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### briefs

## Board ups standards for school guests

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

In response to the recent discovery that a convicted sexual offender had been a guest instructor in an arts program conducted in October in two Floyd County elementary schools, the members of the Floyd County Board of Education voted this week to approve a new policy that will implement additional safeguards when guest speakers visit district schools to present educational programs.

According to the new policy, guest speakers will not be allowed to appear in any school or participate in any school activity if they have been convicted of any of the following:

- Any sex-related offense
- Any offense against minors
- Any felony offense against any persons
- Any drug-related offense
- Any deadly weapon-related offense

The policy further provides that 30 days prior to the appearance of the guest presenter, the principal

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##### Today



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##### Thursday



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# Wayland sewer project nears start date

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND — Wayland's sewer woes may soon be over, according to Mayor Tom Murphy, who said during an interview Monday that he's signed all necessary paperwork in order to finalize funding

totaling an estimated \$3.5 million to upgrade the city sewer system.

According to Murphy, the city, which has never had a sewage system, has worked to obtain the necessary appropriations for the project since 1995. Homeowners and businesses in the city currently use individual septic systems and

holding tank systems.

With necessary paperwork completed, Murphy said, construction should begin at the first of the year.

"A lot of people said they didn't think they'd live to see it," said Murphy. "But it looks like it will be started after the first of the year."

According to Betsy Carroll with the marketing and project development department for Summit Engineering, Wayland is now waiting on approval for \$1 million in funds from a federal grant and another \$227,000 in funds from the

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Chris Sherman, 10, son of William Powers, of Martin, was one of the 22 children who visited with Santa during the Christmas with a Cop program hosted by the Martin Police Department and the Martin Housing Authority.

photo by Mary Music

## Martin cops help kids celebrate Christmas

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Several low-income families in Martin will have a brighter Christmas after the first annual Martin City Police Christmas with a Cop was held Sunday at the Martin Community Center.

According to Chief James Slone, the city received more than \$5,000 in donations from area businesses and residents which

were used to provide gifts for 22 children in the city, all of whom are residents at the Martin Housing Authority.

The children who participated received new bicycles, clothes, undergarments, coats, Nike shoes, CD players and toys, and were treated to a turkey and ham dinner catered by the Martin Senior Citizens Center.

During the program, children were "sworn in" by Chief Slone as deputy officers, chatted with

"Santa," and received an ice cream from Dairy Queen in Martin. Families also took home food baskets with everything needed to prepare Christmas dinner.

"Martin don't really get that much attention, but it's a good, close-knit little town," said Kimberly Artrip, whose three children — Megan, 9, Kristen, 10, and Zachary, 12 — participated

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## Big Brothers chapter plans to re-emerge

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The president of the board of directors of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Big Sandy says that, although the office has closed, the shutdown is only temporary and that the time will be used for reorganization.

Barry Adkins said Monday the office had closed, but that the agency may be able to open its doors again, depending on the amount of community involvement that can be generated.

"We are reorganizing but there is a good chance we will not open back up, and this is a

program that has a whole lot to offer a lot of kids," Adkins said. "Because of the fact that it costs a lot, we've not been able to keep it going."

Adkins said that the national organization requires that each affiliate group pay its overall staff a minimum of between \$80,000 and \$100,000. This figure is included in the budget and must be met, Adkins says.

"To meet that figure, we have to raise a lot of money," the board president said. "We've had a lot of support, but we just have to have more of it and we have to have more

(See SHUTDOWN, page three)

## Illness scratches school once again

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County students will not return to the classroom until after the new year, the school board superintendent said Tuesday.

Floyd Schools Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning said Tuesday that classes throughout the county had been canceled until Jan. 5,

when students will return from Christmas break.

The move came after classes resumed Monday and still reflected poor student, faculty and staff attendance due to illness, said Fanning.

Students had just returned Monday from a weekend and three days of canceled classes

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## Board member criticizes 'vanilla' attendance report

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

HI HAT — The Floyd County Board of Education met in regular session Monday evening at South Floyd High School, the last regularly scheduled meeting of the year. Adam Taylor, South Floyd High School student, sat with board members as student representative to the board.

As discussion regarding the approval of board consent items got underway, board member Mickey McGuire again voted no as to the approval to pay a bill submitted by board attorney Mike

Schmitt. McGuire told the board that since he was not allowed to see a detailed account of Schmitt's billing that he could not know whether or not Schmitt's claims were "fair and reasonable" and therefore could not cast a vote to approve payment. In previous meetings, McGuire had alleged that Schmitt's claims for legal services were excessive.

Later in the meeting, McGuire also made his dissatisfaction known in regard to a report presented by Director of Instruction Kerry Fanning, calling the report "the poorest, most vanilla report" he had ever seen.

Fanning had presented a report on school monitoring visits that he termed as "positive" and exhibiting "team efforts" by the individual schools.

McGuire said the reports were "generic," contained "no definable numbers," and could be applied generically to "any school district, anywhere." He said that the reports were not set up to show progress at later dates or to place accountability on specific people or departments.

"We could get this same report every year for the next hundred

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Adam Taylor, South Floyd High School student board representative, seated far right, said Monday evening that he feels that "apathy was a big problem" in area schools. "Maybe if we work on the apathy, test scores will go up," he said. Taylor is a member of the SFHS football team, student council and the "Partners in Proficiency" program. Seated at the board table with Taylor are board member Mickey McGuire, left, and board attorney Mike Schmitt, center.

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■ **ORLANDO, Fla.** — Released from prison, Ronald A. Mahner's first mistake was driving back to get his stuff. Mahner returned to the Seminole County Jail to reclaim his personal property four days after being released. He had served a sentence for drunken driving, auto theft and habitually driving with a suspended or revoked license. When asked to provide identification, Mahner handed a sheriff's deputy his license, which after routine computer check was found to have been revoked for life. Deputy Teri Cresswell couldn't prove Mahner was doing anything illegal without seeing him behind the wheel, so she told him to drive to the back

parking lot. Mahner took the car around back, parked in a fire lane and went inside to claim his clothing, shampoo, dart board and battery charger. Ann Mallory, a manager in the Forensic Services Section, called in a computer check of the car's tag and found it had been reported stolen the same day Mahner was released from jail. Mahner was handcuffed and arrested Monday, just as he was about to drive away.

■ **BOCA RATON, Fla.** — A bad case of the munchies during finals week has landed four first-year students in handcuffs. Four 18-year-old women at Florida Atlantic University had

been studying into the early morning hours when they decided to take some cereal, fruit and other snacks worth about \$25 from the University Center Marketplace kitchen, according to a police report. Spotted by a maintenance worker who called campus police, the four were handcuffed and taken to the Palm Beach County Jail, where they were held for the rest of the night. "Burglary is entering and remaining in a place with the intent to commit a crime," campus police spokesman Chuck Aurin said. "They broke the law." Dean of Students Leslie Bates said the criminal charges for the Nov. 25 cafeteria raid is a

first on campus. The state attorney's office has 30 days to decide whether to proceed with the case. The university is making the four students spend 20 hours helping the food service employees as part of their punishment. "It will be during the 'prime time' of the cafeteria," said Kaitlin Sjostedt, one of those arrested. "It's cruel and unusual punishment."

■ **BRIDGEWATER, Mass.** — Mike Hill was out on a hunting trip when he got stuck in the muck. His would-be rescuers had similar luck.

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**Today's Highlight in History:**

One hundred years ago, on Dec. 17, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, went on the first successful manned-powered airplane flights, near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, using their experimental craft, the Wright Flyer. (They made four short flights with the Flyer before an ocean gust lifted and badly damaged the plane.)

**On this date:**

- In 1777, France recognized American independence.
- In 1830, South American patriot Simon Bolivar died in Colombia.
- In 1933, in the first world championship football game, the Chicago Bears defeated the New York Giants, 23-21.
- In 1939, the German pocket battleship Graf Spee was scuttled by its crew, ending the World War II Battle of the River Plate off Uruguay.
- In 1944, the U.S. Army announced it was ending its policy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast.
- In 1957, the United States successfully test-fired the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time.
- In 1975, Lynette Fromme was sentenced in federal court in Sacramento, Calif., to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Ford.
- In 1981, members of the Red Brigades kidnapped Brigadier General James L. Dozier, the highest-ranking U.S. Army official in southern Europe, from his home in

Verona, Italy. (Dozier was rescued 42 days later.)

- In 1986, Eugene Hasenfus, the American convicted by Nicaragua for his part in running guns to the Contras, was pardoned, then released.
- In 1992, President George H.W. Bush, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari signed the North American Free Trade Agreement in separate ceremonies.

**Ten years ago:**

Fox Television outbid CBS for the National Football Conference TV package. So-called "suicide doctor" Jack Kevorkian was released from jail in Oakland County, Mich., after promising not to help anyone end their lives for the time being.

**Five years ago:**

The United States hit Iraq with a second wave of punishing airstrikes. Republicans advanced the impeachment case against President Clinton to the House floor for a debate the following day. House Speaker-designate Bob Livingston shocked fellow Republicans by admitting he'd had extramarital affairs.

**One year ago:**

Insurance and finance company Conseco Incorporated filed for Chapter Eleven protection in the third-largest bankruptcy in U.S.

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*If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two, to stop and say I love you, instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.*

*If I knew it would be the last time, I would be there to share your day. Well, I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away.*

*For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, And we always get a second chance, to make everything right.*

*There will always be another day to say our I love you's, And certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's?"*

*But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you, and I hope we never forget.*

*Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike, And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.*

*So, if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?*


*For, if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day.*

*That you didn't take that extra time, for a smile, a hug, or a kiss. And you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.*

*So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear, Tell them how much you love them, and that you'll always hold them dear.*

*Take time to say "I'm sorry, please forgive me," "thank you" or "it's okay."*

*And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.*



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# Left Beaver Rescue Squad gets support from Wayland

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND — Two members of the Left Beaver Civil Defense and Rescue Squad addressed the Wayland City Council Monday concerning the possibility that their service may be terminated within the city, along with their service to all of the Right Beaver area.

Danny Gullet, director of emergency medical services at the Left Beaver Rescue Squad,

told council members during the meeting that the squad has provided service to the Right Beaver area, which includes the city of Wayland, since 1978. Their right to render services, he said, is now challenged by the two other rescue services in Floyd County, Respond Ambulance and TranStar Ambulance Service.

Representatives from each of these businesses are scheduled to plead their case during a show cause hearing Jan. 9 in

Frankfort. The hearing is slated as a means to determine whether the Left Beaver Civil Defense and Rescue Squad is currently making runs that are not covered by its certificate of need.

Problems in the definition of Left Beaver Rescue Squad's certificate of need service area began in the 1990s, said Gullet, with the development of 911 services. According to him, "It all boils down to a money issue."

In a letter dated July 7, 1999,

John H. Gray, executive director of the Cabinet for Health Services, determined the geographical service area for the Left Beaver Rescue Squad as including Right Beaver to the Knott County line, but this statement has been challenged, said Gullet, by directors of the other ambulance services.

Gullet, who said that Left Beaver rescue workers have been looking for community support by working "door to door" in various neighborhoods, requested that the council participate by submitting a letter outlining its concerns and attending the hearing in January.

Council members voted in approval after Wayland Mayor Tom Murphy said it would be "crazy" to have to wait for an ambulance service to arrive from Prestonsburg during an emergency.

"What's the difference in 5 miles and 35 miles?" Mayor Tom Murphy questioned Gullet during the meeting Monday.

"It could be the difference between life and death," answered Gullet.

Gullet provided letters from Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, County Attorney Keith Bartley and representatives of fire departments in Wayland, Maytown and Garrett showing support of the rescue squad's ability to contin-

ue service to the area. In a letter regarding the issue addressed to Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, County Attorney Keith Bartley said that the question is not whether Left Beaver Rescue Squad is licensed to service all of Right Beaver. Instead, he writes, the

(See SUPPORT, page five)

## Christmas

Sunday. "People here work together to help people out. Anything you need, they'll help you do it. I'm so proud of them."

According to Mayor Thomasine Robinson, officers began organizing the program in mid-October, and have since spent several off-duty hours preparing it. Martin City police officers Will Holbrook and Brian Prater, who coordinated the program along with Rita C. Whicker of the Martin Housing Authority, said they worked until after 3 a.m. Saturday

completing finishing touches for the program on Sunday.

Noting that organizing and preparing the program was difficult to do while off duty, both Prater and Holbrook said that the reactions received from families made all the hard work worth it.

"When we took the letters to them yesterday, we saw everything from a tear to a laugh," he said. "It was unreal."

After eating lunch and receiving several gifts from Santa, the Martin Housing Authority transported the chil-

dren to Dairy Queen in Martin for ice cream. They returned to the community center to find 22 shiny new bicycles ready to be taken home. If they are going to be officers, said Holbrook, they would need something to ride.

"They did a real good job and I appreciate what they have done," said Chris Shermion, 10, son of William Powers. "It gives our parents a little break. Our parents keep working so hard, they need a little break this time of year."

Shermion, sporting a plastic badge he received after being "sworn in," said that he wants to be a police officer when he grows up so he can help people.

Business who donated were Dairy Queen, Giovanni's, Downtown Drug, Warco Land, Smoke Shack, Kenny's Florist, Messer's Department Store, Seasons Inn, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Jones and Pack, King Supply, Porter Tool World, Martin Prescription Center, Four Seasons, Ranger Contracting, Deguzman Clinic, East Coast Supply, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Robinson Contracting, Taylor Metal, Jacob's Citgo, Kinzer Drilling, Fire Pumps and Equipment, Perry Distributors, First Choice Auto, TranStar, Jan's Florist, Wal-Mart, First Guaranty Bank, Shriners, Piarist School, Vanover, Hall and Bartley, C&R office Supply, State Wide Press, Hall Funeral Home and Ebony and Ivory.

## Sewer

Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.

During an interview yesterday, Carroll said she is "hopeful" that funds will be in place by the end of January, and that she expects construction to begin following the receipt of these funds.

The project consists of a three- and five-year construction plan, which will extend sewer lines from the city of Wayland,

to a group of houses in Punkin Center near Wayland and to Estill Bottom.

"It's a good project and the city and the county have worked really hard for a number of years to make this a reality. So has the funding agency and Hal Rogers," said Carroll yesterday. "It's a joint collaboration effort by a lot of people and we're proud that it's just about to happen after all this time."

## Schools

due to what medical professionals are calling a respiratory and digestive virus that has held Floyd and surrounding counties in check for the past few weeks.

"We called school last week hoping there would be time for recovery and get some medical attention to deal with this virus, which they said was respiratory and digestive," Fanning said Tuesday. "We figured three days off and the weekend would have been time to recover, but when we came back yesterday (Monday) our attendance had increased only less than half a percent."

Figures from last week reflected an overall attendance in the county at just above 79 percent. Aside from student absences, schools have also reported faculty and staff out due to illness.

Fanning says the virus has now even sent home certain substitutes who have been standing in for sick teachers.

"We're still seeing several

employees sick, and even some of the substitutes," he said. "So we just said, given what we saw and what we traditionally project, we just go ahead and dismiss for the rest of the week and start back after the break."

Fanning said that, traditionally, attendance breaks off near the end of the week just before winter break, a trend that aided in his decision.

"When I made my decision yesterday, I emailed the surrounding school districts," Fanning said. "They emailed back and said their attendance was lower than us."

The low attendance was something that had financial ramifications on the school system, Fanning said, but, overall, he said he hopes this second cancellation will be enough time to help take care of the problem.

"Hopefully we'll have time to recover and have a pleasant holiday break and come back healthy."

## Policy

pal of each school must submit the presenter's name, date of birth, Social Security number and mailing address to the district coordinator for volunteerism for a complete background check as well as a search of the Kentucky State Police Sex Offender Registry. If a record of prior offenses is found, the presenter will not be allowed to enter the school.

Additionally, any special program considered for presentation in district schools will be fully evaluated for appropriateness, educational relevance and value to students, according to policy.

## Shutdown

people serve on our board of directors or it won't be going."

The agency currently has 15 active board members, according to Adkins. He hopes to see that number move to between 20 or 30 members before deadline, which he anticipates will be a matter of months.

"We're looking at two or three months before we'll have to make a decision," said Adkins. "After that, we'll have to settle it one way or another."

The local group, which has served more than 160 kids in its six-county area, raised approximately \$60,000 last year, a figure which Adkins says was impressive and much appreciated, but still fell short of the roughly \$80,000 needed to maintain national requirements.

"We have to have new people who are willing to serve on our board of directors, new people with new ideas and new energies," Adkins said. "I realize it's hard to give up their time, but it's took a lot of time and effort to get where we are. . . This is a program worth trying to salvage."

The local agency paid a \$5,000 application fee and

underwent a year-and-half-long process to gain national recognition enabling it to join, said Adkins.

Compounding requirement hurdles, the group also recently lost contracts with local schools, including a late agreement with Floyd County. Adkins said Floyd County had approached the board to start a program, but the offer came just as the agency was forced to let go of key employees and could not be accepted due to restrictions.

Adkins says that although finances and requirements are at the core of the agency's current problems, it is what lies at the heart that matters.

"The kids we're trying to reach are kids who can't go on Scouting trips, kids who have nobody to go on trips with them," said Adkins, who also wears the hat of a Cub Scout leader. "They're at the most risk of developing problems and the community has to recognize it's a hard thing to do. There's just no program that goes out to the kids' houses and works with just one child. It's a model that's difficult to get in place, but it's the one that has the best chances."

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# Viewpoint

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—H.L. Mencken

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Guest View

## Are we safer?

At his Monday press conference on the capture of Saddam Hussein, President George W. Bush repeatedly said he had a solemn duty to wage war on Iraq in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. "America is more secure as a result of his capture," Bush said.

There is no disagreement that the world is a better place with Saddam captured. But to Bush's assertion: What evidence is there that U.S. soil is safer today from the terrorist threat posed by 9-11 than it was last week while Saddam was in hiding?

The humiliating capture of Saddam could sap the will of the guerrillas attacking U.S. troops. But it is unclear whether these forces are fighting for Saddam or merely against U.S. occupation. Nor are Islamic extremists who poured into Iraq after the war likely to care about Saddam's capture. U.S. intelligence officials told reporters Monday that Saddam was too consumed with avoiding capture to have had much operational control over the guerrillas.

There still is no evidence linking Saddam to 9-11, no convincing evidence of a Saddam connection to al-Qaida, and no discoveries of the weapons of mass destruction that were offered as justification for the Iraqi invasion.

In fact, about the same time that the United States was announcing the good news about the capture of Saddam, the Pentagon was cutting back on the manpower assigned to find his alleged weapons of mass destruction.

But for Bush, the connection between the war on terrorism and the war in Iraq is an article of faith. As he explained at the press conference, in the wake of 9-11 "any time a president sees a gathering threat to the United States, we must deal with it." Saddam was a "unique threat" because he had used chemical weapons and because the United Nations recognized him as a threat in 17 resolutions.

For the moment, many Americans seem willing to buy this explanation; a quickie Gallup poll showed support for the war in Iraq returning to mid-summer levels of 62 percent. A majority of Americans are now confident that Bush will find weapons of mass destruction and two-thirds are confident he'll bring in Osama bin Laden and create a stable democracy in Iraq. A week ago, only 41 percent of the people thought the weapons or bin Laden would be found, and half doubted the likelihood of a stable democracy.

Creation of a stable democracy in Iraq might ultimately make the United States — and the rest of the globe — safer, if it can be accomplished without angering Muslims and providing bin Laden with more recruits. In the meantime, Saddam's capture is a boost for democracy- and morale-building. But despite the lives and dollars we have invested in this "transformative" event, success will be neither quick nor certain.

—The St. Louis Post-Dispatch



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## Sticks & Stones

### One down, one to go

We've captured Saddam. Well, I had little to do with it, but he's been captured anyway. Truth is, even though I'm relieved to have this guy in custody, I can't help but to keep thinking, "We've got the wrong man."

All of this began after Sept. 11, 2001. Somebody orchestrated a suicide plane-crash bombing of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. We were told that somebody was a lanky, olive-skinned man named Osama bin Laden.

I checked my television screen again and again Sunday morning. The wild-haired, bearded excuse for a dictator I kept seeing wasn't bin Laden. This dude wasn't exactly what your mom would

call a "keeper", but he wasn't enemy number one.

But this development has two upbeat notes. They are as follows:

1. Saddam Hussein has been arrested, a man responsible for countless acts of terrorism on his own people and others. Good job.

2. Now that Saddam is in captivity and will no longer be able to bully our fine president's "daddy" ever again, perhaps the government will now be forced to pay attention to the more tangible culprit who masterminded the event that got us into this mess in the first place.

Or maybe not.

Maybe Saddam's capture will be enough for the American people, most of whom believe bin Laden to be dead anyway.

In any case, it is not my intention to

take away from the enormous gravity of this event. No matter one's views on Iraq or our present administration, the fact remains that one of the key links to terrorism has been cuffed and will now be tried as a criminal.

Millions watched while they checked for lice and posed for a mugshot the same man who a little more than two years ago lounged in gold palaces at the expense of his people. I would be lying if I said that didn't give me a twinge of excitement.

My criticism is not of this event, but more in preparation for upcoming events. I can't help but think our nation's focus will now scatter even further from its original target.

Bin Laden remains at large. It is my fear that the satisfaction brought by Hussein's capture will enable the people to more easily forget this fact.



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## Letters

### Rescue squad needs support

Left Beaver Rescue Squad's Ambulance Service has served the Right Beaver area of Floyd County, specifically the communities of Wayland, Garrett, Hueysville, Eastern, Maytown and Martin, since it began operations in 1978. It is our hope and desire to continue to provide this life-saving service to this area.

Unfortunately, the owners of Respond and TranStar ambulance services are trying to stop Left Beaver Rescue Squad from providing ambulance service to the people of Right Beaver. The owners of these have been trying for several years to get Director John Gray, of the Certificate of Need Office in Frankfort, to say that Left Beaver Rescue Squad's is not licensed to cover the Right Beaver area.

This is simply not true! In a letter dated July 7, 1999, Director Gray stated clearly

that Left Beaver Rescue Squad is licensed to provide ambulance service to Right Beaver. Nevertheless, Respond and TranStar ambulance services have continued to try to persuade Director Gray by threatening his office with legal action if Director Gray did not hold a public hearing providing Respond and TranStar further avenues to stop Left Beaver Rescue Squad from providing ambulance service to Right Beaver.

Therefore, I am asking all concerned citizens to support Left Beaver Rescue Squad in this matter. The public can assist us by writing letters of support, testifying at the hearing, contacting county and state officials and by signing petitions.

Letters of support should be addressed to Director John Gray, Certificate of Need Office, Frankfort, KY 40601. The key subjects that need to be addressed in your letter are that Left Beaver Rescue Squad's ambulance service has served the Right Beaver area for a specific period of time and/or years that you can attest to, and most impor-

tantly what you feel the effects on you and the communities in question would be if the state's Certificate of Need Office prevented Left Beaver Rescue Squad from providing ambulance service to the people of Right Beaver.

If you have any questions regarding this matter and/or any other comments or suggestions, please contact my office. Further, all letters of support should be sent to the address on the letterhead, to the attention of Daniel P. Gullett.

Daniel P. Gullett  
EMS director  
Left Beaver Rescue Squad  
McDowell

### My night before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not one creature was stirring, not even my spouse.

Our pets were all bedded, off to dreamland they went,

not knowing what was coming, that "special event."

I was just thinking of what that first Christmas was like, that night of Christ's birth on a cold winter night.

When a light through my window shined so bright, it was truly amazing, a most beautiful sight.

Away to my window I went in a dash, pulled back the curtains and then up the sash.

When what to my water-filled eyes should appear, but a star in the north and a soft, sweet sound fell on my ear.

The moon was so soft, in that lighted sky. It brought such warmth and a love in my heart. Tears filled my eyes.

As if summoned, three angels appeared into view. They whispered so softly, "Come, pray, we need you."

They spoke no more, for I knew what to do. I got to my knees and said, "God, I love you!"

In silence my heart filled so full of love. Tears filled and flowed so warm and softly for my Jesus above.

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# Health Extra

## Data show improvements for children in last 10 years

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Although many remain in poverty, children in Kentucky are faring better than they did a decade ago, a survey found.

The latest analysis, prepared by Kentucky Youth Advocates, shows that Eastern Kentucky children continue to be the poorest. The survey of child well-being was based on state and federal statistics on factors such as health, education and economic status for more than one million children in the state.

The study, released

Monday, says the overall child-poverty rate decreased to 21 percent from 25 percent 10 years ago. But 7 percent of Kentucky's children live in extreme poverty — income less than \$8,350 per year for a family of four.

The study found the worst poverty in Eastern Kentucky.

Gerry Roll, executive director of Hazard-Perry County Community Ministries, said many of her clients work at low-wage jobs, run out of food between paychecks and can't afford child care.

"People literally are stuck in jobs that can't support a fami-

ly," Roll said. "I think we're doing a good job of running around in circles but I don't think we're getting anywhere."

Advocates for children warned that if an expected budget shortfall forces the state to cut services for poor families, children will suffer.

"We cannot afford to rest on our laurels now that the budget is tightening," said Debra Miller, executive director of Kentucky Youth Advocates.

The report's author, Tara Grieshop-Goodwin, said many counties improved in the last 10 years.

"The improvement was

really spread across the state," she said.

Among the changes over the decade:

- More Kentucky mothers received prenatal care, and more infants scored higher on an initial health screening immediately after birth.

- The state's infant-mortality rate declined to 7 percent from 10 percent.

- The percentage of births to teenage mothers declined to 15 percent from 17 percent.
- The percentage of students dropping out of high school dropped to 4 percent from 5 percent.

But the state worsened overall in several areas, including the number of babies born with low birth weights. And the percentage of babies born to unmarried mothers increased to 31 percent from 23 percent.

Pregnant women continue to smoke. Although the rate has declined four percentage points to 24 percent this year, Kentucky still has the highest rate in the country.

Some advocates say now that the state has succeeded in getting many families off welfare and into jobs under federal welfare-reform rules, the state must now improve education levels and poverty.

## Democrats seeking new leadership

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — A search is on for new leadership in the Kentucky Democratic Party, which finds itself in dramatically altered circumstances - out of power everywhere except the state House of Representatives.

Gone is the governorship. Gone is control of the Kentucky Senate. The only congressional seat held by a Democrat will be vacated by the incumbent in a year.

The staff at state Democratic

headquarters in Frankfort is down to three people. A financial audit is under way. Hirings have been put on hold until a new executive director is found.

But the party's dwindling circle of constitutional officeholders talk of an eventual return to power.

"I know people have been concerned about the status of this party," state Treasurer Jonathan Miller told a recent gathering of party workers in Lexington. "But the demise has been greatly exaggerated."

The party's interim chairman,

Steven R. Gold of Henderson, said the party is conducting a national search for an executive director who will be a "day-to-day CEO."

A new organizational scheme being considered would have the party chairman, traditionally a close ally of a Democratic governor, operating as a corporate board chairman.

It's part of an attempt to regroup from the November election, when Ernie Fletcher became the state's first Republican governor in 32 years, defeating Ben Chandler. Republicans also won the offices of secretary of state and agriculture commissioner.

Joetta Wickliffe, a Democratic National Committee member from Harrodsburg, said losing the governorship should shake Democrats from their complacency.

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### Support

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"question becomes whether or not Bill Dotson, 911 Coordinator, should be required to take all appropriate steps to ensure that the company with the quickest response time" is available to 911 dispatchers.

"I understand that this has been an ongoing battle for several years," Bartley wrote. "I am sure that revenue is the basis for any dispute. However, there can be no dispute that the citizens of Right Beaver are entitled to the quickest response time possible."

The Left Beaver Rescue Squad has a 10-minute response time in the Right Beaver area, he wrote.

The show cause hearing is slated for 9 a.m. at the Health Services Building Auditorium on Main Street in Frankfort.

In other news, the city council also:

- Organized details relating to its annual Christmas Celebration. The city is spending \$1,400 this year for the celebration. In addition to providing fruit baskets, candy and gifts donated through the Christian Appalachian Project, the city will give away 350 treat bags to needy families on Dec. 24. Gifts and food left over will be taken to the city's "shut-ins" following the celebration, said Murphy.

- Approved a motion to purchase between \$400 and \$500 worth of Christmas lights in the town for next year.

- Discussed the lighted wreaths within the city. This is the first time that Wayland has ever decorated the city with lighted wreaths. In order to save money, city council members said they made the wreaths themselves.

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# Obituaries

## Mabel Frasure Barton

Mabel Frasure Barton, age 79, of Prestonsburg, passed away, Saturday, December 13, 2003, at Highland Regional Medical Center at Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

She was born October 17, 1924, at Risner, a daughter of the late William and Julie (Ousley) Frasure. She was a pharmacy technician for Oak Town Pharmacy, in Oak Town, Indiana. She was a member of the Church of God at Arkansas Creek, at Martin.

She was married to James Barton, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by one son, Larry Ousley of Richmond; and one grandson, Jonathan Brannon Ousley of Louisville; two sisters: Goldie Ousley of Prestonsburg, and Alice Robinson of Martin.

She will be sadly missed by those she left behind, and those who so tenderly cared for her until the end.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Melvin Frasure.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 16, at 1 p.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, at Prestonsburg, with Rev. Roy Robertson officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, at Prestonsburg, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

## Dorothy Dixon Brown

Dorothy Dixon Brown, age 57, of Louisa, wife of Lloyd Brown, passed away, Monday, December 15, 2003, in the Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa.

She was born October 6, 1946, in Louisa, the daughter of the late Raymond Dixon and Mary Williamson Dixon. She was a member of the New Hope Pentecostal Church, at Ft. Gay, West Virginia, and a security guard.

Survivors include her husband, Lloyd; one son, Lloyd Brown Jr., of Louisa; three brothers: Bill Dixon, Ray Dixon and Raymond Dixon, all of Louisa; six sisters: Ruth Hinkle, Betty Wayland, Wanda Graves and Kay Preston, all of Louisa; Virginia Sue Steele of Chillicothe, Ohio; and Louise Roberts of Columbus, Ohio; two grandchildren, Ashley Nicole Brown and Lloyd Christopher Brown.

Funeral services for Dorothy Dixon Brown will be conducted Thursday, September 18, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Clergyman Roy Church officiating.

Burial will follow in the James Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is after 3 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

## Elmer Slone

Elmer Slone, age 75, of Salyersville, formerly of David, passed away, Friday, December 12, 2003, at his home, following an extended illness.

He was born March 5, 1928, at Pippa Passes, the son of the late Winston and Nancy (Huff) Slone.

He was the husband of Pauline Sawyer Slone, who survives, and the late Irene Hackworth Slone. He was a coal miner.

In addition to his second wife, he is survived by seven sons, Johnny Wayne Slone, and Glen Edward Slone, both of Martin, Winson Slone of Blue River, Elmer Dean Slone, and Palmer Lee Slone, both of David, Ronnie Slone, of Prestonsburg, and Malcom Slone of Middle Creek; four daughters: Shirley Mae Salyer of Alger, Ohio, Nancy Ann Slone of Blue River, Dottie Jean Allen of Middle Creek and Connie Grace Layne of Prestonsburg; two step-sons: James Ray Puckett and Lonnie Edward Puckett, both of Salyersville; three step-daughters: Judy Lynn Reed, Geraldine Puckett and Melinda Mae Spragus, all of Salyersville; one brother, Chad Slone; 24 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, eleven step-grandchildren, and six step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by one daughter: Helen Slone.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 15, at 11 a.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, at Prestonsburg, with Rev. Eugene Haney and Rev. John Patton officiating.

Burial was in the Slone Family Cemetery, at David, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home with an evening service on Sunday, December 14.

(Paid obituary)

## Robert Eugene Harris

Robert Eugene Harris, age 76, of Allen, passed away, Friday, December 12, 2003, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following an extended illness.

He was born March 20, 1927, at Emma, the son of the late James E. (Speed) and Helen (Herald) Harris. He was a retired construction worker, and owner of the R.E. Harris Excavating Co.; he was a Master Mason, a member of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, of Prestonsburg, and a W.W. II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy E. Burchett Harris.

Other survivors include two daughters: Ellen Harris, (wife of Jack Pack) of Prestonsburg, and Lisa Suzane Harris of Ashland; two brothers, John B. Harris of Louisville, and Taylor D. Harris of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren: Kristi Lyn Spears, DeLora Lynne Holbrook, Robert Boyd Holbrook, and Leah Suzanne Reynolds; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Paul J. Harris; and one sister, Nancy Florence Harris.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, December 20, at 2 p.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, at Prestonsburg, with Rev. David Garrett officiating.

A Masonic service will be held at 1:30 p.m., at the funeral home.

Friends may call after 12 noon, Saturday, at the funeral home.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Burke Funeral Home, of Prestonsburg.

(Paid obituary)

## Viola Crum

Viola Crum, 75, of Wayland, died Sunday, December 14, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born February 1, 1928, in Lackey, she was the daughter of the late Andy and Eva Hicks. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Linzie Crum.

Survivors include four sons: Vernon Ray Wood of Langley; Lindsey Crum Jr., of Garrett; Virgil Lynn Crum of Wayland; and Lewis Crum of Clarksville, Tennessee; three brothers: Virgil Hicks of Sturgis, Michigan; Vernon Hicks of Austin, Tennessee; and James Jacobs of Tennessee; four sisters: Vernie McKee of LaGrange, Indiana; Nancy Holbrook of Noblesville, Indiana; Marie Watson of Warren, Ohio; and Virginia Honaker of Richlands, Virginia; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, David Lee Crum; one brother, Vester Hicks; and one sister, Vivian Bradley.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 17, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with James Red Morris officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

## Audrey Hall

Audrey Hall, 80, of Buckingham, died Friday, December 12, 2003, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born January 18, 1923, in Buckingham, she was the daughter of the late Jeff and Liney Ellen Mullins Osborne. She was an Avon salesperson, and a member of the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church at Melvin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Burnis Hall.

Survivors include three sons: Vernon Hall of Van Lear, Hobert Lyn Hall of Mt. Sterling, and Jerry Wayne Hall of Ligon; two daughters: Sarah Simpson of Hager Hill, and Anne Lee Otis of Winchester; one sister, Nawonie Conley of Lexington; 14 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Luther Osborne, Leo Osborne and Lester Osborne; and two sisters: Beatrice Osborne and Marie Johnson.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 15, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, at Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home; and later, at the church.

(Paid obituary)

## Ressie Adams

Ressie Adams, age 84, passed away, peacefully at home in Grand Blanc, Mi., on 12/15/2003, after a short illness.

She was born in Wheelwright, Ky., on 7/11/1919, and was the youngest of 13 children. She married her husband, Ellis Adams in the late 1930's and traveled up to Michigan in the early 1950's. She worked as an auto worker for Chrysler until she retired in 1977. She loved to garden and make homemade crafts. Her favorite activity was entertaining large family gatherings, and serving her fine down-home southern cooking.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Billy and Darcus Johnson; 12 brothers and sisters; her husband, Ellis Adams; and daughter, Jessie Lee Eagle.

She is survived by her grandson and his wife, Brian and Elaine Reece of Grand Blanc, Michigan; granddaughter and husband, Cindy Lee and Michael Bower of Catlett, Virginia; son-in-law, Stan Eagle of Troy, Michigan; four great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren, countless nephews, nieces and family, that she considered precious.

Visitation will be at The Freewill Baptist Church in Wheelwright, on Thursday, 12/18/03, at 5 p.m., and all day Friday. A memorial service by Pastor Louis Ferrari will be held at the church, Saturday, 12/20/03 at 11 a.m., with burial afterwards at Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevensville, Ky.

The family would like to thank the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin; Freewill Baptist Church, of Wheelwright; and the wonderful support of Ressie's family, here in Ky.

(Paid obituary)

## Molly Allen Banks

Molly Allen Banks, age 90, of Hueysville, the widow of Stewart Banks, passed away, Saturday, December 13, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born October 24, 1913, at Hueysville, the daughter of the late Green "Dry Gourd" and Lizzie Gayheart Allen. She was a former employee of the Wayside Market, a rural healthcare worker, and a member of the Hueysville Church of Christ.

She is survived by one son, Jerry Banks of Hueysville; four daughters: Rita Nichols and Judy Anderson, both of Dema, Lana Martin of Hager Hill, and Sue Owens of Port Orange, Florida; 22 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Stewart Banks, she was preceded in death by one son, Donald Banks; and one daughter, Betty Lisk.

Funeral services for Mrs. Banks were conducted at 1 p.m., Monday, December 15, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Fred Klatka and Chester Varney officiating.

Burial was in the Allen Family Cemetery, at Hueysville, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Michael Banks, Patrick Banks, Larry James Hall, Paul Rice, Barrett Brock, and Brian Bowman. (Paid obituary)

## Davane Collins Jones

Davane Collins Jones, age 72, of Willard, Ohio, formerly of Wayland, the widow of Ola Jones, passed away, on Friday, December 12, 2003, at the Willard Healthcare Center, Willard, Ohio.

She was born September 3, 1931, at Carey, the daughter of the late Ernest and Sallie Wallen Collins. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by six sons: Ernest Jones of Printer, Bill Jones, Jim, Ola and Larry Jones, and Harrison Gibson, all of Willard, Ohio; eight daughters: Sally Hotelling, Mary McKinney, and Ola Ann Ellis, all of Wayland, Tessie Jones of Martin, Sharon Moore of Rockfork, Cordelia Gilmer of Rock Springs, Wyoming, Judy Sampson of Willard, Ohio, and Wanda Vantu of Newark, Ohio; two sisters: Maggie Watkins and Russell Caudill, both of Wayland; one brother: Clarence Collins of Norfolk, Virginia; 33 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters: Ruth Ann Collins, Callie Branham, and Katie Collins; and one brother, Curtis Williams Collins.

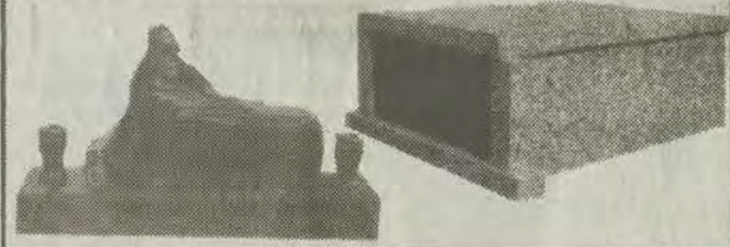
Funeral services for Mrs. Jones were conducted on Monday, December 15, at 11 a.m., at the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, at Estill, with ministers of the church officiating.

Burial was in the Collins Family Cemetery, at Wayland, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

Pallbearers were her sons and grandsons. (Paid obituary)

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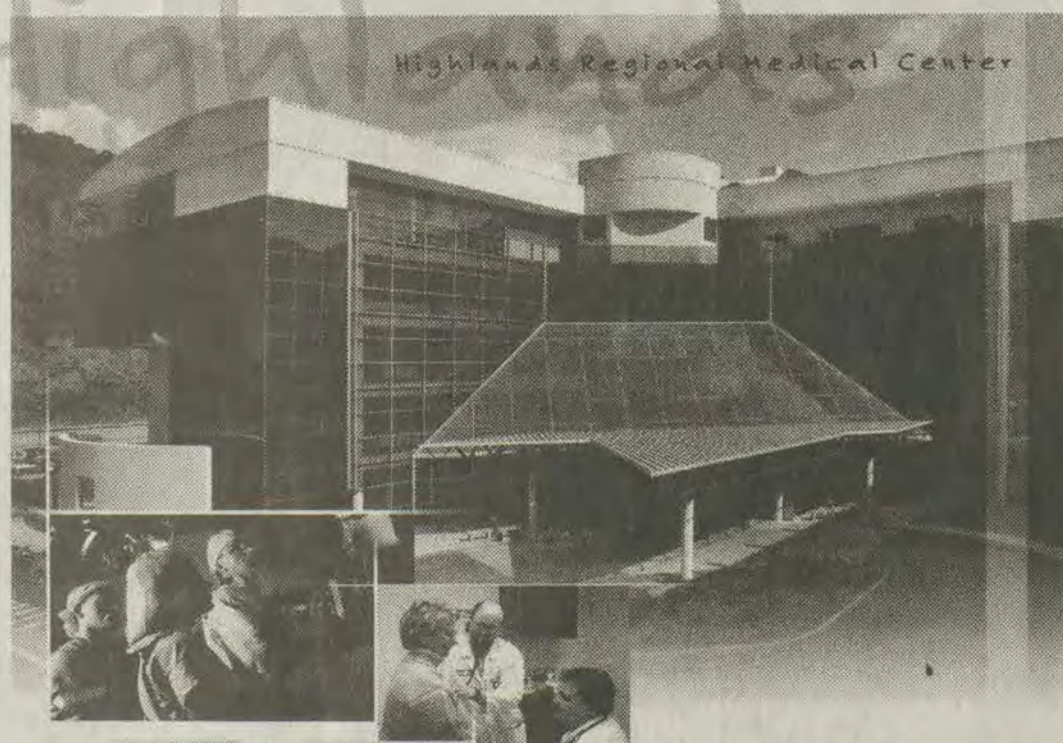
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## Rev. Raymond Hatfield

Rev. Raymond Hatfield, age 70, of Jackson, Ohio, passed away, Saturday, December 13, 2003, at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

He was born August 17, 1933, in Floyd County, the son of the late Garland and Maggie (Powers) Hatfield.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen "Ree" (White) Hatfield.

Other survivors include one brother, Rev. Robert Hatfield of Jackson; four sisters: Louella Grover of Plain City, Ohio, and Glada Maloney, Wanda Hafer, and Gladys Fannin, all of Jackson.

In addition to his parents, he

was preceded in death by four brothers: Ernest, Delbert, James Ray, and Isaac Hatfield; and three sisters: Annetta Brooks, Jennie Ratliff and Delle Goble.

Funeral services will be at the Mayhew Funeral Home, Jackson, Ohio, on Wednesday, December 17, at 1 p.m., with Revs. Rondall Walker, Frank Salyers, and Virgil Goff officiating.

Burial will follow in the Bethel Cemetery, under the direction of Mayhew Funeral Home.

Visitation was Tuesday, at the Oakland Holiness Church.

(Paid obituary)

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# Removed judge had "terrible" relationship with prosecutor

The Associated Press

HAZARD — An Eastern Kentucky circuit judge had a history of clashing with the Perry County prosecutor before the judge was removed from the bench last week amid federal and state investigations.

The rancor between Circuit Judge Douglas C. Combs Jr. and commonwealth's attorney John Hansen "is the worst I've ever seen," said Ned Pillersdorf, a Floyd County lawyer who periodically appeared in Perry

Circuit Court with the two.

"When I'm in court with them, it's nuclear warfare," Pillersdorf said. "They have a terrible relationship."

Last week, the feud was put on hold when Chief Regional Circuit Judge Stephen N. Frazier of Paintsville indefinitely removed Combs from the bench.

Combs is under investigation by the FBI and state Judicial Conduct Commission, although neither agency has publicly dis-

cussed the allegations involved or even has confirmed that it's investigating Combs.

Frazier appointed Floyd County Circuit Judge John David Caudill as a substitute until further notice. Frazier has said he removed Combs because of a series of recent events.

Only the state Judicial Conduct Commission can permanently remove a judge from the bench.

Combs was removed after newspaper reports that he has hired at least 30 people, including his wife, as substitute court reporters at a cost of more than \$90,000 during the past six years. An anonymous complaint filed with the state Judicial Conduct Commission earlier this year alleged that many of the people hired by Combs as substitute court reporters were not needed and did not do the work for which they were paid.

Also under investigation are

allegations that Combs used court employees to work at a small mobile home park operated by the judge near Hazard, that he had sex in his office and that he allowed local attorney John J. Faust Jr., to use his office to run a private law practice.

Until his removal Thursday, Combs had been at odds with the commonwealth's attorney almost since the prosecutor took office in January 2001, The Courier-Journal of Louisville reported in Sunday's editions. The judge questioned Hansen's competence and eventually barred him from his courthouse office.

Combs has refused to discuss his relationship with Hansen.

Hansen said Combs has kept him guessing about what cases will be called for trial, forcing unnecessary plea bargains and the dismissal of cases in which

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## Odds

Hill, who waded into waist-deep water Monday in a marshy area, grew cold and realized he was lost. He pulled out his cell phone and more than two dozen rescue workers from Bridgewater and surrounding towns arrived to search.

The rescuers couldn't reach Hill. Three firefighters set out on an airboat, but the boat got stuck. The firefighters themselves got mired in the marsh as they tried slogging on foot toward Hill, said Bridgewater Fire Chief Roderick Walsh.

Another firefighter and a police officer with a rescue dog set out on an all terrain vehicle from another direction. They got stuck in the swamp. Even a hovercraft brought in by a neighboring town got bogged down, Walsh said.

"We had a lot of trouble locating him because he couldn't orient with anything. It was difficult for us to get in there," Walsh said.

Ultimately, it was a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter that managed to pluck Hill, three firefighters, the police officer and the dog from the marsh.

"It was a pretty big mess," said Coast Guard Lt. Chris Zorman.

■ EUREKA, Calif. — A man detained by airport security after gunpowder and a fuse was found in his luggage was allowed to board his flight because he had a good reason: He likes shooting golf balls out of cannons.

Federal air transportation officials said Monday they were reviewing the incident at Arcata-Eureka Airport, but have concluded the man had no ill intent.

The explosives were seized, but the man eventually completed his planned trip to Florida.

The man, whose identity was not released because he has not been charged with a crime, was "someone who just really did not think" before going to the airport," said Transportation Security Administration spokesman Mike Fierberg.

The incident began Saturday as the man tried to fly from Eureka to San Francisco with his wife and infant son. Baggage screeners pulled him aside when

## Letters

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That night of his birth was relived in my sight. I'll never forget the blessings I received on that night.

No presents, no packages, no cards can hold, all the gifts of love I received that night out in the cold.

The true meaning of Christmas I learned to obey. It's very important that we all learn to pray!

So let us remember, rejoice, always be true, for God has the best gift waiting for you.

Be kind, be gentle, be caring, be sweet. Then you'll receive the "best gift" with Jesus when once we meet.

Remember, no price do we need on a big fancy gift. Only remember this, it will give you a lift.

Take a hand and a heart and a listening ear. Bless the stranger or loved one all through the year.

"Cause I heard the angels say as I closed my eyes tight, "Bless you, God's child, for you will be alright."

Wanda Robinson  
Prestonsburg

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they found the material in his checked luggage.

"He said that it was something used in his hobby ... involving cannons and shooting golf balls out of them," Humboldt County Sheriff's spokeswoman Brenda Gainey said.

He was released. Fierberg said the amount of gunpowder was small and the fuse would not have exploded unless lit. Fierberg added, however, that the case was still under scrutiny.

The family later flew from San Francisco to Miami, where officials again questioned the man and again released him after deciding his explanation was sufficient.

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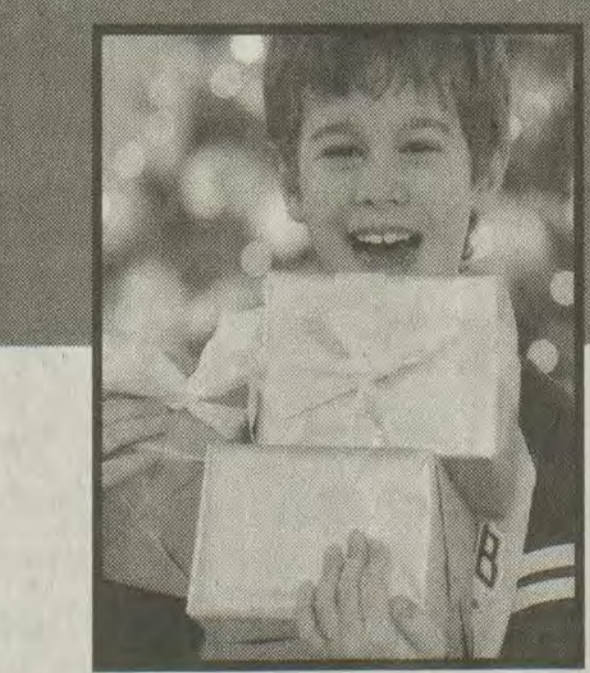
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## Dear Concerned Citizens:

Left Beaver Rescue Squad's Ambulance Service has served the Right Beaver Area of Floyd County, specifically the communities of Wayland, Estill, Garrett, Hueysville, Eastern, Maytown, and Martin, since it began operations in 1978. It is our hope and desire to continue to provide this life-saving service to this area.

Unfortunately, the owners of Respond and TranStar Ambulance Services are trying to stop Left Beaver Rescue Squad from providing ambulance service to the people of Right Beaver. The owners of these services were successful in 1998 in blocking Left Beaver Rescue Squad's Ambulance Service from receiving (911 Calls) in the Right Beaver Area, leaving the citizens of this area only one option to contact Left Beaver Rescue Squad, and that is for them to call the Squad's emergency phone number directly. For several years they have tried to get Mr. John Gray, the director of the State's Certificate of Need Office in Frankfort, to say that Left Beaver Rescue Squad's Ambulance Service is not licensed to cover the Right Beaver Area of Floyd County. To the contrary, in a letter dated: July 7, 1999, John Gray clearly stated that Left Beaver Rescue Squad's Ambulance Service is licensed to cover the Right Beaver Area of Floyd County. Nevertheless, the owners of Respond and TranStar Ambulance Services have continued to try and persuade Mr. Gray to hold a public hearing providing Respond & TranStar Ambulance Services further avenues to **STOP!** Left Beaver Rescue Squad from providing ambulance service to the people living in the Right Beaver Area. Since 1999, Mr. Gray has received several letters from Respond and TranStar's lawyer. Through their persistence, Mr. Gray has granted them a public hearing, scheduled on Friday, January 09, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in the Auditorium, Health Services Building, 1st floor, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Therefore, I am asking all concerned citizens to support Left Beaver Rescue Squad in this matter. The public can assist us by writing letters of support, addressed to: Mr. John Gray, Director, Certificate of Need Office, Frankfort, KY. These letters need to indicate that Left Beaver Rescue Squad's Ambulance Service has served the Right Beaver Area for a specific period of years that you can attest to; any services that have been provided specifically to you and/or your family by Left Beaver Rescue Squad, and any comments about same, and most importantly what you feel the effects on you and the communities in question would be, if the State's Certificate of Need Office prevented Left Beaver Rescue Squad from providing ambulance services to the people of Right Beaver. These letters must include your name and address. Further, these letters must be returned to: Left Beaver Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 396, McDowell, Kentucky 41647, Attention: Daniel P. Gullett, by: December 30, 2003. It would also be most helpful for anyone able, to testify at the hearing on Left Beaver Rescue Squad's behalf. Anyone wanting to testify, please contact: Daniel Gullett at 377-6643 or 377-6773, by December 30, 2003. Transportation will be provided to Frankfort, KY, if needed.

I cannot stress the importance enough, for the people living in the Right Beaver Area of Floyd County to stand up and be heard on this matter. The future of emergency medical services in your communities is in your hands! Your silence may lead to Left Beaver Rescue Squad's Ambulance Service being unable to answer your **CRY FOR HELP!!!**

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Gullett, EMS Director  
Left Beaver Rescue Squad,  
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Phone: 377-6773 or 377-6643

## Sentencing for Grayson murder to be held Friday in Prestonsburg

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Formal sentencing will be held in Floyd Circuit Court for a Carter County man facing the death penalty for the 1993 murder of an elderly woman.

On Oct. 3, a jury recommended the death sentence for Samuel

Steven Fields, 32, after finding him guilty of capital murder and first-degree burglary for the murder of Bess S. Horton, 84, a physically disabled resident of Grayson. Fields is slated to appear for formal sentencing Friday under Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill, who has presided over the Carter County case since it was trans-

ferred in 2002.

"I am very disappointed in the jury's verdict," said Fields' attorney, public advocate Rebecca Lytle, of Frankfort. "I am very disappointed in their decision in a death verdict. I feel there were other people involved that should have mitigated Sam's ultimate responsibility."

In addition to her own personal beliefs that Fields had an accomplice in the crime, Lytle went on to say that "at least one member of the victim's family," believed he did not work alone. The lack of investigative efforts immediately following the crime led to the failure to discover evidence needed to prove this theory, she said.

Although Fields admitted to burglarizing the Horton residence, said Lytle, he has always "steadfastly" maintained his innocence of the murder. Having worked with Fields for so long, Lytle said she understood his character in a way that the jury could not see in the courtroom.

"He's been a great client and has always had a positive attitude," she said. "When you spend that much time with someone, you see parts of his character that you can't get across in a courtroom... I don't doubt that Sam deserves to be completely punished, don't get me wrong, but I had hoped that they wouldn't give him the ultimate punishment. The jury believed he did an evil act. They believe he's totally evil. I don't

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## Seeking

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"It's been a wakeup call," she said. "It's time that we get back down to basics. The Republicans have outworked us."

Greg Stumbo, who was elected attorney general last month, said he envisions a "lean, mean" organization. Stumbo, who will be the party's ranking officeholder, said he demanded an audit so that people who are asked to give money can be assured it will be well spent.

"It was apparent to me, when I went out there, that there were what I'd call lax procedures," Stumbo, of Prestonsburg, said in an interview.

"People couldn't tell you things like where the cars are, how you get the grass mowed," Stumbo said. "Democratic headquarters has been run for too long in a manner not consistent with good business practices."

The shift in power has meant a role reversal for Republicans and Democrats, Gold said. "Now we're forced, to a certain extent, to assume their role in pointing out the various stumblings and missteps of the party in power," he said.

For the moment, it's leadership by committee with Stumbo, Miller and state Auditor-elect Crit Luallen trying to fill the void. House Speaker Jody Richards of

Bowling Green and Senate Minority Leader Ed Worley of Richmond also have played roles.

Many Democrats are pointing to an upcoming special election for Fletcher's old 6th District congressional seat as the start of a comeback. Chandler won the Democratic nomination Monday night. He will take on Republican state Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr of Lexington.

Republicans have sworn to spend whatever it takes to keep the 6th District seat and are targeting the Democrats' lone seat, held by retiring Rep. Ken Lucas. But Josh Earnest, spokesman for the Democratic National Committee, promised that the party would "retool and reload and run aggressive political campaigns all across the state next year."

Gold said party leaders hope to hire an executive director by early January, when the General Assembly convenes. Another search is under way for a permanent party chairman. Gold, who is serving without pay as interim chief, said he is not seeking the job.

"I just want to be able to look back and say that in my short time doing this, I helped right the ship, so to speak, and get the party moving forward," he said.

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On December 17, and 19, at 7 p.m.-9 p.m., at the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department, there will be free used clothing, household items and toys. Everyone is welcome, so come out and be a part of it. The members of the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas.

### NIGHTWATCH SERVICES

Freedom Bible Church will be having nightwatch services, December 31, starting at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome.

### SPECIAL SERVICE

Special services at Freedom Bible Church on Lower Johns

Creek, December 21, featuring Frankie Bryant for 11 a.m., morning worship. Everyone welcome.

### CHURCH CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

The Town Branch Church will give away good used clothing (mostly adult sizes), on Friday's, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

### 4-H TEEN COUNCIL MEETING

Interested in meeting new friends? Trying new things? Teaching others? Being a role model for younger people? Then join the 4-H Teen Council this year! Anyone age 13-18 is invited to join. For more information, contact Chuck Stamper, 4-H agent, at 886-2668, or email to: cstamper@uky.edu.

### HRMC COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec. 18 - Laryngectomy Support Group, Floyd Room, 5-7 p.m.

Dec. 19 - AARP Floyd County, Meeting Place B, 6-7 p.m.

### FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

### 'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

### 'LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?'

Alzheimer's Association Care-giver 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.

Alzheimer's Association, East-ern KY Regional Office - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

Fibromyalgia Support Group - Meets first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building, on the Pike-Floyd Hollow Road (just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept.). For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at

3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

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East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

## Judge

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the prosecutor is caught — through no fault of his own — unprepared for trial.

Last year, he filed a lawsuit alleging Combs had improperly demanded access to secret grand jury proceedings and had threatened to retaliate if the information wasn't provided. But a three-judge panel of the state Court of Appeals sided with Combs.

Earlier this year, Hansen asked for mediation to resolve their differences. But the two could not agree on ground rules; they blamed each other for the failed effort.

"It was pretty clear to me from the judge's comments in court (over time) that he would openly question John's competence," said Pillersdorf, who considers Combs a friend. "Look at the transcripts of any motion hour where they clashed. A lot of the clashing seemed to be the judge questioning Mr. Hansen."

Early in Hansen's tenure, Combs threw out about 20 indictments because Hansen had allowed fewer than the required 12 grand jurors to vote on the indictment. Hansen had to start over with another grand jury.

Hansen said in an interview that Combs' supporters have "created a fiction" about his competence as a prosecutor.

Both Hansen and Combs' attorney, Peter Ostermiller of Louisville, deny that personal differences have divided the judge and the prosecutor.

Hansen said he finds Combs pleasant enough away from the courtroom. Still, Hansen said, Combs banned him from his office in October.

"The bailiff said, 'Get out, you're not allowed in here anymore,'" Hansen said. "I went back the next day for an explanation, but I didn't get one."

### Thank You

The family of Catherine Hall Tibbs of Shelbiana, Ky., would like to prayerfully acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation all those who helped in any way during the recent homegoing of our mother and friend. Thanks so much for the food and the flowers, and for the sense of love that each one has shown to our family. We especially thank Bro. Tracy Patton for his beautiful and comforting words at the service, and the Sheriff's Department for escorting us safely to Gethsemane Gardens. And the Hall Funeral Home for providing the dignified, courteous service we expected. From the bottom of our hearts we thank each and everyone, no matter what part you took.

THE FAMILY OF CATHERINE TIBBS

### Thank You

We, the family of the late Eli Bryant of Hi Hat, Ky., would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during the recent passing of our beloved husband and father. We are grateful for the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church, and the people of The Little Nancy Church, for opening your doors and hearts to us at such a sad time. We acknowledge and appreciate the lovely floral arrangements, and the food that was prepared for us. We are thankful for the many people who attended daddy's funeral, who said a kind word, or whispered a silent prayer on our behalf. A special thanks to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department who assisted us in a safe journey to his final resting place. And the Hall Funeral Home for being there for us in our time of need. May God bless everyone.

THE FAMILY OF ELI BRYANT

### Card of Thanks

The family of Margaret Boyd would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thank you to all those who sent flowers or just spoke kind words. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thanks to the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their efficient services.

THE FAMILY OF MARGARET BOYD

### Card of Thanks

The family of Lawrence Jonas Slone of Raven, Ky., would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, and any kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to the Brothers of the Old Regular Baptist Church for the consoling message, the Knott County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kindness and understanding.

THE FAMILY OF LAWRENCE JONAS SLONE

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### Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation for the sympathy shown to our family during the recent loss of our loved one, Leni Mae Tussey Hall. We want to thank everyone who sent flowers, visited, called, and helped us in so many ways. A special thanks to Clergymen Randolph Crisp, and Don Crisp, and Carter Funeral Home, Jim and

CARLOS HALL, AND DON AND SHERLENE HALL AND FAMILY OF LENI MAE TUSSEY HALL

### Card of Thanks

The family of Willie Mitchell wishes to express their gratitude to all those who shared in the sorrow we felt with the loss of our loved one. Thank you to those who visited, sent food, or flowers. A special thanks to the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, and Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

THE FAMILY OF WILLIE MITCHELL

### Card of Thanks

We would love to take this time to give our heartfelt thanks to all who shared their sympathy with us, and those who brought food, sent flowers, donations to our church, and spoke such kind words to us. A special thanks to the women of our church for the delicious dinner they prepared for us after the funeral of my dear husband, Alex Howard. Also a special thanks to Dr. Phillip Simpson for his wonderful songs, Mrs. Steve Pescosolido for her wonderful songs and music, and our wonderful pastor, Steve Pescosolido for his prayers and kind and comforting words and service. Also for the police escort to the cemetery, and Carter Funeral Home.

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Community and Technical College took part in the 108th Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in Nashville, Tennessee, December 6-9, 2003. Over 3,000 delegates attended workshops and concurrent sessions on more than 150 topics, took action on accreditation issues, and set policy for the regional accrediting agency.

At the business meeting on December 9, 2003 the Commission on Colleges approved the consolidation of Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College. The new name for the fully accredited, consolidated

institution is Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Two other Kentucky community colleges were approved for merger with technical colleges at the meeting.

Accreditation is a process of helping institutions improve through a systematic program of evaluation. It assures not only that an institution meets minimum standards, but also that it demonstrates a commitment to providing quality education programs. The Association is a nongovernmental agency, and membership is voluntary.

Delegates attending the annual meeting included faculty, administrators, and educational

professionals representing the more than 12,000 accredited public and non-public early childhood centers and kindergartens, elementary schools, middle schools, junior high schools, high schools, vocational-technical schools, military schools, colleges and universities.

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## Murder

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see that."

According to a supplementary uniform offense report submitted by Detective M.G. Stevens on August 19, 1993, Fields confessed to the murder after being read his Miranda rights by officers at the Horton home. In the report, Stevens notes that officers investigating the murder found Fields in Horton's "ransacked" bedroom "going through drawers."

Horton was lying in her bed, he wrote, with a wooden handled knife protruding from her right temple area. Additionally, he noted, Horton had incisions on her upper and lower lips, as well as a five-inch slash on her neck — which was ultimately the cause of death, according to an autopsy report by Dr. John Hunsaker. Horton's fingers on her left hand were stuck inside the slash on her throat, Stevens wrote.

Stevens determined the entry point of the Horton residence as a window leading into a front bedroom. "Apparently," he wrote, Fields stood in a chair on the front porch and took 17 Phillips head screws out of the window frame in order to remove a screen window to gain access to the residence.

Officers also found four cigarette butts in an ashtray of the Horton home, one of which was the same brand smoked by Fields that morning.

Fields was taken to King's Daughters Medical Center following his arrest, according to Stevens, to treat cuts on his arms.

Earrings and necklaces taken

from Fields' custody at the jail were positively identified by family members as belonging Horton.

Public advocates defending Fields filed a motion to dismiss the case, stipulating "prosecutorial vindictiveness" in 2002, which was overruled by Caudill in February. The case proceeded to trial where a guilty verdict was rendered in October.

After rendering a guilty verdict in the case, jurors deliberated for two days for the sentencing recommendation, where they considered the options of sentencing Fields to no less than 20 years, life imprisonment or death for the capital murder of Horton.

With burglary as an aggravating circumstance, jurors asked for the death penalty on Oct. 3.

Lytle and her co-counsel, public advocate Mark Baker, of Frankfort, filed a motion "for judgment not withstanding the verdict or in alternative motion for a new trial," in Floyd Circuit Court on Oct. 17. The motion stipulated that the court erred in Fields' "substantial prejudice" by failing to allow testimonies of several witnesses who could have testified on Fields' behalf, by allowing the impeachment of testimony of two individuals testifying for the commonwealth, by giving "wanton instructions" to murder rather than simple intentional instructions, by allowing a "gross misstatement of law" during the sentencing stage regarding ownership and source of knives found at the scene, and by allowing prosecutors to show "gory and inflammatory" photographs throughout the trial. In their motion, Lytle and Baker

pointed out that the court was also wrong in allowing the jury to deliberate until 2:30 a.m. during the penalty phase, resulting in fatigue, hardship and an unfair sentence in the case.

Lytle, who noted that the death sentence recommendation left her questioning her adequacy as a lawyer, said she wasn't looking forward to court on Friday.

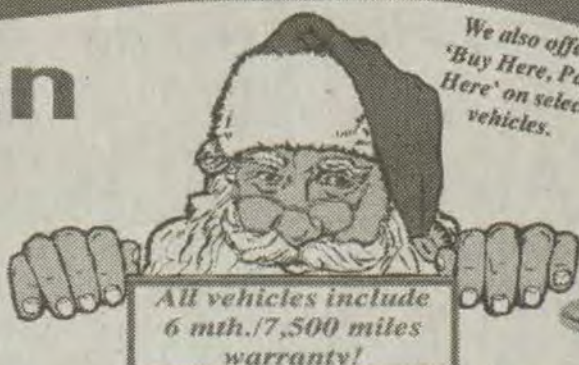
Repeated attempts to contact Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys Luke Morgan and Thom A. Marshall in Frankfort were unsuccessful yesterday.

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Picnic Hollow Shelter #4 will be closed for the 2004 recreation season, due to construction work beginning in early spring of 2004. Construction work is to install a Parapet Wall across the top of dam. **This work is necessary to bring Dewey Dam, that was constructed in the 1940's, to modern day standards.** The Kentucky Route 302 section from new intersection (cut-through) to dam will be closed during the construction as well. Alternate route to Dewey Dam Downstream Recreation Area shelters #1, #2, & #3 will be Kentucky Route 3 (4-lane), and follow signs to Dewey Lake.

During the first day of taking reservations, we accept phone calls only. Walk-ins will be accepted beginning Monday, January 5, 2004. Phone calls will be taken from 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. If you call before 7:30 a.m., **DO NOT** leave your information on the answering machine, because we **DO NOT** take reservations from these.

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# Fletcher: 'I'm going to ask for your patience' on Medicaid

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher on Tuesday asked for patience from health care advocates who want him to rescind Medicaid cuts and who rallied at the Capitol to drive the point home.

Fletcher, who is a physician, said he sympathized and was working toward restoration of health care services covered by Medicaid. At the same time, he had to "make sure state checks that are written don't bounce," Fletcher said.

"I'm going to ask for your patience," Fletcher said. "We've been given a very difficult challenge."

At issue are changes in Medicaid eligibility standards ordered by former Gov. Paul Patton to offset a looming deficit in the \$4 billion-a-year Medicaid program.

With tougher standards, hundreds of people have been denied Medicaid coverage for

nursing homes, community-based care and health services in their own homes.

The total through November, the last month for which figures were available from the Cabinet for Health Services, stood at 3,247. That included 389 people in nursing homes. An undetermined number are still receiving services while appealing their cases, cabinet spokesman Gil Lawson said.

Fletcher, who took office last week, said he wants Medicaid to deliver better health care. He also said his goal is to restore Medicaid services to the elderly.

Afterward, Fletcher's spokesman, Wes Irvin, said Fletcher believes the Medicaid program has historically been focused on the health care bureaucracy, not on patients.

Irvin said the administration wants to change that with more preventive medicine, disease management and health-related education — elements he said

are lacking in Medicaid as it now exists.

Bill Harned, president of Kentucky AARP, said his impression of Fletcher is that "the governor wants to do good for the people we've been talking about."

"What I didn't hear is how he possibly feels he can do it," Harned, of Shepherdsville, said in an interview.

AARP, one of several organizations lobbying for restoration of Medicaid services,

wants the General Assembly to raise Kentucky's cigarette tax, second-lowest in the nation at 3 cents per pack, by a quarter. The money could be dedicated to Medicaid.

Fletcher said during his campaign that he opposed any "stand alone" tax increase, and Irvin said that had not changed.

AARP and several other advocacy groups previously

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## History

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history. Congo's government, rebels and opposition parties signed a peace agreement to end four years of civil war. Playwright Frederick Knott, who wrote "Dial M For Murder" and "Wait Until Dark," died in New York City at age 86.

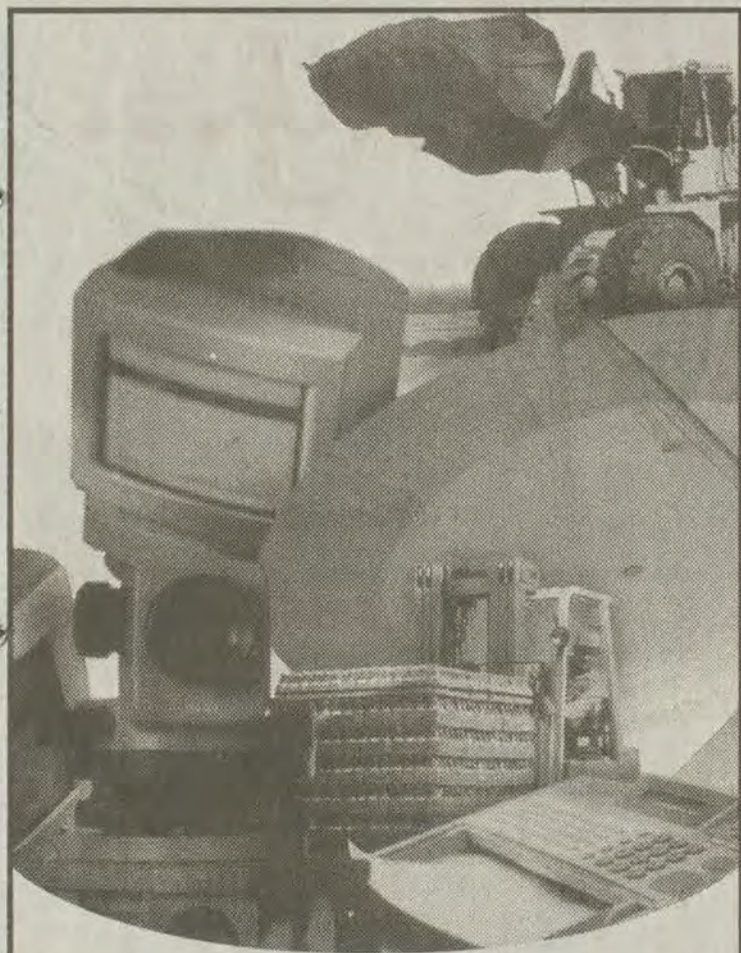
### Today's Birthdays:

Newspaper columnist William Safire is 74. Actor Armin Mueller-Stahl is 73. Magazine publisher Robert Guccione is 73. Actor George Lindsey is 68. Singer-actor Tommy Steele is 67. Rock singer-musician Art Neville is 66. Actor Bernard Hill is 59. Actor Christopher Cazenove is 58. Actor Ernie Hudson is 58. Comedian-actor Eugene Levy is 57. Actor Wes Studi is 56. Rhythm-and-

blues singer Wanda Hutchinson (The Emotions) is 52. Actor Bill Pullman is 50. Actor Barry Livingston is 50. Country singer Sharon White is 50. Rock musician Mike Mills (R.E.M.) is 45. Pop singer Sarah Dallon (Bananarama) is 42. Country musician Tim Chewning is 41. Country musician Duane Propes is 37. DJ Homicide (Sugar Ray) is 33. Actor Sean Patrick Thomas is 33. Actress Sarah Paulson is 29. Actress Marissa Ribisi is 29. Actor Giovanni Ribisi is 29. Actress Milla Jovovich is 28. Singer Bree Sharp is 28. Actress Vanessa Zima is 17.

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## Nepotism investigation narrowed to one hire

**The Associated Press**  
FRANKFORT — An inquiry into a hiring complaint in the state Tourism Cabinet will include only one of five people who allegedly had been hired for political reasons despite a state hiring freeze.

The state Personnel Board on Friday decided to continue investigating the hiring of Kimberly Dunn, a secretary in former Gov. Paul Patton's Office of Constituent Services who had been hired for a civil service, or merit, position.

In July, a cabinet legal secretary, Donald Hagy, had filed the complaint alleging cronyism and nepotism. He claimed that former Tourism Secretary Ann

Latta approved the five hires — including that of her son — despite the freeze.

All five were placed in merit positions and cannot easily be fired by Gov. Fletcher's new administration.

The board's preliminary report said that in Dunn's case — a job listing for the position was not posted for the required 10 days and was changed "specifically so that Dunn could be considered for the position."

"We're going to talk to some more people," said Hanson Williams, the board's executive director.

Dunn could not be reached by telephone Saturday evening for comment.

Hagy declined comment.

## Medicare

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staged rallies in Burkesville, home of Senate President David Williams, and in Bowling Green, where House Speaker Jody Richards lives. On Tuesday, about 90 people came to the Capitol.

"People are hurting, and that's why we're here," said Cathy Allgood Murphy, also of AARP. "We want the new governor and the state legislature to put people first. The message we got from legislators was, they didn't think it was a big deal."

Another of the advocates, Mary Hass of the Kentucky Brain Injury Association, said

Fletcher's public appearance gave her some hope that he will rescind the new Medicaid eligibility rules.

"Just to acknowledge our presence ... gives us some hope that he's going to work with us," Hass said.



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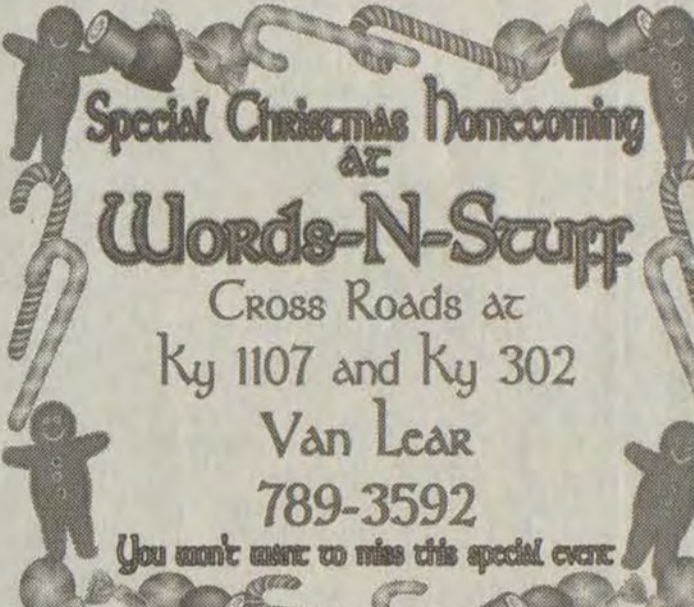
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## What's wrong with Management today?

by Terri Levine, author of the new book "Stop Managing, Start Coaching".

All is not well in the corporate world. Contrary to some opinions, people do not just job-hop for the fun of it or because they are irresponsible. Stress is up and morale is down.

If you follow the trail backwards, it often leads right to Management's door. Here are some common mistakes made by management and alternative courses of action they could be taking.

Management base their solutions to problems on educated guesses or assumptions that can make matters worse rather than better. They share mistaken beliefs that because they are in a position of management, they know "better."

Action: Management should have proper information systems in place that will tell them exactly where the problems are. The staff involved should be included in brainstorming sessions when searching for solutions. The frontline troops know more about what is going on, what works and what doesn't work at this level than management does, sitting as they often are in relative isolation.

2. Managers dump unrealistic workloads on their workers and hand over tasks that people are not equipped to handle. They hand over the work without empowering the employee to "handle" it, and then blame the employee when it doesn't work out.

Action: Managers need to learn to delegate properly. The reason for delegating work is to lighten the Manager's workload and also to educate/train those under him to help them grow. Work delegated should always be appropriate to the ability of the employee to whom it is given. If the manager has authority to do X with a project, if that project is delegated, the person receiving it must also have the authority to do X in order to accomplish the task. The employee must be given the training and tools in order to do any job properly.

Management is not clear with instructions. People are doing work for which they have

no idea of its importance or relevance and even where it fits into the larger picture. As a result, tasks are tackled blindly with hit and miss results, delays, and extra stress.

Action: Managers need to ensure employees understand not only what they are doing but why they are doing it. This enables employees to also find better and more efficient ways of achieving goals. Managers need to work with their people, helping them to set realistic goals and measure the progress made towards accomplishment.

4. Managers can be highly critical, quick to spot flaws and point them out, and seem to focus on what is not working. This makes people feel worthless, that nothing they do is right, that they can never please their Boss, and hence, their morale suffers as does their productivity.

Action: Managers should focus on what is working and build from there. As for what is not working, they should not assume that only they hold the answers. Brainstorming with all involved in a task or project shows respect to employees, who very often have a better grip on the situation than the Manager and can produce innovative ideas and solutions. Managers also need to support their staff, with praise and words of encouragement. Accomplishment should be rewarded.

Bad Managers do not trust their employees, they may show no respect, and may seem to thrive in their perceived power role. They can be rude to employees, showing disregard for their feelings and the only feedback given is negative. They are intimidating and arrogant. They have never heard of work/life balance. They give too many difficult tasks to people either not suited to or not trained for it and set unrealistic deadlines.

Action: Bad Managers can be trained out of their bad habits and it is up to senior management to train their managers accordingly. Management meetings should be held to address these issues - with no blame apportioned - just encouragement to adopt healthier methods of interacting with staff and achieving departmental goals. In fact, managers need to

be trained not to manage people, but rather, to coach them to be their best.

The Manager has no idea what he is doing. He may have transferred from a different department/industry and be out of his depth in his new role. Whenever employees ask for advice, he may fob them off with excuses or tell them to sort it out themselves - which is not quite the empowerment they are looking for. Empowerment without guidelines and guidance is foolish.

Action: A Manager should be familiar with all the roles in his department and be able to step in to help any employee at any time. If saving face is important, a manager can always approach this learning phase by telling each employee that he wants a more thorough understanding of their job in order to be more helpful and be able to discuss their role more knowledgeably. The employee will appreciate this interest and should be encouraged to take the opportunity to suggest alternative ways of doing things. A healthy rapport and mutual trust can be established in this way between employees and a new Manager.

Some managers are dictators and look over their employee's shoulders every step of the way. Of course, this Manager thinks he can do it better and that his way is the only right way to do it. He refuses to listen to other ideas and suggestions.

Action: Managers need to delegate the task then step back and allow the employee to do it. It doesn't matter how it is done, just as long as it gets done on time and with the preferred result. Managers do need to be available and ready if the employee needs guidance or assistance, otherwise, they should stay out of their way and let them get on with what they've been asked to do. Regular meetings can be held to discuss the progress of projects, or weekly reports can be handed in to the manager so he knows the status. Managers need to ask their employees for their ideas and suggestions and find ways to incorporate good ideas, and then, give credit where credit is due.

Modern day managers have even less of a clue how to manage today's workforce than they did in the past. The younger workers have totally different work ethics and belief systems than their parents. Managing today's younger workforce with traditional management methods does not work. They will not be "managed." They do, however, respond favorably to coaching and mentoring.

Action: Management can hire an outside Professional Coach or send their Managers and Executives to learn Coaching skills which they can bring back into their role. Managers become "Coaches" and "Mentors" themselves - allowing employees to manage themselves effectively.

An insecure or immature Manager can sabotage the career

paths of those he perceives as a threat to his position or who make him feel inadequate. Instead of utilizing the brilliant minds in his department effectively, he creates an environment in which he establishes himself as the supreme authority. He may belittle others in an effort to make himself look smarter. The department does not function as well as it could because talents are not being utilized. The Manager lets his ego get in the way.

Action: Managers need to accept that it is impossible to know everything there is to know and that there will always be those more and less smarter than themselves, and not take a particularly intelligent employee's ability as a personal affront to their own position. Their workers, their peers, and senior management generally hold managers who help their workers with their own personal career goals in high esteem. Furthermore, the person thus promoted will remember who helped him get there - and it always pays to have friends in high places! Rather than be jealous or feel "less," because a subordinate has been promoted to a higher position, a Manager should take pride in knowing that his employee got there, with his help!

Managers who are too "full of themselves," impressed by their own level of authority, expect to be put on a pedestal and worshipped and become resentful when their employees fail to react accordingly. Communication breaks down as does respect and the department becomes dysfunctional.

Action: Managers need to remember that their main role is to oversee the smooth running of a department that achieves its goals, and that the main difference between themselves and their staff is their level of responsibility, accountability, and one hopes, their level of experience and expertise.

In a nutshell, the most successful companies are those who train their managers to become leaders who don't "manage," their staff, but coach and mentor them to success.

As "leader coaches," the new style "Manager" has a deeper understanding of the following principles which replace the old style methods of management:

Connecting - developing a rapport with and compassion for employees, allowing them to feel safe. Promotes trust and respect.

Hearing without Reacting - listening to employees without responding judgmentally - there is no right or wrong, good or bad. The employee simply "is" and their actions simply "are." This is neutral listening.

Reflecting Back - an old and time-honored communication skill that allows a listener to tell the speaker what they heard the speaker say. This gives the speaker the opportunity to confirm that is what they meant, or

correct any misunderstanding.

Responding - this involves understanding what an employee has said and meant, and replying in a way that relates to the employee so they are reassured they have been heard and correctly understood.

Powerful Questions, Observations and Requests - This technique aims at helping the employee to find their truth, and assists them to step out of the reaction syndrome and look at their work from an outside perspective.

Building the Employee - This assists employees to discover and "grow," the very best of themselves. Many employees engage in defeating self-talk, suffer self doubts and have a small view of themselves. The Leader-Coach helps each employee recognize the greatness in themselves. (Note: Not to be confused with using false flattery.)

Growing the Employee - The Leader-Coach helps employees to create the structure where they have healthy self-confidence and can do more or contest their own beliefs and assumptions. It is the coaching skill of sensing what the employee is

capable of doing or thinking and asking for it.

Achieving Employee goals - the practical steps employees need to take to go from where they are to where they want to be - it is about helping employees plan and do.

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## Collins receives WIA Alumni Excellence Award

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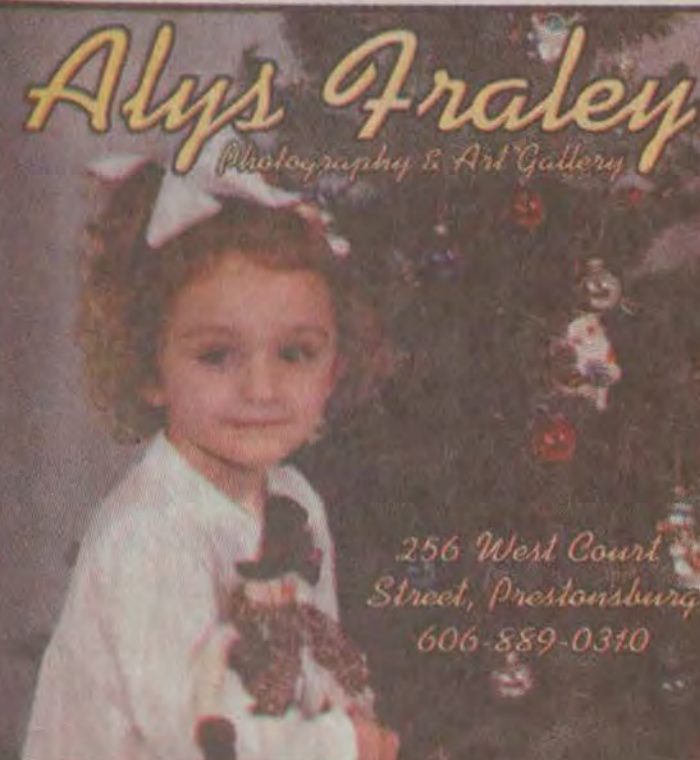
recently in Lexington. Collins participated in the Pike County JobSight's OJT program and credits the program with giving him the ability to begin a career that now enables him to adequately support his family. Collins is a 1993 graduate of Wheelwright High School. Learn more about WIA programs at the following website: <http://www.jobsight.org>

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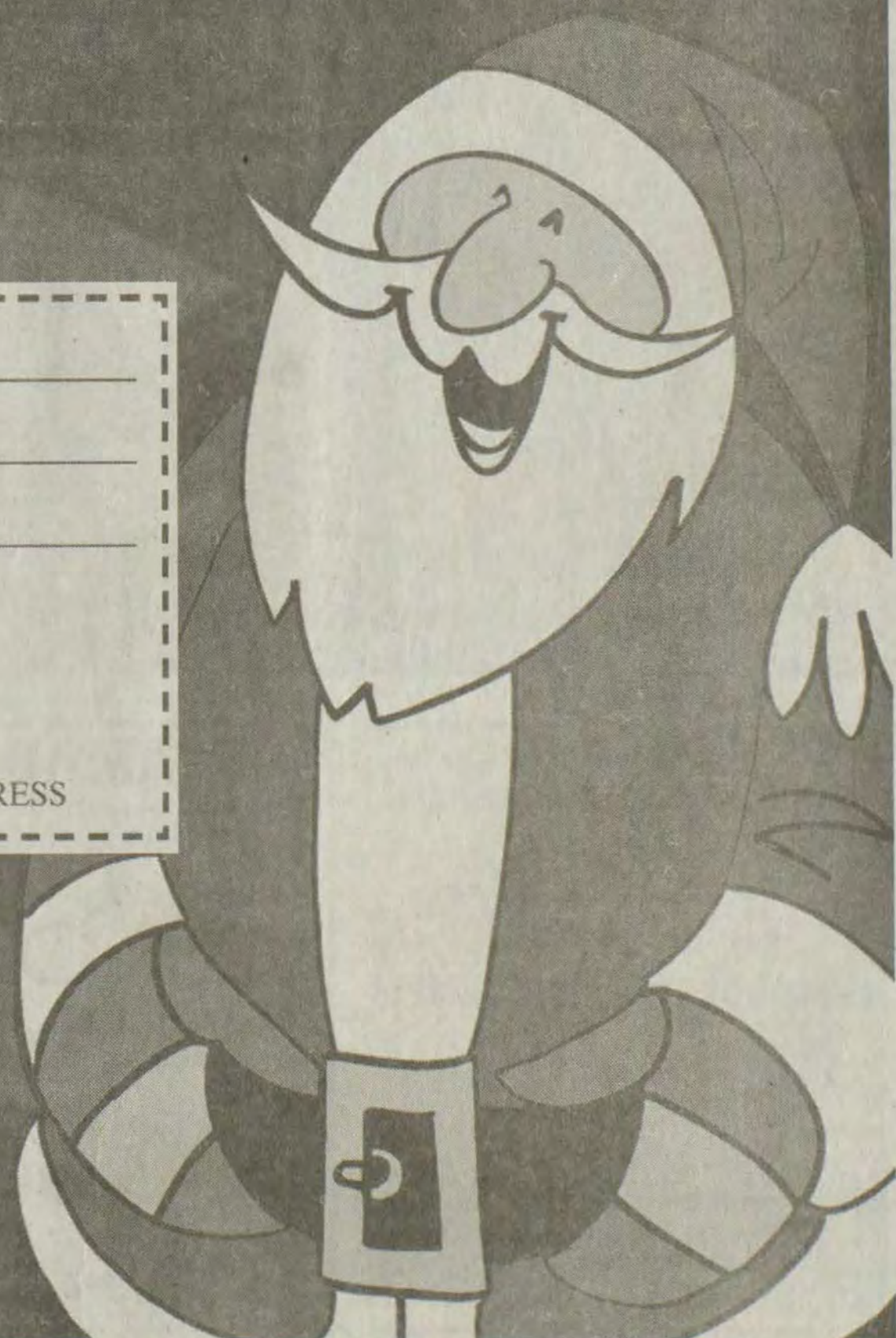
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### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Wireman leads Lady Bears past JBC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Freshman Ashley Wireman entered Pikeville's game Friday night with four three-pointers in her team's first nine games.

But on Friday, she sank six to lead the Lady Bears to an 85-47 win over Johnson Bible College. Wireman, a guard from Staffordsville who helped Johnson Central High School to three consecutive Sweet 16 appearances, had a game-high 24 points thanks to 6-of-10 shooting from the arc.

Wireman had a lot of help, however. Junior center Amelia Cody missed only once in 11 tries from the field to finish with 20 and a team-best nine rebounds. Freshman forward Ramanda Music was 8-of-12 from the floor to finish with 17 markers.

(See **WIREMAN**, page two)



Wireman

## Knox Central edges Johnson Central

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LICK CREEK - Knox Central outscored Johnson Central 13-4 in an overtime period Saturday and beat the Golden Eagles 78-69 in the Warrior Classic at .

Johnson Central rushed out to a 21-10 first-quarter lead, but trailed 31-27 at halftime after being

(See **KNOX**, page two)

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

## Lady Blackcats escape Phelps

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PHELPS - With a 41-34 win over the Phelps Hornets on Monday night, the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats and new coach Jack Pack have already exceed-

ed last season's win total and it took only two weeks to do it.

Prestonsburg finished the 2002-2003 season with only two wins but after Monday's 41-34 win the Lady Blackcats stand at 3-2 on the season.

A new team attitude and

determination has led to a quick turnaround for Prestonsburg and it always helps to have a player like Molly Burchett on the roster. The junior continues to impress and lead the Lady

(See **ESCAPE**, page two)



Molly Burchett

### • PRESSURE DEFENSE RATTLES PIRATES •



photos by Jamie Howell

Senior Nick Jamerson (15) led the way for Prestonsburg Monday night in a victory over Belfry.

## BLACKCATS BLAST BELFRY

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A fullcourt pressure defense is quickly becoming the trademark of the Prestonsburg Blackcats this season. Last week the victim was Danny Adams's Magoffin County Hornets as the Blackcat press forced 34 turnovers.

Monday night it was the Belfry Pirates who became the latest team

to unravel at the hands of the Prestonsburg pressure. Nicholas Jamerson led the Blackcats with a game-high 23 points. The senior also pulled down 12 rebounds.

Prestonsburg led 15-7 after one quarter and 34-20 at the half. The game was never in doubt in the second half.

Prestonsburg had four players

(See **BLAST**, page two)



Prestonsburg junior Jesse Chaffin put the dribble down a free-throw.

## Raiders pull away from Knott Central

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN - Whatever South Floyd head coach Henry Webb said to his team during halftime of Friday night's game on the road at Knott County Central worked. South Floyd, deadlocked with the host Patriots, 23-23 at halftime, came out and put together a near shutout in the third period. The Raiders outscored Knott Central 19-4 in the third period on their way to a 64-50 win.

South Floyd exited the first quarter with an 8-7 lead before being outscored 16-15 in the second period.

Three different Raiders scored in

(See **RAIDERS**, page two)

### H.S. BASKETBALL

## Betsy Layne-P'burg to play double-header

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - The Dome on the campus of Betsy Layne Elementary with fill Thursday evening with some fans wearing blue and white, and others wearing red and black, as the boys' and girls' basketball teams from the two schools will play one another in what appears to be crucial 58th District meetings

The Betsy Layne Ladycats are a perfect 1-0 in the 58th District following a convincing win over Allen Central last Thursday night. Betsy Layne is the defending 15th Region Champion.

However, it wasn't a sweep for Betsy

(See **PLAY**, page two)

### JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

## Virgie outlasts double-OT, Dorton in Reno's Final

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Virgie Eagles survived another tremendous game from a Dorton standout to win the Reno's Roadhouse/Pikeville College Junior High Basketball Tournament in a 47-44 thriller in double-overtime Saturday evening.

The contest completed the 15-game tournament with its first overtime after seeing only three of the first 14 games decided by fewer than 10 points.

Jacob Bryant was again sensational for Dorton,

pumping in 25 points before fouling out in the first overtime period. For the tournament, he scored 94 points in four games.

Virgie's Daniel Harmon nearly matched him. Playing in his third Reno's game of the week - the Eagles got a forfeit in last Saturday's opening round - he poured in 18 points. For the week, Harmon had 63 markers.

The teams went to the first overtime locked at

(See **FINAL**, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Kim Clark (4) and the rest of the Betsy Layne Ladycats will be back in action Thursday night in a boys-girls doubleheader with Prestonsburg at the Dome.



# History is made as Cats defeat Spartans in front of 78,129

by LARRY LAGE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — A basketball world-record crowd of 78,129 watched No. 8 Kentucky beat No. 21 Michigan State 79-74 Saturday at Ford Field.

Gerald Fitch scored 25 points for the Wildcats, who never

trailed, while Michigan State's Paul Davis had 24.

The Wildcats (5-0) have won their first five games for the first time since 1992-93. The last time Michigan State (3-4) had a losing record was 1995-96, Tom Izzo's first season as head coach.

Basketball's previous atten-

dance record was 75,000, set in 1951 when the Harlem Globetrotters played at Olympic Stadium in Berlin.

The NCAA attendance record was 68,112, set in 1990 at the Louisiana Superdome when Notre Dame played LSU. The NBA record is 62,046 from a Chicago-Atlanta game at the

Georgia Dome in 1998.

Besides the 65,000 spectators the stadium holds for a Detroit Lions game, there were about 5,000 students — without seats — standing, jumping and lounging on the artificial turf.

Another 5,000 fans had seats on the floor, some paying as much as \$500, as did hundreds of band members from both schools.

Others spent \$8 for seats in the upper deck that were so far away jersey numbers could only be seen with binoculars.

In one end zone, students looked like they were at an outdoor concert.

Some sat behind Kentucky's band and "The Izzone," Michigan State's student section, and could only see the heads and shoulders of the players despite the court being elevated on a 3-foot platform.

Others simply laid on their backs and watched the game on the videoboard.

The undersized Wildcats didn't have much trouble scoring inside against Michigan State.

When they chose to shoot from the perimeter, the unique sight lines didn't seem to bother them. Kentucky shot 60 percent.

When the Wildcats shot from the right wing in the first half, they saw daylight beyond the basket through a 65-foot high glass wall. In the second half, it was dark.

After trailing by 15 points in the first half and by 10 early in the second half, Michigan State pulled to 62-61 with 8:21 left.

Kentucky then built three six-point leads before Shannon Brown's two free throws pulled the Spartans within two with 1:04 left.

Fitch's two free throws with 21 seconds left and Brown's 3-point miss sealed the win for the Wildcats.

Unlike basketball games at domes that have attracted 40,000-plus fans, the court was not tucked into an end zone and there was no curtain to cut off

half the seats.

Players had to walk up three steps to get on the court, which Michigan State brought from East Lansing.

It's not the first time the Spartans have set an attendance record.

Michigan State played Michigan in hockey two years ago at Spartan Stadium before 74,554, a world-record crowd for a hockey game.

## JUNIOR HIGH TOURNAMENT

# Dorton, Virgie make Reno's finals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Feeder schools for Shelby Valley High School were in line over the weekend for the hardware of the Reno's Roadhouse/Pikeville College Junior High School Basketball Tournament.

Dorton routed Johns Creek 47-26 in Thursday's opener while Virgie picked off

Mountain Christian Academy 53-41 in the nightcap.

Dorton 47, Johns Creek 26: Dorton Coach Randy Davis saw his team jump out to a 12-6 lead after one period and push it to 30-12 by intermission to cruise to the win in the first semifinal game.

Jacob Bryant did most of the damage, hitting for 22. Lucas Simpkins had eight and Jonah Justice seven.

Johns Creek's balanced attack was led by John Bunch with six points. J.T. Taylor and Colby Stone added five apiece.

Virgie 53, MCA 41: Greg Newsome's Eagles used large scoring margins in the bookend periods to pull out the 12-point decision.

Virgie led 15-6 after one period, but the Falcons had trimmed it to six (39-33) by the fourth quarter. But the Eagles made

hay from the line, hitting 8-of-11, in the final six minutes to pull out the win.

Daniel Harmon, who made 6-of-7 from the line in the final frame, led the way with 22. Justin Newsome contributed 15.

MCA had three players in double figures, led by Jeremy Pack with 14. Landon Slone flipped in 12 and Taylor Clark added 11.

Junior high action pushed back: The flu again has forced schools in Floyd County to dismiss. With that, no grade school or middle school boys' basketball games will be played.

School is scheduled to resume in January.

## Play

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Layne.

The Betsy Layne boys and head coach Brent Rose began district play last Thursday with a disappointing loss to Allen Central.

Thursday night will feature the boys' and girls' basketball teams from Prestonsburg High School in 58th District action for the first time this season. For Prestonsburg High girls' basketball coach Jack Pack, it'll be his first 58th District game as a girls coach.

The Prestonsburg boys posted an impressive win over Belfry Monday night in a make-up game between the two squads.

The Prestonsburg-Betsy Layne girls game will tip off Thursday night at 6 p.m. The boys game will then follow.

## Raiders

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double figures.

Senior Jack Slone led South Floyd in scoring with a game-high 17 points. Senior Brian Meade, back from an injury, played and scored 15 points. Junior Burnett Little, playing in his first season as a member of the South Floyd High varsity team, netted 11. Ryan Johnson chipped in seven.

Wes Hall scored six points while Adam Tackett and Steven Stanley tossed in four apiece.

Only one Knott Central player was able to net double figures.

The win upped South Floyd's season mark to 4-1. Knott Central fell to 1-2.

South Floyd, the four-time defending 58th District Champion, was back in action last night, playing on the road at Allen Central High School's J.E. Campbell Arena against the host Runnin' Rebels in a key district/conference matchup. Results were unavailable at press time and will appear in Friday's edition.

## Wireman

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Junior guard Ashley Ratliff had a terrific game, dishing out eight assists and grabbing four steals. Senior Caitlyn Ryan had five thefts. Freshman guard Tonya Amburgey had six points, five rebounds and five assists.

Pikeville (6-4) shot a season-best 57.4 percent (39-of-68) and was seven-of-17 (41.2 percent) from the arc.

The Lady Bears also forced 28 turnovers from the Evangels, who fell to 5-7 on the season.

Johnson Bible got a double-double from sophomore Megan Bechtel, who finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds. She was the only Evangel in double figures. Kim Blackburn added nine on three three-point baskets.

## Escape

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Blackcats.

Burchett has led the Lady Blackcats in scoring in two of the team's three wins and Monday night it was her game-high 17 points that helped propel Prestonsburg past Phelps.

The Lady Blackcats led 13-4 after one quarter and 19-11 at the half, but Phelps would outscore Prestonsburg 8-6 in the third quarter to cut the lead to 25-19 after three quarters of play. Heather White finished with 11 points for Prestonsburg.

Lady Blackcat Kelly Key continued her good play with eight points for the winning team. Channel Music finished with four points and Darcey Hicks rounded out the scoring with one point.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 3-2 on the season while Phelps fell to 1-2.

## Final

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33. It appeared Virgie would win when it held a three-point lead in the waning seconds, but Elisha Justice was fouled attempting a game-tying three with only one second left.

Again it seemed the game would go the way of the Eagles when Justice missed his first two tries. He sank the third one to cut the lead to two.

But Justice redeemed himself

when he picked off the inbounds pass under his own basket for a terrific layup to send the game to a second extra session.

The Eagles pulled out the victory in the second overtime despite poor shooting from the line. The winners had plenty of opportunities, but hit only 13-of-29 from the line in the game and 9-of-18 in the extra six minutes. But they made enough to secure the win the area's biggest regular-season tournament.

Harmon's 18 was followed by nine points from Brock Kinney. Justin Newsome and Taylor Newsome added seven points each.

Bryant was joined in double figures by Jonah Justice, who tacked on 10.

Virgie was making its second straight appearance in the finals of this tournament. It lost to Johnson County a year ago in the title tilt.

The win kept Virgie perfect against the Wildcats, their biggest rival, over the last five seasons.

All-Tournament: Four representatives from the championship teams were on the 10-player all-tournament team. Bryant and Jonah Justice from Dorton were joined by Virgie's Daniel Harmon and Justin Newsome. Other players included Mark Bartley of Millard, Johns Creek's T.J. Taylor and John Bunch, Landon Slone and Taylor Clark of Mountain Christian and Justin Murray of Johnson County.

## PRESTONSBURG JUNIOR BASKETBALL

# Tar Heels double up Mavericks

JUNIOR VARSITY — Tar Heels 42, Mavericks 21: Austin McKinney netted 12 points and Shawn Burkett and D.J. Ousley tossed in 11 apiece to lead the Tar Heels to a win over the Mavericks. Joshua Head added eight points for the Tar Heels.

Erica Meade led the Mavericks in scoring with 11 points. Andrew Skeens netted seven and Bradley Hicks flipped in three. Caleb Petry pushed in two.

Blackcats 33, Cardinals 31 — Five different players scored for the Blackcats in a 33-31 win over the Cardinals. Alexis DeRossett tossed in nine and Bradley Stanley added eight for the Blackcats. Nicholas Conn flipped in seven. Nikki Bradley and Julie Compton finished and three and two points, respectively.

Josh Craynon scored a game-

high 21 points for the Cardinals. Wil Allen scored five for the Cards and Lakan Lowe added three. Bradley Hampton flipped in two.

TRAINING LEAGUE — Warriors 22, Lakers 19: The Warriors got 10 points from Blake Goble and four apiece from Chad Ousley and Adam Crisp in a 22-19 win over the Warriors. B.J. Holliday and Tiffany Bentley tossed in two points apiece for the Warriors.

Charlie Joseph led the Lakers in scoring with six points. Allyson DeRossett was next with five points. Haley Howell, Savannah Bryant and Taylor Hackworth each scored two points for the Lakers. Samantha Howard and Jessica Hall rounded out the scoring for the Lakers with a free-throw apiece.

PEE WEE — Mavericks 22, Pistons 7: Grant A. Martin scored a game-high 10 points to lead the Mavericks to the 22-7

win over the Pistons. Seth Marcum and Robert Campbell pushed in six points apiece for the Mavericks.

Jordan Slone paced the Pistons with six points. Autumn Hall scored for the Pistons on a free-throw.

Hawks 11, Lakers 9: Keiona Craft scored five, Josh Crider four and Tate Greene two in the win for the Hawks. Katelyn Rose netted a game-high eight points for the Lakers. Benjamin Branham scored on a free-throw for the Lakers.

Wildcats 14, Cavaliers 12: Eric Collins scored all 14 points for the Wildcats in a two-point win over the Cavaliers. John Wesley Cooksey netted 10 points for the Cavaliers and Jackson Reed flipped in two on a pair of fourth-quarter made foul shots.

— Steve LeMaster

## COMMENTARY

# Reds not getting ESPN notice at Winter Meetings

by ED TAYLOR  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The 2003 Winter Baseball Meetings are underway in New Orleans but the Cincinnati Reds are not making any head way in obtaining help for the 2004 season.

STATE AND CATS — Boy what a sight to see nearly 80,000 fans watching a college basketball game. The Michigan State Wolverines performed in front of a new record crowd Saturday. It must have been a big experience for the youngsters on both teams.

Next Season — Can you just imagine the starting lineup for Kentucky next season? I shutter to think of it. Azibukee, Patrick Sparks, one of the seven-footers. Brandon Stockman and Hayes. But I look for Hayes to declare for the NBA draft in June.

The lone two recruits they have coming in next season will not make an immediate contribution. Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!



photo by Jamie Howell  
Prestonsburg senior Nick Jamerson eyed a free-throw Monday night during the game with visiting Belfry.

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# Chiefs clinch AFC West; Panthers take NFC South

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kansas City clinched its first AFC West title in six seasons Sunday, and Detroit tied an NFL record with its 23rd straight road loss, 45-17. Priest Holmes scored three touchdowns and Trent Green passed for 341 yards and three

TDs.

The Lions (4-10) have not won away from home since beating the New York Jets 10-7 in the next-to-last game of 2000. They share the mark with the Houston Oilers of 1981-84 and play at Carolina next week.

**Panthers 20, Cardinals 17**

John Kasay kicked a 49-yard field goal with four seconds to play to give the Panthers the win and the NFC South title.

**Colts 38, Falcons 7**  
Peyton Manning threw five

touchdowns, Edgerrin James ran for 126 yards and the defense manhandled Michael Vick in the first game since coach Dan Reeves was fired by Atlanta (3-11).

Indianapolis' win assured the Colts (11-3) a playoff berth. They need one more win or a Tennessee loss to clinch the AFC South.

**Rams 27, Seahawks 22**

The Rams clinched the NFC West title as Marshall Faulk led a final, clock-killing march.

It was the third West title in five years for the Rams (11-3), who had to escape a desperation drive by Seattle (8-6).

**Bengals 41, 49ers 38**

Chad Johnson caught the first of Jon Kitna's two touchdown passes, and Rudi Johnson ran for 174 yards and two scores as the Bengals stayed in playoff contention and the 49ers remained winless on the road.

The 49ers (6-8) have lost all seven road games this season because of mistakes and defensive lapses.

**Bears 13, Vikings 10**

Rex Grossman won in his NFL first start at quarterback. Another rookie, Charles Tillman intercepted Daunte Culpepper with 1:02 left to preserve the victory.

Culpepper drove the Vikings

(8-6) from their 81 to the Chicago 8 in the closing minutes. But he lofted the ball to the corner of the end zone and Tillman went up with Randy Moss and came down with the ball.

(See **CHEIFS**, page four)

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Kentucky players name Abney as Wildcats' team MVP

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky football players named wide receiver and kick returner Derek Abney as the team's most valuable player during the 2003 season, coach Rich Brooks said Monday.

Abney, who was named to the second-team Associated Press All-America list announced Monday, also was named the Wildcats' special teams player of the year and received the Jerry Claiborne Award, an honor based on academic success and team-oriented attitude.

Abney, a senior from Mosinee, Wis., tied a three-decades-old NCAA career record for kick return touchdowns this season, finishing with eight. He led the Wildcats in receiving with 51 catches for 616 yards and five touchdowns and led the Southeastern Conference with a 24.1-yard kickoff return average. He also rushed for 148 yards on 11 carries for Kentucky, which finished 4-8.

Senior quarterback Jared Lorenzen and junior defensive end Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns were named the team's most valuable offensive and defensive players, respectively. Lorenzen passed for 2,221 yards and 16 touchdowns and finished his career with six NCAA, four SEC and 11 school records for passing and total offense. Burns finished with 72 tackles, including 18 for a loss, tops in the SEC.

Other honors went to senior

linebacker Jamie Saylor (most inspirational player), sophomore linebacker Chad Anderson (most improved player), freshman nose tackle Lamar Mills (outstanding first-year player), junior guard Jason Rollins (most outstanding offensive lineman) and freshman defensive end Travis

Day and freshman running back J.J. Bennett (most valuable scout team players).

Players voted for the most valuable and most inspirational player awards. Kentucky coaches selected the other honorees. Team awards had not been given at Kentucky since 1996.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Fitch named SEC player of the week

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky guard Gerald Fitch has been named the Southeastern Conference basketball player of the week, the league office announced Monday.

The senior from Macon, Ga., scored 25 points in Kentucky's 79-74 win over Michigan State in Detroit on Saturday, making 7 of 11 field-goal attempts,

including 4 of 6 from 3-point range. He also made three free throws in the final seconds to seal the win.

Fitch became the 50th Kentucky player to score at least 1,000 career points. He's averaging 20.4 points per game this season.

Kentucky is 5-0 and ranked No. 2 heading into its game this Saturday against Indiana in Indianapolis.

## EQUESTRIAN

# RMHA Awards Banquet held

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN — They gathered at Georgetown College Conference and Training Center, one of Kentucky's more prestigious schools to celebrate the holiday season and to find out who was the best in 2003.

The Rocky Mountain Horse Association held its annual Christmas party and Awards banquet last Saturday night to celebrate the 2003 show season.

The weather did not however cooperate sending a surprise, black ice and snow on all the travelers that made the journey to this year's activities.

The attendees came from all over the Atlantic Seaboard as well as the surrounding states to join in the Holiday Festivities of the Rocky Mountain Horse Association.

President Jerry Laffette was the master of ceremonies for the nights activities.

The weather delayed the start but did not dampen the activities as more than 175 guest showed for the festivities.

In the height of the show sea-

son the participants are attired with dusty worn blue jeans or felt hats and fancy riding habits, but this night they were in their finest.

Hair to perfection, nails and cosmetics to detail and adorned with bright sweaters and sport coats, the room was alive with the colors of the season.

In their best attire and on their best behavior tonight not only are they gathered to celebrate the holidays and the end of another show season but to recognize the seasons high point winners.

The show season started in early February at the Florida State Fair in Tampa. It concluded with the final show in St. Louis in late-October.

A grueling season filled with cold, rain, heat, disappointments and rewards and a World Celebration show that topped all attendance records and exceeded everyone's expectations for horses and entries.

The RMHA Show advisory committee annually recognizes the top performers in 2003 show season and this year was no

exception. The local Rocky Mountain Horse training facility, Prince Albert Stables, had spent the season displaying their talented riders and horses on the expanded show circuit.

The first to make the walk to receive the RMHA Youth of the Year Award was Whitney May of Allen. May is the first rider to come from the 11 and under division to win this award. May's many hours in the saddle, hard work, dedication and love for the horses has catapulted her to the top of the sport. Along with receiving Youth of the Year she was recently awarded The Ashley Hytry Youth Award at the International Rocky Mountain Horse Show in October. She rode her talented horse Hershey's Chocolate Kisses Rawhide to the blue ribbon circle 18 times during the 2003 season.

The next to accept was Josh Murdock and the talented mare Amazing Grace.

Amazing Grace continued her winning ways by being named high point mare for the 2003 season.

Amazing Grace has over 15 wins to her credit in 2003. She was the 2002 International Mare champion. Murdock and Gracie make a talented combination. The little black mare as she is referred to, has earned the respect of all that show the RMHA show circuit.

The highlight of the individual awards was the Trainer of the Year Award. The Trainer of the Year Award goes to the professional that consistently put the best horses and riders in ring competition through the entire season.

Sue Wells of Prince Albert Stables made the walk to the front of the banquet to receive this year's award. Wells is the first female to be named Trainer of the Year.

She received an up roaring applause and standing ovation from her many friends and associates.

Sue has for some 15 years started some of the more talented amateur and juvenile horse in the industry today.

Her riders are always prepared, well disciplined and very competitive.

Her successful training career started 1993 with a six month-old Fancy Pants that won the World Champion honors at the 1993 International Show and continues today with many champions under her guidance and control.

Wells' hard work and dedication to the juvenile program has brought her many rewards thought her career but this one has got to be one of the highlights.

Other winners out of the stables included Myranda Elliott, Dr. Don Bryson, Dr. Andy Elliott and Allison Adams Will, and Andy and Matt Whitson.

The evening concluded with

a great dinner provided by the staff of the College Conference Center. Everyone as they departed into the winter weather shared well wishes and holiday greetings as they looked forward to the start of the 2004 season and the first shows in at the Florida State Fair in February.

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Sue Wells, Prince Albert Stables



Prince Albert Stables came away from the recent RMHA banquet with awards in hand.

## BLUEGRASSPREPS.COM

# High school basketball rankings

- BluegrassPreps.com Girls Basketball Rankings — 1. Sacred Heart; 2. Christian County; 3. Rockcastle County; 4. Newport Central Catholic; 5. Mercer County
6. Henderson County; 7. Lexington Catholic; 8. Jackson County; 9. Mercy
10. East Carter; 11. Assumption; 12. Clinton County; 13. Butler
14. Scott County; 15. Woodford County; 16. Perry Co Central; 17. Elizabethtown
18. Christian Academy-Louisville; 19. Henry Clay; 20. Boyd County.
- BluegrassPreps.com Boys Basketball Rankings — 1. Mason County; 2. Lexington Catholic; 3. Pleasure Ridge Park; 4. Fern Creek; 5. Apollo; 6. DeSales
7. Scott County; 8. Seneca; 9. Covington Catholic; 10. Warren Central; 11. Wayne County; 12. Male; 13. Henry Clay; 14. Bishop Brossart; 15. Elizabethtown; 16. Iroquois; 17. North Hardin; 18. Butler; 19. Hopkinsville; 20. Madison Central.

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## CHIROPRACTIC MAY HELP BELL'S Palsy

A recent issue of Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics indicates that patients suffering from Bell's palsy, or facial nerve damage, may benefit from a holistic chiropractic approach. Nothing less should be expected, since chiropractors are specialists on the body's nervous system.

One of every 40,000 Americans, annually, will awake to find they have Bell's palsy, with one side of their face weakened or paralyzed. This disorder occurs when there is damage to the "nerve of facial expression." It contains 7,000 individual fibers that resemble a telephone cable stretching in many different directions. Each fiber carries messages to a specific muscle, allowing you to laugh, cry, smile, or frown. Bell's palsy most often affects pregnant women and people with diabetes, influenza, a cold, or other upper respiratory ailment.

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# Donovan: Bad week will help Gators in long run

by CHRIS DUNCAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Florida coach Billy Donovan knows the Gators' two losses this week will help them in the long run.

"Everybody may think it's terrible that we lost two games. No, this is the type of thing these guys need to go through in order to get better," Donovan said after Florida's 73-65 loss to Louisville on Saturday.

The Gators (5-2) acquired the No. 1 ranking for the sec-

ond time in school history last week. They'll lose it just as quickly as they did last February, when Kentucky beat them 70-55 the day after the Gators reached the top of the polls the first time.

Right now, Donovan doesn't think his team deserves a lofty ranking anyway.

"I don't want to make excuses, but they haven't had much practice time," he said. "Our guys have been in a situation when you are going from one game to the next. There is no flow or continuity right

now." David Lee, who went 1-for-12 from the field in Wednesday's 69-68 loss to Maryland, scored a career high 24 points against the Cardinals (4-1).

But Matt Walsh, Florida's second-leading scorer, went 0-for-8 from the field and Anthony Roberson, who scored 20 against Maryland, had just nine against the Cardinals on 3-for-7 shooting.

Donovan said the trio is still adjusting to more demanding offensive roles this season.

"They are dealing with different defensive focus than they were last year," Donovan said. "They were four, five and six on the defensive scouting report. Now, they are one, two and three."

Donovan is also concerned about Florida's sloppiness. The Gators often looked flustered against Louisville's swarming pressure defense and finished with 18 turnovers.

Florida also had 18 turnovers against Maryland and hasn't had fewer than 15 in any game this season.

"We're just not a very cohesive team from an offensive

standpoint right now," Donovan said. "We have great chemistry off the floor, but we don't have great chemistry playing on the floor."

Despite the offensive dysfunction, the Gators had Saturday's game within reach. They trailed by as many as 15 in the second half, but Adrian Moss' layup with 1:07 left capped a 12-3 run that trimmed the deficit to six, at 69-63.

The Cardinals went only 4-for-9 from the free-throw line in the final minute, but the Gators stalled their own comeback by missing their last four shots.

Donovan blamed impatience.

"When we got it to six, we got a little overanxious," Donovan said. "I didn't think we capitalized as well as I would have liked when they missed some free throws."

The capacity crowd taunted Florida with the "Overrated!" chant as the last seconds ticked away. Louisville coach Rick Pitino, who earned his 400th career win, waved his arms and shook his head in disgust in an effort to silence the fans.

(See DONOVAN, page five)

## Chiefs

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### Packers 38, Chargers 21

Brett Favre threw a season-high four touchdown passes to lead the Packers.

Combined with Minnesota's loss, it left the Packers tied with the Vikings in the NFC North at 8-6.

### Titans 28, Bills 26

Backup quarterback Billy Volek, playing in place of Steve McNair, threw for two touchdowns and ran for another in his first NFL start.

Drew Bledsoe drove the Bills (6-8) 81 yards in nine plays and threw a 6-yard TD pass to Mark Campbell with 24 seconds left. But Bobby Shaw couldn't control a low pass on the 2-point conversion try, and Erron Kinney recovered the Bills' onside kick.

Tennessee (10-4) remains atop the AFC wild-card standings.

### Raiders 20, Ravens 12

The Raiders shut down Jamal Lewis and the Ravens' offense to snap Baltimore's three-game winning streak.

The loss dropped Baltimore (8-6) into a tie with Cincinnati for first in the AFC North.

Zack Crockett scored on a 1-yard plunge set up by Phillip Buchanon's interception return on the Ravens' opening drive. Oakland (4-10) never lost that lead while snapping its three-game losing streak.

### Patriots 27, Jaguars 13

New England won its 10th straight as Tom Brady threw for two touchdowns.

### Broncos 20, Browns 17, OT

Jason Elam kicked a 36-yard field goal with six seconds left in regulation, then a 25-yarder in overtime, as the Broncos kept the lead for the final AFC playoff spot.

### Cowboys 27, Redskins 0

Rookie Terence Newman tied a team record with three interceptions and Troy Hambrick ran for a career-high 189 yards for Dallas.

It was the first shutout in the Cowboys-Redskins rivalry in 32 years and the first time Washington coach Steve Spurrier has been held scoreless in a regular season game since he was with Duke in 1987. The Redskins also hadn't been shut out at home in 10 years.

The victory kept the Cowboys (9-5) in solid position for a wild card berth in coach Bill Parcells' first season with the team.

### Buccaneers 16, Texans 3

The Bucs got back to .500 for the first time in six weeks and remained in contention for an NFC wild-card berth as Thomas Jones ran for 134 yards and a touchdown.

The Super Bowl champs (7-7) have won three of four since ending a three-game skid that left them in danger of missing the postseason for the first time since 1998.

Martin Gramatica added three field goals. The Bucs' defense played without All-Pro tackle Warren Sapp, but limited Houston (5-9) to 107 yards.

### Jets 6, Steelers 0

Curtis Martin ran for 174 yards and went over the 1,000-yard mark for the ninth straight season as the Jets (6-8) won in the snow on Doug Brien's two field goals.

Martin joined Barry Sanders as the only players in NFL history to accomplish the feat. Sanders had 10 straight 1,000-yard seasons.

It was the first time in over three years the Steelers (5-9) were shut out, dating to a 16-0 loss to Baltimore on Sept. 3, 2000.

## COLLEGE BOWLING

# Pikeville bowlers consensus top five

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Pikeville College bowling teams were ranked no lower than fifth in all three rankings released this week by three different ratings systems.

College Bowling USA releases a weekly power ranking, and this was the first week for the National College Bowling Coaches' Association poll and the Bowling Writers Association of America poll.

"Overall I'm very happy with where our teams have been placed," said Ron Damron, coach of both bowling teams and a member of the voting committee for the women in the coaches' poll. "I think in general they have us about where we should be, but most importantly I believe this can be a terrific motivation for our teams. It shows them that we can be an elite program if they'll continue to work hard and produce."

In the power ratings, the women were second, trailing only Morehead State University. The University of Nebraska, Western Illinois and Wichita State round out the top five. The men are fourth, trailing Wichita State, Vincennes and Western Illinois and just ahead of Saginaw Valley State.

The power ratings is a complex formula involving the team's per-game average, number of events, number of "tier-one" events — those considered more difficult tournaments — and other formulas.

The NCBCA poll has the Pikeville women fourth nationally, and the Lady Bears picked

up one of the 15 first-place votes. The coaches voted Nebraska as the top team, getting 11 first-place votes, Wichita State is second, getting two first-place votes and Morehead State third, with the other top nod. West Texas A&M rounds out the top five.

On the men's side, the first-place votes were nearly evenly distributed between top-ranked Wichita State, getting eight, and Vincennes, picking up the other seven. Western Illinois is third, Saginaw Valley State fourth and Pikeville fifth.

The bowling writers also gave the Pikeville women one first-place vote and had them tied with Wichita State for second nationally. Those teams

trailed Nebraska, which got half of the eight first-place nods. Morehead State and Western Illinois completed the top five.

On the men's side, the bowling writers tabbed Wichita State as number one, picked atop five of the eight ballots. Vincennes is second with Pikeville third, West Texas A&M fourth and Saginaw Valley State fifth.

The writer's poll is issued three times a year by the BWAA.

The Pikeville College bowling teams are preparing for their trips this week to Las Vegas, where they'll participate in two events, the Las Vegas Invitational and Las Vegas Shootout, beginning Friday.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Michigan State-Kentucky draws record crowd

DETROIT — A basketball world-record crowd of 78,129 attended Saturday's game at Ford Field between No. 8 Kentucky and No. 21 Michigan State.

The sport's previous attendance record was 75,000, set in 1951 when the Harlem Globetrotters played at Olympic Stadium in Berlin.

The NCAA attendance record is 68,112, set in 1990 at the Louisiana Superdome when Notre Dame played

LSU. The NBA record is 62,046 for a Chicago-Atlanta game at the Georgia Dome in 1998.

Ford Field is home to the NFL's Detroit Lions. — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## H.S. FOOTBALL

# Simpkins, McCoy honored by ADI

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND — A football player apiece from Johnson Central and Paintsville high schools was honored recently when the Ashland Daily Independent newspaper released its all-area grid teams.

Johnson Central junior Scott McCoy was named to The Independent's All-Area Large School division team as a defensive back. He has nine interceptions over the past two

seasons.

Paintsville defensive back Shane Simpkins, a senior, was named to the All-Area Small School squad.

Simpkins, who made All-Area last season, missed the last four games with a knee injury. Paintsville was 5-2 when Simpkins was injured and finished the season 5-6. Simpkins, a three-sport star for the Tigers, is still nursing the knee injury as he is on the sidelines for the current basketball season.

# Mason boys, Lou. Sacred Heart girls remain on top

LOUISVILLE — The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

BOYS	Rank-School	FPV	Red	TP	Pvs
1.	Mason Co.	(5)	3-0	59	1
2.	Lex. Catholic	-	2-1	48	3
3.	Lou. Pleasure Ridge Park	-	5-0	45	4
4.	Warren Central	-	2-2	33	2
(tie)	Apollo	(1)	3-0	33	6
6.	Hopkinsville	-	3-0	27	5
7.	Lou. Fern Creek	-	4-0	16	9
8.	Elizabethtown	-	3-0	14	-
9.	Lou. Ballard	-	1-4	12	7
10.	Scott Co.	-	5-0	10	10

Others receiving votes: Wayne Co. 8, Lex. Bates Creek 5, Ashland 4, North Hardin 4, Cov. Catholic 3, Daviess Co. 3, Lex. Henry Clay 2, Henderson Co. 2, Perry Co. Central 1, East Carter 1.

GIRLS	Rank-School	FPV	Red	TP	Pvs
1.	Lou. Sacred Heart	(6)	2-1	60	1
2.	Christian Co.	-	3-0	52	2
3.	Newport Central Catholic	-	3-0	34	3
4.	Lex. Catholic	-	2-3	33	4
5.	Henderson Co.	-	5-0	29	6
6.	Rockcastle Co.	-	3-0	25	6
7.	Jackson Co.	-	3-1	20	4
8.	Lou. Mercy	-	4-0	14	-
9.	Elizabethtown	-	5-0	11	10
10.	Muhlenberg North	-	2-1	10	8

Others receiving votes: Boyd Co. 6, Lou. Butler 5, Russell 5, Lou. Central 4, Clinton Co. 4, East Carter 4, Ohio Co. 4, Barren Co. 3, Lou. Assumption 2, Central Hardin 2, Lex. Henry Clay 1, North Hardin 1, Daviess Co. 1.

## Pet Adoption Corner

This week at the Floyd County Animal Shelter we have (amongst others) dozens of friendly puppies and kittens of varying ages and genders, as well as many full grown cats and dogs, including and extremely large, good-natured female dog in desperate need of a good home.



The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in west Prestonsburg. The shelter is open from 10:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday and 10:00 to 3:00 Saturdays, and can be reached by phone at (606) 886-3189.

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# Bears roll past Johnson Bible

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College had 11 players in the scoring column tonight and cruised to an 87-50 win over Johnson Bible College.

Emanuel Tekie, a sophomore guard from Toronto, Ont., came off the bench to lead the bears with 16 points. He hit 4-of-5 from the arc and missed only two of his eight field goal tries.

The Bears hit 52.2 percent (35-of-67) from the field and drilled 9-of-23 from the arc, good for 39.1 percent.

Juniors Greg Davis and B.J.

Townsend flipped in 11 points each. Five other Bears scored at least six points in the win.

Pikeville (9-2) committed only five turnovers in the game, forcing 19 from the Preachers. Pikeville also handed out 19 assists, compared to nine by Johnson Bible.

Johnson Bible (3-8) junior Michael Carr hit seven-of-12 from the arc to finish with 24 points. He also had a team-best eight rebounds in the loss. The next highest scorer had seven.

## Donovan

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"They are an excellent ball club," said Pitino. "This is a very good offensive team, as good as any in the game."

The Gators return to action Saturday, when they play West Virginia in the Orange Bowl Classic in Miami.

Pitino, who coached Donovan at Providence and hired him as an assistant at Kentucky, doesn't think Florida will struggle much longer.

"These losses will propel Florida into a great season," Pitino said. "When you have outstanding talent, these guys will soon realize it's all about the little things. Billy will have their attention. I have more confidence in him than anybody I know."

## WYMT-TV SPORTS The Mountain Top Ten

### Girls:

1. Perry County Central
2. Whitesburg
3. Rockcastle County
4. Jackson County
5. Betsy Layne
6. Pulaski County
7. Belfry
8. South Laurel
9. Knott Central
10. Clay County

### Boys:

1. Hazard
2. Shelby Valley
3. Clay County
4. Pulaski County
5. Bell County
6. South Laurel
7. Perry Central
8. North Laurel
9. Breathitt County
10. Allen Central

# Lady Bulldogs fall to Rose Hill

LOUISA — Upstart girls program Rose Hill continues to impress with a 76-65 win over 64th District opponent Lawrence County.

The Lady Royals recorded their second win of the season behind the offensive firepower of three players who com-

bined to score 71 points. Emily Queen led the charge with 26 followed by Laura Terry's 24. Sarah Yates scored 21 points.

Lawrence County (3-2) was led by 5-foot-5 freshman Bree Frazier with 21. — TIMES STAFF REPORT



photo by Jamie Howell

Hazard seniors Lamar Williams and Steve Sizemore defended against Oak Hill Academy senior Brian Johnson. Oak Hill was in Eastern Kentucky Friday and Saturday for two games, one against Hazard and another against Ballard at East Ridge High School. The Oak Hill team won both games.

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# GAMES OF THE WEEK

## Prestonsburg vs. Betsy Layne

The Games of the Week is a new page that will spotlight one boys' basketball game and one girls' basketball game. This week's Games of the Week page features the boys' and girls' basketball teams from Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg.



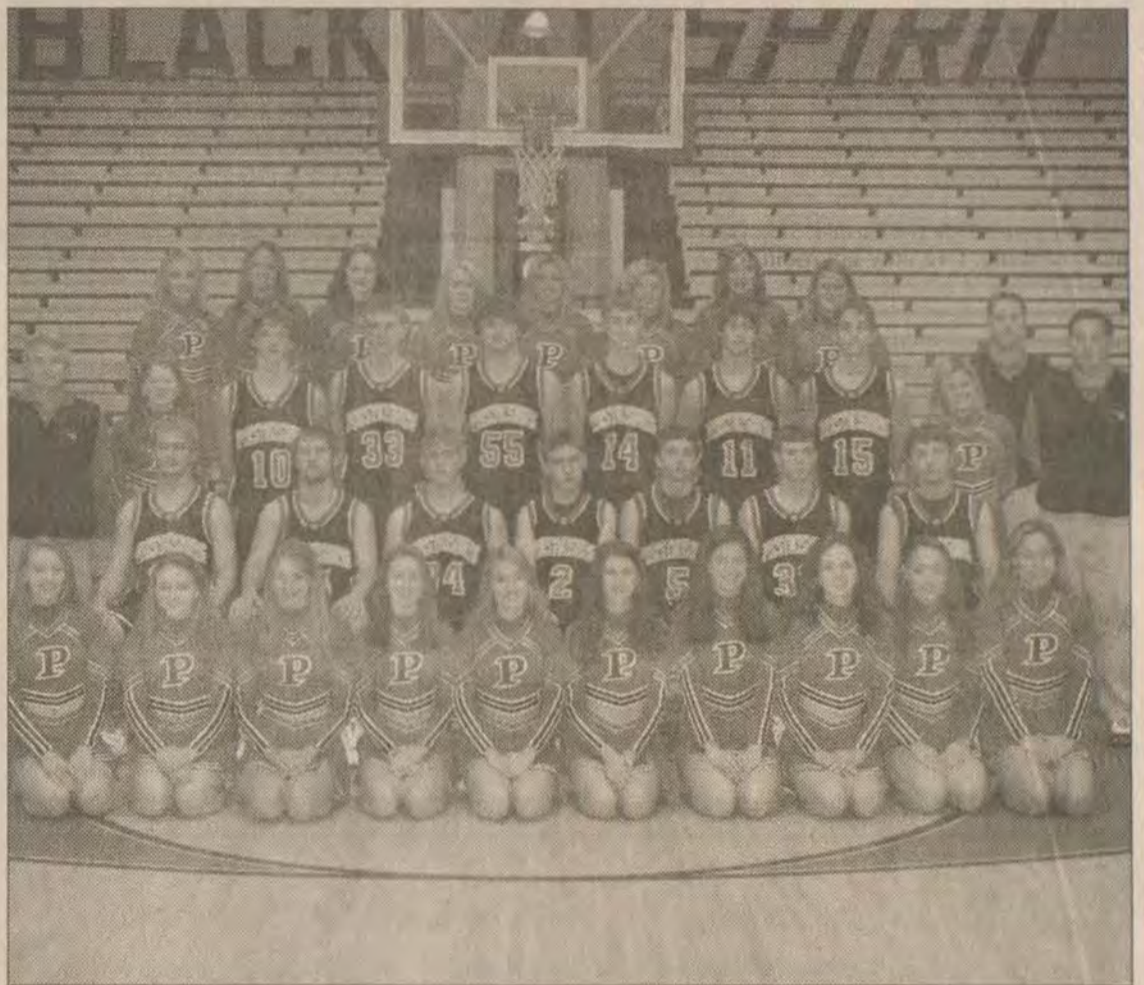
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### POISON OAK

## Metz found the humor

Several years ago The Paintsville Herald carried a weekly column by Russ Metz, who seemed to have a knack for finding humor in the human condition, especially as it regarded politicians. The other day I ran across one of his columns that I'd clipped back in 1987, and since it is as relevant now as it was then, I thought I'd share it:

It seems that a grocer, a banker and a politician went hunting together every fall.

On this particular hunting trip, they got lost in the woods. By the time they'd managed to find their way out, it was getting dark, and they were exhausted, and several miles away from their camp. They went up to a nearby farmhouse and knocked on the door.



Clyde Pack

They explained their plight to the farmer. “Could you put us up overnight?” they asked. “Then tomorrow morning we can go back to our camp.”

“Why sure,” said a farmer. “There’s just one thing. I’ve only got room for two of you in the house. The other one is going to have to sleep out in the barn with the animals. And I have to warn you, the smell is pretty overpowering out there, so be prepared for the worst.”

The three discussed it among themselves. “I’ll sleep in the barn,” said the banker. “Some deals I’ve handled down at the bank have smelled, so I think I can put up with it for one night.” He

(See OAK, page three)

### KIM'S KORNER

## Nabbed!

After falling asleep during a movie on Saturday night, I was awakened to the cries of “We’ve Got Him!”

Saddam had been captured! Talk about a jolt that was a jolt. The very first thought in my mind was, “Well, guess that shoots the theory that Bush has known where the ol’ geezer has been all along and has just been keeping everything tight lipped until just before the election, and then producing the evil one, huh!”



Kim Frasure

You have to admit that was one scary lookin’ critter. Talk about a bad hair day, geez, he was definitely having one.

Then to make matters worse, the next view we got of him was with his mouth wide open while some dude was pokin’ around inside. I just knew his hand was gonna slip and he was gonna ram that stick down ol’ Saddam’s throat any minute.

Talk about “Gag me with a spoon.” Uck! Anyway, one of my dearest friends in life had shared a scripture with me on Friday.

And all the while watching the goings on of the report of the capture I thought how fitting that Word truly was. “Be not afraid of the King of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the Lord; for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.”

(Jeremiah 42:11)

Thank You, Jesus!

Thank You to the men and women serving this country!

The Next Week May God’s Blessings Be Yours...



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Mary, Joseph, three kings and an angel abide over the newborn babe.

# O, Holy Night



photo by Kathy J. Prater  
A king reading a decree is flanked by soldiers.

The live Nativity was set up in the church parking lot and visitors were invited to drive through and view the pageant without ever having to leave the comfort of their warm cars.

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by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR

Weather conditions in eastern Kentucky this past weekend were most likely quite different from those in Bethlehem the night Jesus Christ was born but just the same, members of Christ United Methodist Church, in Allen, braved the snow, sleet and icy cold temperatures to help recreate the event.

Biblical scenes from days past were staged in a multitude of light and color heralding the birth of the Savior and reminding all of the true meaning of the Christmas season.

(See HOLY, page three)

### CRITTER CORNER

## This Christmas, help SNOOP!

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Wow! Christmas is just around the corner and the year is almost over.

Although I frequently report on the progress of SNOOP (The Spay & Neuter Organization Of Prestonsburg), this time I am out-and-out asking for help

on behalf of the group. Most of you are familiar with this association. For those who are not, SNOOP’s purpose is to help fund spay and neuter

(See CRITTER, page three)



Lately, it’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas what with the weekend’s recent snowfall and this photo of “best buddies,” Katbird Isaac, of Martin, and her horse, Cosa. Katbird and Cosa were having a little chat during the first snowfall of 2002.



# School Calendar

## ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

\*\*School is currently collecting Food City receipts! Please send them in now through March.\*\*

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activities, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley, Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

## ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

\*\*NOTICE\*\* School is now collecting Food City receipts. Students may bring receipts to homeroom teachers, or parents/community members may drop off at office.

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school

day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

## ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

## 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

\*\*Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

•Dec. 19 - Nurse from Floyd County Health Dept. will be in center - call for appointment. Services: 6th grade entrance exams, WIC food program, prenatal care, yearly physical exams for students up to 18 years old.

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These 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 now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new computers and technological equipment through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to the school office.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families

regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

## MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

## MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

\*\*School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment for the school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them

off at the school office or sending them with a student.\*\*

■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ Feb. 17 - Communication & Children.

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

■ 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

(See SCHOOL, page three)

# YESTERDAYS

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

## Ten Years Ago

(Dec. 22 and Dec. 24, 1993)

Despite an apparent ultimatum, last week, from Pike County officials that Floyd County pay an overdue account for solid waste disposal by December 31, fiscal court members did not discuss the issue at Friday's court meeting. Floyd County reportedly owes Pike County \$184,756.61, and Pike County Fiscal Court members voted last week to put Floyd officials on notice, that if the overdue account was not paid by the end of the month, their landfill would be off limits...The Johnson County Clerk's office remained at a standstill Tuesday, following Monday's unexpected resignation of Clerk Larry G. Ward. Ward, a two-term clerk, who was defeated for re-election in November, had six days left on his term when he abruptly resigned at 11 a.m., Monday. His entire staff also quit...Betsy Layne High School celebrated its third annual "Christmas on the Hill" dinner last Friday. Students, staff members and a couple hundred people from the community enjoyed a candle-lit dinner,

while the BLHS Varsity Singers performed...A new drug and alcohol abuse center is scheduled to open in Prestonsburg, the first week of January. The old Kentucky Motel, on South Lake Drive, is undergoing a transformation from a motel to a center designed to give those with a drug and/or alcohol problem, a chance to rid themselves of the habit.. The opening of the new Layne House, a non-medical detoxification and residential treatment program center for the five-county Big Sandy area was announced...Another key position will be vacant soon in the newly-organized central office of the Floyd County School System, following the resignation of the district's communications and personnel assistant. Terry Spears announced, this week, that he is leaving the Floyd County system to pursue other career opportunities...An accident, Saturday, left one person dead and another hospitalized. Willie O. Salyers, 68, of Pikeville, died in an accident on Ky. 122, and Allerd G. Newsome, 40, of Beaver, was flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center in critical condition...With the clock ticking, Floyd County school board members voted, Tuesday, to

move ahead with three school construction projects in an effort to prevent the loss of state construction funds. Planning will continue on building a new elementary school to consolidate Maytown and Martin; building a 21-classroom addition at Betsy Layne Elementary; and site acquisition for a Betsy Layne Middle School...Two separate vehicle accidents, Tuesday evening, claimed two lives in Floyd and Johnson counties; Polly Hall, 29, of Martin, died in an accident on Ky. 122, at Printer, and Douglas Ratliff, 23, of Thelma, died in an accident on Ky. 1428, at East Point...Floyd County school officials are collaborating with Mountain Comprehensive Care Center to implement a day treatment program to offer services to severely emotionally disturbed school children. At Tuesday's school board meeting, the board voted 4-1 to pursue developing the concept of the program despite objections from board member Hattie Owens...Last Thursday afternoon, December 16, about 40 children and their mothers gathered in front of the huge Christmas tree at the Floyd County Public Library and listened to Christmas stories told by professional storyteller Linda Olczak...Horse racing enthusiasts and bettors can start gearing up for the return of intertrack wagering to Floyd County with the scheduled January 1 reopening of Kentucky Downs in Prestonsburg. Local businessman Clyde Woods, who is also a stockholder in Mountain Racing Inc., said Tuesday, that intertrack wagering (ITW) will resume at his Center Stage nightclub at noon non the first day of 1994...Problems continue to exist with accounting procedures used for school activity accounts, and records show that unauthorized long distance telephone calls have been made from several Floyd County High Schools...There died: Trimble Carroll, 80, of Printer, Sunday, December 19, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Freddie Turner, 74, of Wayland, Monday, December 20, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Reva Johnson Sloan, 86, of Prestonsburg, Monday, December 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Arvid Rogers, 70, of Robinson Creek, Wednesday, December 15, at Parkview Manor Nursing Home; Okra Music, 84, of Nippa, Sunday, December 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Laura Adkins Burnett, 97, of Wayland, Sunday, December 19, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Larry Grant White, 45, of Emma, Wednesday, December 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Julian H. Adams, 68, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, December 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Larry Douglas Branham, 44, of David, Friday, December 17, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington; Dolph Cotriel Combs Jr., 72, of Corapolis, Pennsylvania, formerly of Raven, Saturday, December 18,

at his residence; Andrew J. Snyder, 81, of Garrett, Monday, December 20, at Hazard Nursing Home; Lester Short, 49, of Jefferson Ohio, formerly of Knott County, Friday, December 17, in Jefferson; Josephine Shepherd Nelson, 78, of Dwale, Saturday, December 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ted Collins, 85, of Minnie, Monday, December 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Nancy Rosa Kinzer, 93, of Allen, Sunday, December 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Martha Ann Dobson, 86, of Hindman, Sunday, December 19, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Shelby Thomas, 74, of pinetop, Friday, December 17; Polly Hall, 29, of Martin, Tuesday, at Printer in an automobile accident; James Monte Conley Jr., 63, of Lackey, Monday, at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C.

## Twenty Years Ago

(December 28, 1983)

A year after the skeletal remains of Zelma Anderson were discovered in an abandoned strip mine, at Orkney, members of the dead woman's family announced that they are offering a substantial reward for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons who murdered her...An amended complaint filed in the \$3.7 million damage suit stemming from the January 1982, mining tragedy at Craynor, names as defendants the principals of a coal firm originally identified only by its corporate name. The defendants are Arnold Turner Sr., Arnold Turner Jr., Joan Chaffins, Anita Gibson and Donnie Turner...A Kentucky State Police special investigations unit, which has been probing alleged irregularities in county finances, has turned its attention to the Floyd County Solid Waste, Bob McAninch, chairman of the agency board told board members last week...There died: Paul James Harris, 58, of Martin, December 20 at his home; Elva Mae Hunt, 70, of Ivel, last Thursday, in Lexington; Rutha Tackett, 67, of Grethel, last Wednesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Polly Hunt, 65, of Tram, December 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Doney Coleman, 80, of Water Gap, Tuesday, en route to Highlands Regional Medical Center; Vannie Spurlock, 69, of Printer, Monday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Allen Jacob Bentley, 63, of Lackey, Saturday, at his home; Grover Shepherd, 68, of Hueysville, Tuesday, at his home; Floyd H. Patton, 72, of Hippo, Monday, in Lexington; John Jay Terry, 64, of Wayland, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Editor's Note: 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70 Years Ago were not printed.

## Critter

surgeries for pets belonging to people on low/fixed incomes or with a financial burden due to taking care of strays. The group is based in Prestonsburg, but serves all of Floyd County, with some overlap into neighboring counties.

In the last three years, SNOOP has helped fund surgery for more than 700 cats and dogs. Many of these animals would not have been altered otherwise. I think the results are starting to show in the reduced number of animals seen wandering or killed along the roadside. I pray for the day when there is a dramatic effect on the numbers of animals coming into the shelter. I'm sure there has already been a big impact, but my dream scenario is having a shelter intake rate that is about the same as the adoption rate. There will always be a need for animal shelters, but wouldn't it be wonderful to know that for almost every animal entering there was a loving adoptive home waiting?

Now down to brass tacks. SNOOP has secured a grant that has helped tremendously. Unfortunately, it only covers about half of the funds needed to keep the program going at its present rate. We have raised additional money with T-shirt sales, raffles, a membership drive, and special fundraisers such as the Pet Photos with Santa. Still, we are rapidly running out of capital.

I need to make sort of a disclaimer at this point. I realize that being both a member of SNOOP and one of the contracting veterinarians puts me in an odd position, so I want to clarify that. Yes, I am one of the vets that SNOOP pays for performing the surgeries (I am proud to say that every vet in Floyd County participates in this program!), but I need to let you know what else I stand to gain from this. Every animal sterilized, no matter who does it, represents to me fewer stray animals that will be brought into my clinic mangled and bleeding from a run-in with a vehicle, a gun or another animal. Likewise, there will be fewer animals' faces that I have to look into at the shelter as I take their lives. I will fight for the spay/neuter cause the rest of my life, and I see SNOOP as the best ally we have ever had in this region.

That said, I am unashamedly telling you that we need all the help we can get. If you or someone you know needs a tax break, remember that contributions to SNOOP are tax-deductible. Corporate support would be welcome from any companies thinking about "adopting" a non-profit organization.

T-shirts are still available and membership is open. We are also collecting old cell phones, for which we will be paid through CollectiveGood.com.

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There is a collection box at Eastern KY Radiology, 5230 KY Route 321, Suite 7 in Prestonsburg, or you can drop them off at my office in Estill and we will see that they get to the SNOOP office.

We are currently planning a couple of major fundraisers for later in the year. I would welcome any suggestions from readers who might have some ideas.

The SNOOP line is 889-9982 (if no answer, leave a message and someone will call you back). You can reach me at 358-9913 or e-mail me at carolb-cac@tiusa.net.

This is off the subject, but I need to widen the search for Teresa Warrix's lost dog, "Woodrow". Many of you met Woodrow at the Jenny Wiley Festival and Red, White and Blue day—remember the dog wearing the overalls? He is a very loveable dog with an incurable case of wanderlust. He would be easy to spot (even without the costume). He is a neutered male tricolor Basset Hound with only one eye. He also has Teresa's name and phone number tattooed on his belly. There is a reward offered. He was last seen on Dec. 1st on Raccoon of Salt Lick near the Floyd/Magoffin County Line. If you have any information, contact us at 358-9913 or 358-2314.

Thanks to all the animal people out there for your support.





**Big turnips!**

Kennis Hall, of Pikeville, grew the largest turnips of his life in his garden this year. Here he is shown with two white turnips, each weighing 5 1/2 lbs.

**School**

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 ■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.  
 ■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

**SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER**

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

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite 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.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

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**STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

■ 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 Tristari Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

**W.D. OSBORNE "RAINBOW JUNCTION" FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

■ "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.

**WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

■ Dec. 17 - 6th, 7th, and 8th grades will present program on true meaning of Christmas.

■ Dec. 19 - Christmas break begins, school will dismiss at 12 p.m.

■ Jan. 5 - First day back from holiday break.

**FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE**

■ Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

■ Tuesday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

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\*All classes and materials free of charge. Feel free to contact any of the above numbers or the David School at 886-8374 for further information.

**The Mountain Arts Center presents exotic animals art show**

Richard Nunemaker

"Paintings Of Exotic Creatures and Familiar Kentucky Horses" now thru the end of December

The Mountain Arts Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and whenever there is a show.

Call toll free 1-888-622-2787 or locally 886-2623 for schedule of hours.

Richard was born in Indiana in 1946 and has drawn wildlife since an early age. Self taught, his realistic style and bright colors create beautiful pieces of art. He was inspired by his love of nature and joy in painting a variety of wildlife. Richard's aim is to capture an intrinsic moment with the animal in its natural habitat. Richard has a home in Dwale though he and his wife currently reside in Richmond.

Richard went to Vietnam in 1969 as a combat artist. The skills he learned from this exposure to military life in Vietnam became an integral part of his paintings. In 1978 he put his painting career on hold to go into the billboard business. That hiatus lasted 20 years. He retired in 1998 and is now able to dedicate all of his time to paintings and in travel to zoos.

He tries to create a composition designed to reflect the inherent artistry of nature. His paintings reveal the love for art coupled with

a lifelong love for nature and animals. His acrylic paintings include mostly exotic animals and a few warriors from several different African tribes. He paints these exotic subjects because they are a part of our present history that may not always be around. Richard knows that due to several acts of humans these creatures are at risk and this concerns him. He feels that these are magnificent creatures that are in need of protection. The plight of the mountain gorillas is of the greatest concern to him. The poaching of the Gorillas and the growth of agriculture in their habitat is something that must be stopped and controlled. Richard feels we must all work together to preserve these magnificent creatures.

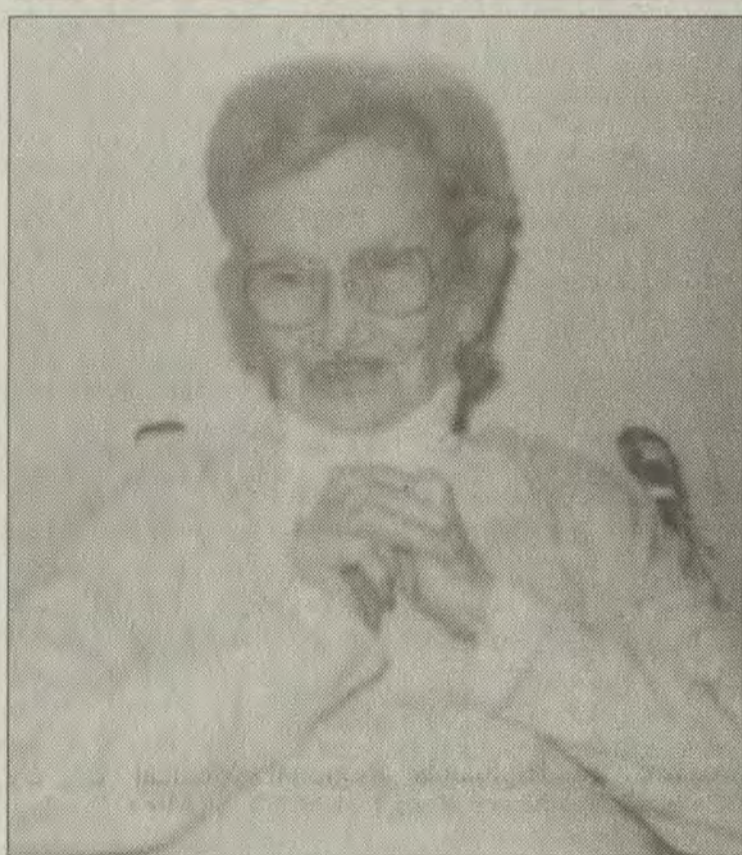
**Holy**

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The live Nativity was set up in the church parking lot and visitors were invited to drive through and view the pageant without ever having to leave the comfort of their warm cars.

Christ United Methodist has other Christmas events scheduled for the holiday season, including special performances by the children's choir, a special Christmas Cantata, "His Kingdom Shall Never End," and a special Christmas Eve service.

*Organization*



**Congratulations, Ersha!**

Ersha Layne has been named "Resident of the Month" for the month of December at Riverview Health Care Center, Lancer. Ersha is from Pikeville and has resided at Riverview since June, 2000. She has one daughter and one son.

**Oak**

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went off to the barn. About half an hour later there was a knock at the farmhouse door. They opened it and there stood the banker. "I'll tell you, fellows, it's too much for me," he gasped. "I can't take it."

"All right," said the grocer. "In my business I often get stuck with produce or meat that goes bad. You talk about stink. I'll sleep in the barn." He left the house.

In 30 minutes or so, there was a knock on the door. They opened it and there was the grocer. "I've had to put up with some pretty rank odors in my day," he said, "but that barn tops them all. It beats me. I can't handle it."

"You two sissies," said the politician. "I'll sleep in the barn." He took his bedding and

headed that way. About 30 minutes later there was a knock on the farmhouse door. They opened it, and there stood all the animals from the barn.

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 Another item in Metz's column that week was about a florist's new assistant (he didn't say what town, nor which florist) who took a telephone order from a customer.

"The ribbon must be white," said the woman on the phone, "with gold letters reading 'Rest in Peace' on both sides and, if you can squeeze it in, 'We Shall Meet in Heaven.'"

When the floral tribute reached the home of the deceased, the inscription read, "Rest in peace on both sides! If you can squeeze it in, we shall meet in heaven."

**It's time again for Christmas in the Park sponsored by the Prestonsburg Woman's Club**

The Prestonsburg Woman's Club will be hosting this year's Christmas in the Park event on Thursday, December 18, 2003, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Archer Park skating rink. The event is free and open to the public and is for area children ages 0-12 and their families. Activities will include face painting, making holiday art, and going up to see Santa Claus. Refreshments will be served.

Christmas in the Park is co-sponsored annually by the woman's club, the City of Prestonsburg, and Archer Park. Also contributing this year are Wal-Mart, the Christian

Appalachian Project's Operation Sharing, the Low Income Housing Coalition (LINKS), the Floyd County Health Department, Dr. Fred Meece, Dr. Martin Minix, and Dr. Eddie Clark.

While at Archer Park for the event, families can view the park's beautiful and extensive display of holiday lights.

At its December meeting, the Prestonsburg Woman's Club members prepared for Christmas in the Park and were entertained by the Community Chorus which is based at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College's

Prestonsburg campus. The Community Chorus sang holiday classics and some familiar carols and were accompanied by their director on electric piano. The chorus meets at 6 p.m., on Monday evenings, at the college and encourages interested members of the public to come and join them in song - call the college for more information.

For more information on Christmas in the Park, interested persons can contact Ralph Little, of Archer Park, at 886-6390, or Pam Weiner Skeen, of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club at 889-9639.

*New Arrivals*

**HRMC New Arrivals**

**Dec. 3, 2003**  
 A son, Jamie Juluis Minix II, to Amanda and Jamie Minix

**Dec. 3, 2003**  
 A son, Ricky Dean Bouen, to Kimberly and Timmy Bouen

**Dec. 4, 2003**  
 A son, Logan Grant Puckett, to Crystal and Miles Puckett

**Dec. 5, 2003**  
 A son, Sonny James Adams, to Kasandra Jean Purdue

**Dec. 5, 2003**  
 A daughter, Brooklyn Paige Music, to Nathan and Angela Music

**Dec. 5, 2003**  
 A son, Ethan Shane Kidd, to Marsha and George Kidd

**Dec. 5, 2003**  
 A son, Dylan Brent Burke, to Amanda and Gordon Burke

**Dec. 6, 2003**  
 A son, Ethan Blake Adams, to Carey Lynn and Michael Ray Adams

**Dec. 7, 2003**  
 A daughter, Brionna Anne Marie Maynard, to Misty Marie Waller

**Dec. 7, 2003**  
 A son, Steven Dock Riley, to Lavon and Steve Riley

**Dec. 9, 2003**  
 A daughter, Destanie Grace Slone, to Melissa and Joshua Slone

**Dec. 10, 2003**  
 A daughter, Katelyn Paige Conley, to Kayla and Eric Conley

**Dec. 10, 2003**  
 A son, Mason Douglas Salisbury, to Rhea and Paul Salisbury

**Dec. 11, 2003**  
 A son, Noah Bryce Fannin, to Reanna and Southie Fannin

**Dec. 11, 2003**  
 A daughter, Sydney Paige Fannin, to Reanna and Southie Fannin

**Dec. 12, 2003**  
 A daughter, Madison Sage Waller, to Kelly Renee Hunter

**Dec. 13, 2003**  
 A son, Nicholas Chase Hall, to Hope and Jamie Hall

*Birthdays*



**Daniele is 9!**

Daniele Lusha Barnett celebrated her ninth birthday on Tuesday, December 9, 2003. Daniele is the daughter of Michele Isaac Barnett, of Wheelwright, and Keith Barnett, of West Prestonsburg. She is the granddaughter of Hazel Harvey, also of Wheelwright, and Mark Harvey, of Knott County, and Janice Sester, of West Prestonsburg.

*Wedding Engagement*



**Black-Allen**

James Gregory Allen and Carolyn Samantha Black are pleased to announce their forthcoming marriage that will take place on December 27, 2003, at seven o'clock in the evening, at the Carriage House of the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Following the ceremonies to unite the couple in marriage and to unify them as a family, a reception will be held. Samantha is the daughter of Grace Combs, of Garrett, and the late Jerry M. Combs. She is a 1995 graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy in Oxford, Mississippi. She is currently employed as a pharmacist in eastern Kentucky. She has one son, Benjamin, who attends June Buchanan High School. Greg is the son of James "Jitter" and Emily Allen, of Martin. He is a 1987 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky, and a 1991 graduate of Salmon P. Chase College of Law, in northern Kentucky. He is currently employed as an attorney in the Riley and Allen Law Offices, in Prestonsburg. The family currently resides at Banner.

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- Sunday Paper, Thurs. 5 p.m.

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## AUTOMOTIVE

### 130-Cars

**FOR SALE: 1993** Geo Prizm good condition. 886-0837.

**1992 CHEVY CORSI-CA** for sale. If interested call 889-0872 or 226-0062.

### 160-Motorcycles

**1998 YAMAHA YZ80** New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 452-9599 for more info.

**FOR SALE: 1999** Black Fat boy, bike includes smokey windshield, leather saddlebags and lots of chrome accessories. 15,000 miles. Interested inquires call at 886-2030.

**FOR SALE: 1996** Ultra Classic, low mileage 14,000 mls, black/green motorcycle with lots of accessories. Interested inquires call at 886-2030.

### 180-Trucks

**FOR SALE 1996** Blazer, excellent condition, fully loaded. Call 886-0824.

**FOR SALE: 88** Chevy 4X4, automatic, loaded. Asking \$4000. Call 874-2879.

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**FOR SALE:** Laundrymat located in Salyersville. Business & equipment only you assume lease on building. Only one in town, great location. Price \$30,000. Phone 606-886-1915 after 5 p.m.

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### 210-Job Listings

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**PART-TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION** The City of Martin is hiring a part-time maintenance worker. Starting pay is \$6.00 per hour. Must have a high school diploma or GED equivalency. Must have a valid drivers license, experience necessary. Applications may be picked up at Martin City Hall, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. applications will be taken until December 22, 2003.

**TAXI CAB DRIVERS WANTED:** Must pass drug, criminal & driving test. \$6.00 per hour, over 40 hours \$9.00 per hour. Alternate nights & week ends. Paid weekly. 285-3140 Appalachian Transportation, Inc.

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**HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED** for Prestonsburg home. Please call 606-886-6405.

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 brian.mullins@pikevillehospital.org  
 Fax - (606) 437-9708

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## Big Sandy Community & Technical College

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**Job Duties:** Serve as a liaison between the President and the employees at the campus and the leadership team for Academic Affairs, Business Affairs, Student Affairs, and Institutional Services; perform student advising; serve as first point of contact for students and campus employees who have issues, complaints or crisis; serve as spokesperson for the campus with local community; gather data and presents campus improvement plans to college leadership team; serve as campus contact point for issues related to safety; security and facility usage; manage selected campus budget line items; and indirectly supervises all personnel at the campus site. **Minimum Requirements:** Master's degree (related field) and three years of related work experience or equivalent.

**Procedure to Apply for Campus Coordinator Positions:** Formal applications are available at Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Office of Human Resources, Johnson Administration Building, Room 110 or via email request to: [Jackie.Cecil@kctcs.edu](mailto:Jackie.Cecil@kctcs.edu) or by phone (606) 886-3863, ext. 6341. Applications accepted until positions are filled. Applicants must submit a completed application and current resumé with list of references and three current original letters of recommendation to: Jackie B. Cecil, Director of Human Resources, Big Sandy Community & Technical College, One Bert Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

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Draft Title V Operating Permit

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Plant I.D. # 021-071-00140 - Application Log #51196

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Copies of the Division's draft permit and relevant supporting information are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the following locations:

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