of Middle Earth while the forces of darkness mount their attack.

That leads me to an obvious question — what is wrong with the movie? After seeing *Fellowship* last year, I would have said not a thing, that it was perfect in every regard. With *Two Towers*, however, I'm not so sure.

Make no mistake, standing on its own, *Two Towers* is a great movie, arguably the best of the year. Those who love Tolkien's works, however, will inevitably have to question the departures he takes from the original story, which are far more numerous in the second movie than the first.

Two examples come quickly to mind. In the books, the passages detailing Gollum's inner

split-personality turmoil fill the reader with a creeping dread. In the movie, however, one of these sequences is given a comic touch, which the most rabid Tolkien fans might find somehow offensive. However, it should be noted that the majority of the audience obviously loved that particular scene in the show I attended.

What I do find quite a bit more objectionable is the roughshod treatment shown to the character Faramir, brother of Boromir, who was slain at the end of the first movie by the arrows of the Uruk-Hai. In the books, Faramir seemed, to me, anyway, the wiser of the two brothers, a person given to taking great care in the decisions he makes.

In the movie, however, Faramir comes across as a simple thug who is incapable of making a correct decision until mortal danger is staring him in the face. Perhaps Jackson chose to portray Faramir in this light to heighten the sense of urgency at that stage of the film, but it does nothing to advance Faramir's heroic stature which, trying not to give too much away, is necessary for the next film. Jackson tries to correct this with Faramir's last scene, but it seemed too little too late for me.

But these complaints are really just nit-picking. They are only minor tweaks, and in the end they may very well serve the film version better.

*Two Towers* remains far superior to any other film I've seen this year, and it rises to the bar set for it by the first film. In fact, I would be hard-pressed to pick a favorite between the two.

Let the countdown for *The Return of the King* begin ...

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# Government issues safety tips for holiday decorating

by DAVID HO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A festive holiday season should also be a safe one, the government said Thursday, warning of hazards including dry Christmas trees and unsafe lights.

Emergency rooms treat about 12,500 people each year for falls, cuts and shocks related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said. There also are 11,600 candle-related fires each year, resulting in 150

deaths and \$173 million in property damage.

"Sometimes people are having such a nice time during the holidays that they forget to extinguish candles," said Hal Stratton, chairman of the safety commission. "Always put out lit candles before leaving a room or going to bed. Always keep burning candles within sight."

The government's holiday safety tips include:

- When tree shopping, look for fresh trees or artificial ones labeled "fire resistant." At home, place trees away from doorways, fireplaces and radiators. Decorate trees with flame-resistant materials that don't contain lead. Never use lighted candles on trees.

- Use only lights proven safe by a recognized testing laboratory. Replace burned-out bulbs promptly and throw out lights with damaged wires or loose connections.

- Make sure outdoor lights are certified for outdoor use and fasten them securely to trees or house walls, keeping them away from power lines. To hold lights in place, string them through hooks

or use insulated staples, not nails or tacks. Never pull or tug lights to remove them.

- Turn off all holiday lights before going to bed or leaving the house to avoid fires. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree, which can become charged with electricity.

- Plug all outdoor electric decorations into circuits with ground fault circuit interrupters to avoid potential shocks.

- Avoid decorations that resemble food or candy or are sharp, breakable or have parts a child could swallow.

- Don't burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. The wrappings might ignite suddenly and cause a flash fire.

- Keep "fire salts" away from children. The salts, which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires, can cause intense stomach pain and vomiting if eaten.

- When decorating with spun glass "angel hair," wear gloves to avoid skin irritation. Follow directions carefully to avoid breathing problems while using artificial snow sprays.

## Moment

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think about how hard it must be for her because she has to let go forever. She tells me that I will have to experience the pain of letting go eventually when they leave for college or move out or get married. Thus, she reminded me that this pain is inevitable and is a part of life. It is just one more struggle that I must deal with.

I now realize that I will have to let him go with the best wishes to him and his father. I am praying that they develop a wonderfully loving relationship and I almost mean it. Eventually I will.

One day I will look back on this and know that it was for the best because that is the way God works. I know that he is teaching me something at this moment and I have an idea of what that is. So thank you for the lesson, Lord, even though I am not so crazy about learning it.

## Letters

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ter? I haven't. Yet we continue to place a greater priority in winning a meaningless ball game than we do in helping these kids win at life.

Many parents try to relive or recreate some dream life of athletic stardom with their children. We push these kids so hard at an early age that we have taken much of the fun out of the game. These kids should be having fun and

learning the game and teamwork, not being pushed to be stars when many will never be. What kind of stars will any of these kids be without a good education, which seems to run a poor second in a race with sports?

If a child can't cut it in the classroom, he or she has no business playing ball. Grades first, games second. So what if bubbly or sissy averages eight points a game as the team's top reserve? Is that going to help them find and keep a job later? I hardly think so.

It's been going on for years and we as parents and coaches have turned a blind eye to it because it feels good to win. We want our school to beat the others and rise to the top of the heap. Winning teams keep fans in the stands and bring money in the door. Winning teams keep their coaches employed and we pressure administrators to make an exception when we all know Junior would be better served hitting the books rather than the hardwood or gridiron.

What is being done is not honest, it is not right, nor is it ethical. If a child cannot read, write or reason well enough to make it in this world, then what does it matter that they helped beat Podunk High in 2002? Will that put food on the table in future years?

I love sports and have been a struggling player/rabid fan for many years. However, my parents insisted on academic and I have held a good job for over 20 years. We all need to rectify this problem, as we are doing our kids more harm than good. How legitimate is a win when 16-year-olds are playing 13-year-olds or 19-year-olds are playing 15-year-olds? A victory unfairly gained is no victory at all!

Charles Scoville  
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## Odds

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garten teacher, left the Florida State College for Women - now known as Florida State University - in 1947, and didn't resume taking classes until 1995, when she enrolled at Indian River Community College in Stuart.

She had no computer skills and had never read a William Shakespeare play. Now she's a literature graduate, one who got mostly A's at USF.

Strickland said she always had wanted to complete her degree and decided to make those plans a reality after her husband, Lantis, died.

"When he passed away, I wanted something to do to pass the time," she said. "I decided then it was time to go back."

■ **TRAVERSE CITY, Mich.** — Jim Fouchey says he didn't think about a windfall when he found a toolbox loaded with thousands of dollars in cash in the road.

He worried about the person who lost the box.

"That's the first thing I thought, you know, it was an employee and he's going to lose his job and it's dam near Christmas," Fouchey said.

Fouchey, a retired hospital employee who runs a home repair and improvement business, decided to turn the box over to state police,

who discovered \$4,483 inside, as well as identification that connected it to Gilbert's Service Oil Co. of Traverse City.

Fouchey, of Interlochen, said he found the box near U.S. 31 in the center lane last Tuesday.

He threw it in the back of his truck and forgot about it while he did some shopping.

When he returned to his truck, he remembered the toolbox and looked inside to discover envelopes filled with cash, the Traverse City Record-Eagle reported.

"I went, 'Holy mackerel.' It was quite a surprise," he said.

Fouchey said the employee who lost the money called him and thanked him.

■ **WHITING, Iowa** — A dog named Lucky lived up to its name when it alerted a family to a house fire.

"The dog bit my toe," said Anna Malone, one of the children. "I then woke up and saw a lot of smoke."

Anna, her two siblings and her mother had taken Lucky in when the dog was a stray. They escaped the fire last week at their home in Whiting, about 30 miles south of Sioux City.

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# For the Record

## Marriage Licenses

Santana Fay Burchett, 16, to Grover Jason Allen, 21, both of Salyersville.

Lori Lee Howell, 19, of Hueysville, to Brandon Keith Murrell, 21, of Garrett.

Deana Marie Tharp, 27, to Timothy Lee Garrett, 33, both of Prestonsburg.

Sherri Rae Griffey, 32, to Nick Horn, 40, both of Prestonsburg.

Benita Deloris Wireman, 31, to Clarence Aaron McKenzie, 24, both of Prestonsburg.

Christy Nicole Johnson, 21, to Roy Michael Ousley, 22, both of Ivel.

Lisa Faye Whitaker, 34, of Prestonsburg, to Donald Ray Bentley, 49, of Allen.

Stella Ann Lester, 38, of Robinson Creek, to Ronnie Blackburn, 38, of Melvin.

Amy Elizabeth Heuke, 30, to Herbert Trey Deskins, 32, both of Betsy Layne.

Andrea Leanne Fields, 18, of Langley, to Christopher Dale Gayheart, 18, of David.

## Civil Suits Filed

National City Bank vs. Joey Boling and Edna Blackburn; debt collection.

Kentucky Finance Co. vs. Fredia Meade and unknown defendant; debt collection.

Daniel Newsome vs. Bessie F. Hall; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

Donnie Keene vs. Kim Hall; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

Roy Ousley vs. Charlene Ousley; divorce.

Ricky Newsome vs. Regina Fraley; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

Legal Recoveries Inc. vs. Janet C. Compton; debt collection.

Community Trust Bank vs. Justin Jones; debt collection.

Connie Bays vs. Jordan McKee; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

Jami Jo Belcher Hall vs. Brian Hall; divorce.

Billy J. Johnson vs. Melissa D. Johnson; petition for health care insurance.

Rachel D. Stephens vs. Tyrone Stephens; petition for child support and health care insurance.

US Bancorp Consumer Finance vs. Ronald E. Collins and Elizabeth Collins; debt collection.

Discover Bank vs. Lisa Music; debt collection.

Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. Adam Boyd and Wade Boyd; debt collection.

Larry Taylor, Sheila Taylor, and Brenda Holbrook vs. Estil Taylor, Kathy Holbrook, Mark Holbrook, Veronica Murray, Tim Murray, Rita Taylor, Walter Taylor, Judy Howell, Kenneth Howell, Darl Taylor, Sandra Taylor, and the Estate of Celic Taylor; property dispute.

Billy D. Salisbury vs. Melissa

H. Murray; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

Logan Copley vs. Joanvenell McCoy, Joe Francis Crider, Sidney Prislac, Eddie Prislac, Peggy King, Robert King, Palmer Crider, Linda Crider, Bill Crider, Astor Crider, Brenda Crider, Jimmie Crider, John Crider and Liz Crider; property dispute.

Brenda Jane Goble vs. Larry D. Goble; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

East Equipment Co. vs. L.S.E. Inc. and Johnny Pennington; debt collection.

Melinda S. Watson vs. Sentry Insurance and unidentified hit-and-run motorist; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

Vick D. McCoy vs. unknown defendant; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

Community Trust Bank vs. Timothy R. Arnold II; debt collection.

Jay Music vs. Melissa Sue Music; divorce.

Cheryl Lewis and Mary Fulford vs. Wilbur Skaggs and Kentucky Farm Bureau; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

## Charges Filed

Heather Y. Brown, 23, Garrett, theft by unlawful taking.

David P. Ousley, 47, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.

Tonya Sizemore, 25, Salyersville, second-degree forgery.

Billy G. Young, 27, Varney, third-degree criminal trespassing, theft by unlawful taking, first-degree criminal mischief.

Tony Tackett, 35, Grethel, second-degree arson.

Russell M. Meade, 32, Prestonsburg, first-degree criminal mischief.

Marlin R. Parker, 48, Lackey, fugitive/governor's warrant.

Steven E. Farrell, 38, Florence, third-degree assault.

Robert Irvin Shuford, 45, Wheelwright, fugitive governor's warrant.

Dennis Ro Hall, 45, Pikeville, flagrant nonsupport.

Rodney Thompson, 19, Harold, theft by unlawful taking.

Michael R. Gross, 22, Harold, rough fish open season, illegal pursuit of a turkey/deer.

Bobby L. Lawson, 19, Harold, illegal pursuit turkey/deer.

Larry R. Gross, 50, Harold, illegal pursuit turkey/deer.

Thurma Mullins, 56, West Van Lear, harassment.

Lola Jean Justice, 39, Ivel, third-degree criminal trespassing.

Melvin Shepherd, 44, David, harassment, third-degree criminal trespassing.

Johnnie A. Clifton, 32, Ivel, harassing communications.

Johnathan C. Crider, 29, Prestonsburg, terroristic threatening.

Natalie N. Naud, 27, Dwale, endangering the welfare of a minor, disorderly conduct, alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest.

Colin K. Dingus, 24, Martin, theft by unlawful taking.

Susie Chilton, 47, Dwale, endangering welfare of minor, disorderly conduct, alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest.

Heather F. Flora, 30, Springfield, Ohio, alcohol intoxication, possession of open alcohol beverage container.

Brandon Johnson, 20, Prestonsburg, menacing.

Manuel E. Adams, 42, Harold, alcohol intoxication.

Brian K. Castle, 46, Langley, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, menacing.

Christian Denise Salyer, 24, Salyersville, disorderly conduct.

Larry Isaac, 41, Grethel, alcohol intoxication.

Opal Butcher, 50, Van Lear,

alcohol intoxication, permitting unlicensed operator.

Bobby Jean Hall, 35, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Kathryn Scott Prater, 39, Hueysville, harassment.

Lester L. Blackburn, 69, Pikeville, fourth-degree assault.

Bill Hall, 55, Weeksbury, alcohol intoxication.

Angela Arnett, 34, Salyersville, alcohol intoxication.

Timothy R. Allen, 46, Martin, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, third-degree terroristic threatening, resisting arrest.

Michael D. Kimmel, 28, Pikeville, alcohol intoxication.

Robert d. Mcanich, 60, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Lisa Paige, 22, Wayland, harassment, fourth-degree assault.

Ron Johnson, 42, David, harassing comments.

Randy D. Prater, 31, Hueysville, terroristic threatening.

Jenny Collins, 23, Wayland, harassing comments.

Robert Lee Lafferty, 26, Prestonsburg, public intoxication.

James S. Robinson, 29, Martin, theft by deception.

Phillip E. Clark, 26, Harold, illegal pursuit turkey/deer.

## Inspections

Cardinal Country Store, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Expired over the counter medicine found, cartons of milk not stored high enough from floor, some area of floor in disrepair, some lights out or missing from reach in display, unable to locate thermometer in all units, food display not completely covered, counter top and shelves in disrepair, some clean utensils not stored properly, paper towels missing from hand sink, floor in some disrepair. Score: Food: 91 Retail: 91.

K&B Market, Teaberry, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all units have conspicuous thermometers; proper hair restraints not in use, counter top in disrepair, lighting not adequate in restroom, food item observed stored on the floor. Score: Food: 93 Retail: 96.

Leatha's Carry Out, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not conspicuous, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use not restricted, restroom without proper hand drying device. Score: 95.

Otter Creek Correctional Cafeteria, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Facility is in need of O.T. test strips, wiping cloth should be held in sanitizing solution when not in use, wall has tile missing. Score: 97.

Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Ice machine on second floor seems to be in some disrepair, room restroom containing mold or dust. Score: 92.

## Property Transfers

Jerry T. Bow and Barbara Conn Bow to Stephen H. Conn, property located on Big Mud Creek.

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Hazel Hall to Yvonne Webster, property located near the town of Bevensville.

Billie L. Stegall to Yvonne Webster, property located near the town of Bevensville.

Maudie Yates, Johnny R. Arthur and Regina M. Arthur, Kenneth Yates, Deborah L. Yates, Iris Rider, Sharon K. Coleman, Homer Yates Jr. to Yvonne Webster, property located near the town of Bevensville.

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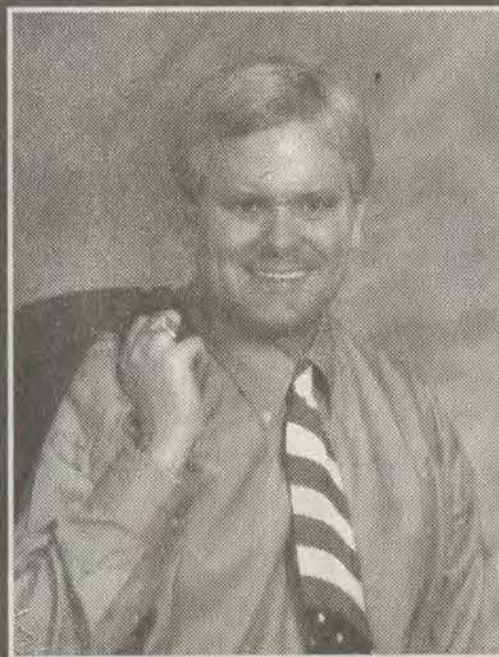
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Sylvia Lois Jacobs, and Dexter Spurlock to Savanna Nicole Spurlock and Reece Curtis Spurlock, property located, Little Mud Creek.  
 Darrell Edward Hamilton to Linda Kay Spradlin, property location not listed.  
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 Betty Blevins and Vernon Osborne to Freddie Fields, property located on Spurlock Creek.  
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 Thomas Vinson Clifton and Dora Clifton, Wanda Slone and Burns Slone, Kenneth Clifton and Agnes Jane Clifton to Mary Sue Clifton, property located on Abbott Street.  
 Amy Craft to Knott Floyd

Land Company, property located on Newman Branch.  
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 Charlotte Frasure and Palmer Frasure to Gearheart Communications Company Inc., property located near Teaberry.  
 Glen H. Craft and Marie Craft, Virginia Riggs and Steve Riggs, Sandra Scrifas and Dennis Scrifas, Teresa Greatorex and Alan Greatorex, David Seay and Michelle Tessier to Knott Floyd Land Company, property located on Newman Branch.  
 Glen H. Craft and Marie Craft, Virginia Riggs and Steve Riggs, Sandra Scrifas and Dennis Scrifas, Teresa Greatorex and Alan Greatorex, David Seay and Michelle Tessier to Knott Floyd Land Company, property location not listed.  
 Debra Kay Risner to Randall

Gerald Risner, property located, Richmond Subdivision, Prestonsburg.  
 Clyde Boyd and Sheila Sue Boyd to James J. Gartner and Ruth Ann Gartner, property location not listed.  
 Henry Ray Lindon and Wanda J. Lindon to Clark Distributing Company Inc., property located at Betsy Layne.  
 Woodrow Jarrell and Janie Ellen Jarrell to Ercel Jarrell, property location not listed.  
 Margaret Grimes, Timothy Grimes and Patricia Grimes, Patrick Grimes and Sharon Grimes, Thomas Grimes and Paula Grimes to Knott Floyd Land Company Inc., property located on Brush Creek.  
 Bruce A. Guberman to Natalie Johnson, property located at Bear Hollow.  
 Sherrie J. Carter to Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, property located near Boldman.

# Obituaries

## Palestine (Newsom) Newsome

Palestine (Newsom) Newsome, 75, of Carpenter Road, Ashtabula, died unexpectedly, Sunday, December 15, 2002, at Ashtabula County Medical Center.  
 She was born April 12, 1927, in McDowell, the daughter of the late Shelby and Burnette (Hall) Newsom and had been an Ashtabula resident most of her life.  
 Mrs. Newsome was a member of Lily of the Valley, Old Regular Baptist Church for 35 years, where she was very involved during her younger years. She also wrote beautiful poetry and enjoyed cooking and crafts.  
 Her survivors include her husband, Chester, whom she married August 22, 1942; 10 children, Carlotta Schlick of Dunnellon, Florida, Randy Newsome of Beverly Hills, Florida, Janette Davis of Concord, Roger D., Ron, Fred, and Gary Newsome, all of Ashtabula; twins, Carl Newsome of Cleveland and Janet McCracken of Geneva, and Sandra David of Ashtabula; 26 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Roberta Frasure of McDowell.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Ricky W. Newsome on October 24, 1998, and Michael Ray Newsome; one brother, Paul Newsome and her parents.  
 A service was held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, December 18, at the Lily of the Valley Old Regular Baptist Church, S.R. 84 and Kiwanis Park Drive, Geneva. Scott Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, Larry Newsome, and Jessie Pack, all of the Old Regular Baptist Church, officiated.  
 Burial was in Ridgeview Cemetery.  
 Visitation was at the Ducro Funeral Home, 4524 Elm Avenue, Ashtabula.  
 Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

(Paid obituary)

**Sadie Bakay**  
 Sadie Bakay, 85, of Weeksbury, died Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.  
 Born February 24, 1917, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Millard and Lillie Tackett Hall. She was a retired grocery store owner at Weeksbury, and a member of Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church at Melvin.  
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Mike Bakay.  
 Survivors include three brothers, Haskell Hall and Homer Hall, both of Weeksbury and Guy Hall of Buford, Georgia; and one sister, Liza Jane Wells of Weeksbury, and a host of nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.  
 In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by and one sister, Sarah Branham.  
 Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 20, at 1 p.m., at Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church at Melvin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.  
 Visitation was at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.  
 Burial was in the Wash Hall Cemetery at Weeksbury, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

## Della Lizziebeth Kidd

Della Lizziebeth Kidd, 80, of Honaker, died Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at her residence.

Born August 30, 1922, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Nathaniel and Mary Francis Kidd Carroll. She was a homemaker and a member of Little Sarah Old Regular Baptist Church at Pikeville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George R. Kidd.

Survivors include six sons, Mack Denzil Kidd of Blaine, F.B. Kidd of Louisa, Freddy Kidd of Hobsound, Florida, R.J. Kidd and Russell R. Kidd, both of Honaker, and Simon Kidd of Pike County; seven daughters, Tennie Parsons, Julavene Case, Joann Innis, Alvagail Harvey, Ima Sue Collins, and Avanel Rose, all of Honaker; and George Anna Case of Louisa; one sister, Rosa Owens of New London, Ohio; 49 grandchildren, 91 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by four infant children, and nine brothers, Joe Carroll, Andy Carroll, Dee Carroll, Tom Carroll, Virgil Carroll, George Carroll, Nathan Carroll, Troy Carroll, and Beverly Carroll.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 20, at 11 a.m., at the Little Dove Old Regular Baptist Church at Honaker, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Visitation is at the church, where nightly services were conducted.

Burial will be in the Kidd Cemetery at Honaker, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

(Paid obituary)

## Joe Wheeler Stanley

Joe Wheeler Stanley, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, December 16, 2002, at the Riverview Health Care Center in Prestonsburg.

Born September 16, 1933, in Johnson County, he was the son of Carnia Wireman Stanley of Prestonsburg, and the late Roosevelt Stanley. He was a retired sign painter and a United States Air Force veteran.

Survivors, in addition to his mother, include one son, Donald Ray Stanley of Prestonsburg; three brothers, Ralph Stanley of Jeffersonville, Doug Stanley of Hager Hill, and Paul Stanley of Prestonsburg; three sisters, Christine Ward of Meally,



**Cordellia Marie Morris**

Cordellia Marie Morris, 57, of Jervis Branch, Prestonsburg, formerly of Inez, died Wednesday, December 18, 2002.

Born May 7, 1945, in Martin County, she was the daughter of Clifton (Trigg) Cline, of Inez, and the late Gladie Crum Cline.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William L. Morris.

Survivors include two sons, Donald A. Dotson of Columbus, Ohio, and William A. Morris of Inez; three daughters, Regina Jervis of Prestonsburg, Molly Rudder of Martin; and one step daughter, Eleanor Marcum of Sidney; one brother, James L. Cline of Inez; three sisters, Shelby Hurley of Crossville, Tennessee, and Molly Matthews and Gail Cline, both of Inez; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 21, at 1 p.m., at the Phelps & Son Funeral Home, Inez.

Burial will be in the Crum-Cline Cemetery, at Davelia.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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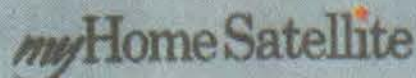
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### COMMENTARY

## Selvy roots run deep

by **BILLY REED**  
 TIMES COLUMNIST

LOUISVILLE – To most University of Louisville basketball fans, Sunday's home game against little Furman looks only like another W for the Cardinals.

Maybe they don't even know that Furman is located in Greenville, S.C., belongs to the Southern Conference, and has one of the coolest nicknames in the hoops world (Paladins).

But to Marv Selvy, the U of L-Furman game will rekindle a lot of emotions and memories. Besides being a former

Cards' player, the native of Corbin is a brother of Frank Selvy, who set the all-time NCAA Division I single-game scoring record when he poured in 100 points for Furman against Newberry College on Feb. 13, 1954.

"Frank was supposed to come to the game and stay with me," Marv said, "but he had to cancel because his wife has a sick aunt

(See REED, page three)

### BENTLEY'S COMMENTS

## Christmas Wishes to all

by **RICK BENTLEY**  
 TIMES COLUMNIST

Santa came a little early and brought a bag filled with Christmas notes for you good girls and boys.

One way to judge a story is by the media play it gets, and for those of us in the sports world, it doesn't get bigger than getting bumped up to page one lead. That happened around here with Tuesday's announcement that Zak Willis had

left Pikeville College to become the new head coach at South Carolina's Newberry College.

I tend to stay away from mixaphorically speaking, for those of you who are fans of O Brother (if you aren't, I try not to write about Pikeville College too much), and that most has

(See BENTLEY, page three)

### DAVID SCHOOL

## Adkins serving as assistant on David School team

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Some just can't get enough basketball. Jarrod Adkins could be placed in that category. Adkins, a redshirt freshman on the men's basketball team at Pikeville College, is assisting local attorney Ned

(See ADKINS, page three)

## Ladycats beat Prestonsburg

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – For the second time this season, the Betsy Layne Ladycats are victorious over Prestonsburg. After beating Prestonsburg rather easily in a tournament to begin the season, Betsy Layne remained perfect over the Lady

Blackcats, winning the latest meeting 59-40 Tuesday night in the first game of a boys'/girls' doubleheader.

After playing Betsy Layne (5-1) close through half of the first quarter, Prestonsburg found it hard to keep pace with the visiting Ladycats.

Betsy Layne and head coach Cassandra Akers led the host team 21-10 at the end of the first quarter and

37-21 at halftime.

Whitney Lykens scored a game-high 21 points to lead Betsy Layne in scoring. Natasha Stratton scored 19 points and Tabetha Witt finished with eight. Kim Clark and Tiffany Meade chipped in four points each and Keshia Newman scored on a field goal.

(See LADYCATS, page three)



file photo

Meaghan Stone, fresh off a successful middle school career at Adams Middle School, shared high-scoring honors for with eight points Tuesday night.

## — HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL —



photos by Jamie Justice  
**Left:** South Floyd center Charles Ray went up for a shot over the Allen Central defense.

**Below:** Raider senior Michael Hall talked on the sideline with head coach Henry Webb during Monday night's win over Allen Central.

## H.S. BASKETBALL P'burg outlasts Betsy Layne, 64-61 OT

Kidd hits buzzer-beater to send game into extra period

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Upper tier players step up and score in clutch situations. Prestonsburg had several clutch players Tuesday night in a 64-61 overtime win over visiting Betsy Layne.

Regulation play would not contain the two rivals. It took an overtime period before Prestonsburg would be able to pull away from Betsy Layne.

The host Blackcats went into the half trailing by 13 points, 32-19, after winning the first period 9-7. Guard Bobo Hamilton and Jordan Kidd helped Betsy Layne out to the comfortable lead at the halftime break, but it wouldn't last.

Prestonsburg stormed back in the third

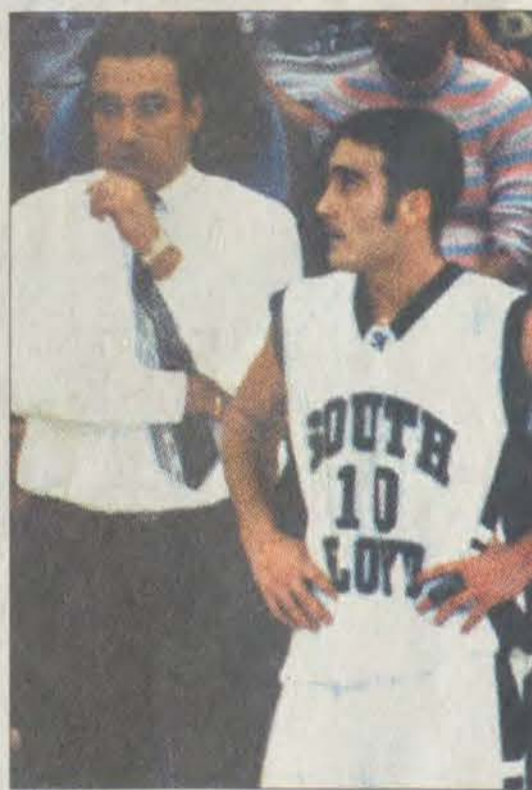
(See BOBCATS, page three)

## Raiders sink Rebels

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Through one half Tuesday night, South Floyd led Allen Central 41-24. It didn't take the host Raiders long to get going offensively Tuesday night. The Raiders, after playing ahead 17 points better than Allen

(See RAIDERS, page three)



## H.S. FOOTBALL Hall closing in on offensive milestones

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE – If South Floyd senior Michael Hall continues his recent trend of scoring, he will net his 2,000 career point early on in tonight's game against Elizabethtown in the opening round of the Jeffersontown Gaslight Holiday

Tournament. The opposition for Hall and the Raiders is Elizabethtown. The South Floyd senior needs just eight points for 2,000 in his career. He is just five assists away from 500 career dish-outs.

Hall went into the season ranked as one of the state's top players. The Louisville Courier Journal listed him as the No. 24 player in the state.

TONIGHT: Jeffersontown Gaslight Holiday Tournament

(See HALL, page three)



photo by Jamie Justice

The South Floyd boys' varsity cheerleaders got together for a picture prior to Tuesday night's game against Allen Central.

## Lady Rebs bounce back with win

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Following a three-overtime loss to Knott County Central over the weekend, the Allen Central Lady Rebels returned to play on Monday night, traveling to South Floyd for the first 58th District game of the season for both teams. The Allen Central girls began the game with a slow

(See WIN, page three)



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# WYMT honors area grid players

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD — WYMT TV in Hazard has made it an annual thing, honoring the some of the top high school football players in Eastern Kentucky. The station aired its All-Mountain Team selections as voted on by coaches

Wednesday night in a special. Area players honored with first-team accolades on offense included Prestonsburg receiver Nick Jamerson, Pikeville running back Paul Sullivan, and Belfry running back Jonah Caudill were honored with top offensive accolades. Prestonsburg head coach John

DeRossett was contacted by WYMT earlier and told that senior running back Mikeal Fannin had tied with Caudill and that Fannin would also be recognized. However, Fannin was not mentioned in the offensive honors. A brief highlight clip of the Prestonsburg back was shown. "It really shocked me that

Mikeal was not mentioned," said DeRossett. "He definitely should have been in there after the season he had." Breathitt County quarterback Justin Haddix was the quarterback chosen for the offensive team. Haddix was also chosen as Player (See WYMT, page four)

GMAC BOWL

## Marshall 38, Louisville 15

by JOHN RABY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOBILE, Ala. — The cell phones started ringing on the Louisville sideline in the first quarter, and word spread quickly among the players: was John L. Smith coaching his final game?

The Cardinals couldn't shake off the thought and it showed in the GMAC Bowl against Marshall on Wednesday night.

Louisville fell behind by 17 points and never recovered. Byron Leftwich threw four touchdown passes as Marshall won 38-15.

Louisville players who weren't in uniform received calls that Smith was a candidate for the vacant coaching job at Michigan State. Athletic director Tom Jurich confirmed at a rare halftime news conference that the Spartans were given permission to talk to Smith.

"We knew about it in the first quarter. The whole sideline knew," Louisville quarterback Dave Ragone said. "I tried to put some water on the fire, but the guys had a lot of different emotions at that time and it was hard to regroup."

Smith said he plans to talk to Michigan State officials on Thursday.

"That's about all I want to comment on that," he said.

The only goodbyes he exchanged were

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WKU

## Hilltoppers edge Georgia Southern, 31-28

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

STATESBORO, Ga. — Prior to the start of the 2002 season, popular opinion believed there was a quarterback controversy on the Western Kentucky University football team. But head coach Jack Harbaugh vehemently stated when camp started that Jason Michael was the man for the job.

Michael had a team-high 187 yards of total offense and scored the go-ahead touchdown with 46 seconds remaining Saturday to lead the Hilltoppers to a 31-28 victory over No. 3 Georgia Southern in the semifinals of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs at Allen E. Paulson Stadium.

Western will have a rematch against No. 1 McNeese State — a 39-28 winner over Villanova — in the national championship game Friday at 5:30 p.m. (CST) in

(See GEORGIA, page four)

## Two champs possible for Reynolds family

by ANDY RESNIK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Fiesta Bowl isn't the only college football national championship game that affects the family of Ohio State linebacker Robert Reynolds.

Reynolds' brother, Patrick, is a starting defensive end at Western Kentucky, which plays McNeese State for the Division I-AA title on Friday night in Chattanooga, Tenn.

"That's what I'm focusing on this week, not the Fiesta Bowl," said their mother, Roxanne Reynolds. "We've got to get through this one. I get nervous thinking about it. I try not to think about it."

The Reynoldses live in Bowling Green, home of the Western Kentucky campus. With Patrick play-

(See CHAMPS, page four)

## BETSY LAYNE BASKETBALL



The Betsy Layne freshmen team ranks as one of the deepest, most talented teams in the entire 15th Region.

# Freshman Bobcats top South Floyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

When played resumed in the freshman tournament at Shelby Valley High School last week, Betsy Layne was in the finals against the host Wildcats.

As for the Shelby Valley tournament, the Bobcat freshman team took runner-up honors behind host Valley.

The freshman team also played South Floyd earlier this week in Hi Hat, and came away with the win, 56-40. Point guard Brandon Thacker had nine points, four assists, and zero turnovers. Brandon Kidd led the team in scoring with 19 points, six rebounds and two assists. Derek Case

ended up with a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Bill Curtis Collins had eight rebounds and teamed up with Patrick Stapleton had two rebounds and three assists to contribute to the best defensive game the Bobcats have played all year. Shane McKinney contributed four points for the Bobcats.

Ryan Johnson led South Floyd in scoring with nine points. Ryan Little and Josh Johnson each had eight points apiece. Justin Slone and Matt Johnson chipped in five points apiece, and Mason Hall finished with three. Brock Slone rounded out the scoring for South Floyd with two points.

Matthew Little and TJ Hall played for South Floyd but did not score.

FLOYD COUNTY

## MCA 75, Stumbo 15

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN — Mountain Christian Academy continued its impressive winning ways Tuesday night with a whopping 75-15 victory at home over John M. Stumbo.

The Falcons, coached by Jeff Riley, led 30-1 at the end of the first quarter and 46-1 at the half. MCA led 64-4 at the end of three quarters.

MCA's Landon Slone took game-high scoring honors. The Falcon netted 17 points in the game. Lincoln Slone finished with 14 and Michael Burchett added eight. Mike Bednarz chipped in seven points for the Falcons and Jeremy Pack ended the

game with six points. Josh Ousley and Burke Gardner each had five points for MCA. Taylor Clark and Jacob Moak each had four points apiece and Steven Slone three. Tyler Ball rounded out the scoring for MCA with two points.

Colby Hayes was the leading scorer for Stumbo with three points. Five different John M. players finished with two points. Two Mustangs chipped in a free-throw each.



Landon Slone

H.S. BASKETBALL

## Hawks hold on, beat East Ridge

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LICK CREEK — Pike County Central suffered a blow earlier this week when starter Chase Lyons went out with a broken hand. But things would not all be bad early in the week.

Barry Sanders scored a game-high 20 points and Ben Pugh added 13 as Pike Central went on the road and beat East Ridge, 71-61 in a matchup of two Pike County teams.

Bobby Mullins added 11 points and Justin McCurry chipped in eight as Pike Central (2-2) took a 30-23 halftime lead. The Hawks extended their lead to as many as 20 points in the second half before the Warriors (3-2) closed to within 10 in the final minute.

Brandon Ratliff led East Ridge with a team-high 13 points and Matt Belcher added 12. Robbie Spears hit for 10.

Pike Central was successful on 27-of-44 shots from the floor and 11-of-22 free throws.

East Ridge was scheduled to back to action last night in Gatlinburg, Tenn. against Campbell County. Pike Central will play tonight in the Pikeville Invitational Tournament against Tug Valley.

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE

## Gallion named Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Pikeville College forward Tecco Gallion is having the best year of her career and the Mid-South Conference has taken note. The senior from Grayson was named the league's player of the week after leading her team to two

wins last week.

Gallion had 24 points, eight rebounds and three steals in a 79-69 win over St. Mary of the Woods (Ind.) College last Friday, and followed that up on Saturday with 16 points, nine rebounds, three blocked shots and two steals in an 86-39 win over Wilberforce

(Ohio) University.

"Tecco is having a great season to this point, and it's nice to see her getting some recognition from around the Mid-South Conference," said Coach Bill Watson. "She's a huge part of what

(See GALLION, page four)

H.S. BASKETBALL

## Lady Raiders fall to Magoffin

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Through one quarter Wednesday night, the South Floyd High Lady Raiders were four points better than visiting Magoffin County. But it takes four

eight-minute quarters to complete a ball game. The South Floyd girls went into the half tied at 17 with Magoffin County, before losing the game in the second half, falling 51-39.

The visiting Lady Hornets took an eight-point lead into the final

quarter where it outscored South Floyd 14-10 en route to the victory. Magoffin County was coming off a loss Monday night on the road at Johnson Central. South Floyd came into the game having

(See MAGOFFIN, page four)

YOUTH BASKETBALL

## Adams C downs Pikeville, falls to Allen Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Adams Middle School C-Team was in action last Friday night as it entertained a good Pikeville team. Both teams employed a full-court press throughout, creating an up-tempo game with lots of action.

The Blackcats opened

strong and led 10-6 after the first quarter and 22-14 at the half.

A strong third quarter pushed the lead to 11, the largest of the game, as the Blackcats led 32-21 at the end of three quarters and went on to win 40-35.

(See ADAMS, page four)



Katherine Wells captured second-place in the Individual Dance Division at the NDA Smoky Mountain Christmas Classic Cheer & Dance Championships held December 7 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. She is the daughter of Frank and Janie Wells of Paintsville.

H.S. BASKETBALL

## Region finals rematch tonight

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK — Two of the top boys' basketball teams in the 15th Region will play tonight in Pike County. The game shapes up as a rematch of last season's 15th Region championship game as Shelby Valley, 4-0 on the season, hosts Paintsville, another team perfect on the season with an identical 4-0 record.

Shelby Valley advanced to last season's 15th Region championship game following a win over Johnson Central. Paintsville scored a last-second comeback win over South Floyd to reserve its spot in the championship game last season.

Shelby Valley in its relatively short history has been a boys' program to be reckoned with. Paintsville, under veteran head coach Bill Mike Runyon routinely contends for a 15th Region championship each March.

Tip-off for tonight's game is scheduled for 7:30.



**Raiders**

Central in the first half, post 60 points in the second half, while giving the visiting Runnin' Rebels just 42 to post a 101-66 win, for the first 58th District win of the season.

Michael Hall turned in one of the most impressive performances in South Floyd school history Tuesday night. The senior guard scored 45 points in 27 minutes, good for a school record. He also hit found the mark on eight three-pointers, tying a school record held by senior teammate Tyler Hall.

Tyler Hall finished the game with 22 points, four rebounds and six assists. Justin Hall finished with 11 points for the Raiders.

Jack Slone added five points for South Floyd.

Senior Neil Allen was the leading scorer for Allen Central with 18 points. Mike Slone and Rossi Samons each finished with 12 points. Center BRad Pack scored eight points and Justin Hall and Austin Francis each netted six each.

Tim Griffith scored three

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points and Oliver Kilgore scored one for the Runnin' Rebs.

Both Allen Central and South Floyd are in holiday events this weekend.

The Raiders, still undefeated on the season, travel to Louisville to play in a tournament at Jeffersontown High School. The Raiders; opponent tonight is Elizabethtown, one of the state's top teams.

Allen Central stays closer to home, playing a in Letcher County at the Jenkins Holiday Classic.

**Win**

start, trailing 9-7 at the end of the first quarter, before eventually winning 62-48.

Center Becky Thomas was the leading scorer for Allen Central with 19 points. Amber Scott finished with 14 and Jessica Isaac shot in eight on four field goals off the bench. Tiffany Turner, another starter for the Lady Rebs, added six points. Senior reserves Jackie Martin and Erin Majakey chipped in five points apiece. Terri Mullins and Megan Harris each had three points.

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**REGION RANKINGS**

**15th Region**

Girls	
Johnson Central	5-0
Betsy Layne	5-1
Magoffin County	5-1
Allen Central	4-2
Pikeville	4-3
Shelby Valley	3-1
Belfry	3-2
Pike Co. Central	3-3
Paintsville	2-2
Sheldon Clark	2-3
East Ridge	2-3
South Floyd	1-4
Prestonsburg	0-3
Phelps	0-3
Piarist School	0-5

**Bentley**

tended to be popular with both of my employers. I sometimes use a stronger tone than both like, so it's normally easier to stay clear of it whenever possible.

But Coach Willis deserves a mention here because he was a hard worker. He brought an entertaining level of college football to our mountains, and will always be remembered in a positive light.

Many of my fondest memories of Zak will be off the field of play. The week in Tulsa, for starters, is one I'll never forget. And during his first week at the college, Ron Damron and I took him to the Sweet 16 and had a fantastic day.

And then there's the night we

did his radio show live - live from the kitchen of a restaurant.

Zak Willis is someone who I've enjoyed calling a friend and hopefully that will continue. He's moving up a level, going closer to home and will continue to be his own boss, and none of those are bad things.

Personally, I wish he was staying, but I look forward to shaking his hand, thanking him for serving my school and wishing him the best of luck in the future. Some day I'll sit at home and watch Zak win a bowl game for somebody, and I'll remember the night about 10 of us sat in a hotel room in Tulsa listening to his stories and the day he listened to me complain and assured me it would all be better

soon.

He was right.

Thanks for everything, Coach.

Something is about to happen none of us thought we'd live to see.

It's looking like Bud Selig will let Pete Rose back in baseball, and therefore make him eligible for Hall of Fame consideration.

And if it happens, I will surprise everyone, myself included, and write an entire column praising the Commish.

I'll let you decide which you never thought you'd see.

A prediction: Kentucky will surprise Indiana tomorrow.

Have you taken a look at the football standings lately?

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The AFC is amazing: The top record is 9-5 and is shared by (ital) four (ital) teams. And any of them could have home field advantage, or could not even make the playoffs because four others have won eight games already.

And, in two of the four divisions, all four teams have a record of .500 or better. It all goes to show two things:

Parity is amazing.

The Bengals are not.

Still, the most amazing team in football has to be Philadelphia. The Eagles were rolling early and most gave credit to Donovan McNabb. But when the talented quarterback was injured, something strange happened - the Eagles kept winning. They're 11-3 and have won five straight games.

The latest stupidity coming from the NBA is that Allen Iverson is moaning about never being asked to play in the Olympics.

Please.

Sure, Iverson is a talented player, but I wouldn't let someone like that represent my fantasy league and surely don't want him and the life-sized chip on his shoulder wearing the colors of my country.

I realize this may not be a popular view, but if The Answer wants one, he should take a look at his ink-covered body. It's an honor to represent your country, not a privilege. Iverson looks like a sample sheet at the local tattoo parlor, and should have considered his desire to represent his country before covering himself in "art."

I have no problem with people getting tattoos, but enough's enough.

And finally ...

Here's hoping Santa brings your team closer to a championship; Kentucky, Louisville and Pikeville talented, enthusiastic head football coaches; games decided on the field of play by players, not officials or coaches; and you peace, joy and happiness.

Merry Christmas to all.

**Reed**

in Florida. I told him it was just as well, because we were going to put a whipping on his team."

In sports-crazy Corbin, the Selvys and the Birds long have tied for the honor of being the city's first family of sports.

The oldest Bird brother, Jerry, was a forward on UK's unbeaten 1953-'54 basketball team. He was followed to Lexington by brothers Calvin, Rodger, and Billy, who all played football for the Wildcats. Another brother, Steve, was an outstanding wide receiver at Eastern Kentucky for another Corbin native, Roy Kidd.

Of the 11 Selvy siblings, six went through college on either football or basketball scholarships. Ed played football at UK in the early 1950s, David and Don played hoops at Furman, Charles went to Western Kentucky but transferred to Furman, and Marv played for Peck Hickman and John Dromo at U of L from 1967-'70.

While Marv says Ed probably was the best athlete in the family, it was Frank who became a college basketball legend.

After Frank's senior year at Corbin High, both Kentucky coach Adolph Rupp and Western Kentucky's Ed Diddle declined to offer him a scholarship because they thought he was too frail. But Frank grew three inches that summer -

"All us Selvys were late developers," Marv says - and, at 6-foot-3, was named the MVP in the East-West All-Star game.

Rupp changed his mind and offered Frank a scholarship, but he already had committed to play for Coach Lyles Alley at Furman.

During Selvy's three-year varsity career, Furman defeated Duke, South Carolina, Georgia, and Georgia Tech, mostly because Frank was a scoring machine. He averaged 24.6 points as a sophomore and 29.5 as a junior. As a senior, his 41.7 average was the NCAA record until Pete Maravich averaged 43.8 as an LSU sophomore in 1967-'68.

The Furman-Newberry game was the first college hoops event to be televised in South Carolina. It also was the first time that Frank's mother, Iva, had seen him play in college. She and the rest of the family were part of a large motorcade from Corbin.

Despite being double- and triple-teamed, Selvy had 24 points in the first quarter and 37 at halftime. During the intermission, the standing-room-only crowd was entertained by a game between the Selvy family and a local group.

"Our two sisters even referred to the game," said Marv, was seven at the time. "The truth is, my brother Ed won it all by himself." In the third quarter, Frank poured in another 26 to give him 63 heading into the final period. His teammates kept feeding him and Newberry obliged by refusing to hold the ball.

With 30 seconds to go, Frank had 94. He quickly scored two

more baskets.

Then, with two seconds remaining, he swished a 40-footer to give him 100 for the night. In those days, of course, there was no three-point shot and no one-and-one on free throws. The final box showed that Frank had made 41 field goals - still an NCAA record - in 66 attempts.

After leaving Furman, Frank played 10 years in the NBA. As a rookie with Milwaukee Hawks in 1954-'55, he averaged 19 points, second to Bob Pettit's 20.4. He later played with Jerry West and Elgin Baylor with the Los Angeles Lakers.

When Marv graduated from Corbin High, Frank had retired from pro ball and was an assistant at Furman. So Marv, who had received scholarship offers from UK and others, signed to go there. But when U of L's Hickman belatedly offered him a scholarship - just as Rupp had done with Frank more than a decade earlier - Marv opted for U of L, even though it cost him a year's eligibility.

"I wanted to play with Wes and Butch," he said.

When Marv joined the varsity in 1967-'68, Wes Unseld and Butch Beard were the stars of a Cardinal team that was considered a serious national championship threat. On Feb. 24, 1968, Selvy made a 70-footer at the end of the first half against Wichita State that's still the longest U of L field goal ever.

Selvy averaged 7.2 points for that team, which ended the season ranked No. 9 in the final polls and was defeated by top-ranked Houston, 91-75, in the semifinals of the NCAA Midwest Regional.

As a junior in 1968-'69, the 6-4 Selvy moved to guard so Beard could switch to forward, his best position. Although Selvy averaged only 6.3 points, he endeared himself to U of L fans by putting in a Beard air-ball to beat Memphis at the buzzer. He also was a key figure in a late-season brawl with Drake, which went on to advance to the NCAA Final Four in Freedom Hall while the Cards were relegated to the NIT.

Alas for Selvy, his career ended prematurely when he suffered a torn hamstring against Cal-Riverside in the first game of the 1969-'70 season. As fate would have it, that injury came only week before the Cards were to play Furman in Freedom Hall, which turned out to be a 93-69 U of L victory.

The teams haven't played since. And in case you were wondering, U of L's single-game scoring record is the 45 that Unseld scored against Georgetown College in the opening-game of the 1967-'68 season.

This will make Marv Selvy the only person in Freedom Hall Saturday who was present when both the Furman and the U of L single-game scoring records were set.

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**Bobcats**

quarter, outscoring Betsy Layne 21-6.

Each team battled back and forth in the game's last period. P'burg senior Chris Kidd, after teammate Kris Bentley had hit a clutch three-pointer just a possession before, hit a leaning baseline jumper at the buzzer to tie the game at 57 and send it into overtime.

With his team already leading, sophomore Trevor Compton hit two free throws with nine seconds remaining to seal the win for the Blackcats.

Kris Bentley was Prestonsburg's leading scorer in the game with 16 points. Jesse Chaffins and Justin Allen each scored 11 points apiece and Joey Willis contributed nine. Chris Kidd finished with eight.

Compton added six points for the Blackcats and Michael

Morrison flipped in three in off the bench.

Jordan Kidd scored a team-high 14 points for the Bobcats. Hamilton ended the game with 12 points and Brent Newsome finished with 11. Brandon Hall scored 11 and Nathan Newsome shot in six. Jordan Scarberry, after leading the Bobcats in scoring on Saturday in a win against Belfry, scored four. Preston Simon and Brentton Akers each had two points apiece for Betsy Layne.

Betsy Layne is scheduled to host Lawrence County tonight.

Prestonsburg travels to Harrison County for a game on Saturday.

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Each game is slated to tip off at 7:30 p.m. on the respective nights.

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**Ladycats**

Kristen Smith rounded out the scoring for Betsy Layne with a free throw.

Chanel Music and Meaghan Slone led Prestonsburg in scoring with eight points each.

Darcey Hicks scored six and Amber Whitaker and Amanda Webb chipped in five each. Kelly Key and Abbie Shafer finished with four points each for Prestonsburg (0-3).

**Hall**

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**Opening round**

- Butler-Washington County, 4:30 p.m.
- Jeffersontown-Kentucky

Country Day, 6 p.m.

- Elizabethtown-South Floyd, 7:30 PM
- Marshall County-Meade County, 9 p.m.

**Adkins**

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Pillersdorf with the David School boys' basketball team. The team is in its initial season, playing other area high school's junior varsity and freshman teams.

Adkins, a 6-2, 165-pound freshman from Greasy Creek in Pike County, played his high school basketball at Millard High

School under Prestonsburg High School alum Joe Marson.

The David team will be back in action Monday, traveling to Hazard to play the Bulldog freshman team at 5 p.m. The Hazard High varsity team is coached by Floyd County native Kevin Spurlock.

**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**



**Michael Hall, South Floyd**



**Megan Harris, Allen Central**

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# A Look at Sports: Basketball & More

by ED TAYLOR  
SPORTS WRITER

Right off let me wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a better new year!

Christmas is right around the corner and we are about to enter a new year. These are exciting days for every family as they gather to celebrate the holidays. I wish you and your family a wonderful time as you gather.

Coach Henry Webb has the South Floyd Raiders off to a great start at 4-0 and coming off a big, big win over Johnny Martin's Allen Central Rebels, 101-66. As everyone knows, the Raiders were the doormat of the 58th District until Coach Webb came on the scene. He has some great talent and is surrounded by a very good coaching staff. That makes a big difference.

I noticed that coach Jackie Day Crisp's Prestonsburg Blackcats are playing good basketball early in the season. Both the Blackcats and Raiders are 1-

0 in their district and both are looking for a repeat of last season when they advanced to the regionals.

I like the way the 15th Region stacks up and it should be a very interesting run through the regular schedule. Paintsville, Shelby Valley, South Floyd and even Johnson Central have not tasted defeat as of yet. The 2002-03 season is going to be a very competitive one in the 15th.

Former Allen Central coach Kevin Spurlock and his Hazard Bulldogs will visit Raider Arena on Dec. 27. The Bulldogs are off to a very slow start at 1-3, having lost their first three games. But Kevin will do a good job there; it will take time.

Coach Cassandra Akers and her Betsy Layne Ladycats have picked up five straight victories after dropping their season opener. This is a good team with some veteran players and every club needs that experience.

The Allen Central Lady Rebels could very well be 6-0 on

the season but stand at 4-2 after a big win at South Floyd Tuesday night. Coach Cindy Halbert has the makings of a strong team this year and the seasons ahead. The Lady Rebels dropped a heart-breaking three-point loss to Leslie County and the triple overtime defeat to Knott County Central at home. Wow! I would have like to have seen that one. Anyone have a tape of it?

The South Floyd Lady Raiders are too good of a ball club to be 1-3 on the season. But you look at the three losses and they lost to some pretty good programs. Coach Melinda Osborne will right this ship before too long. Too much talent here.

The Kentucky football Wildcats still are looking for a head football coach. Some of the UK players have received some notable recognition this season, especially Derek Abney, a first team All-American.

Abney set a new record with six kickoff returns for touch-

downs and was named by the Associated Press to the elite team. He becomes only the 10th UK football player to be so named. Amazing with all the great players to have played there.

Coach Tubby Smith and the UK basketball Wildcats will look to get back to winning basketball games. But they may find it a difficult task when they face the nation's sixth-best team in Indiana this Saturday at Louisville's Freedom Hall.

The four-point loss to Michigan State last weekend serves a reminder to win the

close ones, you have to make your free throws. Like last year, this ball club is horrible from the charity stripe. How many big games did they lose because they could not convert their foul shots.

I don't know, maybe it is just me, but Gerald Fitch does not look comfortable on the floor. Maybe he is resenting being taken to the bench more than normal. I think once they move him back to the shooting guard slot, he will do better. He certainly can shoot the ball but attitude on the floor goes a long ways.

Finally, the Cincinnati Reds have dipped into the "broken players" pool and pulled out five players that will just take up spots on their roster and offer little help. The Reds need to get a new general manager, a new field manager and a new owner, to go with the new stadium.

Oh, yeah! Bob Boone sounds like he is a little concerned about his position as manager of the Reds, should Pete Rose be reinstated, I don't like Boone as a manager, but we don't need Rose there either.

Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

## Champs

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ing for the hometown Hilltoppers, the Buckeyes have been put on the back burner — at least for this week.

"Hopefully coach (Jim) Tressel will let me get out and miss practice on Friday so I can go see my brother play," said Robert, a 21-year-old junior for the Buckeyes. "I hope he'll let me out."

"You know, he's played in that national championship game a few times with Youngstown (State), so hopefully he'll be lenient toward me."

Because most college football games are on Saturdays, the brothers have only seen each other play in person a few times this season.

Robert went to Western Kentucky's first playoff game on Nov. 30, while Patrick — on off weeks — was able to see his brother help the Buckeyes beat Purdue and Michigan, clinching the Big Ten title and a berth in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3 against Miami.

"I was probably more excited to see Ohio State beat Michigan and get their championship," said Patrick, a 22-year-old WKU senior who plans to attend the Fiesta Bowl.

"That put the pressure back on me. Hopefully we can win and put the pressure back on him," Patrick said.

The competition never ends for the brothers.

Along with their older brother, Jason, 24, and younger brother, Eric, 18, the Reynolds boys enjoy competing for everything from athletic glory to a second helping at dinner, Patrick said.

"With four boys in the family you've got to hold your own," he said. "It's just always something."

This season, Patrick and Robert could fight over whose team has been involved in more meaningful — and close — games.

Narrow victories over Cincinnati, Purdue, Illinois and Michigan preserved Ohio State's undefeated season. Western Kentucky won its last two playoff games by three points each.

"It's pretty wild," Patrick said. "They're all down to the wire."

That has added to the tension for Roxanne and Dan Reynolds, who are always nervous when their sons play.

"It is extremely exciting," Roxanne said. "I just absolutely love it."

The break in Ohio State's schedule allows the parents to attend Patrick's playoff games and the Fiesta Bowl together. They had to split up during the regular season when their sons played on the same day.

"It just brings the family so much closer," Roxanne Reynolds said.

The family expects to take a large contingent to both title games. Dan is one of 11 children, meaning aunts, uncles and cousins will be making trips to Tennessee and Tempe, Ariz., to watch Patrick and Robert play.

"Everyone in the family is probably more excited than we are. They're all tore up about it," Patrick said.

Is that true, mom?  
"I'm really nervous now," Roxanne Reynolds said.

## GMAC

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with his seniors.

"He basically told us what he told you guys," defensive lineman Devon Thomas said. "He told us, for the guys that are coming back, the torch has been passed. They have to get the program back."

Louisville (7-6) finished with its worst record in Smith's five years. The Cardinals went 11-2 last year.

Marshall (11-2) won a bowl game for the fifth consecutive year, the longest such streak in the nation. Top-ranked Miami has won four straight.

Leftwich, playing with a sore left shin that limited his mobility, became the first player in Division I-AA history to throw four touchdown passes in two bowl games.

"I think he's a pretty tough competitor," Thomas said. "He's going to make a lot of money on Sundays. I can't wait to see him play when he's not limping."

Leftwich, who originally hurt his shin in November, took several hits in the first quarter and hobbled back to the huddle. X-rays taken at halftime were negative.

"Once I got hit in the leg I couldn't step with my plant foot," he said. "So I was just trying to do what I could do just to get the ball in the receivers' hands."

Leftwich threw TD passes of 8 and 13 yards to backup receiver Demetrius Doss — who had one scoring catch all season — and 9 and 26 yards to Denero Marriott. Marriott had 10 catches for 137 yards.

Leftwich finished 22-of-44 for 249 yards and was named the game's MVP.

He didn't need a similar comeback to last year's GMAC Bowl, when he threw for 576 yards in bringing Marshall from 30 points down to beat East Carolina 64-61 in double overtime.

Louisville got inside the Marshall 30 just twice and went 0-for-13 on third downs. The Cardinals gained just 88 yards in the first half.

"We confused them pretty good. I think we had control of the game," Marshall defensive back Yancey Satterwhite said. "On third down we came after him and we put him on the ground."

Ragone went 20-of-45 for 193 yards with an interception.

"I didn't complete enough balls and we just didn't move the chains," Ragone said.

Marshall's Jamus Martin stripped the ball from Ragone midway through the fourth quarter and Jonathan Goddard recovered. A personal foul penalty gave Marshall the ball at the Louisville 16, and Butchie Wallace scored on first down for a 38-7 lead.

Ragone will get another chance when he returns to Mobile on Jan. 18 for the Senior Bowl.

Marshall was penalized 17 times for 147 yards, including 35 yards on Louisville's first touchdown drive in the second quarter.

Louisville got 95 of its 261 total yards on its final touchdown drive in the game's last minute.

## Gallion

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the success we've been having in the first half of the season, and she's never played better than she is right now."

For the week, Gallion was 14-of-30 from the field (46.67 percent) and made 12-of-15 from the line (80 percent).

This was the second time this season the East Carter product has been recognized by the league. For the week ending Nov. 23, she was co-player of the week.

Gallion is the league's leading scorer, averaging 20.6 points per game as of Sunday. She's also second in rebounding, averaging 8.54 per game, third in shooting percentage (53.8 percent) and sixth in free throw shooting (78.9 percent).

## Lady Bears cruise past Wilberforce

PIKEVILLE — No. 23 Pikeville College held Wilberforce to 17.6 percent shooting and rolled to an 86-39 win Saturday afternoon.

The win made the Lady Bears 11-2 as they head to Florida to play two games.

"We played much better today than last night, and it showed in every category," said Coach Bill Watson, referring to his team's 79-69 win over St. Mary-of-the-

Woods on Friday. "We have several people playing very well right now, and we've got a tough road coming up."

The Lady Bears went 29-of-52 from the field (55.8 percent) and was 26-of-34 (76.5 percent) from the line. They had 21 assists, nine steals and six blocks.

Meanwhile, Wilberforce struggled all the way around. In addition to their poor shooting from the floor, they missed all seven of their three-point tries. They had 21 turnovers compared to seven assists.

Two Lady Bears had career highs today. Freshman Jessica Lovell was 11-of-12 from the free throw line to account for all of her points. Sophomore Ashley Ratliff had nine on 4-of-6 shooting. Both Lovell and Ratliff had four assists.

Senior Teccoa Gallion led the Lady Bears with 16 points and nine rebounds, helping the Lady Bears to a 52-41 lead on the glass. Gallion also had three blocks and two assists.

Amanda Collins had 12 points and four steals in the game. Sophomore Ashley Damron had 10 points and three steals.

The Lady Bulldogs (5-10) put one player in double figures, as freshman center Darla Finley scored all 15 of her points in the first half. Abria Drummonds followed with seven.

## Georgia

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Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Toppers (11-3) earned their first victory in three tries over the Eagles (11-3), handing GSU just its second home loss in playoff history.

"Talk about deja vu all over again. This was the same situation we faced in Macomb last week, with the same score and almost the same distance on the field-goal attempt at the end. I'm tremendously proud of our football team," Harbaugh said. "The I-AA playoffs are a tremendous experience for all of those involved. ESPN got a great game today. Our hats are off to Georgia Southern and their coaching staff."

Michael led the Hilltoppers on a 13-play, 76-yard drive to earn the victory after the Eagles had posted 21 unanswered points in the final period to take their first lead of the game. He was 4-of-7 on the march, helping WKU convert twice on fourth down. He hit Casey Rooney on a 31-yard pass to set up a 1st-and-goal at the GSU-2 before going around right end for his team-leading 13th rushing touchdown of the season.

Trailing 24-7 entering the fourth, Chaz Williams threw touchdown passes of 47 yards to Zream Walden and 20 yards to Anthony Williams before Jermaine Austin scored on a 31-yard run with 4:26 left to make the score 28-24.

The Toppers controlled the first three quarters, taking a 7-0 lead at 7:58 of the opening period when Jon Frazier scored on a 1-yard run to help Western capitalize on the first of two Eagle fumbles — Karl Maslowski recovered an Austin miscue on the GSU-4 on the Eagles' second play from scrimmage. GSU tied the game when C. Williams scored on a 6-yard run, but

Frazier ran in from 2 yards out with 9:04 remaining in the opening half to cap a 14-play, 98-yard drive. Peter Martinez added a season-long 49-yard field goal just before the half — tying the school career record with his 47th three-pointer in the last three years — to make it 17-7 at the break.

WKU forced a 3-and-out on the Eagles' opening possession of the second half. Michael led an 11-play march that covered 53 yards, scoring on a 1-yard run to give the Toppers a 24-7 advantage with 5:43 left in the third quarter.

Michael was 9-of-15 for 149 yards, completing three passes to both Rooney — who posted a career-best 90 yards — and Shannon Hayes.

Frazier led the Hilltoppers in rushing for the 11th time this season with 103 yards, his eighth 100-yard effort of the season.

Austin had a game-high 128 yards on 18 carries for GSU, but C. Williams managed just 16 yards on 15 attempts, the first time in 11 games he failed to break triple digits. The quarterback was 9-of-18 passing for 160 yards, with A. Williams and Walden scoring on their only receptions while Carl Kearney grabbed a game-best seven catches for 93 yards.

The Hilltoppers held the Eagles — who entered the contest leading the nation with 398.54 yards per game rushing — to a season-low 226 yards on the ground.

Maslowski, Brian Lowder and Antonio Veals all had eight tackles for WKU, and Sherrod Coates added five stops while recording a sack for the eighth straight game. Veals had two punt returns for 38 yards and a pair of kick returns for 46 yards.

## Adams

game. Chris Schoolcraft finished with 12 big rebounds and eight points. Matt Sword, Allen Craynon and Austin Gearheart played excellent defense and rebounded very well for the victorious Blackcats. Sword and Craynon finished with three points each to round out the scoring for Adams.

Coach Robert Allen noted, "The C-team was tested tonight by a very quick team from Pikeville and the Blackcats responded well to the challenge."

The Adams Middle School C-Team suffered its only loss of the season to a Floyd County team as Allen Central Middle School avenged an earlier loss to Adams by defeating the Blackcats 21-17 earlier this past week. The Blackcats hit the boards hard but couldn't overcome poor shooting and lack of offensive execution in the second half as Allen Central built at 17-14 lead after three quarters. Adams was led in scoring by point guard Jody Tackett who tallied six points. Chris Schoolcraft and Seth

Setser each scored four points for Adams while Austin Gearheart, Allen Craynon and Luke Sturgill each scored one point.

The victorious Rebels were led in scoring by Corey Conn who scored six points. Chad Nelson and Logan Crowder each scored four points, Christian Francis netted three points while Justin Jackson and Hunter Crowder each scored two points. The C-Team Blackcats fell to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in regular season Floyd County play while the C-Team Rebels remained undefeated in regular season Floyd County games.

The Adams C-Team was scheduled to host McDowell last night. Results were unavailable. The C-Team Blackcats will play Betsy Layne tonight at McDowell as play resumes in the semifinals of the Karen Pack Invitational Tournament which was postponed due to weather. Adams defeated Allen Central Middle School 39-30 on December 2 in the first round of the tournament.

## Magoffin

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lost to rival Allen Central just one night earlier.

Jamie Adams led Magoffin County (5-1) in scoring with a team-high 13 points. Savannah Howard scored 12 and Michaela Howard added 10 for the Lady Hornets.

South Floyd point guard Megan Ousley, a junior, paced the Lady Raiders in scoring

with a game-high 16 points. Tabetha Trammel finished with nine points and Ashley Johnson flipped in four, as did Sharee Hopkins. Carla Hall finished with three for South Floyd and Stephanie Skeens netted two. Valerie King rounded out the scoring for South Floyd (1-4) with a free throw.

## WYMT

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of the Year.

Johnson Central junior Chat Yates was given honorable-mention accolades for the offensive team.

On defense, Paintsville senior Ryan Brown and Lawrence County senior Jared Hostetter, a University of Tennessee signee,

were among those honored. Brown, still undecided on college, was also considered for the Player of the Year honor.

Breathitt County head coach Mike Holcomb was named Coach of the Year after guiding the Bobcats to another Class 2A state title.

# Source: Michigan State hires Smith

by LARRY LAGE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State hired Louisville's John L. Smith as football coach, a university source said Thursday.

Smith, who coached Louisville in the GMAC Bowl on Wednesday night, was on Michigan State's campus Thursday to accept the job, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Smith succeeds Bobby Williams, fired Nov. 4 with three games left in a season that was disappointing on and off the field.

Smith led Louisville to unprecedented success in his five seasons, including as many bowl games (five) as the school had in its history before he arrived. The Cardinals' five straight winning seasons were a first for the program.

Smith came to Louisville in 1998 from Utah State, where he coached for three seasons.

Michigan State reached as high as 15th in the rankings this year, but things fell apart and the team was 3-6 when Williams was fired. The Spartans finished 4-8, their worst record since 1991.

Williams went 16-17 overall at Michigan State.

Louisville was 41-21 under Smith, including Wednesday's 38-15 bowl loss to Marshall.

During that game, cell phones started ringing on Louisville's sideline during the first quarter, and word spread quickly among the players that Smith might be headed elsewhere.

"We knew about it in the first quarter. The whole sideline knew," Louisville quarterback Dave Ragone said Wednesday. "I tried to put some water on the fire, but the guys had a lot of different emotions at that time, and it was hard to regroup."

Louisville won its second straight Conference USA championship and finished 11-2 in 2001 but went 7-6 in 2002.

Smith, 54, signed an eight-year contract with Louisville in 2000.

He implemented the same high-scoring, pass-oriented offense he used at Utah State and Idaho, and the Cardinals led the nation with 560 yards and 40 points per game in his first season.

An Idaho native, Smith served as an assistant at six different western schools before becoming the head coach at Idaho in 1989.

The Vandals made the Division I-AA playoffs five times in six seasons under Smith and annually ranked among the nation's leaders in total offense and scoring.

Utah State ranked among the top 16 in total offense in Smith's two seasons there.



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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Sending Christmas love

My sister-in-law, Donna Prater, is a busy stay-at-home mom who manages to home-school my youngest niece, Abby, and still help keep me up-to-date on the latest "good reads," world events, religious news and what my "little" brother is up to.

This morning, I received an e-mail from her that I'd like to share with you. It speaks volumes, and it speaks for itself, so I'll say no more than I hope each and everyone of you



**Kathy Prater**  
 Lifestyles editor

"have yourselves a merry little Christmas."

Enjoy! And don't forget to remember "the reason for the season."

Have a Merry Christmas... (1st Corinthians

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### THIS TOWN, THAT WORLD

*Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.*

Last week we published a review of interesting research into what Floyd County housewives want most for Christmas. It was a sound research job, but it missed the one gift most of the gals call for: "Give me strength!"

### GIFT WITHOUT PRICE

An old woman died here Monday. She was little known outside Prestonsburg, and even here was known to only a fraction of the population. She made no social registers, could not be classed as an achiever, perhaps had no ambition or desire for either.

But Sadie Clifton Taylor remains with us an unforgettable figure as she passed, walking in obvious pain, her body bent till her face was almost parallel to the sidewalk, defying discomfort to take some children—they were her nieces and nephews I am told—to school every morning, in all weathers, and to return in the afternoon to see that they were safely home.

She had no fine material gifts to offer these she loved,

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photo by Loretta Blackburn

The cast of "Hillbilly Christmas Carol" did a comical version of the Charles Dickens' classic at the Adams Middle School Christmas program on December 18.

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# "HILLBILLY CHRISTMAS CAROL"

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
 STAFF WRITER

Adams Middle School performing arts students presented a Christmas program on Wednesday, offering their classmates holiday cheer through a variety of performances.

The school secretary, Carolyn Rowe, opened the event with the song "Winter Wonderland", which was followed by Mrs. Kim Reynolds' explanation of the elements of drama, production, and

performance.

Eight students were involved in the performance and narration of the play "Hillbilly Christmas Carol", which was a comical hillbilly style of a Charles Dickens' classic. The cast, Tyler Gayheart as Joshua, Caitlin Newsome as Minnie Sue, Clay Jamerson as Ossie, Emily Stanley as Lizzie, Rachel Goble as Widow Hinkley, Shane Williamson as Hiram, and Danielle Ousley as Cora Belle,

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photo by Loretta Blackburn

A talented Jenny Griffith sang "Where Are You Christmas?" for the Adams Middle School audience.



photo by Loretta Blackburn

Carolyn Rowe, Adams Middle School secretary, opened the Christmas Program with "Winter Wonderland" on Wednesday.

### POSTSCRIPT

## The best gifts

With less than a week before Christmas, no doubt many people are still racking their brains, dashing through stores, scanning catalogs, trying to find a gift that is meaningful, memorable and useful.

I encourage you to consider giving something that you don't have to shop for.



**Pam Shingler**  
 Contributing Writer

One of the best gifts I ever received came from three young women whom I worked with at The David School several years ago. The three Jens we called them - Jenny Howard, Jennifer Decker and Jen Barry. They were and are exceptionally kind and helpful persons, but they outdid themselves this particular year.

My mother was still alive and living with me, and she had reached the point where she could not take care of herself. My only

outing besides work was a weekly trip to the grocery store, which could never be more than two hours tops. Anyone who has to take care of an aged parent or spouse knows how very imprisoning it is, despite how much you love him or her.

In passing, I had told the three Jens how wonderful Appalshop's Christmas in Appalachia program was and how I would love to be able to attend. Yet, I knew I could not leave Mom for the time it would take to go to Whitesburg and back and to see the show.

Shortly after I got home on the evening of the performance, the three angels showed up at my door. Jenny Howard directed me to get my coat and go with Jennifer Decker, who was driving me to Whitesburg for the Roadside Theater production. Jenny and the other Jen announced they were staying with Mom and would see to her supper.

Of course, I was delighted and deeply touched, and Mom enjoyed the company of the girls, who fawned over her and listened to the tales I'd heard too many times to be impressed by.

No one could have given me a better present, one that was more

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## Things to ponder: A holiday season for me

(This article is an example of learning to allow another person to give you the precious gift of time. Although I enjoy running through a list of possible topics, there are those times when I realize I am displaying my "super woman" symptoms. Plain and simply, expecting too much of myself and trying to get it all done at the same time. Thus, I greatly appreciate this gift from a dear friend, who keeps saying that she loves to write. Hope you enjoy it. Take care of yourself over the holidays and continue to be nice to "Number

One.")

Watch TV or read a magazine these days and you are sure to hear about your inner child. You are coached in reconnecting with your inner child so that you can remember the hurts of the past, heal them, and go on as an adult. I find that as I age, I am getting in touch with my inner child, too. I have changed drastically over the years, more evident at Christmas than any other time of the year.

Christmas shopping has never been a problem for me. I always had my

shopping done by Halloween and wrapped by Thanksgiving. I started this many years ago to avoid the crowded malls and the pressure to find the perfect gift, as if one existed at the mall. I shopped during the year in stores and mail ordered what I could not find (this was before the internet brought the world to your door). I would decorate the tree, the mantle and the front door after Thanksgiving dinner. Everything was ordered and orderly. I had everything under my control.

Those were my younger days when

finishing the task was the goal. These days, when Christmas approaches, I wait expectantly for Thanksgiving so that I can join the crowds of people shopping in the various arenas. My goal is not to acquire the perfect present, but to be the perfect present. That's right-my goal is to be the shopper with the smile that reaches my eyes, the compassionate helper to fellow shoppers with frazzled nerves, and to find a compliment for each person

(See PONDER, page two)



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.



## Birthdays



### Christmas birthday!

Chelsey Noel Couch will celebrate her fifth birthday on December 25, 2002, at her home on Rock Fork with her family. Chelsey is the daughter of Chris and Christine Couch, and is the granddaughter of Isabelle and Ray Parsons, Colson and Debbie Couch, and the late Delbert Prater. She has one sister, Caitlin Abigail Couch.



### New arrival

Jessica Young and Jeremy Johnson are happy to announce the welcome arrival of their baby daughter, Haleigh Dawn Johnson, born December 10, 2002, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. The infant weighed 5 lbs., 15 oz., and measured 18 3/4 inches in length. "Baby Haleigh" has one brother, Landon Johnson, and a sister, Makyla Vance. Her maternal grandparents are Tess Young and Obie Young, of Melvin. Her paternal grandparents are Sandy and Joseph Johnson, also of Melvin.



### New arrival

Nickolas Brant Potter was born on Thursday, October 24, 2002, at 12:58 a.m., at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, to parents Randy and Lena Potter, of McDowell. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and was 20 inches long. He is the maternal grandson of Herl and Linda Stumbo, of McDowell. His paternal grandparents are Clarence Jr. and Patricia Potter, also of McDowell. He has one older sister, Sarah Brooke Potter. Nickolas' family is thankful to God for their "wonderful little blessing."

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## School Happenings

### ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

\*\*Any individual or business interested in sponsoring a needy AMS student for Christmas, please contact the center at 886-9812.\*\*

Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.

Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4:00 p.m.

Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley, Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

### ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

\*Each Monday, 8:30-9:25 a.m., "Respect Class," for 7th grade girls.

\*\*Collect Food City receipts and turn them in to home room teachers.\*\*

### ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

### BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Open enrollment for

After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

### CLARK ELEMENTARY

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing services are available to anyone in the community.

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

### DUFF ELEMENTARY

School is collecting Food City receipts that will be used toward receiving free computers and other educational items. Please send your receipts to school with your child or drop them off at the Family Resource Center, or the school's front office. Any help with this valuable school project is very appreciated.

### MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and immunizations; WIC; well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

### MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

School is collecting Food City receipts. Have your students turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to school office. Help McDowell Elementary receive computers, audio visual equipment, etc. through the "Apples for Students" program.

SBD Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

FRC Advisory Council meets first Thursday of each

month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

GED classes are held in FRC each Monday and Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. Classes are FREE. Please bring paper and pencil. Instructor, Teresa Allen, David School.

Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

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

### PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

\*PES is collecting Food City receipts. Have your child turn in receipts to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn in receipts to the school office or 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

Walking track open to public (except during special event).

Center has a one-stop career station satellite station that is available to the community, as well as students.

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

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

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. 153.

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## World

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but they received from her more than many the poor, little rich girl or boy ever enjoys.

### LONG AGO-FAR AWAY

One of the Christmas rituals at our house in the long-lost days when Santa was really real had my sister and me following our father in a prayer to Santa Claus, listing, at his dictate, what we wanted for Christmas. These sessions went smoothly enough, except when my sister would ad lib a bit and add a doll to the gift list.

You may say that this was a bit pagan, praying to Santa, but one thing it achieved: it proved to two youngsters that prayers are really answered.

### A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!

In this age of cynicism one would expect Christmas to come under attack.

Its origins date back to paganism: the date it is observed is open to question; its observance is pattered widely after the varying lifestyles of the celebrants—these are legitimate points for those who, for one reason or another, might want to mount an attack.

It is true that man has made something less than holy the day that he observes as the birth date of Jesus Christ (a date that even the unbeliever observes for his or her own reasons).

Yet this day, born of pagan custom and abused by most of us, remains as proof of the power of Christ to transmute our dress into gold.

It is not a mere date on the calendar; Christmas is a time in the parade of days and years that is of the spirit. Evidences of ancient orgies remain, but over all pervades the spirit of the One who came to bless and give and to create in the hearts of millions a sense of deep thanksgiving.

It is in this spirit that we wish for all—not the traditional "merry Christmas" but the joyous Christmas that is finer and greater.

## Hillbilly

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were dressed for the part as Tara Rohr, narrator, courted a Santa hat. The play was closed with the performance of a "First Noel" played by Julie Ford on her violin.

Students from the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade classes read their "Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child" contributions and in between Shawna Riley sang a solo "Christmas Shoes" and Jenna Gearheart, accompanied by the AMS dancers, sang "All I Want This Year". Afterwards a jazz dance performance by Tatianna Slone and Ashley Hastings and a group song, "Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays", by Holly Rice, Adam Reffet, Tiffany Smith, and Holly Pack, was followed by a spiritually uplifting "O' Holy Night" sang by Zach Bragg.

A ballet performance was done by a group consisting of Tatianna Slone, Alyssa Allen, Emily Stanley, Charlotte Hale, and Maura Minix. Following instrumentals by Adam Reffet, drums, and Kevin Horn, on xylophone, with "Little Drummer Boy" and Julie Ford on violin with "Frosty the Snowman", was Jenny Griffith's talented performance of "Where Are You, Christmas?"

Tara Rohr and Elizabeth Nelson sang "Away in a Manger" and the AMS music chorus sang "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" after entertaining the audience with "Baby It's Cold Outside" earlier in the program.

## Eyes

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13 style)

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family...then I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals, and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family...I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family...it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on Christ...I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.

Love is being kind, even when feeling harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home, even with their coordinating Christmas china and table linens. Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but instead rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, and golf clubs will rust. But giving the gift of love will forever endure.

## Ponder

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who crosses my path. Previously, I would have run them over with my buggy if they were in my path. I buy new coloring books and a big box of Crayolas! I buy a puzzle to work with friends as they stop by to visit.

I decorate my tree some each day now. Sometimes the last ornament goes on the tree after the last present has been opened! The Christmas tree is a joy to me, not a goal to be accomplished. I sit by the tree, with it sometimes bare, sometimes in lights, and sometimes fully decorated. I don't feel compelled to rush the decorations to the attic on January 1st. I write by the light of my Christmas tree. I color by the light of my Christmas tree, choosing from the 120 colors this year. I sip hot chocolate and watch the lights sparkle and reflect off the ornaments. I delight in the beauty of the tree. This is so much more soothing and calming than trying to decorate the perfect tree.

I sing Christmas carols from tapes and CDs. I stop the tape to replay it, singing each song until I have sung the song, not mouthed the words. I want to feel the peace and joy and wonder that each lyric and story has to offer. I enjoy getting in the mood of each song—cheerful, playful, serene, or adoring. I can remember singing these same songs

year after year. The repetition brings comfort and transports me through time to memories of family long gone.

I love Christmas lights. I find a friend to drive me around so that I can look at the lights, all white, one color or multicolored, on every imaginable surface in and around the houses. Then I return the favor, driving so that my friend can give her full attention to this art in lights. People let their imaginations run wild designing the outside, as I used to do the inside of my house on Thanksgiving Day. I love it! I am transported to childhood and the time in life when I felt the wonderment of Christmas.

I used to coordinate the wrapping on the packages. No person got presents wrapped in the same paper. They got coordinating paper, with a coordinating decoration to match the theme colors of the year. Not so any more! I have presents in blue, green, red, gold, silver, and lots, I mean lots, of curly ribbon. This is my favorite! I even put curly ribbon on my tree sometimes. I don't spend time wrapping the gifts or stressing myself with wondering if my gift to a person will be the most beautifully wrapped present they receive this year.

After gazing at the lights

and sipping my hot chocolate I can start to feel the mixture of wonder and calm that Christmas really offers. I will read the original story of Christmas in the quiet of the night, really read, not just going through the motions, and then I will reflect on what the season truly means to me. I cannot image riding a donkey when I was nine months pregnant or the verbal abuse that my partner would have endured from me during the trip. God knew that I was not the one for this undertaking.

As you can see, I still have problems staying in the present. I need to focus, at this time of year on the true meaning of Christmas. I don't need to focus on finding the perfect gift in the mall. It's not there. I don't need to focus on perfectly wrapped gifts, perfect lights, or perfect trees.

I have read that we need to be as children. Christmas is the perfect time to remember with childlike wonder the beauty of the season. Now as adults we need to remember how we can appreciate the meaning of Christmas for both ourselves as well as others. Do we want to keep focusing on how and what we wrapped or the reason for the gift? After getting in touch with your inner child, what will the gifts under the tree represent to you?





## Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



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# Rash of pityriasis rosea usually clears up in a matter of weeks

**Q** About six weeks ago, I got diagnosed with pityriasis rosea, and it is starting to itch really bad. Do you think it would be good for me to get a steroid shot or take medicine internally? Would this reduce the itching and help make it go away more quickly?

**A** Pityriasis rosea is a fairly common rash, especially in young women. It usually occurs in the

spring and fall. It is probably of viral origin and is not highly contagious. It can be associated with other viral type symptoms such as headache, fatigue and malaise, but this is relatively uncommon.

The rash starts out with a single lesion usually on the trunk. It is a large oval patch (the "Herald Patch") that's flat (no elevation of the skin). This patch has dark red borders and is clear in the center. It is painless and doesn't

itch. One to two weeks later, a generalized rash appears, also on the trunk. These are small, oval, fawn-colored flat patches. They appear scaly on the edges and clear in the center. The rash is often asymptomatic, but can be itchy — as in your case. The rash follows the cleavage lines of the skin and has a "Christmas Tree" appearance down the back. Generally no treatment is necessary, and the rash disappears in six to eight weeks. On rare occasions, the rash has been known to take over two months to clear up.

As for your itching, using a topical steroid cream can help as well as taking Benadryl by mouth. Benadryl can cause some drowsiness, so use it with caution. A unique feature of this rash

is that it can be helped by ultraviolet light, so getting out in the sun or using UVB light daily for about a week can be a big help. In severe cases, your doctor may recommend the use of systemic corticosteroids — either by mouth or injection. Since this rash is self-limiting and rarely recurs, your doctor will only consider steroids as a "last resort."

While pityriasis rosea is usually a rather straight-forward diagnosis, rashes can sometimes be difficult to identify as many of them look alike. For instance, your doctor may make a skin scraping of a lesion to rule in or rule out fungal rashes that look very similar to pityriasis rosea. Blood tests to check for possible systemic illnesses

are also indicated in some cases. Finally, there are some medications that can cause rashes similar to pityriasis rosea that your doctor must rule out. Having said all this, let me repeat that a medical professional can easily diagnose a classic case of pityriasis rosea just by looking at the tell-tale rash.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. You can also email Dr. Simpson at simpsonm@ohio.edu. Past columns are available online at [www.fhradio.org/fm](http://www.fhradio.org/fm).

## Weddings



### Thornbury-Stephens

Clarence and Brenda Thornbury, of East Point, are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amanda Ellen, to Specialist Justin E. Stephens, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willy Stephens and Mrs. Karen Holbrook, of Prestonsburg. The bride-elect is a graduate of Paintsville High School and will graduate from Morehead State University this coming summer. The prospective groom is a graduate of both Prestonsburg High School and Prestonsburg Community College, and is currently serving in the Army National Guard. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Murphy, all of Prestonsburg. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, December 28, 2002, at 4:30 p.m., at the Paintsville Church of Christ, located at 412 11th St., in Paintsville. The custom of an open church wedding will be observed. A reception will immediately follow at St. Michael's Parrish Hall on Washington Avenue.

## Watercolor Workshop

The Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center in Hindman, will offer a watercolor painting workshop for five weeks starting January 6, and ending February 6, 2003.

The classes will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

A \$175 registration fee is required and is due by 6 p.m. on Friday, December 20. This fee covers

the 20 hours of instruction plus all necessary materials which will belong to the student after the workshops are over. The instructor will be Jeff Chapman-Crane.

Classes will be rescheduled if cancelled due to inclement weather.

Call (606) 785-9855 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. for further information.



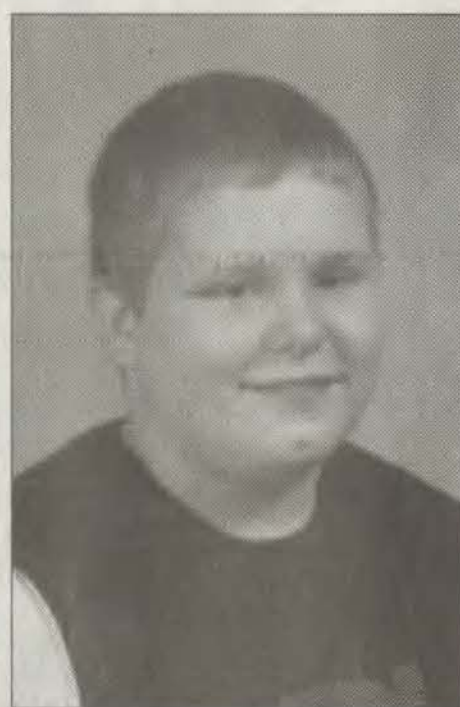
### School art winner

Elizabeth Baldrige, a fifth grade Art TAG student at Prestonsburg Elementary, created the school's Christmas card this year. School principal, Mrs. Gwen Hale-Frazier, designs a school Christmas card each year, choosing only one from among several Art TAG student submissions. The Christmas card showcasing Elizabeth's design was sent to all supervisors at the Floyd County Board of Education, all Floyd County Board of Education members, SBDM Council members, and individual Floyd County schools. "We really think she did a wonderful job," said Mrs. Hale-Frazier, "her artistic talents are sincerely appreciated and we thank her for her efforts." Elizabeth is the daughter of Kathy Prater and Phillip Baldrige. She is the granddaughter of Ruth Prater and the late Herbert Prater and Delmar and Lillian Baldrige.



### Talented Miss

Jerica Lynn Blair, the daughter of Jerry and Belinda Blair, of Martin, has been very busy this Christmas season performing at a variety of school and church events. On December 11, Jerica performed at the Floyd County Schools "Christmas Through the Eyes of A Child" program and on December 19, she performed in the May Valley Elementary School Christmas play, where she is a student. Jerica played the part of Mrs. Claus, in addition to singing a solo. On Sunday, December 22, Jerica will perform two solo's in her church Christmas play. Jerica attends the First Assembly of God Church, Martin. In addition to her vocal talents, Jerica also plays both the piano and the banjo. She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Carole Branham, of Martin.



### Osborne recognized at KYA

Jeremy Osborne, a seventh grade student at John M. Stumbo Elementary, recently received an "Outstanding Speaker" award at the 2002 Kentucky Youth Assembly, held recently in Louisville. The Kentucky Youth Assembly is sponsored by the YMCA.

## Postscript

appreciated or more desperately needed. If they'd given me a trinket or vase or sweater, I probably would have broken it or lost it or thrown it away by now. But I will never lose the warm thought of that selfless gift.

Please consider that type of gift when you're making your list. Give somebody a break from whatever hardship or tedium they have to face. Take a non-driver out for a country drive. Treat someone who doesn't get out much to dinner. Offer to walk an elderly person's dog from time to time. We're limited only by our imagination.

The most precious gifts are not the most expensive. They

have more to do with our generosity of time and creativity.

By the way, this year's version of Christmas in Appalachia is this evening (Friday) at the Appalshop in Whitesburg. Roadside Theater does an incredible job of reminding us of the meaning of the holiday and of what wonderful talent we have among us. The program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Plus, it's free — another good gift for someone who doesn't get out much. You are encouraged, however, to bring a can of food, which will be distributed to a local food bank.

Have a good holiday. Love to all.

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## School

### THE DAVID SCHOOL

Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

\*Monday  
-McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.  
-Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.  
-MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Instructor: Chrissy.

\*Tuesday  
-Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.  
-St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.  
-Auxier Family Learning Center, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

\*Wednesday  
-McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.  
-Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.  
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\*Thursday  
-Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.  
-St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.  
-Auxier Family Learning

Center, 1-4:30 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

### WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

School is participating in Food City "Apples for Students" program. Please send your register receipts to school with your student, or drop them off or mail them in to school office at: P.O. Box 454, 103 Methodist Lane, Allen, KY 41601.

Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

### W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

TBA- Recycling program, all grades.

Anyone interested in receiving cleaning supplies for the 2002-2003 school year may visit the center and fill out an application to see if they qualify.

"Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

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



Students from Prestonsburg High School recently treated the residents of Prestonsburg Health Care Center to an afternoon of Christmas caroling. The group, under the direction of Mrs. Carolyn Ford, also visited the Riverview Manor nursing facility, as well.

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SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

This devotional and directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to attend worship services.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
First Assembly of God, Martin: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lois Vannucci, Minister.  
New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville: 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. 80 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. Stooce, 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.  
Auxiler Freewill Baptist, Auxiler: 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. and 6 p.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 Mizus, 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 Creek 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.  
Endcott 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 Egpt. 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, Garret: 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. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.  
First Baptist, 24 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 Piles, 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.  
Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3378, (Barham'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.  
Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinville: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barrett, 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.  
Lancor 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 School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.  
Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, East: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.  
Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.  
Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.  
McDowell First Baptist, McDowell: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Harry Hargis, Minister.  
Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Vernon Stone, Minister.  
Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister.  
Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancor: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.  
Prater 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; 874-9488/479-2978.  
Rock Fork Freewill Baptist, Garret: Sunday School, 10

a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Cramer, Minister.  
Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garret: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.  
Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville: Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday; Thursday, 6:30 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.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.  
Stevens 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: Cliff 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.  
Trimble 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, Hueysville: 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.; Louise Ferran, Minister.

**CATHOLIC**  
St. Martha, Water Gap: Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, Father Robert Damon, pastor.  
**CHRISTIAN**  
First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.  
Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garret: Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Dorris Hackworth, 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. Speers, 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.  
Hueysville 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.; Lonnie Weede, Minister.  
Mare 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.  
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Weeksburg Church of Christ: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mee 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.; W. Williams, Pastor.  
Garrett Church of God, Garret: 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 Faith First Church of God, 671 Little Faith Road, East Point: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Hester Jr., Minister.  
**THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**, Hi Hat: 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 6:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m.; Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.  
**LUTHERAN**  
Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville: Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (800 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bertrab, Minister.  
**METHODIST**  
Auxiler United Methodist, Auxiler: 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 Blackburn, 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 Lemaister, Minister.  
Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neesley St.): Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pecoscolido, Minister.

**OTHER**  
Pastor Altha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY, Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship service 11 a.m.  
Drift Independent, Drift: Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Tom Nelson.  
Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale: Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 6 p.m.; Woodrow Curn, Minister.  
Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0605.  
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 Hill St.: Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, 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 (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Heintzman, Minister.  
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Kentucky 41214, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 2.7 miles south of Odds in Floyd, Martin and Johnson Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 42.50 acres of surface area, and will underlie 123.00 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 165.50 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 2.70 miles southwest from Daniel's Branch Road's junction with KY State Route 3, and located 0.1 mile south of Dick's Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objection or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**  
 Pursuant to Application Number 836-5416, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that DS Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 2864, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 0.90 mile west of Woods in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 1.55 surface acres and will underlie 853.86 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 855.41 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.25 mile East from KY 194's junction with KY 1428, and located adjacent to Cow Creek. The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Coal-Mac, Inc., Dick & Faye Burchett, America Frasure and John Gordon Goble. The operation will underlie land owned by Jimmy Joe Burchett, Charles & Darvin Burchett, Brad & Sally Goble & Marwood Land Co. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The above action has been filed against the Unknown Spouse of Trevor Brewer whose last known address is 606 Steels Creek Road, Wayland, Kentucky 41666, and others. The purpose of this suit is to enforce a mortgage due and payable to the Plaintiff by Trevor Brewer and Teresa Brewer. The Unknown Spouse of Trevor Brewer may claim an interest in the subject property as the spouse of Trevor Brewer. If you believe you are the Unknown Spouse of Trevor Brewer, you should contact William C. Pauley of Andrews, Botts, & Gault, 333 West Vine Street, 16th Floor, PO Box 2220, Lexington, Kentucky 40588-2222, via telephone at (859) 253-0131 to obtain further information concerning this law suit. This the 18th day of December, 2002.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**  
 Pursuant to Application Number 836-5341, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord,



# Reader's Choice

**The Floyd County Times** wants to encourage and acknowledge excellence in the Floyd County Area. The Floyd County Times is conducting its annual ballot of readers so they can let us know whom they consider to be best in the county. Winners receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be featured in a **SPECIAL SECTION** in March titles...

**BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY**

- Area Attraction \_\_\_\_\_
- Church \_\_\_\_\_
- Civic Club/Organization \_\_\_\_\_
- College \_\_\_\_\_
- Community Festival Event \_\_\_\_\_
- Dining Atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_
- Elderly Care Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_
- Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_
- High School \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospital/Medical Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Band \_\_\_\_\_
- Middle School \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to camp out \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to lose weight \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to meet friends \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to spend Saturday night \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to take out of town guests \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to work \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST FOOD**

- Barbecue \_\_\_\_\_
- Biscuits \_\_\_\_\_
- Brand of Soft Drink \_\_\_\_\_
- Burgers \_\_\_\_\_
- Catering \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken \_\_\_\_\_
- Chili \_\_\_\_\_
- Chinese Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Decorated Cake \_\_\_\_\_
- Desserts \_\_\_\_\_
- Donuts \_\_\_\_\_
- Fish and Seafood \_\_\_\_\_
- French Fries \_\_\_\_\_
- Fresh Meat for Grilling \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Cookin' \_\_\_\_\_
- Hot Dogs \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_
- Kid's Meal \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexican Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Onion Rings \_\_\_\_\_
- Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Roast Beef Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_
- Salad Bar \_\_\_\_\_
- Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
- Shakes/Malts \_\_\_\_\_
- Steaks \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST PEOPLE**

- Accountant \_\_\_\_\_
- Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank Teller \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_

- Barber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Boss \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Building Contractor \_\_\_\_\_
- Bus Driver \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Salesperson \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Chiropractor \_\_\_\_\_
- City Employee \_\_\_\_\_
- Club President \_\_\_\_\_
- Coach \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Dental Hygiene \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Dentist \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrician \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- EMT/Paramedic \_\_\_\_\_
- Firefighter \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Home Attendant \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture Sales Person \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- General Physician \_\_\_\_\_
- Hairstylist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Heating/Air Service Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Jeweler \_\_\_\_\_
- Law Enforcement Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Loan Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Mechanic \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Nurse \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Optometrist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Painter \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper Carrier \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor/Priest \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_
- Photographer \_\_\_\_\_
- Physical Therapist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Politician \_\_\_\_\_
- Principal \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Radio Announcer \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_

- Secretary \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Store Cashier \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_
- Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_
- Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Waitress/Waiter \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE**

- Athletic Shoes \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto-Body Repairs \_\_\_\_\_
- Bath Towels \_\_\_\_\_
- Bed Linens \_\_\_\_\_
- Cabinets \_\_\_\_\_
- Carpet \_\_\_\_\_
- Dairy Items \_\_\_\_\_
- Dress Shoes \_\_\_\_\_
- Film Developing \_\_\_\_\_
- Frozen Foods \_\_\_\_\_
- Health & Beauty Aids \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Health Care Needs \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Mortgage Loan \_\_\_\_\_
- Kids Clothing \_\_\_\_\_
- Men's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_
- Pern \_\_\_\_\_
- Pet Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Produce \_\_\_\_\_
- School Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Seafood items \_\_\_\_\_
- Shoe Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Snack Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Stereo \_\_\_\_\_
- TV-VCR Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Used Automobiles \_\_\_\_\_
- Vinyl \_\_\_\_\_
- Women's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST BUSINESS**

- Antiques/Collectibles \_\_\_\_\_
- Appliances \_\_\_\_\_
- Artwork/Framing \_\_\_\_\_
- Athletic Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Parts \_\_\_\_\_
- Bait/Tackle \_\_\_\_\_
- Beauty Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Bookkeeping/Tax \_\_\_\_\_
- Building Supplies \_\_\_\_\_

- Car Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Wash \_\_\_\_\_
- Commercial Printer \_\_\_\_\_
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- Construction/Remodeling \_\_\_\_\_
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- Daycare Center \_\_\_\_\_
- Deli \_\_\_\_\_
- Dry Cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrical Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Electronics \_\_\_\_\_
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- Financing \_\_\_\_\_
- Floor Coverings \_\_\_\_\_
- Florist \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture \_\_\_\_\_
- Garage \_\_\_\_\_
- Gas Station \_\_\_\_\_
- Gifts \_\_\_\_\_
- Grocery Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Guns/Ammo \_\_\_\_\_
- Hearing Aids \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Decorating \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Janitorial Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Jewelry \_\_\_\_\_
- Landscaping \_\_\_\_\_
- Laundromat \_\_\_\_\_
- Manufacturing \_\_\_\_\_
- Mine Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Mining Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Mobile Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_
- Motorcycles/ATV \_\_\_\_\_
- Music Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_
- Office Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Oil Changes \_\_\_\_\_
- Pawn Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Rental Items \_\_\_\_\_
- Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Retail Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Security \_\_\_\_\_
- Sewing/Alterations \_\_\_\_\_
- Tanning Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Tire Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Tools & Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Truck Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Upholstery \_\_\_\_\_
- Videos \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Only ballots from the Floyd County Times will be counted. No copies accepted.
2. Businesses nominated have to be in the Floyd County area and individuals nominated have to live and work in Floyd County.

3. Entries may be mailed to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (Please allow 7 days for mail delivery) or drop off at our office at 263 South Central Avenue.
4. All entries must be at The Floyd County Times by Wednesday, February 12, 2002 (mailed or delivered).
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**YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!**

Schools, Churches, Clubs...anyone...do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted. **Winners to be in the Wednesday, February 26, edition of the Floyd County Times.**



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# ROLLIN'

Friday, December 20, 2002

Cars - Buy 'em, sell 'em, fix 'em, love 'em

## Exhaust has reader 'locked up'

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI  
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

Dear Tom and Ray:

Please help me settle a long-standing problem concerning diesel engines and ambulances. I'm an emergency physician in Bowling Green, Ky., and I am now at the center of a major controversy, which I started, of course. I can't convince the paramedics that it is OK to turn off the engines on their ambulances after they back up to the doors of the emergency department. I insist that the engines be shut down because I choose not to become ill from the overpowering fumes.

The excuses have varied over the years and have included "them diesels will lock up if you shut 'em down right away," and "the turbochargers run so hot they will burn up if you don't let 'em idle for 15 minutes before turnin' 'em off."

Statements such as these have led me to marvel at the fact that the universal laws of physics and thermodynamics do not apply to diesel ambulances. I have researched this subject with calls to the engineering department at Ford Motor Company, as well as the ambulance manufacturer and several diesel truck mechanics — all of whom say "no problem, turn them off." The opposition has not been able to produce any owner's manual, service manual or other document indicating that anything will burn up or lock up. In my 20 years in this business the only thing that has come close to being locked-up is me. Recently a couple of paramedics from a not-so-neighboring neighboring county called the police to have me arrested and "locked-up" in jail for "touching" their truck after I went outside and turned off their ambulance. I never meant to harm anyone's diesel.

In retrospect, I don't know what came over me. Toxic fumes, perhaps?



Clank & Ray  
Talk Cars

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Behind the Wheel

## Pontiac Sunfire

by ANN M. JOB  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

As of this year, the Pontiac Sunfire sedan is gone, just like the Sunfire convertible before it.

But Pontiac continues to sell the Sunfire coupe as its smallest and least

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## 2003 Pontiac Sunfire

BASE PRICE: \$14,910.

AS TESTED: \$17,115.

TYPE: Front-engine, front-wheel drive, five-passenger, compact coupe.

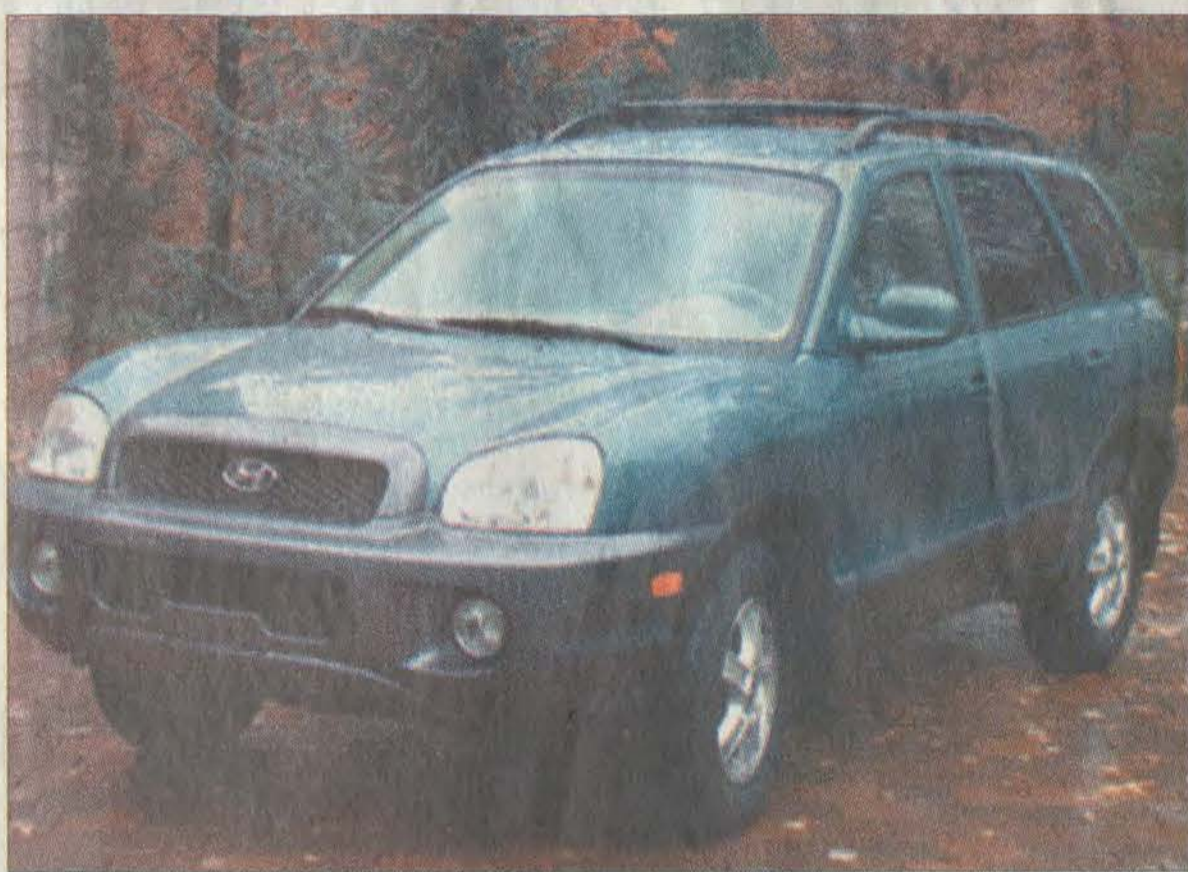
ENGINE: 2.2-liter, double-overhead cam, Ecotec four-cylinder.

MILEAGE: 26 mpg (city), 33 mpg (highway).

WHEELBASE: 104.1 inches.

OPTIONS: Option group 1SB (includes tilt steering wheel, floor mats, side airbags and four-speed automatic transmission), \$1,100; sun and sound package (includes power sunroof and AM/FM stereo with CD player), \$875, less \$375 value savings discount; antilock brakes, \$400; XM satellite radio, \$325; aluminum wheels, \$325; all less \$810 delete for five-speed manual transmission.

TEST DRIVE by Greg Zylka



## 2002 Hyundai Fe GLS

This week we test-drive Hyundai's two-wheel-drive Santa Fe GLS sport utility vehicle, which debuted last year to lots of dealer and consumer excitement. Most of the excitement came from the GLS' low base price (\$19,599) and the fact that it is powered by a V-6. The base GL model, which

starts at only \$17,199, is also a two-wheel-drive unit powered by a 149-horsepower four-cylinder engine. All-wheel drive is a \$1,500 option on the GLS model.

Under the hood, the 185-horsepower, 2.7-liter V-6 is mated to a four-speed automatic transmission with a Shiftronic manual opera-

tion option. The engine performs average at best and lacks the torque and horsepower produced by other V-6 engines in this class. Add the 4x4 unit and a small trailer on the back, and we feel this

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Base Price: **\$19,599** • Price tested: **\$20,779**

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**THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS**

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Wheel

expensive model. With a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$15,475, the remaining member of the Sunfire lineup is updated this year with sportier styling at

the front and rear. Inside, there are interior improvements and new options that include side airbags and the OnStar emergency notification system. Also different for the 2003

model year: Only one engine is offered — a 140-horsepower, 2.2-liter, double-overhead cam, Ecotec four-cylinder. The Sunfire and its platform twin, the Chevrolet Cavalier, debuted in the 1995 model year

and are, by industry standards, aging. But a major redesign is a couple years off yet, so Pontiac continues to hone the expressive style of the Sunfire that, even today, makes this front-drive compact stand out from plainer competitors. For example, a rear spoiler that sits at the base of the 2003 Sunfire's back window is standard. And the Sunfire seat fabric is changed this year to a new pattern that Pontiac describes as "bold graphics (that) splash across cloth seats." It took some getting used to for me, but it's not mundane, that's for sure. The engine choice for 2003 is noteworthy, too, as power delivery in the Sunfire coupe is noticeable and appreciated. In the test car with Getrag five-speed manual transmission, I merged well into traffic, both in city driving and on highways. The Sunfire, which at more than 2,600 pounds in weight is a bit heavier than some small car competitors, had a sprightly, not lagging, feel. Note the base engine in a 2,403-pound Honda Civic coupe is a 115-horsepower four-cylinder with 110 foot-pounds of torque at 4,500 rpm vis-a-vis the Sunfire's 150 foot-pounds at 4,000 rpm. The 2003 Civic DX

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Test

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engine may not be strong enough to "haul the goods." However, in two-wheel format, it is acceptable at best, and Hyundai may want to add several more "ponies" in the coming years. We like the fact that ABS and traction control are available on the GLS, and even though ours did not come with this option, the package can be yours for only \$595 more. We recommend it. New this year is more standard equipment, including four-wheel-disc brakes, special body molding and a better compact disc/cassette multi-speaker stereo system. Other standard GLS features include deluxe cloth seating, power door locks and windows, cargo cover, keyless entry, fog lamps, leather-wrapped steering wheel, roof rack, cruise control, power heated outside mirrors, tilt steering wheel, air conditioning, carpeted passenger and cargo areas, three power outlets, digital clock, rear-seat heating and cooling ducts, eight-way adjustable driver seat and reclining rear seatbacks. This is a lot of standard equipment that may fall into option packages on competitor models. Our tester's optional equipment included a \$350 tow package, \$80 carpeted floor mats, \$75 mud guards, \$180 roof rack cross rails and a destination charge of \$495 to arrive at the final bottom line of \$20,779. Inside, Santa Fe is well-appointed and easy to access, with no trouble entering or exiting. All of the controls had large knobs for easy turning, and the

seats are comfortable in both front and rear. We took several business trips of more than 300 miles, and we never arrived fatigued from seat positioning or softness. The headroom is good, as is leg and foot area. Cargo capacity can grow to 100.7 cubic feet depending on rear seat positioning, and is by far the best in its category. On the road, the Santa Fe offers excellent handling, with just a tad bit of sway in sharper corners. Sixteen-inch tires mated to attractive five-spoke aluminum wheels are standard. The brakes are responsive, although we felt the steering was a little too touchy and would have liked a bit more play. Still, one can easily get used to Santa Fe's personality. Important numbers include a wheelbase of 103.1 inches, fuel capacity of 17.2 gallons and EPA numbers of 19 mpg city and 26 mpg highway. Santa Fe is one of the bigger SUVs in its class with an overall length of 177.2 inches. Of course, every Hyundai comes with the best warranty in the business: a 10-year/100,000 mile powertrain and five-year/60,000 mile bumper-to-bumper program. There is also 24-hour roadside assistance for five years with unlimited mileage. Overall, the new Hyundai Santa Fe is worth a look if you are in the compact SUV market. How can you not be intrigued with that great warranty and low price!

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Your thoughts on this matter would be appreciated. — Gary

**TOM:**

Well, let me start by saying that there are certain people whose bad side you don't want to be on. Your food preparer is one. The guy pulling you out of a burning wreck is another. But

you don't seem like the type who responds to appeals for diplomacy, Gary, so we'll just answer your question.

**RAY:**

Fifteen minutes is a gross exaggeration, but turbocharged

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coupe has a starting MSRP, including destination charge, of \$13,270.

The Neon, which dropped its coupe model years ago and now is sold only as a sedan with a starting price of \$13,255, offers three engines for 2003.

One is a 150-horsepower, 2-liter four-cylinder that delivers 135 foot-pounds of torque at 4,800 rpm.

The transmission shifter in the test Sunfire had a notchy feel, though I found the correct gears each time without a problem.

But the clutch pedal had a vibration as I finished letting up on it after shifting. I also had a nonstop vibrating sensation on the sole of my foot whenever I rested my left foot, ever so slightly, on the clutch pedal at a stoplight.

The Sunfire's estimated 26 miles a gallon fuel economy rating in city driving — for a manual transmission model — isn't as good as some competitors. The manual-transmission Civic is rated at 32 mpg, while the Neon with 2-liter four- is rated at 29 mpg.

Highway fuel economy of 33 mpg for the 2003 Sunfire is less than the 36 mpg rating for the Neon and the 38 mpg of a Civic coupe with manual transmission.

The Sunfire has a nice ride on smooth pavement but transmits rigorous road bumps to riders.

The car rides somewhat noisily, with the engine heard almost all the time, even at idle, in the test car.

Road noise comes through, too, and at highway speeds in the test car, there was wind noise emanating from somewhere around the windshield. An occasional rattle that appeared to be tied to a road surface harmonic added to the general noise level.

Thank goodness the test car's stereo, complete with XM satel-

lite radio and CD player, had strong, clear tunes.

In general, the Sunfire doesn't convey the all-buttoned-down and controlled ride of small cars that have newer, more modern platforms. The Sunfire suspension includes MacPherson struts in front and trailing control arms with twist beam in back.

Still, the Sunfire maneuvered easily in tight quarters and performed better than expected in slalom maneuvers.

Not surprisingly, this small car's back seat can be a squeeze for three, though seating and, thank you, shoulder belts are provided for that many passengers.

Rear windows don't open, and riders' heads are positioned close to the rear lift glass.

The coupe's back seat becomes more functional now, with seatbacks that fold down in a 60/40 configuration so that long items can slide through from the trunk, the way they can in a hatchback.

But in the test Sunfire, these rear seatbacks didn't rest completely flat, so items didn't slide easily all the way inside.

While Pontiac upgraded the Sunfire's seat fabric for 2003, it didn't improve the front seats themselves, which lacked sufficient support in the cushion and for the lower back for me.

The sizable gap on the dashboard above the closed glovebox door also distracted. It appeared to be designed that way, but it appeared as if the Sunfire's fit and finish wasn't up to par.

Over the years, the Sunfire and Cavalier haven't been at the top of crash test results.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration gives the 2003 two-door Sunfire only one out of five stars for front-seat protection in a side crash and two out of five stars

for rear-seat protection in a side crash.

In NHTSA frontal crash testing, the Sunfire coupe received three out of five stars for driver protection and four out of five for passenger protection.

In addition, in separate crash testing, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety gave the Sunfire and Cavalier a poor rating overall after an offset frontal crash. This was for a 1995 Cavalier several years ago, the last time the IIHS tested the cars.

NHTSA reports no safety recalls of late-model Sunfires of the 2000, 2001 and 2002 model years. But in late 2002, some Sunfires built in 1997 were part of a larger General Motors Corp. recall in which power rack-and-pinion steering systems might be faulty.

Pontiac spokeswoman Kelly Wysocki said 60 percent of Sunfire buyers are women.

A third are college grads, 53 percent are single, and annual household income is about \$48,000. Average age is 42, she said.

Sunfire sales have been declining.

In calendar 2001, for example, they totaled 71,342, down from 82,362 a year earlier. Sales peaked in 1997, when 102,160 Sunfires were sold.

Wysocki refused to say when the Sunfire will be replaced by a new generation, re-engineered version.

But officials at GM, Pontiac's parent, have announced plans to update their Lordstown, Ohio, factory in preparation for production of new small cars late in calendar 2004.

And they've noted the Sunfire and Cavalier next-generation models will ride on a new platform already in use in the just-introduced 2003 Saturn Ion.

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engines generally do require a brief "cool down" period.

**TOM:**

When the turbo is run hard, it gets very hot. And if you turn the engine off before the turbo cools down, the oil inside the turbocharger's tiny oil passages can "coke" or dry and harden in place and ruin the turbo. But if you let the engine run for a minute or two, the turbo cools off (relatively), the oil drains down, and everything is fine.

**RAY:**

And in fact, Navistar, who makes the engines for these Ford ambulances, says that under most driving conditions — even emergency driving — the engine doesn't need any cooling off period before it can be shut down. But when the engine is run under full load (at very high speeds or up a long incline), it should be idled for 45 seconds to two minutes before being turned off.

**TOM:**

So your drivers are correct, in theory, Gary, but they are being overly cautious. And they also hate you.

**RAY:**

Right. So you'd be well-advised to let someone else do the negotiating at this point. But perhaps after a minute or two, they'd be willing to shut off the engines and spare everybody a couple of lungfuls of diesel exhaust. Unfortunately, in most cases, during those two minutes, you, your staff and the incoming patient will still be the ones most exposed.

**TOM:**

So another solution would be to have the hospital install flexible exhaust tubes, like we use in the garage. We often have to run cars inside the shop to diagnose them. And we have hoses that hang down from the ceiling. They slide onto the exhaust pipes of cars, and they take the exhaust out of the garage, so we

don't get any dumber than we already are. If you had a couple of them hanging there, you could slap one onto the exhaust pipe as it backed in, and everybody would be happy.

**RAY:**

Just be careful they don't reroute the other ends of the pipes into your office, Gary. These guys are out to get you.

**A heated battle over a broken thermostat**

**Dear Tom and Ray:**

I was driving to work recently, and my car overheated, which caused the engine to smoke and fail. I received no warning. The temperature gauge did not go up, and no lights came on. But my extended-warranty company is refusing to pay for the overhaul of the engine. They are stating that it was my thermostat that broke, and that since I drove the vehicle after it overheated, I was guilty of abuse, which is not covered. But if the gauge doesn't tell me the thermostat is broken and the engine is overheating, then how am I supposed to take responsibility for it? It's a 1999 Ford Explorer. I bought it eight months ago with 36,000 miles, and I got a warranty for an additional 24 months or 24,000 miles. It now has 47,000, so it's still covered. What do you think? — Heather

**RAY:**

I think this is why "Judge Judy" was invented.

**TOM:**

I don't think they can know that a bad thermostat caused the overheating. It could be the exact opposite. It could be that the overheating ruined the thermostat. We've seen that happen, too. I think they're just trying to weasel their way out of paying up, Heather. Have you ever read

John Grisham's "The Rainmaker?"

**RAY:**

Here's a plausible scenario: If the temperature gauge or the temperature sending unit, which sends the temperature to the gauge, were broken, then there's no way you would have known that the engine was running hot. And in that case, they should pay not only for your engine, but for a new gauge, too.

**TOM:**

If I were you, I'd have the vehicle towed to a mechanic you trust. Have him remove and test your TSU and your temperature gauge. If either is faulty, have him write a letter saying so, and you'll have a slam-dunk case in small-claims court.

**RAY:**

And even if both parts check out fine, then you have to consider the possibility that a) they're misbehaving intermittently, or b) you're a ditz.

**TOM:**

But if you're convinced that you had no warning, I'd still take the company to small-claims court. They're the ones who have to prove "abuse," so the onus is on them. I think you'll win because you don't sound abusive to me, Heather. Good luck.

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