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Miner killed after being crushed

INEZ — A man was killed in Martin County Saturday when he got caught between two pieces of equipment that were performing surface-mining work, officials said.

Clarence Copley, 22, was performing maintenance on a rock-dumping truck when he got pinched between the bucket on an excavator and the truck, said Holly McCoy, a spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals. The accident occurred at 11:20 a.m.

McCoy said the bucket had shifted, and caught Copley between the two vehicles. Copley, and employee of TMI Contracting, suffered fatal injuries from the above-ground accident, McCoy said. TMI was contracted by Appalachian Fuels for the surface-mining work.

State officials are investigating the accident.

It was the seventh mining-related fatality in Kentucky this year, McCoy said.

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Thursday



High: 40 • Low: 24

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A raid and subsequent arrest of Columbus Quillen of Dwale in March was one of several activities undertaken by state, county and city law enforcement agencies as they attempted to cope with mounting drug problems.

STORY OF THE YEAR

Continuing drug epidemic prompts variety of responses

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

The multifaceted, escalating drug problem in Eastern Kentucky elicited responses from the justice system and medical field in 2002, as they sought to deal with the supply and demand of a market that officials say has gravitated toward "prescribed goods."

In reflecting upon the emerging and ongoing issues that the area has faced in the past year, it appears that

the rising drug problem has evoked the most attention with various programs emerging in an attempt to deal with the demand, while law enforcement has made an impact on the supply.

Economically speaking, the problem affects all people as society must pick up the bill associated with rising crime rates, domestic violence, which is often a result of drug use, and medical expenses attributed to the user as well as the innocent victims affected in some way

by this issue.

Officials from the courts, law enforcement and medical field agree that prescription drug use has escalated and is Floyd County's biggest problem. In the court system where drug-related crimes dominate the dockets, Circuit Judge John David Caudill, who has been in office several years, said that he has seen an increase in the amount of drug-related crimes. He said that

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\$400K bust tops police action

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

While the issue of drugs seemed to escalate in 2002, nothing seemed to prove the fact as well as a huge drug bust that occurred Nov. 5.

Kentucky State Police conducted a drug raid in Watergap that resulted in the seizure of over \$400,000 of drugs.

Trooper John Hunt, along with several other troopers, executed a search warrant on the residence of Millard Pennington located at

Dodson Branch in Watergap. During the search, troopers discovered more than 140 pounds of marijuana, approximately one-half pound of cocaine, various prescription pills, 20 quarts of moonshine, one weapon and over \$14,000 in cash.

Numerous other items were seized during the raid, including three cars, two trucks, one Harley Davidson motorcycle, one Honda all-terrain vehicle, one pontoon boat and various articles of jewelry.

Charles "Rooster" Kidd, 43, of

Harold, Brenda Pennington, 37, of Prestonsburg, and Katherine McKinney, 39, of Prestonsburg, were placed under arrest at the scene.

Brenda Pennington and Katherine McKinney were both charged with trafficking in less than eight ounces of marijuana. Charles "Rooster" Kidd was charged with trafficking in more than eight ounces of marijuana, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug

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Parents, students mount effort to save music

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

It has long been customary to scale back the humanities first when school boards start thinking about saving money, but this year has seen at least two schools stand up against tradition.

When the Floyd County Board of Education and site-based councils decided to tighten their budgets and looked to eliminating county middle school and grade school

band programs as the answer, they could have guessed some opposition was to be expected. However, few could have anticipated the extent Adams Middle School, supported by Prestonsburg High School, would go to keep the music alive.

After the decision was made to eliminate grade school band programs, band members and parents gathered together to voice concerns at a succession of school board and site-based council meetings.

The basis of the argument rested with Adams Middle School, which was supported by Prestonsburg High School, considering PHS relies on Adams as a feeder school for potential band members.

Although high school band programs were never the subject of cutbacks, the general feeling was that getting rid of elementary level band programs would lessen the number of students who would enter band at

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Surprises, battles mark Election '02

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

2002 was a very interesting year in the realm of politics in Floyd County. What many thought would be a heavily contested race for the office of sheriff was quickly overshadowed by another unlikely race which would make national news. Meanwhile, incumbent John K. Blackburn was re-elected to the office of sheriff by a substantial margin over challenger Gary Rose.

The election that took the spotlight for 2002 was for the office of property valuation administrator, when one of the candidates, Glen David May, produced a television commercial which allegedly showed video footage of incumbent Connie Hancock engaged in sexual activities with a man who was not her husband. The tape aired as a political advertisement on WYMT.

May attempted to defend his decision to air the video by saying that Hancock had falsely attacked him and his family in an ad that she had used for her campaign.

Hancock's ad alleged that May had "been arrested and charged 56 times for violating the law, including two counts of threatening to kill people and in a drunken brawl bit a man's ear completely off."

May said that Hancock used the ad in fear of the video that he possessed. According to May, he would not have used the video if Hancock had not falsely attacked him in her ad.

In the end, it appeared that May gambled and lost with the decision to air the video. Connie Hancock was reelected

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Closure fears prompt move for independence

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

In late February, when parents and citizens of Prestonsburg got wind of a local meeting that mentioned the possibility of closing Prestonsburg Elementary School, a course of events unraveled that may not find closure until sometime this coming year.

Mention of closing the city's grade school first came up during a meeting of Floyd County schools Local Planning Committee on Feb. 19.

At that meeting, five of the six members in attendance

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file photo

A Prestonsburg Elementary PTA meeting concerning fears that the school could be closed laid the groundwork for an effort by Prestonsburg residents to secede from the county school system.

Advertisement for Jerry's restaurant featuring breakfast specials, daily lunches, and contact information: (606) 886-6701.



# Odds and Ends

**■ ANN ARBOR, Mich.** — A woman charged with a shopping-mall assault did it all for the cookie, police said.

The unidentified Belleville woman allegedly attacked a cookie-stand clerk at the Briarwood Mall last week after she was told the particular treat she wanted was unavailable.

"She became enraged that they didn't have the cookie she wanted to consume," said Ann Arbor police Sgt. Andrew

Zazula, adding that he didn't know what kind of cookie she demanded.

After she "exchanged words" with the clerk, the 25-year-old woman hit her in the face with a two-pound box of tissue wrappers, breaking the worker's glasses, Zazula said. Police said the woman then went around the counter and punched the clerk, causing no major injuries.

The woman spent Thursday night in jail, where Zazula said

there probably were some left-over Christmas cookies.

"I'm sure they'll give some to her," he said. "Hopefully it's the kind she wanted."

**■ KEY WEST, Fla.** — Sometimes the big one gets away — but rarely after it's been stuffed and mounted.

Harvey Johnson is searching for the 12-foot hammerhead shark that for years had lured patrons to his restaurant,

Captain Runaround Harvey's. The big fish was pried off the top of a station wagon outside the restaurant Dec. 22 or 23.

The 150-pound shark was spotted soon after the theft, heading up the Keys on a flatbed truck, police spokesman Steve Torrence said.

Torrence said Friday that police had spoken with a potential suspect but hadn't tracked down the hammerhead. "They're still looking for it up and down the Keys everywhere," he said.

The shark has appeared on postcards and in movies including Wesley Snipes' 1994 film "Drop Zone." Another shark memento is a scar below Johnson's left knee; the hammerhead bit Johnson after he caught it in 1988.

The restaurant is offering a reward — with no questions asked — for the safe return of the shark.

The amount of the reward "depends on what condition it is in," Johnson said. "Since it bit

me, it has a lot more sentimental value."

**■ SALEM, Ore.** — Being remembered on Christmas wasn't so great for Chandler Charles Field. He was arrested by the same police officer from whom he allegedly escaped not quite four years earlier.

Officer Mike Basket, who suffered good-natured ribbing from his colleagues over the escape, decided that his best shot at nabbing the fugitive would be when he was visiting his parents for the holiday.

"I figured that was the one

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## Community Calendar

**Calendar items printed according to available space**

**Editor's note:** Community Calendar items should be brief and should be limited to those events that are provided free or as a public service. Fundraising events that require admission costs of over \$5 should be advertised through our classified or advertising departments. Upcoming events will be limited

to a four-week run prior to the date of the event, except for reunion events which may be announced earlier. Reunion announcements will be limited to an 8-week run. Items must be either: delivered to our office; faxed to 606-886-3603; or emailed to: features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### HRMC COMMUNITY SERVICES CALENDAR

- Jan. 14 - Mended Hearts, Meeting Place A & B, 6-7 p.m.
- Jan. 16 - Laryngectomy Support Group, Meeting Place B, 5-7 p.m.
- Jan. 21 - Senior Advantage, Meeting Place A & B, 9-11 a.m.
- Jan. 21 - Highlands S.H.A.R.E., Martin Room, 7-9 p.m.

### "LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"

- Fibromyalgia Support Group - Meets first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building on Pike-Floyd Hollow Road, just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept. For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.
- Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.
- The Ups of Downs Syndrome Support Group - Meets the first Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside the Pikeville Independent School. For more info., call 377-6142, or 478-5099.

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## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 31, the 365th and final day of 2002.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 31, 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

### On this date:

- In 1775, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army Gens. Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.
- In 1857, Britain's Queen Victoria decided to make Ottawa the capital of Canada.
- In 1862, President Lincoln signed an act admitting West Virginia to the Union.
- In 1877, President and Mrs. Hayes celebrated their silver anniversary (technically, a day late) by re-enacting their wedding ceremony in the White House.
- In 1946, President Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.
- In 1961, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid.
- In 1974, private U.S. citizens were allowed to buy and own gold for the first time in more than 40 years.
- In 1978, Taiwanese diplomats struck their colors for the final time from the embassy flagpole in Washington, marking the end of diplomatic relations with the U.S.
- In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.
- In 1986, 97 people were killed when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty to charges in connection with the blaze.)

### Ten years ago:

President Bush visited Somalia, where he saw firsthand the famine racking the east African nation, and praised U.S. troops who were providing relief to the starving population. U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali was jeered by Bosnians during a visit to Sarajevo.

### Five years ago:

Michael Kennedy, the 39-year-old son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was killed in a skiing accident on Aspen Mountain in Colorado. Pianist Floyd Cramer died in Nashville, Tenn., at age 64. In Sorocaba, Brazil, riot troops stormed a prison where inmates were holding hundreds of hostages, quickly ending a three-day rebellion without any deaths.

### One year ago:

New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani spent his final day in office praising police, firefighters, and other city employees, and said he had no regrets about returning to private life. Notre Dame tapped Tyrone Willingham to be its football coach, replacing George

O'Leary, who'd resigned because of misstatements about his academic and athletic achievements on his resume; Willingham became the first black head coach in any sport for the Irish. Actress Eileen Heckart died in Norwalk, Conn., at age 82.

### Today's Birthdays:

- Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal is 94. Folk and blues singer Odetta is 72. Actor Sir Anthony Hopkins is 65. Actor Tim Considine ("My Three Sons") is 62. Actress Sarah Miles is 61. Rock musician Andy Summers is 60. Actor Ben Kingsley is 59. Producer-director Taylor Hackford is 58. Fashion designer Diane Von Furstenberg is 56. Actor Tim Matheson is 55. Pop singer Burton Cummings (The Guess Who) is 55. Singer Donna Summer is 54. Actor Joe Dallesandro is 54. Rock musician Tom Hamilton (Aerosmith) is 51. Actor James Remar is 49. Actress Bebe Neuwirth is 44. Actor Val Kilmer is 43. Singer Paul Westerberg is 43. Rock musician Ric Ivanisevich (Oleander) is 40. Rock musician Scott Ian (Anthrax) is 39. Pop singer Joe McIntyre is 30.

### Thought for Today:

"Though the past haunt me as a spirit, I do not ask to forget."  
— Felicia Dorothea Browne Hemans, English poet (1793-1835).

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Schools

voted to present a consolidation plan to the school board, with only Prestonsburg Elementary's principal, Gwen Hale Frazier, not casting a vote.

The committee agreed to discuss with the school board options after hearing from architects hired in hopes of finding solutions to shortage space throughout county schools. The committee, which held at that time 11 members, had found past proposals to cure the space problems rejected by the state.

The decision to take suggestions to the school board which included a consolidation plan that would shut down Prestonsburg Elementary, it seemed then, was one of few options left.

The consolidation plan would, according to voting members of the committee, save the school system \$300,000 by sending some Prestonsburg students to Clark and Allen Elementary. The sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders from Allen Elementary

would then be redistricted to Adams Middle School. As a result, the school with the lowest enrollment — Prestonsburg Elementary — would then need to be closed.

Superintendent of Floyd County Schools Dr. Paul Fanning attempted to dispel the collective fears of the Prestonsburg community by explaining that no recommendations had been made to close any of the schools in question, stressing instead that renovations would first be entertained.

However, Fanning's diplomatic attempts would prove relatively unsuccessful in keeping the city of Prestonsburg from taking up arms against the possibility of losing its grade school.

Before long, discussion turned to Prestonsburg returning to an independent school district, the system the city had existed under prior to giving the state full control in the 1950s.

Largely supported by Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry

Fanning, who first mentioned the possibility of revisiting the city school system as a response to consolidation, an emergency PTA meeting was quickly organized that found LPC and school board members hit hard with questions, many coming from concerned parents.

The next step in the process was to add a question on November's ballot asking if Prestonsburg citizens favored a return to an independent school district.

Following that move, the city approached legislators for support, a move spearheaded by Fanning.

The search for support found a friend in state Rep. Greg Stumbo, who responded by including a line in the state budget forbidding the closure of Prestonsburg Elementary School.

This November, city residents voted in favor of creating a city school district by an almost 2-to-1 margin.

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The next step, according to Fanning, who believes the move will help make the school more efficient, will be to work on a bill for Stumbo to be processed through the Senate and the House.

"I've heard people talk for years about wanting to go back to a city school system," Fanning said shortly after the vote in November.

Supt. Fanning, however, was not so optimistic about the possibilities upon learning of the vote.

"It has the potential impact on Floyd County schools with the loss of students, financial losses, disposition of property and bonded indebtedness on the Prestonsburg schools," Fanning said, at the time.

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Drugs

prescription drug related crimes are "getting worse" and methamphetamine labs "are emerging."

Sheriff John K. Blackburn agreed that prescription drugs are becoming a problem with a number of his department's nearly 30 indictments for 2002 being connected in some way.

Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson reported earlier this year that he had also noticed the increase in prescription drug abuse. However, the number of drug-related deaths in Floyd County were only slightly higher in 2002 as the number rose to nine from seven in 2001.

In response to this "complicated" problem, groups have dealt with the issue in regards to supply by eliminating accessibility, as well as to demand by developing programs to treat those who use the drugs.

Law enforcement worked toward getting drugs off the street by making numerous drug busts and investigations, including the one involving Millard Pennington on Nov. 5, which was one of Eastern Kentucky's biggest busts ever, and led to the confiscation of \$400,000 in contraband. The Floyd County Sheriff's Department tackled the problem by organizing a drug task force with city police departments and inviting the public to get involved.

Following up on law enforcement's work, the circuit court system labored to prosecute those indicted, which led to the county's first attempt to prosecute drug dealers on criminal syndicate charges.

District court approached the problem from a different angle by planning a drug court system that, if successful, would not only help reduce the number of repeat offenders and give them an opportunity for a new way of life, but would decrease the market for dealers. The program, which will accept repeat offenders involving drug-related crimes, will not accept traffickers or those involved in violent crimes. Participants are kept under "tight rein" and are mandated to seek the counseling and support necessary to leave drugs behind.

Another program established in Paintsville addressed the increase in prescription drug use, specifically opiates such as OxyContin and hydrocodone. The methadone maintenance program, designed to bring the addicted person off opiates while teaching them how to remain drug-free, was established in the Paintsville Professional Associates building. The program uses the opiate methadone, which does not produce the "high" that is associated with other opiate use.

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Consequently, the opiate addict can function with a mind that is clear enough to make decisions that ordinarily cannot be addressed.

In looking at the innocent victims of drug-related crimes, the county witnessed the complications encountered by the court system when prosecuting those accused of driving under the influence. Due to what Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner reported as inability to prove aggravating circumstance, Bradley Combs, who was originally charged with reckless homicide in relation to a 2001 accident that claimed the life of Paula Mitchell at Harold, pleaded guilty to lesser charges for a recommended pretrial diversion.

Given the complicated and long-term treatment that is necessary to removing drug users' motivation to seek drugs, the profits enjoyed by the dealers who feed upon their addiction, and the united efforts required to address the many facets, the rising drug problem can be an overwhelming issue to society. However, there is evidence that the area has responded to it with programs, already proven to be successful in other areas, and that the justice system is adamant about eliminating the county's dealers.

Wreck kills one in Pike

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

ROBINSON CREEK — An accident at Robinson Creek in Pike County claimed the life of a Letcher County man on Saturday.

Billy J. Moore, 43, of Seco, was driving eastbound on Route 122 when he dropped off the edge of the road and then over-

corrected. The vehicle then left the roadway and struck a tree.

Moore was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Coroner Charles Morris.

Seat belts were not in use at the time of the accident and alcohol involvement is suspected.

The accident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Trooper Todd Kidd.

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## Worth Repeating ...

"There is one difference between a tax collector and taxidermist — the taxidermist leaves the hide."

—Mortimer Caplan

## Our View

# It's that corny

Taking a look at the new Kentucky license plate unveiled last week brings to mind one question: "What on earth were they thinking?"

Think of Kentucky, the land of the rugged individual and the pioneering spirit of Daniel Boone. Then ask yourself how a state with that sort of reputation can emblazon a smiley-face sun on the back of its vehicles.

The new tags certainly are not the most masculine. An informal poll at our office bears that out, even though we'll admit it's not the most scientific method of gauging public response. While some females said they liked the new look because it is "cute," the male response was universal condemnation. One of the more printable comments was that the plate has a "pansy" look.

For its part, the state says the new tag goes hand in hand with the "It's that friendly" tourism motto, and is intended to capitalize on surveys which show visitors to Kentucky are impressed with the friendliness of its residents.

But it is possible to go too far with an idea, and this new design certainly proves that. One glance at the Technicolor nightmare and you can almost hear a narrator saying, "One day, in Teletubbyland ..."

But setting aside testosterone-based objections to putting such a "cute" tag on the backs of our cars, there's still good reason to object to it. While the stated intention was to create a design which said something about Kentucky, it succeeds in actually saying nothing at all.

While we're not altogether convinced that a license plate design is going to change anyone's vacation plans, we can think of many other aspects of the state — either from its history or its numerous natural and manmade attractions — far more worthy of the publicity than a generic symbol which has become ubiquitous as a Wal-Mart advertisement.

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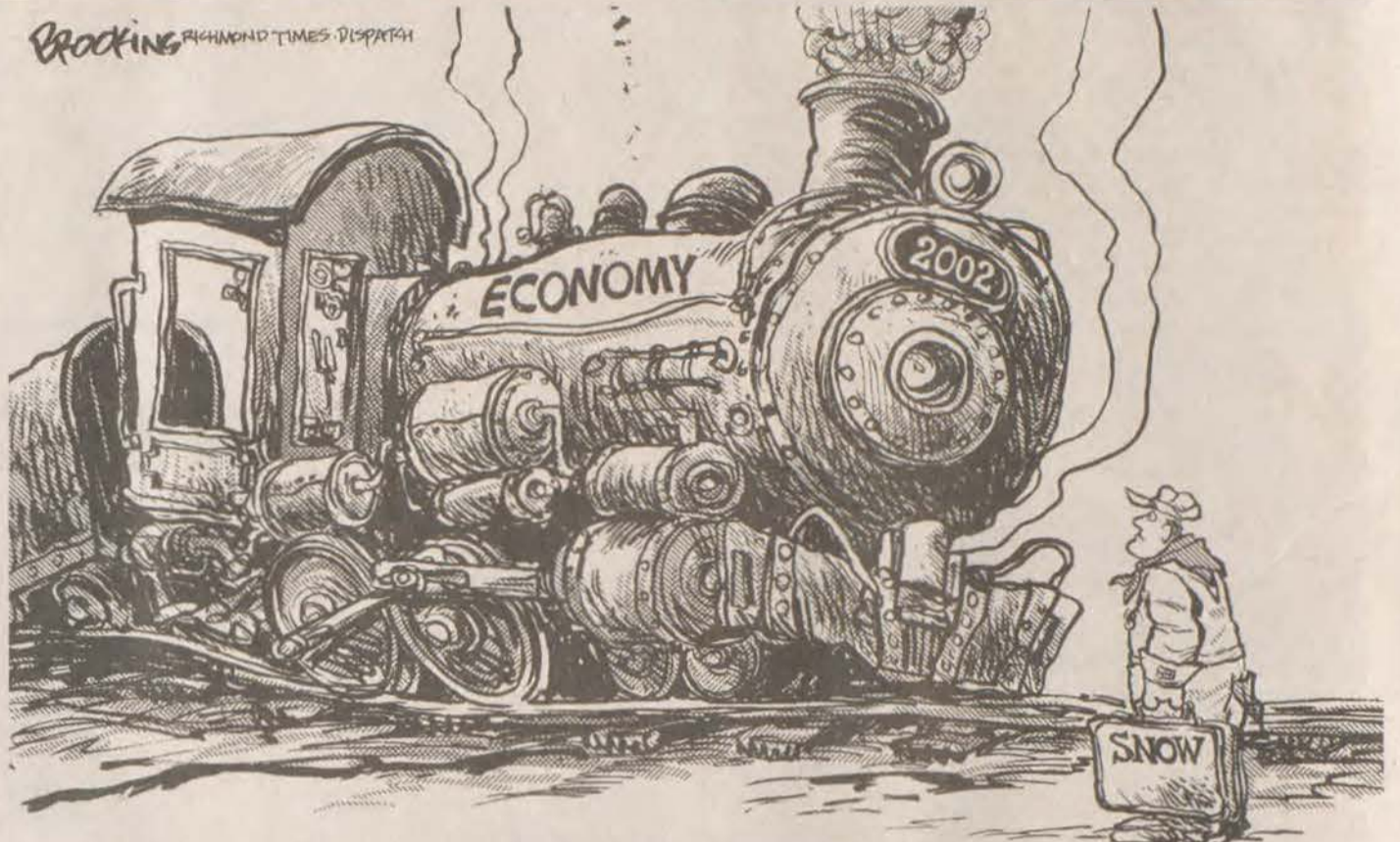
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## Guest Column

# Orange alert? What the heck do I do?

by JIM HIGHTOWER

Is it possible that Tom Ridge doesn't actually exist, that he's really just an actor from "Saturday Night Live" doing a parody of himself, or that maybe he's even a computerized animatron created by Disney?

Real or not, Ridge is our current Homeland Security Czar, and it's a hoot to watch him furrow his brow, purse his lips and, in a deep and solemn voice, make absolutely silly pronouncements about how his agency is Johnnie-on-the-

spot to alert us to any terrorist threat and to make us safe from al Qaida evil-doers. Who does he think he's kidding?

Maybe Congress, which is putting up a \$37 billion-a-year facade called the Department of Homeland Security. The main security that it provides is for politicians so they can pretend that they've done something to protect us. The core of DHS's terrorism warning system, however, is nothing more than a kindergarten-level, color-coded threat barometer. At present, says Ridge with a straight face, we're at yellow. But, he explains, still deadpan: There are yellows and there are yellows: "We are at the upper end of that [yellow] range. Depending on the information we have available we could, down the road, raise it to orange."

There. Feel safe? What the hell is he talking about? Do we hide under the bed, get in the closet, flee to the woods ... what? We're the richest, most-powerful, most technologically-advanced nation on earth, and all we get is this

dour-faced caricature of a Homeland Czar occasionally popping out like some bird from a cuckoo clock, saying: Warning citizens, it's a mauve Monday.

How about something a bit more descriptive? Willie Nelson says he once went to a doctor to get his thumb treated, and as the procedure began, the doc warned that there'd be some pain. Wait, said Willie, is this going to be "grit-your-teeth" pain, or "wet-your-pants" pain?

Let's boot Ridge and hire Willie! I believe he'd take the job for less than \$37 billion ... and he might even sing the warnings to us.

Radio talk-show host and author Jim Hightower is a former agricultural commissioner of Texas. His latest book, "If The Gods Had Meant Us To Vote, They Would Have Given Us Candidates" (Harper-Collins), has just been released in a fully revised and updated paperback edition. For more information, dial: 866-271-4900.

## Letters

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Rosenberg and Mrs. Betty Watson and her daughter. Also, a very special thanks to my grandson Chris and his wife Jessie Porter and a good friend, Mike Tackett, and Bill Thompson.

But most of all, a very special thanks to my baby girl and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl and Betsy Stanley, for giving everything they had left in their store, known

as the Stanley Variety Store at the mouth of Toler Creek on Big Mud Creek.

This makes the best Christmas I have ever had, just being able to get out of bed and getting out and trying to make a lot of little children have a present for Christmas. Just to see the smiles on their faces and get those hugs is the best part.

If there is anyone that

would like to give toys or anything to help others next Christmas, you can write me.

The way we do is get out in the hollows and creeks and get names of the ones that really needs a gift for Christmas and we take it to them so they won't have to get the kids out in the cold.

Me and my girlfriend would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

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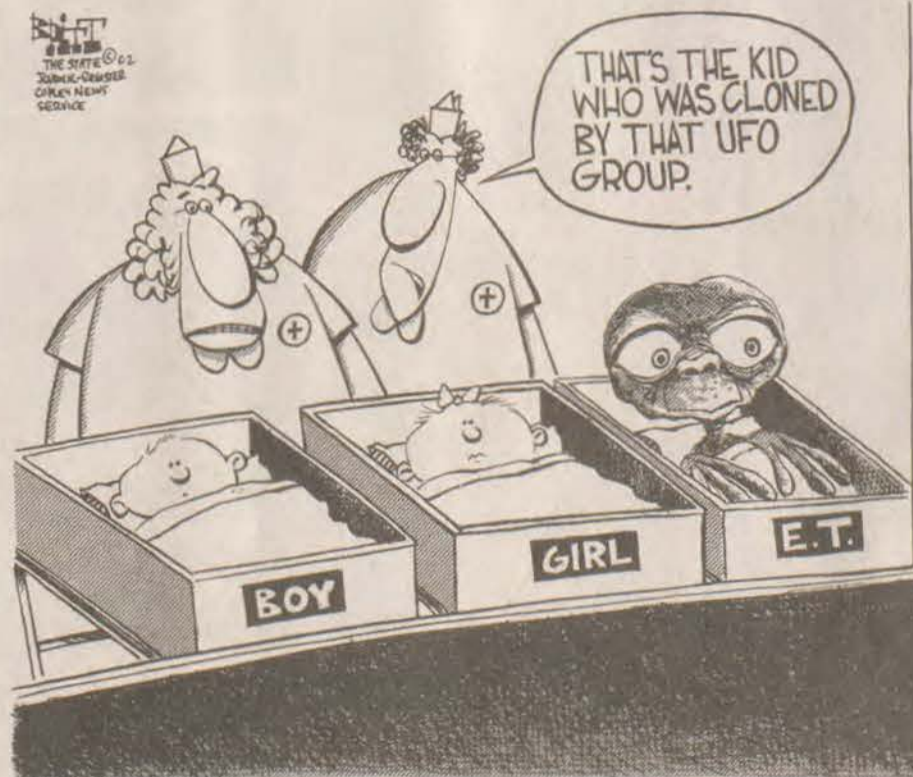
### Still alive

I am enclosing a money order for a one-year subscription to The Times. I want to see if my obituary is ever published!

No, I am not dead, as one person spread around, knowing she could not believe one word the other gossip told her.

To my many friends, enemies and relatives, I am very much alive. If and when I do go and my wife Marie outlives me, she has promised to send a notice to The Times.

Leffie Harmon Sr.  
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# Patton affair Kentucky's top 2002 story

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Paul Patton's usual smile and confidence were gone, replaced by sobs and remorse as the governor confessed to an adulterous affair that stunned Kentucky and tainted his legacy.

Revelations of Patton's tryst with businesswoman Tina Conner was the near-unanimous choice as the top story of the year in Kentucky. The voting was by a panel of newspaper editors and broadcasters for The Associated Press.

The state's financial woes, as tax collections slumped and lawmakers failed to enact a state budget, were the next top vote-getters.

Other significant stories included the sex scandal embroiling the Catholic Church, the sniper-style slaying of Pulaski County Sheriff Sam Catron, the legal feud between Lt. Gov. Steve Henry and federal investigators and the return home of medical marvel Tom Christerson, a pioneer recipient of the AbioCor artificial heart.

But the Patton sex scandal, which caught the nation's attention, overshadowed everything else in Kentucky when it erupted in September.

Conner revealed the two-year relationship in an interview with WHAS-TV in Louisville. Conner had political ties to Patton, having served as his patronage contact in Hickman County. With his wife, Judi, at his side, Patton initially denied the affair. He later recanted and made his emotionally choked confession. This time, his wife was absent.

Kentucky Historian Laureate Thomas D. Clark said Patton's legacy will be shaped largely by how he guides the state through

its budgetary woes in the last year of his term. No matter his accomplishments, though, Patton will always be linked with the sex scandal, Clark said.

"If he maintains the educational system largely intact and keeps that momentum going, if he is able to bring about even a remote change in the revenue system ... his legacy will be a good one, always shattered by the scandal," Clark told The Associated Press.

Conner slapped Patton with a sexual harassment lawsuit. She claimed the governor unleashed state regulators who hounded her Clinton nursing home in far western Kentucky after she broke off the relationship. Patton denied any such abuse of power, but the accusation triggered state and federal investigations. In December, a judge dismissed parts of the lawsuit that alleged Patton had punished Conner after the affair ended.

Conner's nursing home, Birchtree Healthcare, went into a tailspin not long before the scandal broke. By mid-December, Conner was barred from the facility and it was taken over by new management.

The affair also carried political ramifications. Patton aborted his expected run in 2004 for the U.S. Senate seat held by Republican Jim Bunning, and sat out the fall campaign.

Patton cut back on public appearances for a time but was back in the spotlight as the state's bleak financial situation worsened.

The budget impasse that kept lawmakers from passing a two-year budget was voted the year's No. 2 story. Patton has been running the state on his own spending plan since the fiscal year began July 1.

The budget fell victim to a partisan squabble over partial public financing of gubernatorial campaigns. Democrats said such funding reduced the influence of deep-pocketed special interests. Republicans derisively called it welfare for politicians. House Democratic leaders eventually blinked in the standoff, saying they would give up using public funds to help finance the 2003 gubernatorial campaign.

Meanwhile, the state's deepening budget woes was voted the No. 3 story, figuring to dominate headlines next year when the General Assembly meets. Patton's administration was struggling with a looming \$500 million budget shortfall through mid-2004 because of slumping revenue collections caused by the soft economy.

Patton said the remedies would be hard to swallow - either higher taxes or deep cuts in education and government services. The budget crunch was so bad that the state will release more than 550 nonviolent felons before their sentences are served as a way to save money.

The crisis in the Roman Catholic Church, which mired the Louisville Archdiocese in litigation, was selected as the year's No. 4 story.

The archdiocese was sued by some 200 people who claimed they were sexually abused by priests or other church workers as youngsters.

The suits claimed archdiocese officials were aware of the alleged abuse but failed to take appropriate disciplinary action or notify law enforcement. Criminal charges are brought against some priests. Lexington Bishop J. Kendrick Williams

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## Top stories of 2002

LOUISVILLE — The top Kentucky news stories of 2002, as selected by a panel of editors and broadcast news directors for The Associated Press:

1. Gov. Paul Patton sex scandal.
  2. Legislative budget impasse.
  3. State budget woes.
  4. Roman Catholic church abuse scandal.
  5. Slaying of Pulaski County Sheriff Sam Catron and other political violence.
  6. Federal investigation of Medicaid and Medicare billings by Lt. Gov. Steve Henry.
  7. Artificial heart patient Tom Christerson.
  8. Fort Campbell's role in U.S. war on terrorism.
  9. Erpenbeck financial scandal in northern Kentucky.
  10. Proposal to expand legalized gambling.
- (tie) Election.  
(tie) Escaped inmates from western Kentucky jail caught after crisscrossing country; face possible death penalty if convicted in South Carolina abduction.

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**Election**

to Floyd County PVA by a large margin.

The race for the office of mayor in the city of Prestonsburg also produced a fair share of attention. The race between incumbent Mayor Jerry Fannin and city councilman Thomas Hereford was rife with allegations of rumor spreading and inappropriate actions.

Hereford accused Fannin of ordering one of his campaign signs taken down because of its size and of distributing political t-shirts to students at Prestonsburg High School. The issues between the two candidates frequently spilled over into the city council meetings.

The battle between Fannin and Hereford also spread to the internet, with comments on both The Floyd County Times guestbook and a

guestbook on the website maintained by Hereford's campaign.

One of the main campaign promises that Hereford was making involved the cleanup of the sewer problem in Prestonsburg. Hereford placed many ads which seemed to say that Fannin was not doing anything to clean up the smell which at times permeates in areas of the city.

Toward the end of the campaign, Fannin and the city council unveiled a plan that would involve a sewer project in the Dwale community which would be designed to curb the sewer problem in Prestonsburg. Hereford opposed the project, asking why it was not possible to build a plant in the city.

In the end, it was Fannin that was reelected by a large margin, with 859 votes to Hereford's count

of 414.

The results of the mayoral election appear to have had a direct correlation with the failure of one member of the city council to be re-elected.

Roy Compton, who had publicly announced his support for Thomas Hereford, was not re-elected to the council while all other incumbents retained their positions.

Compton had appeared in numerous ads with Hereford and also voted against the sewer project in Dwale, which Hereford opposed.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court is now home to something that it has not seen in 45 years — a Republican. James Allen Williams, 29, is the first Republican to be

elected to a Floyd County office since 1957. Williams beat incumbent Democratic Commissioner Ermal Tackett in the race for magistrate in the fourth district.

The party had originally requested that Williams' father, Keith Williams, challenge Tackett, but when he turned down the nomination, James Williams agreed to enter the race because he wanted to be magistrate.

Williams has spent his time attending the remaining fiscal court meetings along with other meetings in the county to get to know other politicians. Williams recently attended a meeting of the Floyd County Ethics Commission where he asked various questions to understand the policies.



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Over \$400,000 in drugs were taken from the home of Millard Pennington during a huge drug bust on November 5.

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**Fleeing suspect killed**

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

MASON — A police chase in Magoffin County on Saturday ended in a car crash that claimed the life of a Royalton man.

According to the police report, Kentucky State Police Trooper

David Slone was on patrol on Route 7 in Mason when he observed a 1990 Chevrolet Corsica which he suspected was being operated by an impaired driver.

Trooper Slone attempted to make a traffic stop but the suspect vehicle fled and attempted to elude him. The suspect was traveling southbound in the northbound lane on Route 7, meeting oncoming traffic and running one vehicle off of the roadway. When the suspect pulled back into his lane of travel, he lost control of the vehicle and ran off the road, crashing into Harper's Auto Repair.

The driver, Adam Jordan, 42, was ejected from the vehicle. Slone administered first aid while waiting for the ambulance service to respond. Jordan was transported to the Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville where he was pronounced dead by Johnson County Coroner J.R. Frisby.

The collision is still under investigation by Kentucky State Trooper Billy Hall and Detective Mike Goble.

**Music**

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the high school level.

One parent who remained vocal in the debate was Adams Middle School parent Diane Pickard Hall, who, along with Navajo Austin, president of the middle school's band booster club, appealed to the school board to reexamine options for budget cuts.

Hall and Austin approached the school board with suggestions that would save band programs, but were told that the decision to make the cuts were not solely the choice of the school board.

Then-school board chairman Johnnie Ross, told the duo and others who protested the decision that the final say on cuts involving individual school programs rested with the site-based councils at each school.

"I think it can be both a board issue and a site-based council issue," Ross said.

Ross reminded those in opposition with band-related decisions that when school cuts were at hand, the arts were usually the first to go.

"You could ask the board to make the music teachers districtwide employees," said Ross. "That would keep the council from having to make those tough decisions."

Adams Middle School principal Jack Goodman explained the cutbacks during a site-based council meeting on Oct. 30, and offered hope to those unwilling to give up on a grade school band program.

Goodman told those in attendance that the decision to eliminate the band program came after careful consideration. Goodman said that of the programs offered at the school, the band had the least amount of participants, based on the previous year's records. This made the band program the prime candidate for elimination, considering it would adversely affect the fewest students.

During the same meeting, however, Goodman offered hope, saying that moves would be made to offer band instruction to students interested in pursuing that particular avenue.

One of the options would be an after-school band tutoring program which would find high school students helping out.

Goodman left the issue hanging, but added a positive hint, saying the issue would certainly be "revisited."

**Busted**

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paraphernalia.

Pennington, who was not at the residence at the time of the raid, was taken into custody on Nov. 6 after he turned himself in to authorities.

The case against Pennington, who was accused of trafficking in cocaine after over \$400,000 in drugs were seized from his home on Nov. 5, was referred to a grand jury Nov. 12.

A \$500,000 cash bond set for Pennington was reduced to

\$250,000 by Judge Eric Hall.

Pennington's family was able to secure the bond with six pieces of property totaling \$230,000. Hall apparently waived the other \$20,000, as Pennington was released on bond on Dec. 6.

Pennington is also a candidate for criminal drug charges which will be pursued through federal court in conjunction with Special Agent Ryan McComas of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

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Dr. Tussey received his medical degree from the University of Kentucky, Lexington, in 1993. He completed a family practice residency at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, in 1996, and an internal medicine residency at the University of Virginia, Roanoke, in 1998. Dr. Tussey also completed a cardiology fellowship at Brown University, Providence, R.I., in 2001, and an interventional cardiology fellowship there in 2002.

He is Board Certified by the American Board of Family Practice, and the American Board of Internal Medicine, with Subspecialty Certification in Cardiovascular Disease and Nuclear Cardiology.

Dr. Tussey is a native of Allen, Kentucky, near Prestonsburg.

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steps down after being accused in a lawsuit.

The assassination of Catron, the longtime Pulaski County sheriff, was voted the No. 5 story. Catron was felled in April by a single bullet fired from a hillside after he spoke at a political rally and fish fry.

Investigators linked the slaying to one of Catron's political rivals, Jeff Morris, who was arrested along with two others.

The legal jousting between Lt. Gov. Henry and federal prosecutors, voted the No. 6 story, revolved around his medical practice. Prosecutors filed a lawsuit seeking at least \$400,000 from Henry, claiming he defrauded Medicare and Medicaid by billing for surgeries he did not supervise. Henry denied the accusation, but the dispute clouded his potential run for governor.

The heartwarming return home for Tom Christerson represented a success for the makers of the AbioCor artificial heart. Christerson rode in a fire truck through the streets of Central City in a hero's welcome in a story voted No. 7.

Christerson was the second recipient of the plastic-and-titanium AbioCor, the first fully implantable replacement for the human. All other recipients of the softball-sized device have died.

The implants hit a lull this year, which the device's maker blamed on the difficulty of finding appropriate patients.

At Fort Campbell On Kentucky's southern border, soldiers awaited word on whether they would be part of an invasion force to topple Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq. Many of the soldiers served in Afghanistan before returning earlier in the year, and Fort Campbell's role in the U.S. war on terrorism was voted the No. 8 story.

A northern Kentucky loan fiasco that ensnared nearly two dozen financial institutions in the state was chosen as No. 9.

At the center of the controversy was Bill Erpenbeck. The Edgewood homebuilding he founded is being sued by banks, subcontractors and homeowners

ers for millions in unpaid debt.

Banks from as far away as Pikeville and Middlesboro loaned Erpenbeck's company about \$28.5 million.

Three stories tied for the No. 10 ranking in the list. The demise of legislation to open slot machine casinos at horse tracks and stem the flow of gambling money to other states' riverboat casinos on the Ohio River made the list of top stories. The issue of expanding gambling will likely be revived in the 2003 session as the state deals with the potentially huge revenue shortfalls.

In the fall elections, Republicans held on to power in the state Senate, continuing the uneasy balance of power with the Democratic-controlled House. U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell won a fourth term and became the most prolific Republican vote-getter in Kentucky history.

And late in the year, two men who escaped from the Hopkins County jail in western Kentucky were charged in the

disappearance of a South Carolina woman. Chadrick Fulks and Branden Basham have been indicted on federal kidnapping charges and could face the death penalty if convicted. The woman, Alice Donovan, has not been found.

Other notable stories of 2002 included the deaths of former Gov. Wallace Wilkinson and Rosemary Clooney, the mellow-voiced singer and actress from Maysville. The demise of Wilkinson's business empire was hashed out in bankruptcy court. There was a shakeup at the top of two public universities. John Shumaker resigned as University of Louisville president to take the top job at the University of Tennessee, succeeded by James Ramsey. Kentucky State University regents ousted President George Reid after he served four years. Reid's spending of university dollars on personal items such as a big-screen television and his extensive out-of-state travel on public funds were cited as reasons.

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Odds

day of the year I'd be able to find him," Basket said. "I asked for his parents. He started to close the door, and I said, 'No, no,' and I put my foot in the door."

Basket had arrested Field on Dec. 26, 1998, on charges of leaving a diner without paying. While in Basket's patrol car, Field cracked the back window as two other suspects distracted the officer. Field, in handcuffs, slipped out the window and fled. "I always had that file in my bag because I always wanted to get him," Basket said.

Field, 30, who had fled to California, was charged with resisting arrest, escape and theft, and was wanted on several outstanding warrants. He was being held on \$33,500 bail.

PLYMOUTH, Mass. —

The fare seemed unusual to the cab driver only because of the tip — \$5 for a \$7 ride from the bus station to a local bank to

Only later did the driver she was the unwitting getaway driver in a bank robbery.

"As far as I know, (the suspect) was very calm and cool," Patriot Taxi cab company owner Timothy Cushman told The Enterprise of Brockton, adding that the \$5 tip was the most notable detail.

"Not bad for a \$7 call," he said.

Police said the robber made off with a "substantial amount of cash" from a Citizens Bank branch. The driver was unharmed and "had no clue whatsoever" about the robbery until police called a half-hour later, Cushman said.

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# Obituaries

**Billie Marie Stratton Wilson**

Billie Marie Stratton Wilson, age 78, of Ivel, wife of the late Henry O. Wilson, passed away, Friday, December 27, 2002, in the Mountain View Health Care, Elkhorn City.

She was born November 11, 1924, in Ivel, the daughter of the late John Kelly Stratton and Bertha Lee Elliott Stratton. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Douglas Wilson of Celina, Ohio, and Henry O. Wilson III, of Banner; one daughter, Sharon Kay Goble of Harold; one brother, Wendell Stratton of Ivel; one sister, Peggy Blevins of Anniston, Alabama; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, and parents, she was preceded in death by one grandson; and 10 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services for Billie Marie Stratton Wilson were conducted Monday, December 30, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Dennis Love officiating.

Burial was in the Stratton Cemetery, Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Doug Stratton, Doug Hicks, Bob Welch, Gary Wilson Jr., Dean Hammond, and John Keeton.

Honorary: Milton Ryan, Estill Goble, Grant Weddington Jr., and John Stratton. (Paid obituary)

**Ruth Reffett Pitts**

Ruth Reffett Pitts, 76, of Blue River, died Friday, December 27, 2002, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin.

Born October 7, 1926, in Pyramid, she was the daughter of the late Malcolm Reffett and Kathryn Miller Reffett. She was a homemaker and a member of the Dotson Church of God, at Prestonsburg.

She is survived by her husband, Shade Pitts.

Other survivors include one son, David Pitts of Martin; one daughter, Patricia Pitts of Blue River; two brothers, Carson Reffett of Pyramid, and Taylor Reffett of Winchester; and grandchildren, Keith Randall Pitts, Matthew Pitts, Travis Waylon Pitts, and Patrick Rufus Pitts.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five sons, Richard Pitts, Shade Randall Pitts, Clayton Pitts, Claude Pitts, and Frank Thomas Pitts; one infant daughter, Girl Pitts; one sister, Ruby Jean Reffett; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 30, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Kenneth Prater Jr., and Roger Whitaker Jr., officiating.

Burial was in the Shade Pitts Cemetery at Blue River, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

**Philip E. Salisbury 1935-2002**

Philip E. Salisbury, 67, of Campbell's Branch Road, Catlettsburg, passed away Monday, December 2, 2002, in King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland.

Born on November 24, 1935, in Floyd County, he was a son of the late James William and Marie Stephens Salisbury. He graduated from Martin High School in Floyd County, received his post-secondary education from Morehead State University, with both undergraduate and graduate degrees in public school administration.

He fostered his community and countless students as an elementary school principal in the Boyd County School System. After retiring in 1995, he founded and operated Salisbury Antiques, until his passing.

Philip Salisbury leaves behind his wife of 44 years, Ada Lee Spradlin Salisbury; two children, a son, Greg Salisbury of Louisa; a daughter, Flecia S. Moore, and her husband, Kevin, of Catlettsburg; and one grandson, Christopher Salisbury of Louisa; three brothers, James David Salisbury, and his wife, Betty, of Catlettsburg, William Terry Salisbury, and his wife, Jackie, of Jackson, Michigan, and Timothy J. Salisbury, and his wife, Linda, of Printer; two sisters, Chady Louise Hardwick, and her husband, Tom, of Betsy Layne, and Judith Lillian Stewart of Fishers, Indiana; and a sister-in-law, Barbara Allen, of Prestonsburg.

Funeral ceremonies were conducted Wednesday, December 4, at 10 a.m., at the Catlettsburg United Methodist Church by the Rev. Bill Bentley.

Burial followed in the Golden Oaks Memorial Gardens of Ashland. (Paid obituary)

## Deep cuts wounding Legal Aid, which helps poor with legal problems

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — An organization that gives legal advice and help to the poor is closing offices around Kentucky and laying off staff as it faces cuts in federal and other funding.

As a result, the state's four Legal Aid corporations will serve fewer clients in 2003, and the poor will have more trouble getting help with cases that include domestic violence, home foreclosures, evictions, predatory lending and legal problems faced by the elderly and disabled.

"This is the first time we've had cuts from so many sources at the same time," said Dick Cullison, executive director of Legal Aid of the Bluegrass. "I think it increases suffering in the low-income community."

Kentucky's Legal Aid programs currently have budgets totaling about \$12 million but will lose nearly \$1.6 million next year — mostly from federal sources, which supply most of the programs' money. The poverty rate has declined slightly in Kentucky while jumping in larger states, so Kentucky's funding has fallen under a federal formula.

"It's like nothing we've ever been through in recent memory," said Jamie Hamon, executive director of the Access to Justice Foundation, a statewide poverty law center in Lexington. "It's like bleeding to death through a thousand cuts."

The cuts alarm Ruth McCarthy of Louisville, who said Legal Aid helped her 96-year-old mother, Edith Winsor, keep Medicaid benefits — and avoid being forced out of a nursing home.

"My mother has dementia — she doesn't even know me," McCarthy said. "There's no way she could fight for herself, and that's what the Legal Aid attorneys do — they fight for the little people who can't help themselves."

Although most of the budget reductions are due to a decrease in federal funding, money from the state and private sources is also being cut. Gov. Paul Patton this month announced a 2.6 percent cut in the state's annual appropriation of about \$1.5 mil-

lion because of the state budget crisis.

Legal Aid was founded in Louisville in 1921, funded with private donations, and began expanding into rural Kentucky in the mid-1960s during the federal War on Poverty. In 1975, President Richard Nixon signed legislation creating the Legal Services Corp. that administers Legal Aid nationwide and provides most of its funding.

In Eastern Kentucky, the funding cuts have forced the Appalachian Research and

Defense Fund, or Appalred, to cut its staff of 60 by 10 and close offices in Jackson and Manchester, said executive director Larry York. Appalred expects to close the Pikeville office early next year and is still deciding whether it can keep its Harlan office open, he said.

"When you lose the presence in the community it's really hard," York said. "This downsizing is not pretty."

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 The family of Raymond Zemo wishes to express our appreciation to all who assisted in any way during the loss of our loved one. Thanks to those who send food or flowers, and to those who kept us in your prayers. A special tribute to Evangelist Tim Blankenship and members of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ for their extra support during our time of need. Also, a special thanks to Larry and Mary Lou Burke, and the Burke Funeral Home, for their kind and professional service throughout this difficult time.  
**THE FAMILY OF RAYMOND ZEMO**

**Card of Thanks**  
 The family of Cortney Danielle Smith would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thank-you to all those who sent food, flowers, or just spoke kind words. A special thanks to Clergymen, Jim Price, and Charles Blanton for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Office for their assistance in traffic control, and to Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.  
**THE FAMILY OF CORTNEY DANIELLE SMITH**

**Card of Thanks**  
 The family of Irene J. Reitz wishes to gratefully acknowledge the kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Ted Shannon and Bobby Lawson for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.  
**THE FAMILY OF IRENE J. REITZ**

**Card of Thanks**  
 We, the family of Monroe Lewis would like to express our thanks to everyone who was so thoughtful and kind during the loss of our loving husband, father, and grandfather. To the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient and friendly service they showed; to the ministers, Dennis Kidd, Dan Boyd and Clyde Lewis; and to all the pallbearers, and friends who sent flowers.  
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# Energy division pushing for more conservation in homes

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — The state's Division of Energy is pushing for more energy conservation — everywhere from residences to school buildings — in the hopes that Kentucky can shed its image as one of the country's energy hogs.

The thinking, in the schools at least, is that money saved by conserving energy is money that can

be spent on education. "We're trying to introduce them to the concept of (energy-efficient) designs, and what they can do to get more bang for their buck," said John Davies, the division's director.

By some measures, Kentucky is among the nation's worst energy consumers.

On a per-capita basis, the U.S. Energy Information Agency's most current ranking — for 1999 — places Kentucky eighth among all states and the District of Columbia for total energy consumption.

Officials said the rankings are due to the state's heavy industries and low-cost electricity. Even fac-

toring out the commercial use, Kentucky was still ninth in per-capita residential electricity consumption.

The low energy costs tend to mean people are less likely to spend money on such things as insulation and energy-efficient appliances and light bulbs.

The latest estimate by the energy agency found Kentucky's electric rates to be roughly half those of Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states, and the lowest in the nation: an average of 5.7 cents per kilowatt hour.

"Our rates are so low, there might not be the incentive to invest in conservation," said Doug Bennett, a spokesman for LG&E Energy Corp., which owns Louisville Gas & Electric Co.

University of Kentucky architecture professor Richard Levine puts it another way.

"Kentucky is a place where not a lot is happening," said Levine, among several energy efficiency experts advising Gov. Paul

Patton's task force on an energy policy. "We're followers and not leaders."

Kentucky has a history of focusing its policies on the supply side of energy, emphasizing the state's coal reserves at the expense of renewable energy or conservation, said David Brown-Kinloch, a Louisville renewable energy consultant.

"We want to diversify," said Annette DuPont-Ewing, chairwoman and executive director of the Kentucky Energy Policy Advisory Board. "We're 95 per-

cent dependent on coal-fired plants for electricity."

Some ideas have already taken shape.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission in March issued an order allowing LG&E and Kentucky Utilities to set up a pilot program, letting as many as 50 customers who install alternative energy systems get a chance to lower their utility bills. If a customer generates more electricity than is consumed during a billing period, the excess will be credited to the customer's next utility bill.

With few subsidies to offer, Davies, the state energy division chief, must depend on his power of persuasion.

He has in part turned his attention to the state Board of Education and is promoting the U.S. Energy Department's "EnergySmart Schools" program. It gives technical assistance for programs that save energy and teach conservation.

State school officials are interested. But they also say many schools have made significant progress in the past decade.

"A lot of these things we may already be doing," said Mark Ryles, facilities management director for the Kentucky Department of Education.

The biggest savings, Ryles said, comes from better building management.

"I've gone into some districts, and it was 20 degrees outside, and all the windows were open and the heat was going full blast — and they knew I was coming," he said.

## Couple files suit over medicine's side-effects

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

A Pikeville couple, Kathy and Thomas Sparks, have filed a complaint against Bristol-Myers Squibb, the manufacturer of the drug Serzone, as well as Mountain Comprehensive Care and three psychiatrists, pursuant to liver failure which she attributes to the use of the drug.

Filed on Dec. 26, the complaint places responsibility on Dr. Karen Pajari, Dr. David Tamayo, and Dr. Uzma Ehtesham, all of whom were employed by MCCC, where Kathy Sparks says she sought relief from depression and anxiety.

Sparks claims that she began seeing Dr. Pajari on July 31, 2000, and on Nov. 5, 2000, and was prescribed Serzone. She alleges that the doctor failed to order diagnostic tests or monitor her blood work from that point to January 2002. She claims that Dr. Pajari was aware of her patient's past liver problems and hospitalizations, yet

she failed to warn Sparks to report any signs of liver failure.

Sparks places the same accusations on Dr. Tomayo and Dr. Ehtesham, who she first saw on Dec. 28, 2001.

The Sparks have also filed the complaint against MCCC, claiming that the center is liable for the behavior of its employees.

They are suing Bristol-Myers Squibb, claiming that the company failed to adequately warn physicians and consumers of the potential risks of taking the medication.

Kathy Sparks alleges that she has suffered permanent liver damage, liver failure and other serious physical injury. Thomas Sparks claims that he has suffered and will suffer, until the time of his wife's death, damages to their marital relationship. He alleges that the losses include loss of aid, care, companionship and society of his wife, emotional distress, loss of love and affection, loss of services and deprivation of normal marital physical and emotional relations.

## Problems

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Western Kentucky's Legal Aid has closed the Campbellsville office and will close the Hopkinsville office in February — leaving the program with offices in Paducah, Owensboro, Madisonville and Bowling Green, said executive director Scott Crocker said.

Crocker said he's especially concerned about the effect on poor women who are victims of domestic violence — who account for a large portion of his staff's work.

"My concern is that poor women will be placed in situations where they have few choices other than to go back to their abusers."

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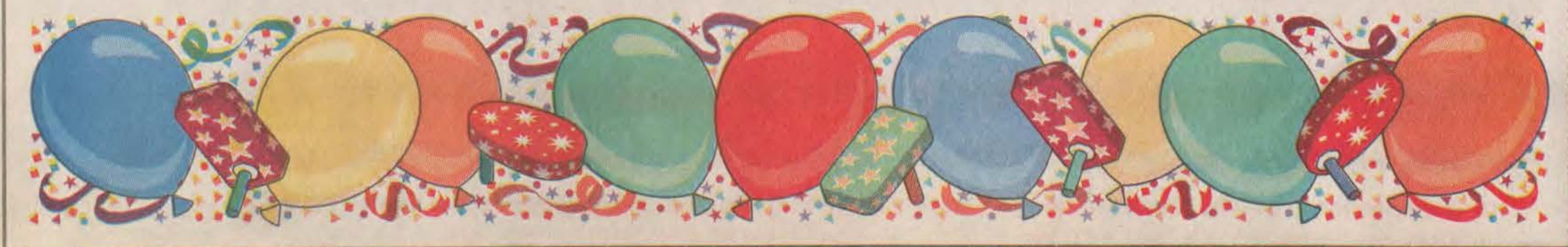
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## 15th Region Boys' Basketball Rankings

Team	All	Reg.	Dist.	Shelby Valley	Paintsville	Pike Co. Central	Prestonsburg	Belfry	Allen Central	Betsy Layne	Sheldon Clark	Magoffin County	Phelps
South Floyd	7-1	2-0	1-0	5-1	3-1	0-0	4-6	3-1	3-3	0-2	0-1	1-4	0-1
Johnson Central	7-2	2-0	1-0	5-2	5-0	1-0	4-5	2-1	2-4	1-3	0-1	2-6	0-3
Pikeville	6-1	2-0	0-0	4-5	2-1	0-0	4-6	3-1	2-6	0-3	0-1	1-4	1-4
East Ridge	6-5	1-2	0-0	3-3	3-2	2-0	4-6	3-1	1-4	1-4	0-1	0-7	0-6

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## Lady Blackcats fall in OT to Paintsville, Neon

by JAMIE HOWELL  
 SPORTS WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats have not enjoyed much success on the hardwood this year. The

Ladycats are still searching for that elusive first win of the season. On Saturday afternoon the Lady Blackcats fell to the Paintsville Lady Tigers in overtime 59-58. The future for Prestonsburg girls basketball

looks very bright as two eighth-graders led the way for the Lady Blackcats. Meaghan Slone and Amber Whitaker are both eighth-graders at Adams Middle School.

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photo by Jamie Howell

Ladycatt sophomore Chanel Music (11) looked to work the ball against the Paintsville defense.

## COMMENTARY

### Looking ahead and back...

by BILLY REED  
 TIMES COLUMNIST

I hope the new year is a happy one in the world of sports, but I'm not counting on it. Every year, it seems the games we love to play and watch are dominated by money, money, money. Television is more powerful than ever, and gambling, legal and illegal, remains one of the nation's fastest-growing industries.

In big-time college football and men's basketball, academics are regarded as little more than a tedious necessity for eligibility. Ticket prices and donations have risen to obscene levels so the universities can pay their coaches obscene salaries. In pro sports, prices and salaries have soared while quality of play has plummeted.

In both the colleges and pros, athletes are bigger, faster, stronger, and quicker. They also are less cerebral and woefully inadequate in fundamentals. Few coaching giants or geniuses —

(See REED, page two)



■ Reed

## SOUTH FLOYD GIRLS

### Ohio Co. 64, South Floyd 52

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HARTFORD — Ashley Johnson had one of her most impressive games of the season against Ohio County, scoring 21 points. However, it was not enough to open the host Lady Eagles. The South Floyd girls fell, 64-52.

Point guard Megan Ousley scored 16 points and Sharee Hopkins added four points for South Floyd.

South Floyd led 13-9 at the end of the first quarter, but fell behind in the second period. Ohio County took the second frame 22-10. The two teams split the final two quarters. South Floyd outscored host Ohio County 19-17 in the third quarter. Ohio County won the final period 16-10.

Ohio County also had two different players score in double figures.

## PRESTONSBURG BOYS

### P'burg falls to Woodward, Ohio, Whitley County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

After posting a first round win, the Prestonsburg Blackcats moved to the second round of the Arby's/KFC Holiday Classic at McCreary County Central High School. The opponent for Prestonsburg was Woodward, Ohio.

The Blackcats scored an opening round win over Scott County, Tenn., but would come up short to the Ohio contingent, losing 66-63.

Woodward led 14-11 at the end of the first quarter and 30-21 at the half. After losing the third quarter 16-15, Prestonsburg made a valiant comeback try in the fourth and final quarter, outscoring Woodward 27-20 only to fall

(See P'BURG, page three)

## JOHNSON CENTRAL GIRLS

### Johnson Central girls pound Fleming Co., win tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Johnson Central was by far the top team in last week's Lady Eagle Holiday Classic.

The Lady Eagles, playing host in the tournament, beat Fleming County in the finals, 83-40, thus winning the event.

During the tournament, Johnson Central posted four wins.

■ Wireman

The Lady Eagles jumped out to an 18-5 lead in the first quarter against Fleming County and actually never looked back. Host

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## — SOUTH FLOYD BASKETBALL —

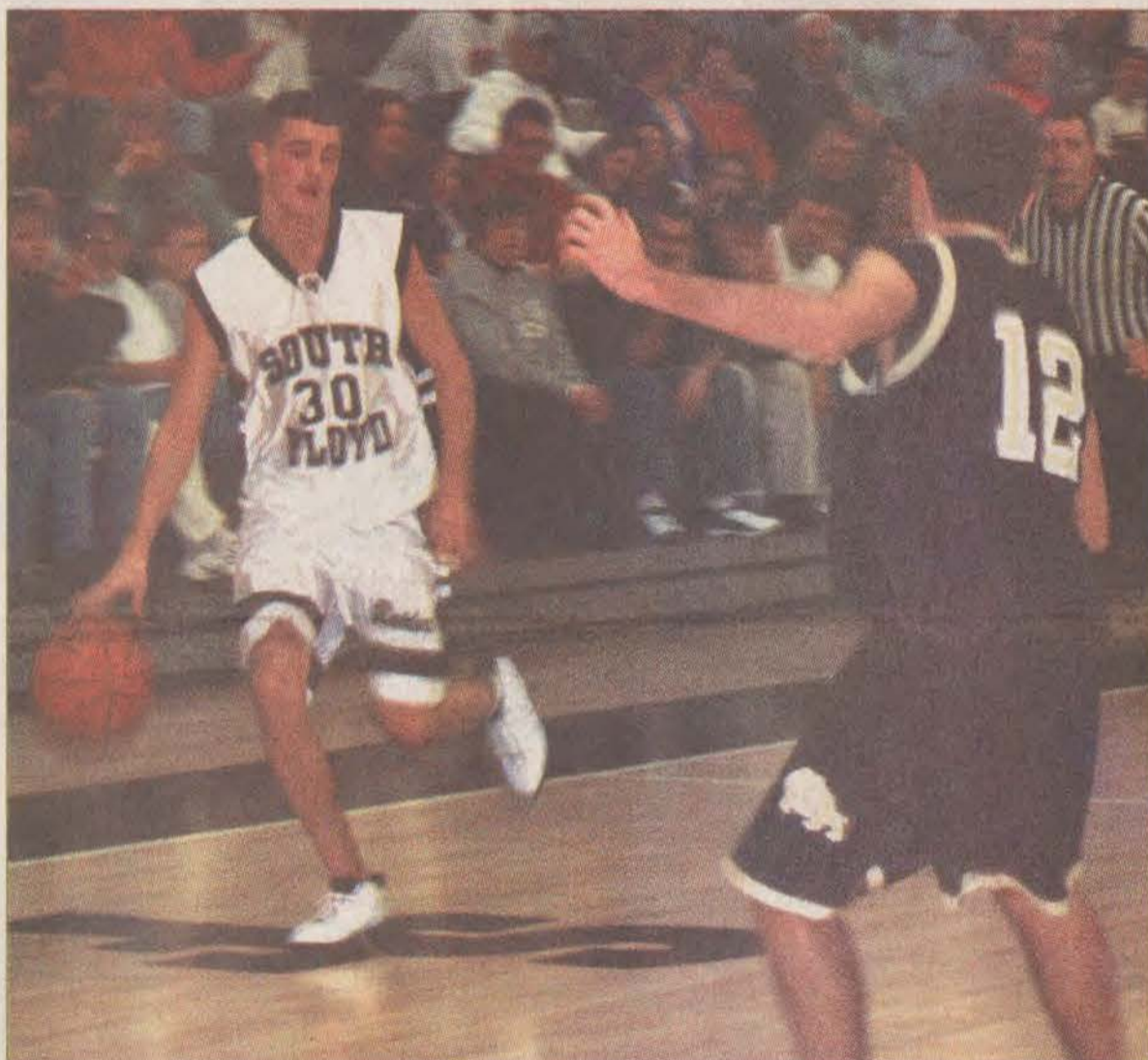


photo by Jamie Howell

Adam Tackett (30) pushed forward to the basket against a Hazard defender. Tackett scored 10 points.

## SOUTH FLOYD HOLDS ON, BEATS HAZARD

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — South Floyd set the tone of Friday night's game with Hazard early on. The Raiders

wanted to run. And run Coach Henry Webb's team did.

South Floyd, while defending off more than a couple of runs by Hazard, held on for an 89-79 victory for win No. 7 of the season.

The Raiders led 20-12 at the end of the first quarter and 48-43 at the half. Hazard put up 31 points in the second quarter. South Floyd

(See HAZARD, page three)

## SCOREBOARD

SOUTH FLOYD (89) — M. Hall 34, T. Hall 24, Slone 2, Ray 9, J. Hall 6, Tackett 10, Stanley 4.  
 HAZARD (79) — Patrick 7, Wood 7, Housley 2, Gabbard 5, Lyttle 9, Robertson 5, Olinger 1, Carter 19, Sizemore 24.  
 RECORDS — South Floyd 7-1, Hazard 4-4.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### Cats' confidence shaken by Cardinals

by CHRIS DUNCAN  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky's promising season has been plunged into doubt by its humbling 81-63 loss to Louisville and former coach Rick Pitino on Saturday.

The Wildcats (6-3) came into the game at Freedom Hall brimming with confidence, and for good reasons.

They had already beaten three Top-25 opponents.

(See CATS', page three)



photo by Jamie Howell

Jared Little (20) looked things over in a Prestonsburg Junior Basketball League game held Saturday.

## SIDELINE SHOTS

### Caudill, some other teammates now have 3rd coach in 4 seasons

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

For the third time in four seasons, former Prestonsburg High School standout student-athlete Jeremy Caudill has a new head football coach to answer to at the University of Kentucky.

The new coach? Rich Brooks. Rich who? Rich Brooks.



■ LeMaster

If you haven't heard of the new UK grid coach, you're probably not alone. Brooks is one of those veteran coaches who has slipped through somewhat without notice a whole lot of hype.

Caudill and his senior teammates, having withstood the Mumme meltdown and the Morris bolt to Baylor will begin answering to the new head coach immediately.

Brooks was announced as the new head coach in a press conference held Monday.

Now, what if?

What if Bill Parcells had miraculously reached a deal to become

(See SIDELINE, page three)

## Sports year ends with wild December

by CHRIS DUNCAN  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky's sports year in 2002 had a wild finish, capped by the state's two flagship football programs losing their head coaches.

Kentucky's Guy Morriss and Louisville's John L. Smith resigned

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Lombardis or Rocknes or Rupp — stride the sidelines.

**With this in mind, here are my five most depressing stories of 2002:**

5. College football coaches' salaries explode. With all due respect to Mark Richt, John L. Smith, Guy Morriss, Dennis Franchione and others, nobody has yet mentioned them in the same breath with Paul "Bear" Bryant or Amos Alonzo Stagg. Yet all received new contracts worth well in excess of \$1 million per year. Since most universities already have squeezed

every possible dollar out of tickets, donations, and advertising, nobody seems to know where they're going to get the money to pay these sort of financial packages.

4. High school junior LeBron James appears on ESPN2. Projected as the No. 1 pick in the 2003 NBA draft if he doesn't go to college (he won't and shouldn't), James' first network appearance drew such good ratings that ESPN2 now will broadcast a second game, this one between James' St. Vincent-St. Mary team of Akron and Mater Dei of Los Angeles. Once again, a young man's childhood has been sacrificed at the altar of the almighty dollar.

3. Breeders Cup marred by Pick Six scandal. Racetracks' refusal to update their computer equipment and software finally caught up with them when a couple of "insiders" got inside

the Breeders Cup system and almost scored millions of dollars with fraudulent Pick Six tickets. To protect the sport's image and maintain the public's confidence, the industry simply can't cut corners on its gambling equipment.

2. Louisville almost gets NBA franchise. A group of civic "leaders," all driven by self-interest and greed, were at the brink of ramrodding an NBA franchise — and a new \$313 downtown arena — down the throats of a city and county that was vulnerable and disorganized because of merger problems. Never mind that there's little NBA interest in Jefferson County, that most of the population couldn't afford tickets to more than one game, or that the measure would have hurt every other entertainment endeavor in the city.

1. Kentucky lets football

coach get away to Baylor.

Guy Morris did one of the best coaching jobs in UK history, turning a 2-9 team into one that finished 7-5 and easily could have been 9-2. So after discovering this diamond in the rough, the Wildcats lost him to Baylor. The reason had little to do with money, and everything to do with the karma between Morriss and athletics director Mitch Barnhart.

**Looking at the five most upbeat stories:**

5. Derek Abney makes All-American.

The UK wide-receiver was the nation's most feared kick-returner, breaking the NCAA record with six returns for touchdowns. He almost moved to No. 3 on the university's all-time receiving list. His exciting work earning him a place on virtually every All-American team,

giving UK only its second consensus All-American since 1977.

4. Western Kentucky wins Division II title. Only a year or so after Hilltopper Athletics Director Wood Selig tried to force football coach Jack Harbaugh into retirement, Harbaugh coached the "Toppers" to the national Division II championship. Selig wasn't even present to congratulate Harbaugh, who single-handedly breathed life into Western football years ago.

3. Trainer Ken McPeck has banner year.

With wife Sue still recovering from cancer surgery, McPeck trained the winner of the Belmont Stakes (Sarava), the Florida Derby and the Blue Grass (Harlan's Holiday), the Louisiana Derby (Repent), and the Ashland and Spinster (Take Charge Lady).

2. Indiana reaches NCAA title game.

Only two years after Bob Knight stormed out of Bloomington in the midst of a monstrous controversy, the university's first black head coach in any sport, Mike Davis, shocked the basketball world by taking the Hoosiers to the NCAA championship game, where they lost to Maryland. On his way up, Davis had to overcome a disadvantaged background and a serious stuttering problem.

1. Valley Sports wins the world.

A bunch of youngsters from a blue-collar area of Louisville, the Valley Sports All-Stars, captured the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. They showed a national TV audience that the major leagues still

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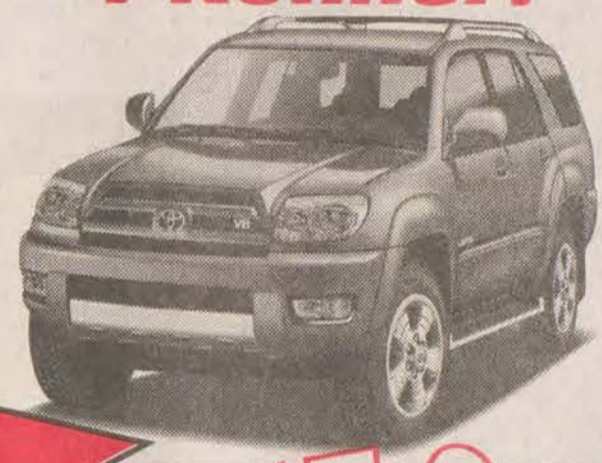
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# A Look at Sports: Cinergy explodes; payroll

by ED TAYLOR  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Hope everyone had a great Christmas!  
Sunday, Cinergy Field or Riverfront Stadium, ever how you like to remember it, went up in a cloud of smoke as contractors placed explosives

inside the stadium that opened in 1970, and relegated it to a pile of rubbish.  
When the 2003 baseball season rolls around, the Great American Ball Park will be home for the Cincinnati Reds and the new ball park is expected to draw more fans, thus causing an increase in the payroll

salary for the Reds. The increase is expected to move from \$45 million to around \$60 million.  
**REDS CONTINUE TO SHOP**  
The Reds continue to shop for players who might help them this season but they keep looking in the "Players No One Wants" bin. The Reds inked Jose Rijo, Pete Harnsich, along with Willie Guerrero to minor

league contracts in hope they might find a little something the trio could do to help the Reds this season. Sorry! They will find little help in either.  
Rijo, who came to the Reds from Oakland in 1990 and was the MVP of the World Series that same year, was 5-3 with Cincinnati last season. Harnsich  
(See **PAYROLL**, page four)

## Lady Rebs fall in fifth place game

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**RYLE** — In what proved to be one of the toughest girls tournaments in northern Kentucky over the holiday break, the Allen Central Lady Rebels fell in the fifth place game of the Ballin' at Ryle Challenge, losing 55-40 to Clay County.  
Allen Central held a 13-11 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Lady Rebels soon then fell behind in the second period. Clay County outscored Allen Central 22-5 in the second quarter and 18-10 in the third period.  
Allen Central, after too much damage had already been done,

managed to hold Clay County to just four points in the final quarter.  
Jayme Gilbert scored a game-high 21 points for Clay County. She was the only Clay County player to score over 10 points in the game.  
Sophomore Megan Harris was the only Allen Central player to break into double figures. She had 12 points. Jessica Issac and Amber Scott followed with seven each. Terri Mullins followed with six points. Becky Thomas and Jackie Martin both had four points in the loss.  
The defeat dropped Allen Central to 6-4. Clay County improved to 10-2 with the win.

## Cats'

including Indiana seven days earlier on the same floor where they were meeting the Cardinals. They had also won their last three games with Louisville, including a 20-point win last year in Pitino's much-hyped return to Rupp Arena.  
The Wildcats were swaggering early on Saturday, hitting 9 of their first 17 shots, grabbing 15 of the first 16 rebounds and leading 20-9 eight minutes into the game.  
Then, suddenly, everything changed. The shots stopped falling, the rebounds evened out and the Cardinals were back in the game.  
Kentucky's confidence never returned.  
Louisville outscored the Cats 72-43 the rest of the way, handing them their worst loss in Coach Tubby Smith's six seasons.

"Embarrassing," said point guard Cliff Hawkins, who had five assists but only two points. "They stepped up their play and we didn't."  
"We let everybody down," said point guard Gerald Fitch, who went 2-for-10 from the field and scored five points. "This is the worst loss you can have."  
The shell-shocked Wildcats couldn't explain why they collapsed — other than to admit the Cardinals had more intensity.  
"We just got outplayed," Hawkins said. "We didn't come out with the same energy they did."  
"They just wanted it more," said Keith Bogans, who had a season-low 14 points.  
Cold shooting was another explanation. Kentucky missed 31 of its last 45 shots and finished 3-of-18 from 3-point range. Bogans, Kentucky's leading scorer, went 1-of-9 from 3-point range.  
"Everywhere I went, they had somebody on me," said Bogans, who went 5-for-15 overall.  
Smith said his team followed Bogans' lead.  
"When he is not shooting well, he has a tendency to drop

## BL boys 68, Miami Dade (Fla.) 63

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.** — Playing with a beach and sunny shores in walking distance, the Betsy Layne Bobcats made it to the semifinals of the Father Lopez Holiday Classic. The Bobcats beat Miami Dade 68-63.  
Coach Brent Rose's Bobcats jumped out early, leading 20-8 at the end of the first period. Miami Dade took the second quarter 23-14 but was outscored

in the final two periods.  
Brent Newsome netted 18 points in the win for the Bobcats. Brandon Hall added 14 and Brent Hamilton chipped in 12 and Jordan Kidd flipped in 10. Preston Simon ended the contest with six and Nathan Newsome checked in with four.  
Betsy Layne headed south just after Christmas to compete in the tournament. This is the first trip to the Father Lopez tournament for a Betsy Layne boys' basketball team.

"It seemed like we ran out of gas way too early," said Kentucky forward Chuck Hayes. "We lost confidence too early. We had shots inside. We couldn't get them to fall."  
The Wildcats never got closer than 17 in the final five minutes as the noise from the overflow crowd continued to intensify.  
"It was really surprising," said Kentucky center Marquis Estill, who had just six points before fouling out. "We couldn't answer them."  
The Cardinals, meanwhile, were bumping their chests and pumping their fists as the final minutes ticked away in their biggest win in Pitino's two seasons.  
Pitino, stung by the rude reception he got in Rupp Arena last season, simply walked to midcourt and shook hands with Smith, his former assistant, when the buzzer sounded.  
Pitino downplayed how much the victory meant to him personally, but didn't minimize how much the win meant for his new program.  
"This is a big win for us," he said. "We're nowhere near where we need to be, but we learned a valuable lesson today. Any time you can learn and win, you have to be happy."  
The Cardinals (7-1) next play at Ohio State next Saturday.  
Kentucky returns to action on Monday night against Tennessee State (2-6).  
"This was a tough loss. A big game like this takes something out of you," Smith said. "We need to get that confidence, that swagger back."

## Hazard

managed 28 points in the second stanza.  
Senior Michael Hall scored a game-high 34 points to lead the host Raiders. Prior to the game, the Raider sharp-shooter was presented with the ball he scored his 2,000 point with the Friday before.  
Tyler Hall finished with 24

points and Adam Tackett chipped in 10. Starting center Charles Ray scored nine and Justin Hall chipped in six. Steven Stanley and Jack Slone added four and two points, respectively.  
Steven Sizemore, after a slow-start first period, scored 24 points to lead visiting Hazard.

## Sideline

the next coach of the Football Wildcats? If you haven't heard, Bill Parcells, yes the same long-time NFL coach Bill Parcells, was at one time, according to UK AD Mitch Barnhart, a candidate for the vacant head football coach position at Kentucky. Now, one has to wonder what the University would have had to shell out to a veteran, proven coach like

Parcells.  
Hey, the new year is here. It is now 2003. As we celebrate, or come back to reality from the celebration the night before, here are some of what's on my mind this first day of the new year.  
■ Why is it hockey has only one timeout? Not that I'm a big hockey fan, but think about it: can a coach or coaches get

back down from? Evidently so. Louisville and head coach Rick Pitino claimed the biggest win of the season Saturday in Freedom Hall, beating UK and automatically gaining respect.  
Robert Allen and his son Wil and Gary Craynon and his son Josh were in attendance at the game. It was Josh's first college game. According to Robert, both youngsters were decked out in their U of L red and loved the game.  
What's happening around the area tonight?  
Well, the Coca Cola Classic begins tonight at Pike County Central High School. Be sure to get up that event.

## Tourney

Johnson Central took every quarter, outscoring Fleming County in each of the four periods en route to the win.  
The Lady Eagles also outscored Fleming County by 13 points in the final period, 25-12.  
Senior Rhonda Adams, still undecided on college, scored a game-high 19 points to lead Johnson Central. Pikeville College signee Ashley Wireman scored 14 and Melissa Murphy added 10.  
Johnson Central cruised

through the tournament, thrashing Jenkins, a team from the 14th Region in the opening game of the tournament.  
The Johnson Central girls began play on Saturday morning with a 68-32 win over Fleming-Neon.  
Wireman paced Johnson Central in the win over Fleming-Neon, scoring 19 points. Adams chipped in 15.  
Johnson Central, following play in the tournament, improved its record to 11-1 on the season.

## P'burg

short in the end.  
Kris Bentley scored a game-high 20 points to lead Prestonsburg in the short effort.  
Senior Joey Willis helped pace the Prestonsburg attack with 14 points. Trevor Compton scored 12 and Justin Allen chipped in nine.  
John Mark Stephens finished with four points and Joe Blackburn and Jesse Chaffin each had two points apiece.  
The loss dropped Prestonsburg to 4-5. Woodward improved to 6-2.

## Whitley County 64, Prestonsburg 49

Trailing 31-21 at the half, Prestonsburg faced a deficit it could not overcome in the third place game against Whitley County. The Colonels went on

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10 days apart after guiding their teams through dramatically different regular seasons that both ended in 7-5 records.  
Morris left Dec. 9 to return to his home state of Texas as Baylor's coach. Barnhart wanted a new coach named by Christmas, but by Dec. 27 still had a vacancy.  
"The Kentucky job is a great job. It's in a great conference, and the fans, the traditions and the passion of this institution, it's good stuff," said Barnhart, who was hired in July.  
Just as Barnhart was hoping to wrap up his search, Louisville athletics director Tom Jurich was beginning his.

As the Cardinals played Marshall in the GMAC Bowl on Dec. 18 — Louisville's fifth bowl game in five seasons under Smith — a rumor spilled onto national television that Smith was leaving for Michigan State.  
The next day, Jurich confirmed the news. He set no timetable for a replacement, but beat Kentucky to the punch, hiring Auburn offensive coordinator and former Smith assistant Bob Petrino on Dec. 23.  
While the state's two Division I-A programs scrambled to fill vacancies, Western Kentucky made a quiet, but impressive march through the Division I-AA playoffs.  
The Hilltoppers beat the third-, second-, and top-seeded teams on their way to its first national football title.  
Eastern Kentucky, the state's most successful I-AA program, also reached a milestone, with the retirement of Coach Roy Kidd after 39 seasons.  
The 70-year-old Kidd finished with 315 victories, behind only Pop Warner (319), Bear Bryant (323), Florida State's Bobby Bowden (333) and Penn State's Joe Paterno (336) on the all-time victories list for Division I coaches.

"It makes me feel awful good to think that my name would be up there with people like Bear Bryant and guys like Paterno and Bowden," Kidd said at his farewell news conference. "But that's not me. Roy Kidd didn't do that. A lot of very good players and coaches did that."  
Kidd led the Colonels to two national championships, 16 Ohio Valley Conference titles and 24 straight winning seasons. Louisville offensive line coach Danny Hope, who played for Eastern in the late 1970s, was named Kidd's successor on Dec. 6.  
One day later, Louisville Male and Louisville Trinity — led by respective quarterbacks Michael Bush and Brian Brohm — staged one of the greatest high school games in Kentucky history.  
The teams combined for an staggering 1,337 total yards as Trinity won 59-56.

"It was crazy," said Brohm. "Luckily, we pulled it out in the end."  
The college basketball season also had its share of amazing games, the most bizarre occurring on Dec. 21.  
Indiana trailed Kentucky 65-64 at Freedom Hall when Hoosiers' coach Mike Davis charged onto the court to protest a non-call on a drive by freshman Tracey Wright. Davis was ejected from the nationally televised game and the Wildcats won 70-64, their eighth win over the Hoosiers in the last nine years.

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Whitaker led the Lady Blackcats from seven points down in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime on a five-footer at the buzzer.  
Whitaker led Prestonsburg with 13 points on the night. Paintsville led 16-10 after one quarter of play and 27-23 at the half.  
Prestonsburg had trouble hitting the easy layups as the Lady Blackcats missed several layups in the contest.  
The third quarter saw Prestonsburg cut the lead down to one at 39-38 after three as Slone netted six of her 12 points in the period for Prestonsburg. The teams exchanged baskets in the opening minutes of the final stanza until Paintsville went 6-0 run with two minutes remaining to pull ahead by six. Whitaker then came in off the bench to score four of the

Kentucky ended 2001 by humbling former coach Rick Pitino and his new team, Louisville, 82-62 at Rupp Arena. Pockets of Kentucky fans stung Pitino by labeling him a traitor when he took the Louisville job in March 2001.  
"The way I look at it, I came back for one difficult day in a two-year period. I thought it was worth it to live in this state," Pitino said.  
The rest of the 2001-02 season was one Coach Tubby Smith tried hard to forget. Disciplinary suspensions and in-fighting were as common as victories, although Kentucky still managed to reach the Sweet 16 for the fourth time in five years.  
"We certainly felt like we had to overcome some things this year," Smith said.  
The high point of Pitino's first season came on Dec. 20, 2001, when Reece Gaines sank two 3-pointers in the final 32 seconds to lift Louisville past Tennessee 73-72.  
The Cardinals won only 10 of their last 21 games and settled for a bid to the NIT, where they lost in the second round.  
Western Kentucky had one of its best seasons ever, going 28-4 and reaching the NCAA tournament for the second straight year. The school also began a massive renovation of Diddle Arena.  
Louisville mayor Dave Armstrong lobbied hard, but failed in his bid to lure an NBA franchise. The Charlotte Hornets eventually opted for New Orleans, leaving Louisville snubbed for the third time by a pro basketball team.  
"I still think Louisville is a major-league city," said Armstrong, who leaves office in January. "I'm going to continue to work hard to make sure it is in a position to be a major-league city in the future."  
Horse racing lost one of its greats in 2002.  
Seattle Slew, who swept the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes in 1977, died in Lexington on May 7 — exactly 25 years after his victory at Churchill Downs.  
The death of Slew left no living Triple Crown winners for the first time since Sir Barton became the first horse to complete the sweep in 1919.  
"It was a privilege to be on a horse like that," said Slew's jockey, Jean Cruguet. "On the biggest days, he won the biggest races. He had a good life. He did everything a horse could do."  
Another Triple Crown winner nearly emerged a month later. Three days before Slew's death, War Emblem earned a front-running four-length win in the 128th Kentucky Derby. Two weeks later, the colt won the Preakness and became the eighth horse since Affirmed in 1978 to capture the first two legs of the Triple Crown.  
But like the previous seven, War Emblem stumbled in the Belmont Stakes, finishing eighth. It was the third near-miss for trainer Bob Baffert, who won the Derby and Preakness in 1997, with Silver Charm, and in 1998, with Real Quiet.  
"I feel empty," Baffert said, moments after War Emblem lost in New York. "I feel like I let the fans down."  
It was more of a nervous year for the rest of the state's thoroughbred industry, who hoped  
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last six points for Prestonsburg to send the game into overtime. Paintsville gained a one-point lead with ten seconds left in the overtime.  
Prestonsburg was forced to foul with only five seconds remaining, but Paintsville went 0-of-2 from the line and the Lady Blackcats had a chance to win as Darcy Hicks shot at the buzzer bounced off the rim and Paintsville escaped with the win.  
Prestonsburg took on Fleming-Neon in the consolation bracket and again went into overtime.  
The Lady Blackcats fell to Fleming Neon by a count of 43-41. Darcy Hicks led Prestonsburg with 11 points in that contest. The Prestonsburg-Fleming-Neon game was also decided in overtime. Chanel Music and Amber Whitaker scored eight points apiece in the loss to Fleming-Neon. Meaghan Slone finished with four.

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to win by 15, 64-49.  
Prestonsburg got one of the points back in the third period, outscoring Whitley 10-9. Whitley County solidified the victory in the final quarter, outscoring the Blackcats 24-18 in the last leg of the game.  
Justin Allen was the only player to score double figures for the Blackcats. Allen finished with 15 points. Joe Blackburn netted eight and Kris Bentley chipped in six. Joey Willis scored five and Trevor Compton and freshman Sean Leslie each had four points apiece. Michael Stephens rounded out the scoring for Prestonsburg with two points.  
**BLACKCAT NOTE...**  
Chris Kidd is no longer a member of the Prestonsburg High boys' basketball team.

## Reed

haven't managed to kill America's love of baseball. They also proved that sportsmanship, manners, discipline, and modesty are still alive and well.  
My predictions for the first six months of 2003: Ohio State upsets Miami in the Fiesta Bowl ... Tampa Bay wins the Super Bowl ... Male High's Michael Bush goes to U of L ... UK basketball team falls a

game short of the Final Four and coach Tubby Smith leaves for the NBA ... UK hires Tom Izzo to replace Smith ... Tiger Woods wins a Masters disrupted by protesters ... Ahorse trained by D. Wayne Lukas wins the Kentucky Derby. Happy New Year!

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was once a Red and never did much then. Of course, Guerrero started last season with the Reds, was traded and now a free agent.

GRIFFEY TO METS?

While the Bronx Bombers (Yankees) have said no to a deal with the Reds for Ken Griffey, Jr and in spite of General Manager Jim Bowden's insistences the Reds are not looking to move Griffey, why then all the rumors going around that he still could be moving to New Yor, this time to the Mets?

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The holiday tournaments

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against a recurrence of the mysterious illness that afflicted pregnant mares and killed foals by the hundreds in 2001.

A few cases occurred in 2002, but not in the epidemic numbers of the previous year. Meanwhile, scientists zeroed in on eastern tent caterpillars as the cause of Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome.

"At this point, we still don't know exactly why this occurs or how much exposure is needed to bring about the losses," said Dr. Neil Williams, a veterinary pathologist who studied the disease. "But we're sure that the caterpillars are not the fuzzy, harmless creatures we once thought they were."

Horse farmers and track superintendents also took precautions to limit the spread of the mosquito-borne West Nile virus, which struck more than 500 horses in Kentucky, but few thoroughbreds.

The sports highlight of the summer was the run by Louisville-based Valley Sports to the Little League World Series. Aaron Alvey and Zach Osborne became 12-year-old superstars by leading their team past Japan for the championship.

A week later, Kentucky and Louisville opened one of the most memorable football seasons in state history.

The Wildcats, banned from postseason play, beat the Cardinals 22-17 in an opener on their way to a 4-0 start, their best in 18 years. Kentucky beat eventual Southeastern Conference West Division champion Arkansas, but was victimized by the year's best college football play, LSU's so-called "immaculate deflection."

On Nov. 9, the Wildcats led 30-27 with two seconds left at Commonwealth Stadium. Morris had already been given a sideline shower with the Gatorade cooler. Fireworks exploded and fans ran onto the field as the final play unfolded. Three Wildcats tipped Marcus Randall's deep pass and the ball somehow ended up in the hands of Devery Henderson, who scored a shocking game-winning touchdown.

"This is the worst possible thing that could have happened to us," quarterback Jared Lorenzen said after the stunning finish.

Louisville's Smith admitted he endured a "season from hell" with the Cardinals, who were coming off an 11-2 season.

They were touted in the pre-season as a threat to go undefeated, but a porous offensive line and internal problems led to uneven performances all year.

Louisville lost two of its first four games before a nationally televised showdown with unbeaten Florida State. In a driving rainstorm, the Cardinals pulled off a 26-20 upset of the No. 4 Seminoles, the highest-ranked team Louisville had ever beaten.

But TCU hammered Louisville 45-31 on Oct. 19, and the Cardinals never recovered, dropping three of their last five games.

The Kentucky Speedway in Sparta held events in the NASCAR Busch, Craftsman Truck, Indy Racing League and ARCA series in 2002, but was left off the 2003 Winston Cup schedule.

The most notable event at track in 2002 was a crash on Aug. 11 that seriously injured actor and fledgling driver Jason Priestley. The former "Beverly Hills 90210" star broke both feet and the middle part of his back when his car hit the wall during a practice run.

were not too kind for three Floyd County girls' basketball teams. Allen Central fell in the Ryle Challenge against Bullit East 54-43. I understand the Lady Rebels played well but could not get it done at Ryle.

Prestonsburg dropped a 69-60 decision to Fleming County in the Johnson Central Classic over the holiday. Coach Harold Tackett's ballclub is looking better and will be a team to contend with later in the season in spite of their 0-4 start.

In the same tournament, South Floyd lost to Woodford County 73-56, dropping their fifth straight game after winning

their season opener against Letcher.

Standing for the county finds the Betsy Layne Ladycats with an impressive 6-1 mark and have reeled off six straight wins. Allen Central stands at 5-3, but this ball club could very well have been 7-1 on the season. Their only lop-sided loss was this week at Ryle. What a match up when the Lady Rebels meet Betsy Layne January 17 at home. South Floyd is 1-5 and I think we all would agree they are a much better team than that. Prestonsburg is still looking for their initial win, standing at 0-4.

Coach Henry Webb and the South Floyd Raiders suffered their first setback of the season this past week at the hands of a good

Elizabethtown team in the Jefferson Holiday Tournament. The Raiders bounced right back and won their next two games to move to 6-1 on the year. Allen Central and Coach Johnny Martin are 3-3 on the year, losing one and winning one in the Jenkins holiday tournament. Prestonsburg evened its season record to 4-4 with a win over Scott County, Tenn. in the McCleary holiday affair. Three of the Blackcats losses has come

from the same region.

"We played three 10th Region teams and lost all three of them," said Prestonsburg coach Jackie Day Crisp. Those three teams consist of Estill County, George Rogers Clark and Harrison County. There is a good on tap for January 7 when Prestonsburg travels to Betsy Layne for a district game. The Blackcats own a 64-61 win over the Bobcats earlier. Betsy Layne is 2-4 on the year and just completed a trip to Florida for a holiday tournament.

We wish all the teams in Floyd County the best as they enter the new year. Happy New

Year everyone, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Note: This column was written prior to games played this past Saturday and Sunday.

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### POISON OAK

## Our own set of rules

When asked what humor does for people, movie director and comedian Mel Brooks once said, "It keeps us rolling along, singing a song. When you laugh, it's an explosion of the lungs. You laugh, you breathe, the blood runs, and everything is circulating."

Hadn't really thought about it just that way, but it's good to know that it's considered healthy because

laughing is something I really like to do. As a matter of fact, I had a good laugh over the weekend when I



Clyde Pack

came across a list entitled, "Rules of the South" that someone had passed along in the far distant past. I might have already shared the list, but if I have, I'm about to do it again. That's okay, though, because those of us who consider ourselves Southerners enjoy re-runs, or we'd have stopped watching Andy, Opie and Floyd the barber, 20 years ago.

Anyway, here's a few of the "rules" that seem to govern the lives of many of us in these parts.

■ Save all bacon grease. If it can't be fried in bacon grease, it ain't worth cooking, let alone eating.

■ Don't be surprised to find movie rentals and bait in the same store.

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## Science Fair help available online

Want to send your students to the East Kentucky Science Center's Regional Science Fair in March, but need help with conducting your school's science fair? Then go online and visit the Center's website [www.wedosscience.org](http://www.wedosscience.org) and click on the Science Fair link.

An information booklet is available on the Center's website that should make organizing your school science fair a little easier, according to Cathy Neeley, Outreach Education coordinator at the Science Center. The booklet gives an overview, suggests a timeline checklist, and provides a rubric for the judging.

Neeley and EKSC Regional Science Fair Chairman Solomon Kilburn compiled the booklet and are also available, along with EKSC Assistant Director Eric Thomas, via email or phone to advise any

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

LEFT: Teddi Leigh started 2002 off with a bang when she signed a recording contract with Family Tree Entertainment.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Floyd County children learned about the responsibilities of parenthood through Our Lady of the Way Hospital's "Respect" program.

# Looking back, looking forward

by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR

As one year fades away and another begins, we pause to reflect. As such, we've put together a few photos of memorable events from 2002. As always, there were many more photos and memories than available

newspaper space, but we remember each and every one of you special folks that make special things happen in our communities each day. Here's wishing you a great New Year's Day and lots of special memories in the year ahead.

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photo by Rita Brook

LEFT: The First Presbyterian Church of Prestonsburg held an elegant tea party to encourage fellowship among their members and the community.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

PCC law enforcement program students joined the nation in remembering the victims and families of the 9/11 tragedies.



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LEFT: Victoria Smith cut off her lovely locks to help children who have lost theirs through illness. Victoria was inspired by her grandmother's heroic struggle with cancer.



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Floyd Countians learned about religious tolerance and the differing beliefs of their neighbors through a church-related series devoted to area churches put together through a joint effort by the Times and Dr. Phyllis Puffer, PCC sociologist.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Children from around the region learned about their environment at the "Environmental Day" event held in May at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center and co-sponsored by Floyd County Schools and Wal-Mart.

### CO-OPEXTENSION

## A New Year, A Fresh Start

January is a wonderful time of the year for taking stock of our lives. The cold, wintery weather encourages us to slow down, and the quietness of nature invites us to pause and to be still. It is a time for reflection, a time to be nurtured by silence, a time to pay close attention to the whispering of our hearts.

Being in the month of January is like standing on the peak of a mountain on a clear day: To the left we see the challenges and choices of last year, and to the right unfolds

the fresh landscape of the coming cycle of seasons.

Looking back at the past year, we can count our blessings and successes, and learn from the inevitable hardships and mis-



Theresa Scott

takes that are an essential part of the instruction in life's schoolroom. Enriched by this perspective and the wisdom it brings, we gaze upon another year, stretching out in front of us—a year filled with new opportunities and the priceless gift of time.

A survivor of life-threatening illness recently put it this way. "Cancer changed my whole perspective on life. It woke me up to the wonder and opportunity of each day and every precious moment. Life is too short for regrets, worries and pettiness. I know I've received a gift of time, and in turn, I want to give back to my loved ones and to the world."

How do you personally want to use the gift of time that the rest of the year will bring? Take a little while away from your normal responsibilities and ponder this question:

What would you most love to accomplish during this precious year of opportunity?

The key word in this question is "love." Thinking about and doing what we truly love is energizing. It's good for our physical health, and brings us joy and satisfaction. Doing what we love stimulates creativity and is one of the best motivators ever discovered.

Next, with pen and paper in hand, write down your answer to this simple yet profound question. What would you most love to accomplish during this precious year of opportunity?

Avoid mechanical answers. Take a few deep breaths and let your thinking be fresh, bold, creative. Allow your heart to dream, and be adventuresome. Jot down whatever words or pictures pop into your mind. When you're finished, look over what you've written and pick out your "target"—a word, or phrase, or picture, or symbol that summarizes your answer, that pinpoints what you want to accomplish in the coming months.

Now put your target in the cen

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# Kim's Korner: Time for prayer



Kim Little Frasure

First let me wish all of you many blessings in 2003, and be so bold to add, that if there is ever a time we need to be in prayer, my friends it is now!

Over the weekend, while watching TV (the news to be exact), my heart ached and stomach sickened at such reports.

Most of you are aware of The Christian Messenger

newspaper we have published going on two years now. Awhile back an article was written in that paper on human cloning.

I must admit I never dreamed in my wildest imagination such an attempt would actually take place in my lifetime. Then this very weekend before my eyes, plastered on my TV is this woman Dr.

Brigitte Boisselier, announcing the world's first human clone baby is born. I thought I'd lose my cookies!

As if it weren't bad enough, she announced the birth, the date, Dec. 26, and the name of the baby girl born, Eve! "Oh my Lord, what on earth are these people thinking," I shrieked. This is absolutely unbelievable!

Clonaid is the first human cloning company founded. And was established in February 1997 by Rael, leader of the Raelian Movement, an international religious organization which claims that life on Earth was created scientifically through DNA and genetic engineering by a human

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## School Happenings

### ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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.

SBDM 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

Jan. 10 - First aid and safety classroom presentations.  
Jan. 14 - Epidemics class-

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# YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from  
The Floyd County  
Times,  
10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and  
60 years ago.)

## Ten Years Ago

(Jan. 6 and Jan. 8, 1993)

A North Carolina man became the first fatality on the new Floyd County section of U.S. 23, just minutes before New Year's Eve. Jimmy Howard Brewer, 43, of Seagrove, North Carolina, was killed at approximately 11:55 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30. According to preliminary investigations by Trooper Earl Gorrell of the Pikeville Post of the Kentucky State Police, Brewer apparently drove his tractor-trailer through the intersection of Route 1428 and U.S. 23 without slowing, and struck a rock wall at approximately 45-50 miles per hour. The cab of the truck was shredded and burst into flames. Brewer was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson...A State Transportation official was jailed twice New Year's Day—once for driving on the wrong side of a four-lane highway—and charged with driving under the influence of drugs by Prestonsburg City Police. Bill "Crush" Dingus, 59, of Martin, who is an assistant to state Highway Commissioner Jerry Anglin, nearly collided head-on with Prestonsburg police officers Gerald Clark and Anthony "Harpo" Castle near the Holiday Inn, in Prestonsburg, just after midnight New Year's, Prestonsburg Police Chief Greg Hall said Monday...Charges against suspended Wheelwright Police Chief Charles Harmon and assistant chief Rodney Newsome will be heard by Wheelwright City Commissioners on Saturday, January 23, at 7 p.m. Commissioners set the hearing date during a special meeting December 30. Harmon and Newsome were suspended at the December 21 meeting for alleged policy and regulations violations and citizen complaints...Reality and illusion intermingled last Wednesday during a Civil Air Patrol mock disaster, that, for a time, had rescue workers, the press and the general public, believing it was the real thing. The exercise was a simulated air disaster, conducted by the Kentucky Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, at the request of Highlands Regional Medical Center officials, to test the skill and efficiency of local emergency personnel...Floyd County Judge/Executive John M. Stumbo and the Floyd Fiscal Court declared a state of emergency, Tuesday morning, saying that recent troubles with the Floyd County Landfill "threaten the fiscal solvency as well as the physical environment of Floyd County." The Kentucky Cabinet for Natural Resources Division of Waste Management last week officially denied a permit application to re-open the landfill, which closed earlier this year, in order to enact construction

efforts that would bring the facility in line with new, more stringent environmental regulations...Although parimutuel wagering has temporarily shut down at Eastern Kentucky Racing pending the official opening of the Kentucky Downs harness track, officials are betting the windows will re-open much sooner. Wagering at the site ceased as of December 31, 1992, per a directive from the Kentucky Racing Commission, which decreed that Eastern Kentucky Racing's license would not become valid again until the track opens, on or before July 2. Eastern Kentucky Racing Director Ched Jennings said, Thursday, that the Kentucky Racing Commission had displayed a great willingness to cooperate, and at the urging of Governor Brereton Jones, had sought an official opinion from the state attorney general's office on whether or not inter-track wagering should continue at the facility before the track officially opens...State Representative Greg Stumbo was re-elected Tuesday to an unprecedented fifth term as House Majority Leader, making his the longest term in that capacity throughout the Kentucky's entire 200 year history. Although Stumbo ran unopposed for the office, he remained heavily involved in the campaigning and election process, and was instrumental in Tuesday's election of new Speaker of the House Joe Clarke, D-Danville. Among the most pressing items on Stumbo's agenda for 1993 are the plans for a proposed 18-hole golf course at Jenny Wiley State Park; continued reform of the state's educational system; making all sections of the Mountain Parkway four-lane highways; and the continued development and enhancement of Eastern Kentucky's industrial base...Whether or not Floyd County School Board members should pay the legal fees of its chairman, who is charged with misconduct, is a question that is sure to draw a lot of fire from both sides. School board members have been polled and asked if they will agree to pay the legal costs for chairman Ray "Shag" Campbell who is facing misconduct charges brought by Education Commissioner Thomas Boysen. Floyd County superintendent Steve Towler said Thursday that he polled local Board members, Wednesday, and asked if they will agree to pay Campbell's legal expenses. Towler said some board members indicated their decision was "contingent on the legality" of the issue before they would decide whether or not to pay...There died: Dr. Jerry Wysocki, 80, who formerly served patients in Floyd County, January 1; Ada Newsome Slone, 82, of Ligon, Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Verlean Moore, 52, of McDowell, Saturday, January 2, at McDowell Appalachian Regional

Hospital; Delbert Meade, 45, of Lackey, Wednesday, December 30, at London; Monte Conley, 89, of Lackey, Monday, January 4, at his residence; Ermalee Smith Craft, 77, of Prestonsburg, Friday, January 1, at her residence; Octava Adkins, 62, of Harold, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Rev. Ted Nelson, 65, of Cow Creek, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Sollie Holbrook, 79, of Lackey, Sunday, at his residence; Kendall Conley Sr., 55, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, formerly of Garrett, Friday, in an automobile accident in Magoffin County; Jerry Dean Owens, 34, of Garrett, Friday, at the residence of his mother; Clarence Martin, 59, of Drift, Monday, at his residence; Jake Cooley, 85, of McDowell, Tuesday, at Clinton County Hospital, Albany; James Henson, 63, of Ligon, Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Bert Kidd, 69, of Wayland, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Raymond Fannin, 65, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Harlen Hawkins, 85, of Shelby Ohio, died Wednesday, at his home.

## Twenty Years Ago

(January 5, 1983)

Frank Snell, 69, was crushed to death December 29, by a rockfall in a small coal "bank" near his home on the Short Branch of Abbott Creek, while digging coal for his own use...The Prestonsburg-based R. V. May Company Inc., the state's largest business of its kind, began operation, Monday morning, under new ownership, with its purchase by the Kentucky Welding Co. Inc., which is headquartered in Charleston, West Virginia...Twenty years after it was launched as Floyd's most promising enterprise in years, the countywide solid waste system is nearly broke...Alfred Music was released, last Wednesday, from a Lexington hospital, where he was treated for a serious gunshot wound suffered during a gunfight at a Martin home; after his release he was immediately arrested for the murder of Curtis Hall, 21, of Topmost, that happened in the same gunfight...There died: Macie Lewis Caudill, 70, of Lackey, December 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Delia Martin Hall, 96, of Dema, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Noah D. Howard, 79, of Pikeville, at his home; Willis Conley, 78, of Lackey, last Wednesday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Oscar Lee Hancock, 60, of Printer, December 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Linda Gay Moore Martin, 35, teacher at Clark Elementary School, last Friday as a result of "probable suicide"; Kennel

Conley, 65, of Garrett, December 21, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Bryan Samuel Hall, six-month-old son of Thelma Bates Hall and Clinis Johnson of Halo, January 1, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Velma Vera Edwards, 57, of Prestonsburg, December 28; Cephus McKinney, 73, of Craynor, Tuesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

## Thirty Years Ago

(January 3, 1973)

Breakfast for hospital patients here, Tuesday, was served at 20-year-old Prestonsburg General. The same patients had lunch in the resplendent newness of the Highlands Medical Center on US 23, near Auxier...Two Garrett college students, Delmas Ray Conley and Avery Chaffins, home for the holidays, were killed, Saturday morning, in the collision of their car with a pickup truck near the mouth of Stone Coal...Abby's Gift Shop and A. W. Cox Department Store, adjacent businesses on Court Street here, were heavily damaged as the result of a fire, Friday morning...Floyd County's Public Defender program providing for legal representation for indigents apparently was ready for implementation, after the fiscal court, last Friday, had authorized County Judge Henry Stumbo to contract with the non-profit corporation of Floyd attorneys for the services...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gayheart, of McDowell, a daughter, Dec. 19...There died: Charlie Hall, 44, Saturday, at his home at Galveston; Archie Lloyd Moore, 54, of Martin, Dec. 19, at Lexington; George Bevins, 100, last Wednesday, at his home at Grethel; Hauley Hall, 56, of Allen, Sunday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Laura Allen, 79, of Wayland, Dec. 24, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital (MARH); Frank M. Fairchild, 72, Dec. 21, in an accident at his home, at Allen; Daniel Ousley, 50, of Eastern, Sunday, at Lowmansville; James Davis, 70, of Dema, Dec. 23, at Paintsville; David B. Leslie, Jr., Prestonsburg educator and businessman, Dec. 14, here; Noah Boyd, 94, Dec. 27, at home at Dana.

## Forty Years Ago

(January 3, 1963)

The Mountain Parkway, first four-lane, divided highway to penetrate the eastern Kentucky mountains, will be opened to traffic, January 14...The capture of a moonshine still on the Cool Water Fork of Salt Lick Creek, last Sunday, brought to

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# Critter Corner: A Christmas Miracle



By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

When Don Hall's Beagle fell into a mine break in Letcher County this past week, no one suspected that it would turn into a Christmas Miracle.

While out hunting in a remote area of Letcher County, the hound tumbled into a hole and disappeared. The "hole" turned out to be a mine break, formed when a section of soil and rock, weakened by mining activity beneath it, collapsed in on itself. Although the dog could be heard deep in the earth, he could not be reached. The hole opened into a fissure lined with solid rock that was too small for anything much bigger than the dog himself to fit through. The men in the hunting party estimated that the dog was thirty feet or more beneath the surface.

The dog's owner and his friends had tried everything they could think of to rescue the unfortunate hound. They were able to raise him

several feet once, when the dog actually grabbed hold of a rope with his teeth. He soon lost his grip, though, and fell back into the depths. Dog food was lowered to him while more people were contacted who might have some other ideas about how to proceed.

We got involved two days after the accident happened, when Mr. Hall's sister called the clinic, desperate for ideas. The only suggestions we had to offer were things that had already been tried, or things that would not work due to the cramped space. We started making phone calls to everyone we could think of the Department of Mines and Minerals, police departments, rescue squads, the media, anyone we could think of who might know someone else that could help. Most were sympathetic but at just as much of a loss for a solution as we were.

Several of us attempted to go out to the site from the clinic, to size up the situation. (This turned into one

of our usual fiascoes, which I will describe in more detail in the future.) By the next day, a pall hung over everyone who knew about the situation. I'm sure I was getting on the nerves of multiple officials in several surrounding counties as I continued to make phone calls. Things turned even bleaker as the conversation turned to euthanasia, and we realized that we had no way to humanely destroy the dog if worst came to worst. The owner would be left with the two choices of feeding the dog in his prison indefinitely (months, years?), or withholding food entirely—at best a slow and inhumane death, but at least it would be over. To make things worse, that night it began to rain.

I paced the floor late that night, wrapping presents, listening to the rain, crying and trying to pray. It's hard sometimes for me to recognize the direct answer to a prayer when it comes, so it took a while for one thought to push out all the others

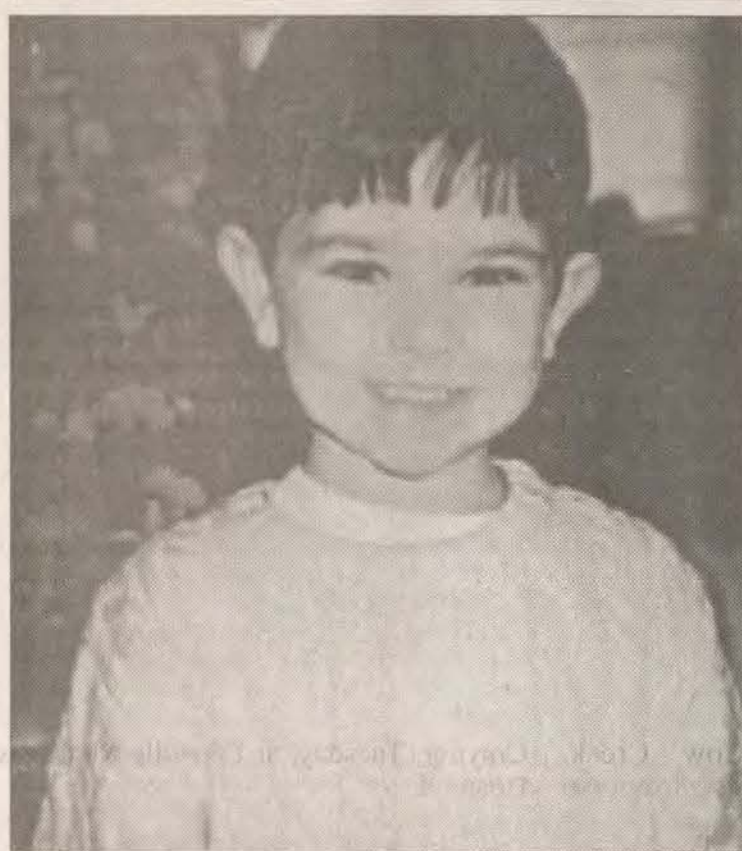
running circles in my head. "You're going about this all wrong. You're all talking to the wrong people." Wrong people? I had talked to everybody I knew, and lots that I didn't. "You need somebody who knows about caves." There was no reason for me to think about caving. I am hopelessly claustrophobic, and just watching it on TV gives me the willies. I whispered quick thanks for at least giving me something else to do. I would get on the Internet first thing in the morning and type in "spelunkers, Kentucky" to see if I could find an amateur group in the region. Maybe they could offer some suggestions.

I woke Pat up to tell him this new possibility. To my surprise, he told me I didn't even have to go to so much trouble. He knew someone on the Prestonsburg Fire Department that used to do some cave exploring as a hobby. Like me, he had never considered this

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"Tom." Tom, according to his owners, Joseph and Maxine Osborne, is about 10 years old. He weighs more than 16 lbs. and when he stretches completely out, he is over two feet long. "He is the biggest cat I have ever seen," said Maxine. Maxine also says that she and her husband are "very attached" to Tom and that he is a constant companion throughout the day. At Christmastime, Tom enjoys sleeping under the Christmas tree. "In all these years, he has torn the paper on only one package. He is like a baby to us," say his owners.

## Birthdays



Wesley is 4!

Wesley Dalton Slone, the son of Virgil Jr. and Robin Slone, of Hi Hat, celebrated his fourth birthday on December 7, 2002, with a "Spiderman" theme birthday party held at the Stumbo Park Convention Center. Wesley enjoyed his party and the visits he received from the many friends and family who attended to help him eat his "Spiderman" birthday cake. Everyone had a great time enjoying the delicious refreshments and fun activities. Wesley is the grandson of Virgil and Joyce Slone, Jerry and Denise Robinette, and Charles T. and Rosetta Collins.

## School

room presentations.

■ Jan. 21 - Nutrition classroom presentations.

■ Jan. 24 - Genetics and Heredity classroom presentations.

■ Jan. 28 - Peer pressure/conflict resolution classroom presentations.

■ Jan. 31 - Drugs and Addiction Prevention & Awareness classroom presentations.

■ 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.

### STUMBO ELEMNTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Jan. 6 - "DARE" program, 5th and 6th grades - 1-3 p.m.

■ Jan. 8 - "Animal, Vegetable, Mineral" program, K-1 - 8:30-10:30 a.m.

■ Jan. 9 & 10 - "Hygiene" program, K-4 - Quality Kids.

■ Jan. 21 - Advisory Council Meeting (school library) - 4 p.m.

■ Jan. 23 - "What is it Made Of?" program, 2nd and 3rd grades - 8:30 a.m.

■ Jan. 28 - "Rain Forest," K-1 - 8:30-10:30.

■ Jan. 29 - "Rain Forest," 2nd and 3rd - 8:30-10:30.

■ Jan. 30 - "Smokeless Tobacco," 5th and 6th - 1 p.m.

■ The Bridges Project is located in the school each day, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the Bridges Project, call 587-2644.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233, ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

### 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.

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### 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.

## Fresh

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ter of a blank page and draw a small circle around it. Look at your target, and all around it jot down words and/or symbols of things that will help you achieve your target goal. Do this spontaneously, without censoring what comes out. What results is your vision map—an integrated picture of your target and the things that will help you reach it.

Take your one-page vision map and, if you wish, rework it or polish it up. You may want to draw connecting lines and arrows, insert key notes, or give your vision map a name. You may also wish to use bright markers or colored pencils to add richness and clarity to your diagram.

Show and explain your vision map to a few trusted loved ones and friends. Sharing your vision takes courage. It demonstrates your commitment to success, and it gives you a chance to receive helpful feedback from those you respect. After you finish sharing, use the feedback you have received to fine-tune your vision map. Then post it in a place where you will see it frequently, all year long.

Here are a few tips for following your vision map to your target goal:

■ In the busyness of everyday life, it's easy to forget the importance of taking regular, small steps toward your vision. Creatively use reminders that will help you follow through—a string around your wrist, a note on your calendar, a pebble in your pocket.

■ We often fail simply because we give up. Don't. It's OK to fall down, it's OK to get discouraged. But don't give up. Remember that failure is another word for learning. Persevere.

It will likely be your key to success.

■ Take a few moments here and there to visualize the end result of your vision map as if it were happening now. See your vision in living, moving color. If doubts or negative images start to crowd in, immediately let them go, and again focus on your positive imagery.

■ Enlist the help of a special friend, confidant or counselor who believes in your vision and will support your year-long commitment to it. Perhaps he or she might check in with you once a week or so, to see how you are doing and to encourage you.

■ Don't dwell on problems, but do prepare for potential obstacles. Think ahead and name obstacles you are likely to meet in reaching your target goal. Plan ways to go around or under or over these barriers. When we are prepared for obstacles, we can more easily avoid them, or nip them in the bud.

■ Stay flexible as you move toward your target vision. As appropriate, update your vision map. Remain true to your purpose, while allowing for new information and changing circumstances.

Along with Martin Luther King, we each must quietly, receptively search our souls until we can say, "I have a dream." Your dream is your inner, visionary call to adventure. A part of your dream is captured in your vision map. As a gift to yourself and to your world, bring your vision map to life. What a wonderful way to say thanks for the invaluable gift of time that this coming year will bring.

## Yesterdays

10, the number of stills destroyed or confiscated during December by the Sheriff's office, it was said here Monday...The committee formed to administer relief funds and clothing apportioned to Floyd County by the Hazard committee handling contributions resulting from a recent television program was scheduled to meet here, Wednesday afternoon...Gov. Bert Combs has announced that more than \$290,000 in surplus funds will be returned to Kentucky local government units in 1963...W. J. May Sr., president of The Bank Josephine, concluded, on Dec. 7, the 50th year of his service at Floyd county's oldest banking institution and was honored by employees and friends who gave a party to mark the event...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice M. Minix, II, a son, December 24, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; to Mr. and Mrs. William Baker Burke, of Ashland, a son, December 30, at King's Daughters' Hospital, Ashland...There died: Jarvey Newsome, 65, Dec. 22, at his home at Ligon; Mrs. Effie L. Sprinkle, formerly of Prestonsburg, Dec. 11, at Richmond, Virginia; Edward Gravely, 70, of brother of Mrs. Ethel G. Heinze and Mrs. Rachel Starr, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Wallingford, Ct.; Mrs. Polly Keens, 82, of Langley, December 24, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Reccie Wilson, 72, Dec. 20, at her home at Justell; Troy Caudill, 49, Dec. 16 at his home at Melvin; Millard Caudill, 60, formerly of McDowell, last Thursday, at Ashtabula, Ohio; Thomas A. Alley, 71, Dec. 26, at his home near Water Gap; Jake Stanley, 56, Dec. 23, at his home at Garrett; James Curtis Blair, 49, of Wheelwright, December 20.

## Fifty Years Ago

(January 1, 1953)

The Floyd County Times, this week, launched a drive for deepening of Dewey Lake...The Lakeview Restaurant at Brandy Keg dock on Dewey Lake was destroyed by fire, New Year's morning, at an estimated loss of \$15,000...Five were arrested in the Tuesday night dynamiting of the home of Day Hall on Jack's Creek...Ed Salisbury, 39, formerly off Hunter, died in an auto wreck near Madina, Ohio, December 20...A near-

miracle is ascribed to the operation which, shortly before Christmas, restored sight to the cataract-blinded eyes of 82-year-old Malcolm Harris, of Prestonsburg...There died: Geneva Motley, 31, at Miami, Florida, December 18; Miss Minnie Jane Bush, 82, Christmas Day at her home on Toler Creek; Mrs. Alice Mitchell, 83, at her home at Teaberry, December 30; Mrs. Jane Hall Isaacs, 75, here, December 23.

## Sixty Years Ago

(January 7, 1943)

A probe was being made into the death of Arthur Thomas "Red" Craft, 21, whose body was found, Tuesday morning, at The Tavern, a roadhouse at which he was employed...If you haven't registered for Ration Book No. 1 (your sugar-and-coffee book), you have only until January 15 to do so, the Floyd County War Price and Rationing Board announced this week...Esther Raines, 28, was killed by electrocution December 30, at Weeksbury...Samuel, one of the five Hicks brothers in the armed forces, is reported wounded in sea action. He is a boatswain's mate, second class...A letter from Capt. John Calvin Hopkins, who was wounded in the New Guinea fighting, indicates that he is recovering...Eighty-one Floyd County selectees will leave for possible army induction next Wednesday...Married: Miss Virginia Burchett, of Suffolk, Virginia, and Mr. Edmund Herschell Tackett, of Prestonsburg, here on Christmas Eve...There died: Mrs. Julia Mayo May, wife of Congressman A. J. May, here recently; Mrs. Mary Calliahan Rose, 32, at her home here, December 23; "Uncle" Jim Salyers, 78, at his home near Glo, Saturday; Mrs. Green M. Mosely, 37, of Dony, Wednesday, at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Elizabeth Triplett, 39, of Wheelwright, December 28, at a Smalley hospital; Mrs. Susan Terry, 81, at Lackey, December 31; Steve Patrick, 73, December 29, at his home at Tram; Mrs. Oma Francis Stratton Adams, 75, at her home at Boldman, December 20; Mrs. Grace Keathley, 36, of Harold, December 26, at a Paintsville hospital; the Rev. J. E. (Jonce) Risner, about 80, December 24, at Myrtle; Imalee Evans, 18, of Wayland, December 22, at Norfolk, Virginia.

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Prestonsburg seniors celebrated the opening of a new center designed with their needs in mind.

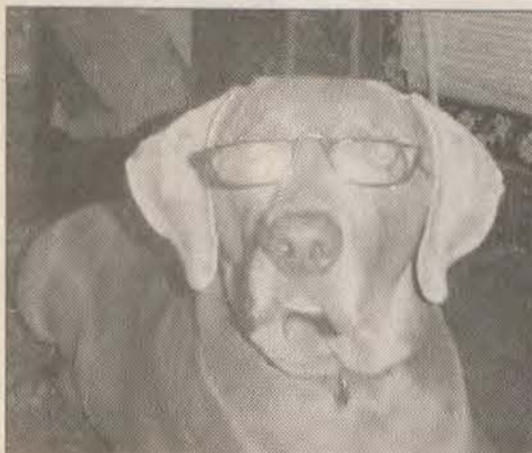


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People from all around began sending in their favorite pet photos to grace Dr. Carol Combs-Morris' "Critter Corner" column.



Kids enjoyed making "milk mustaches" at Wal-Mart's "Got Milk" Kid's Day activity.

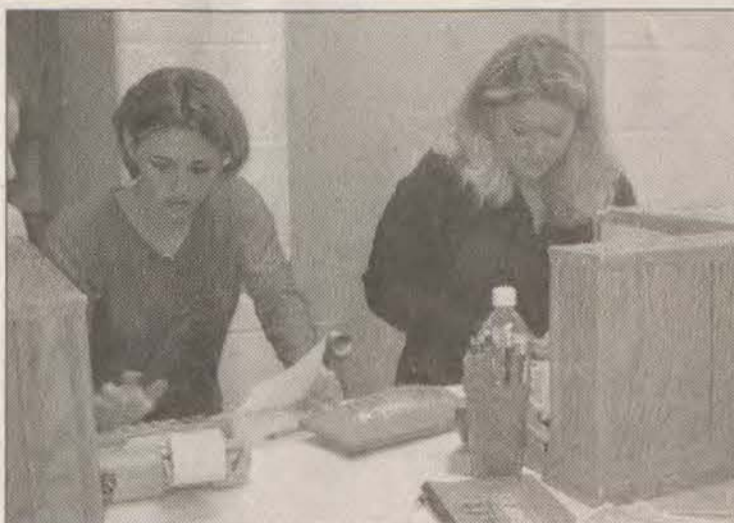


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Students at Allen Central High School learned what it takes to keep a bank up and running by operating their own bank on the school's campus.



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"The Garfields" attended the dedication ceremonies of the Middle Creek National Battlefield site.

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The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky finished up the year in style with a Christmas banquet that would make any child's dream come true.

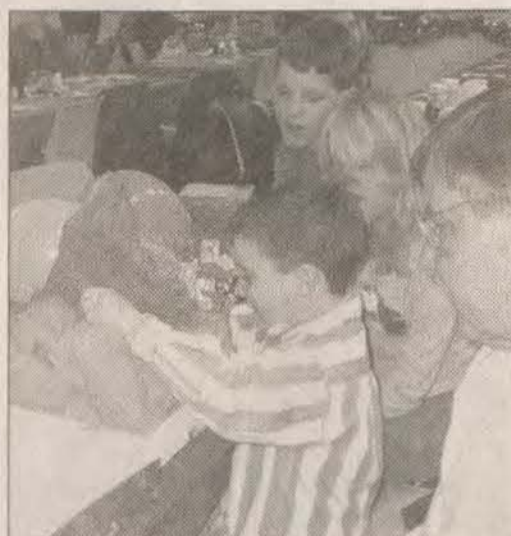


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The Spay and Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg (SNOOP) held their first annual "Pet Photo" contest. Look for this event to be repeated in 2003.



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Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Big Sandy celebrated their good works on July 4th with a street party, refreshments and song.

Korner

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extraterrestrial race. Somebody, quick, pinch me, I cannot be hearing, let alone seeing, this garbage!

To clone a sheep was cruel, horrid and unimaginable. The thought of doing so to a human, all I can do is shake my head in disbelief.

This Raelian group says that this extraterrestrial race whose name, Elohim, is found in the Hebrew Bible and was mistranslated as the word "God." The Raelian Movement also claims that Jesus was resurrected

through an advanced cloning technique performed by Elohim. Lord, help these people, and help them quick!

Online reports state that Clonaid scientists are now working on the next generation of clone babies, which will include for the first time as well, clones of people carrying the HIV virus, stating, "Thanks to human cloning, people with AIDS will be able to have children of their own genetic offspring without taking the risk of passing on the disease to their children." I cannot describe in words the depth this latest move of what I consider nothing less than evil designed to kill, steal and destroy what God has created.

God! ... God alone, is our creator! And how I pray for those who think otherwise!

Genesis 1:27 - "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them." Pray and pray hard. 'Til next week.

Critter

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approach. With a simple old-fashioned telephone call the next morning, Pat was able to find out from his friend that the Pikeville Fire Department might be able to help. Prestonsburg would be standing by for more assistance if they were needed.

Within hours, Pikeville had received special permission to bring over a sophisticated video camera on a long cable, designed for work in just this type of situation. A trained human rescue team was soon on site, and the camera was lowered what turned out to be forty-five feet into the earth. To everyone's surprise, "Pistol," the dog, was soon spotted walking nearby, apparently unharmed. A loop of rope was

lowered in front of the camera. In yet another display of divine intervention, the Beagle promptly walked over, stuck his head into the loop, and stood there long enough to be snared and quickly lifted from the hole. Although the pressure of the rope had obstructed his airway, it took only a few seconds for him to recover from this.

We were startled at the clinic when a crowd of men - hunters, rescue workers and onlookers - burst through the door yelling, "He's Out! He's Out!" They were carrying a bedraggled and muddy Beagle, who seemed to be taking the whole thing in stride. In fact, Pistol was the least upset of any of us. While the crowd of peo-

ple shouted, cried, slapped each other on the back, snapped pictures and thanked each other for their help, the dog tolerated some IV fluids and a shot of steroids, and busily buried his head in a dish of Alpo.

During another over-commercialized Christmas season, as we listen to reports of crime and terror on television, wars and rumors of war, a group of strangers in Eastern Kentucky stopped what they were doing, and came to the aid of a little dog that had no chance. It renews our hope for the human race; the possibility that we can accomplish other things which conventional wisdom says cannot be done. God bless every one of you who played a part in this miracle.

Online

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one needing assistance with holding a school science fair.

"We can't actually conduct school science fairs, nor can we offer any financial assistance, but we can offer advice," said Neeley. "Start preparations early. If you haven't started planning, do it now. Form a committee of at least three to five people, and include a teacher. Teachers are an important component of the school science fair but volunteers need to take a leadership role. To take the load off the teachers, volunteers, PTO, or resource center staff should conduct the science fairs, if at all possible. A parent or teacher or anybody who wants a school science fair and wants to work for it can send their school winners on to the regional competition," she said.

Neeley continued, "Next, set a date for the event. Establish criteria. With the teacher's assistance, organizers need to determine the grade levels that will participate and whether student participation in the competition will be mandatory or voluntary. You need to get that information into the teachers' hands as soon as possible so they can get started on the projects."

reserve it, whether it is the school gymnasium or an off campus site. Compile a list of potential judges and send out letters of invitation. Someone with a science background would be preferable. To assist the judges, organizers may want to use the Center's judging form, which will be available on our website: www.wedo-science.org.

Determine awards and seek sponsorship. You can ask the PTO, the site-based council, the resource center, local businesses or community organizations to help sponsor the competition.

"The best advice I can give is to have fun," Neeley said.

Neeley emphasized that projects must be experiments, not models if participants want to compete on the regional level. The regional fair is based on the scientific method (research) and not on demonstrations or models.

She also suggested that schools open their science fairs for public viewing and publicize the event.

"That's a good way to generate excitement about science to other students and to parents. Publish the event in newspapers and on television and radio sta-

tions. Invite the press. If they can't come, take photos and then submit them to the press with a news release."

The Center's Science Fair booklet contains additional information about conducting a school science fair and guidelines for competing projects. Hard copies of the informational booklet are available through the mail by contacting Pauletta Burke at the East Kentucky Science Center at (606) 889-0303 or by email at eky-science@setel.com.

The EKSC Regional Science Fair is open to students who are first-place winners in their school science fairs in the following counties: Breathitt, Elliott, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, and Wolfe counties.

The East Kentucky Science Center is based in Prestonsburg and is a private, non-profit education organization providing outreach education to Kentucky Education Service Center regions 7 and 8. The Center will open a new facility late in 2003 that will house a planetarium, exhibit hall, science classroom and gift shop.

Anniversary

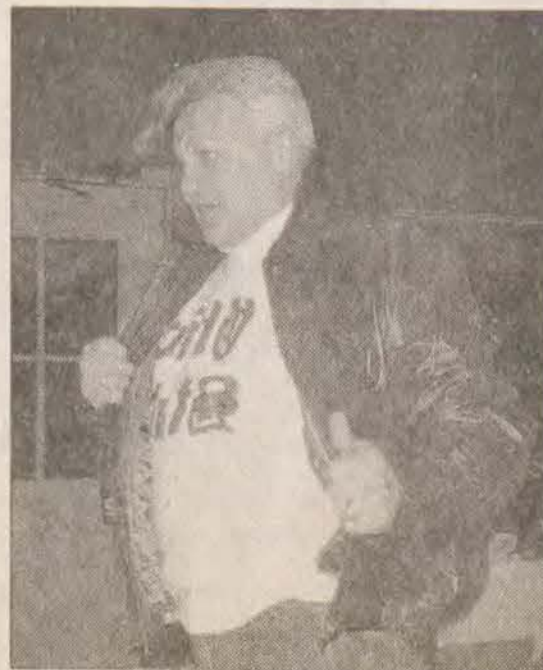


Couple celebrate first anniversary

Ronald and Angel Garrett celebrated their first wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 22, 2002. The couple were united in marriage one year ago on this date by Bro. Gordon Fitch, of the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church. Angel is the daughter of William and Gerlene Stephens, of Cow Creek. Ronald is the son of Roger and Janie Garrett, of Calf Creek. The couple now reside in Louisville.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Rod Collins, Times publisher, got a new black leather bomber jacket from Santa. Hey, Rod, what's the angle?



Oak

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Remember, "y'all" is singular. "All y'all" is plural. "All y'alls" is plural possessive.

If you hear a Southerner exclaim, "Hey, Y'all, watch this!" stay out of the way. These are likely the last words he will ever say.

Most Southerners do not use turn signals, and they ignore those who do. In fact, if you see a signal blinking on a car with a southern license plate, you may rest assured that it was on, when the car was purchased.

If there is the prediction of the slightest chance of even the tiniest accumulation of snow, your presence is required at the local grocery store. It does not matter if you need anything from the store, it is just something you're supposed to do.

You can ask a southerner for directions, but unless you already know the positions of key hills, trees and rocks, you're better off trying to find it yourself.

The first southern expression to creep into the transplanted northerner's vocabulary is the adjective, "big ol.'" as in "big ol' truck" or "big ol' boy."

People walk slower here. Don't be worried that you don't understand anyone. They don't understand you either.

Since I'm convinced that a good laugh is so important, I think the only New Year's resolution I'll make, is to laugh more.

Wish me luck.



# Business/Professions

## Four Tips for Starting Safe Weight Loss

It is no surprise that weight is an American obsession. Ironically, the more we struggle to be thin, the more overweight we are.

In fact, research by the Weight-control Information Network, a service of the

National Institutes of Health, states that approximately one in four adult Americans is obese. In addition, during any given year, more than half of Americans go on some type of weight loss diet.

While most people know it is unhealthy to carry extra pounds,

what many don't realize is the extra weight that is placed on weight bearing joints.

According to the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, studies have shown that women who lose an average of 11 pounds reduce the development of arthritis in their knees.

Whether you decide to lose weight through a structured program or by following a dieting self-help book, osteopathic physicians believe that safe and effective weight loss can be achieved by following these simple guidelines:

■ Consult your doctor. If you plan to lose more than 15 pounds to 20 pounds, have any health problems, or take medication on a regular basis, your doctor should evaluate you before beginning a weight loss program.

■ The weight loss program should be slow and steady. Expect to lose approximately one pound to two pounds per week.

■ The diet should be safe. It should include all of the Recommended Daily Allowances for vitamins, minerals and proteins, and should be low in calories only.

■ Think about plans for weight maintenance. Weight maintenance is the most difficult part of controlling weight and is

typically not consistently implemented in weight loss programs. However you decide to approach weight loss, whether through a structured program or simply counting calories and exercising, it should include changing your dietary habits and your level of physical activity.

Doctors of osteopathic medi-

cine (D.O.s) are fully licensed physicians able to prescribe medication and perform surgery. They treat people, not just symptoms.

To learn more about D.O.s and osteopathic medicine, visit the American Osteopathic Association at [www.aoa-net.org](http://www.aoa-net.org) or call 1-800-621-1773.

## Get the Most Value Out of Your Windows

In today's economy, it is important to get real value for your money, especially when it comes to your home improvements - and windows are no exception.

Consider these tips to help you get the most out of existing windows or make the right choices when buying new ones:

■ Identify your needs. Window needs vary for reasons ranging from climate concerns to architectural style. Consider your needs carefully and consult a window representative for more

information. Be sure to look for the Energy Star label, which ensures that windows have passed rigorous tests for energy efficiency and performance.

■ Try a replacement kit. Replacing the glass and sash (the moving part) can solve many common problems, like hard to open sashes, drafts or rattling. Some wood window manufacturers make double-hung sash replacement kits, such as the Norco SashPack or Caradco ZapPack, which are cost-effective, quick to install and provide all the benefits of a new window.

■ Apply window coatings. You can have special films applied to your windows to enhance energy-efficiency. When making your selection, consider low-emissivity films rather than tinted films. Low-emissivity coatings block heat - keeping it inside in the winter and outside during the summer - and don't spoil your view. If you are buying new windows, be sure to look for this special coating.

■ Add more layers. Window treatments can add extra layers that will lessen heating and cooling costs. The more layers, the better. (This is why double and triple glazing is so energy efficient - the more layers of glass and insulated air spaces, the less heat and cold can pass through.) Consider buying thermal window

shades, but make sure they have a high R-value (the resistance a window has to thermal transfer or heat flow). The higher the R-value, the less heat will be lost.

If you are looking into new or replacement windows, visit [www.doors-windows.com](http://www.doors-windows.com), where you'll find a whole range of styles and materials to choose from. For a full-color brochure from Caradco or Norco, call 1-800-877-9482, Ext. CANO.



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## Kentucky Employment Services will continue to accept applications

FRANKFORT — Extended federal unemployment benefits are scheduled to end Dec. 28, but the Kentucky Department for Employment Services will continue to take applications in anticipation of possible

Congressional action in early January.

Unemployed workers who have exhausted their 26 weeks of unemployment benefits have generally been eligible for up to

13 weeks of extended benefits, officially known as Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (TEUC). President George W. Bush has appealed to Congress to reauthorize the TEUC benefit program when Congress reconvenes on Jan. 7.

Department for Employment Services Commissioner James F. Thompson said that continuing to take applications will minimize any potential delay in payments should Congress extend the program retroactively to Dec. 29.


"We want to be prepared so that Kentuckians who need this assistance will have little or no interruption in their benefits if Congress reauthorizes the extended benefits," said Thompson.

Nearly 18,000 Kentuckians potentially could be affected by the termination of TEUC.


The Department for Employment Services is an agency of the Cabinet for Workforce Development.




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**LOTS & LAND FOR SALE**

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## U.S. GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2003 AT 2:00 P.M.

AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY  
HOUSE AND LOT LOCATED AT  
197 ROSE DRIVE - PRESTONSBURG  
IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY



This is a three bedroom vinyl siding home on public water and individual sewer. It is well located in a quiet neighborhood. It consists of a living room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, and a laundry nook. This property is considered suitable for the Rural Development Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$30,150.00.

Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, January 9, 2003, at 2:00 pm., at the property site, at 197 Rose Drive, Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$53,461.83 principal, together with interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$11,650.26, plus interest in the amount of \$8,116.00 as of June 21, 2002, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$915180 per day from June 21, 2002, until the date of Judgment, plus interest on the Judgment amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 1.81%, computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 02-62 on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on August 28, 2002, in the case of United States of America vs. Luther Johnson, Stanford & Associates, L.L.C., and M.Neil Price, Jr. d/b/a Price Business Services, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

A certain tract or parcel of land located on Big Branch of Abbott Creek off the new U.S. Rt. No. 23, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 24" buckeye tree; Thence N 29 08' E 145.04 feet to the center of a water well; Thence N 29 08' E 7.00 feet to a stake on the edge of the county road; Thence S 64 01' E 60.87 feet to a stake on the edge of the county road; Thence S 78 19' W 48.69 feet to a persimmon tree; Thence S 52 17' E 39.12 feet to an apple tree; Thence S 56 41' E 78.45 feet to an elm tree; Thence S 07 56' E 20.53 feet to a mulberry tree; Thence S 19 25' W 136.78 to a 30" buckeye tree; Thence S 32 28' W 30.45 feet to an elm tree; Thence S 70 54' W 70.34 feet to a twin buckeye tree; Thence N 31 37' W 120.91 feet to a stake; Thence N 51 40' W 108.32 feet to the point of beginning. This description was taken from a survey dated May 26, 1973.

Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated November 23, 1993, recorded in Deed Book 372, Page No. 418, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of 1.81% per annum until paid, due and payable in thirty (30) days following the date of sale. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U. S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

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Inquiries should be directed to:  
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**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 01-CI-00423 FAMILY BANK, FSB PLAINTIFF**

**VS. MARGIE MAYNARD, MICHAEL VANASCO, AND BRENDA COLLINS VANASCO DEFENDANTS**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Partial Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 15th day of July, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$13,761.33, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 9th day of January, 2003, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake at the line of William McKenzie; thence in a easterly direction approximately 80 feet to a stake; thence in a southerly direction in a straight line approximately 160 feet to a stake and the property line of Sam George; thence in a westerly direction approximately 80 feet in a straight line to a stake at the line of William McKenzie; thence in a northerly direction with the line of William McKenzie approximately 160 feet to the stake at the beginning, being a lot approximately 80 x 100 feet.

Being the same property conveyed to Brenda Collins Vanasco by Margie Maynard, by deed dated February 14, 2000, and recorded in Deed Book 444, Page 435, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
 (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

**PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:**  
 Hon. George K. Wells  
 P.O. Box 1285  
 Paintsville, Kentucky 41240

**WILLIAM S. KENDRICK**  
 Master Commissioner  
 P. O. Box 268  
 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653  
 (606) 886-2812

**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 01-CI-01178 BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOUSING TRUST X C/O FIRST NATIONAL MORTGAGE PLAINTIFF**

**VS. WOODY E. BURCHETT, KATHY BURCHETT, COMMUNITY TRUST BANK FKA PIKEVILLE NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY AND COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 21st day of November, 2002 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$18,049.54, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 9th day of January,

2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate located at 220 Westminister Street, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:  
 Beginning at an iron stake in the middle of the drain approximately 75 feet SSW of the Prestonsburg Water Storage Tank; thence in a southern direction in a straight line a distance of 113 feet to an iron stake; thence an easterly direction in the straight line up the hill for a distance of 144 feet to an iron stake; thence a northerly direction in a straight line a distance of 111 feet to an iron stake in the center of the drain thence with the center of said drain down the hill to the place of beginning, same being a distance of 136 feet down the drain.

Being the same property conveyed by the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs to Woody E. Burchett and Kathy Burchett, his wife, by deed dated April 29, 1991, and recorded in Deed Book 346, Page 702, in the records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2002, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and

payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

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**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.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is a Notice of a Divorce complaint being commenced against Ronald Gillis Goodson, by Plaintiff Angela Jean Goodson, in Forsyth County, North Carolina, in the General Court of Justice District Court Division with file#02 CVD 5751.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Tex Mitchell, 42 Mitchell Drive, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 1.6 mile southwest of the community of Harold on Route 979, on Mud Creek, in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Division of Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

**FRASURE CREEK MINING LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Vance Quick Mart, P.O. Box 309, Kentucky Route 122,

Hi Hat, Kentucky 41636, hereby declares intention(s) to apply for an Alcohol License, no later than January 1, 2003. The business to be licensed will be

located at Kentucky Route 122. Hi Hat Kentucky 41636, doing business as Vance Quick Mart. The owner is as follows: Janet Vance, P.O. Box 309, Hi Hat,

Kentucky, 41636. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license, by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage

Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Suite A-2, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

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