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### briefs

## 530 get layoff warning

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — The proposed sale of American Electric Power's coal operations in Eastern Kentucky could result in massive layoffs, officials said.

Letters were sent to 530 employees, most of whom work in Pike County, last week informing them of potential layoffs, said Pat Hemlepp, spokesman for the Columbus, Ohio, company.

Hemlepp said the layoffs may result from the acquisition of AEP Kentucky Coal by Wexford Capital of Greenwich, Conn.

"The warning letter was issued to the AEP Kentucky Coal employees to provide staffing flexibility in preparation for the potential sale of the operation," Hemlepp said.

The sale, Hemlepp said, is expected to close sometime in mid-February. AEP owns 10 active mining operations in Pike County.

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High: 42 • Low: 29

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## Wheelwright drug case gets new indictments

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Commonwealth Attorney's office returned superseding indictments last week on three individuals who were indicted earlier this year in U.S. District Court on drug trafficking charges.

The indictments, handed down Dec. 18 by a Floyd County grand jury, charges two brothers and another man with a total of 13 counts of cocaine trafficking charges.

Harold Glenn Thornsberry, 47, of Wheelwright, was indicted on eight counts first-degree cocaine trafficking, a Class C felony, along with his brother, Rodney, 48, of Bypro, who was charged with three

counts of first-degree cocaine trafficking. Additionally, Vernon Slone, 47, of Bevsinsville, was indicted on two counts of first-degree cocaine trafficking while possessing a firearm.

A four-month drug trafficking investigation by the Kentucky State Police brought these men to federal court earlier this year, where they were indicted in U.S.

District Court. The investigation that preceded the initial arrests of these men resulted in the arrest of brothers Vernon Slone, Dave Slone and Michael Shannon Slone, all of Bevsinsville, and brothers Harold and Rodney Thornsberry of Wheelwright and Bypro, respectively.

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photo by Mary Music

This little boy was only one of hundreds of local children who had the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap Monday during the Toys for Tots Christmas party hosted by the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center. The program, sponsored in cooperation with the U.S. Marine Corps, provided more than 1,000 new toys from businesses and individuals in the area.

## Job Corps plays host to Toys for Tots party

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — After participating in the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program for the past three years, staff members at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center said they jumped at the chance to host the annual party to provide Christmas gifts to area needy children.

More than 300 children and

their parents gathered Monday at the Perkins Center gymnasium, where they were treated to food, drinks and a special appearance from Santa Claus, who handed out more than 1,000 gifts that were collected from businesses and individuals throughout the community.

"This is really nice," said Prestonsburg resident Kathy Neeley, whose children, Dustin Tussey, 4, and Adrian Neeley, 9,

participated in the program Monday. "It helped the kids have a really good Christmas."

According to Teresa Carroll, buyer for the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps center, who initiated and coordinated the project by appointing a committee early last month, the "kick" to this year's celebration was the response the center received from community

(See TOYS, page three)

## Harold woman pleads guilty to sex abuse

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County female indicted last year on various sexual offenses pleaded guilty in circuit court Monday, just a couple of weeks shy of her scheduled trial date.

Angela Johnson, 40, of Harold, charged with second-degree complicity to commit rape, first-degree sexual abuse and first-degree unlawful imprisonment, pleaded guilty in Judge John David Caudill's courtroom Monday morning to one count of third-degree complicity to commit rape and one

count of first-degree sexual abuse.

Johnson, in accepting an offer made by the commonwealth for a guilty plea, will be sentenced to one year in jail. She was additionally ordered to complete a sexual offender's program as part of her parole.

Johnson was indicted by the grand jury on August 28, 2002, for incidents which occurred on or about Jan. 1, 1991.

Reportedly, Johnson aided her husband, Darvin Johnson, in the rape of a 13-year-old female by holding her down

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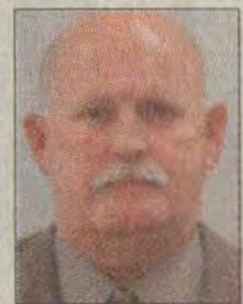
## Fitzpatrick fourth to file for House seat

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

GARRETT — Late last week, exactly one week since the third Floyd Countian filed to run for 95th District state representative, yet another has added his name to the list.

Garrett resident Mike Fitzpatrick filed Dec. 18 to add his name to the ballot in May,

now bringing the number of Floyd Countians vying for the office to four.



Mike Fitzpatrick

Fitzpatrick, 50, a mining consultant who said Monday he has worked most all of his life in the coal mining industry, said his reasons for entering the race included all the surrounding residents.

"I got into the race for myself,"

(See FITZPATRICK, page three)

## Prestonsburg's Christmas with a Cop program continues to grow

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The fifth annual Prestonsburg Christmas with a Cop program kicked off with a bang at the Mountain Arts Center Monday morning.

Eighteen local children, two chosen from the resource centers in grades K-5 from each county school, gathered with their families at the MAC where they were treated to a pizza party and a special Christmas show featuring "Munroe."

Children who participated in the program were "dressed from head to toe," according to Prestonsburg

Police Officer Roy Roberts, who said that each child got new winter jackets, shoes, sweatshirts, pants, underwear and gloves.

Additionally, the children received loads of presents, including new CD players and brand new bicycles, donated by Prestonsburg resident Allan Rose, who donates bicycles for the program annually.

Families also received food baskets, overfilled with everything needed to prepare Christmas dinner, topped off with a ham donated by the city of Prestonsburg.

After the party and show, children were directed to Prestonsburg Wal-Mart, where they were given a \$100 allowance to purchase gifts

for themselves and their families. Additionally, their families received a \$50 gift certificate.

"This is a service that our police department, fire department and city hall have tried to do for several years and now it's grown due to the people in the community who give more and more each year," said Mayor Jerry Fannin. "It's great. All of our employees worked hard — a lot of them working on their off time — doing all this and we greatly appreciate all their hard work."

The Prestonsburg Christmas with a Cop program began five

(See CHRISTMAS, page three)



photo by Mary Music

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin spoke with children during the Prestonsburg Christmas with a Cop program at the MAC on Monday. Eighteen children who participated in the program were treated to a pizza party, a special show featuring "Munroe," several gifts, and a \$100 shopping spree at Wal-Mart.

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# Odds & Ends

■ **TECUMSEH, Mich.** — A fruitcake that is an estimated 125 years old — an artifact of holiday cheer — is expected to make a tasty debut of sorts when it's introduced on national TV.

Morgan Ford, 83, of Tecumseh, is taking his great-grandmother Fidelia Bates' fruitcake to Burbank, Calif., to share a piece with Jay Leno on Tuesday's "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

The cake rests in a glass bowl, covered by a glass top. A large raisin and what might be a clove are visible among the

brown mass — Ford says it's fossilized — that emits a pleasant odor of spices.

Its baker died in Berkey, Ohio, in 1879 and the cake remained untouched for 85 years.

Not much is known about the origin of the cake; even the recipe is lost.

"I don't think my dad knew anything more about it than I do now," Ford said.

Ford intends to pass along the fruitcake to his son, James Ford, of Tecumseh.

"I guess I don't have anything else that's a family heirloom," James Ford said. "It's history. I think my dad gets a little more fun out of it than I do."

■ **NEWARK, N.J.** — Gary and Linda Manla nicely donated a blue spruce, towering over

their home for decades, to Newark for its official Christmas tree.

But the Manlas weren't in the crowd when the tree's 10,000 lights were switched on earlier this month, in a ceremony attended by singer and actress Melba Moore, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Community Choir and 100 other guests.

The state's largest city had neglected to tell them.

"It's no big deal," Linda Manla said. "Mistakes happen."

"I took a lot of ribbing at work," said Gary Manla, an equipment operator for the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission.

The Manlas finally got to see the glowing 35-foot tree in front of City Hall on Thursday, as the personal guests of Mayor Sharpe James.

"There were too many hands doing the cooking, and the hands forgot to invite the most important people — the family who donated the tree," James said. "We just want to let them know it was an oversight, and we are humbled by their gift because it was from the heart."

■ **UNION, Ohio** — There are more than 25 Union Townships in Ohio, and one city of Union. None is the community that Money magazine meant to honor in its list of "America's Hottest Towns."

So Union Mayor Robert Packard, in the city with 6,400 residents north of Dayton, was surprised to get a congratulatory call from the magazine last month. "I thought it was a joke," he said.

The accolades were meant for West Chester Township, population 56,800, in Butler County about 20 miles north of Cincinnati. The community changed its name from Union Township in 2000, but the U.S. Census from that year uses the old name.

The magazine chose 87 communities as among the best in the nation to live, using income, employment and education statistics compiled by OnBoard LLC, a real estate information company. Dublin, a suburb of Columbus, Ohio, also made the list.

Money's Web site at first listed Union, linked to a map of the city. The link was removed when editors learned of the mix-up, and the listing was corrected

first to Union Township, then West Chester Township.

The change came too late for the print edition, reading "Union Twp.," which goes on newsstands Monday.

"I'm a little blind-sided by it," associate editor Michael Powe said. "We had someone fact-check this vigorously."

■ **MOUNT DESERT ISLAND, Maine** — Practical jokers Jim Bright and Chris

Costello never imagined that their idea of dressing a female lobster in a Barbie outfit — accessorized with pink high heels — would save her from the steam pot.

But it did — at least 10 times. As a gag, the fishermen clad the crustacean and placed her in a friend's trap last September.

"It's a monotony hauling traps day after day," said

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## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 24, the 358th day of 2003. There are seven days left in the year. This is Christmas Eve.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 24, 1968, the Apollo Eight astronauts, orbiting the moon, read passages from the Old Testament Book of Genesis during a Christmas Eve television broadcast.

### On this date:

■ In 1524, Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama — who had discovered a sea route around Africa to India — died in Cochin, India.

■ In 1814, the War of 1812 officially ended as the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium.

■ In 1851, fire devastated the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., destroying about 35,000 volumes.

■ In 1865, several veterans of the Confederate Army formed a private social club in Pulaski, Tenn., called the Ku Klux Klan.

■ In 1871, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Aida" had its world pre-

miere in Cairo, Egypt, to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal.

■ In 1906, Canadian physicist Reginald A. Fessenden became the first person to broadcast a music program over radio, from Brant Rock, Mass.

■ In 1920, Enrico Caruso gave his last public performance, singing in Jacques Halevy's "La Juive" at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

■ In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt appointed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower supreme commander of Allied forces as part of Operation Overlord.

■ In 1951, Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," the first opera written specifically for television, was first broadcast by NBC-TV.

■ In 1980, Americans remembered the U.S. hostages in Iran by burning candles or shining lights for 417 seconds — one second for each day of captivity.

### Ten years ago:

The Reverend Norman Vincent Peale, who had blended Christian and psychiatric princi-

ples into a message of "positive thinking," died in Pawling, N.Y., at age 95.

### Five years ago:

Ignoring NATO warnings, Serb tanks and troops struck an ethnic Albanian stronghold in Kosovo. Most of California's citrus crop was considered ruined after three straight nights of freezing cold.

### One year ago:

North Korea ratcheted up its standoff with Washington, starting repairs at a long-frozen nuclear reactor and warning that U.S. policy was leading to an "uncontrollable catastrophe" and the "brink of nuclear war." Saddam Hussein said in an address read on television that Iraqis were ready to fight a holy war against the United States. Chinese pro-democracy activist Xu Wenli was released from a prison in Beijing and flown to the United States.

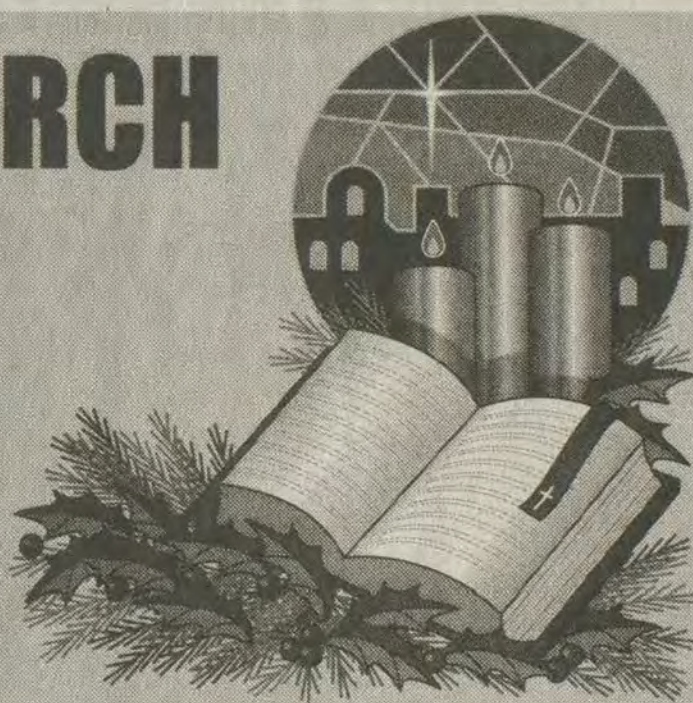
### Today's Birthdays:

Songwriter-bandleader Dave Bartholomew is 83. Federal

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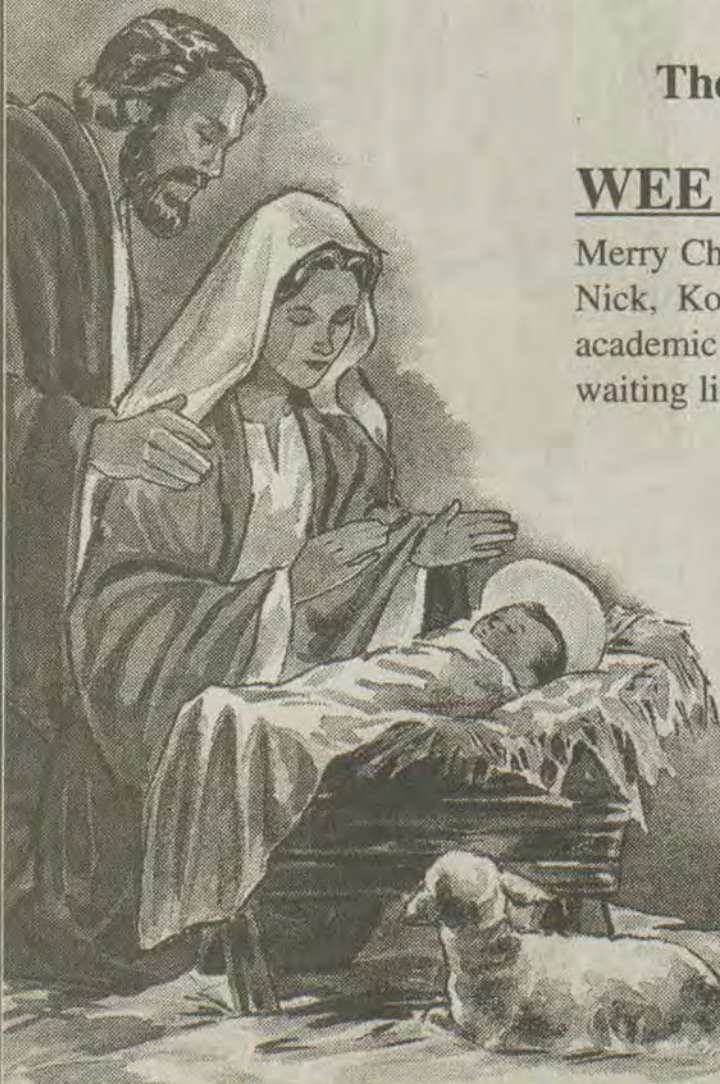
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Alcoholics Anonymous (Thursday)  
Child Care Center (Monday-Friday, 7 A.M.-5:45 P.M.)

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# Arrest made in murder of mine inspector

by SHELTON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

HAZARD — State police have arrested a 22-year-old Perry County woman and charged her with the murder of former Prestonsburg surface mines inspector John K. Slone, KSP Post 13 in Hazard announced Friday.

Leslie Herald, 22, of Busy, was taken into custody by KSP Det. Tony Watts at approximately 4:30 p.m. Friday afternoon and charged with a single count of murder in connection to Slone's Nov. 29 murder.

Until recently, authorities had only upgraded investigation from an assault to the possibility of murder following Slone's death last week.

Police discovered Slone Nov. 29 after a call informing them that the 60-year-old inspector had been assaulted in his residence at Hyden. Slone was taken at that time to Hyden Hospital and then later transported to the

University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center in Lexington.

Slone died Tuesday, Dec. 17 from injuries sustained during the assault, which his sister, Mary Gibson, of Knott County, later told the Associated Press had "looked like someone tortured him".

Gibson also said it seemed that someone had bitten her brother several times on the hand, arm and face.

Preliminary autopsy results revealed that Slone had died due to "blunt force trauma" to the head, Watts said.

Watts could not be reached for comment.

Slone had previously worked as a surface-mines inspector out of Prestonsburg before relocating to Leslie County and making his home in Hyden. He worked for the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet for 21 years, including 14-and-a-half years for the surface mining agency.

## Toys

donations.

"The Prestonsburg community absolutely blew us away with all the toys they collected for us," she said.

According to her, the center initiated a brown bag project in Prestonsburg, where empty brown paper bags were dropped off on resident's porches. Prestonsburg residents donated two van loads of toys for the program, Carroll said. Additionally, several local businesses hosted as dropoff stations for the program.

"A lot of kids' parents told me this will be all they get for Christmas," said Carroll. "We just can't give too much. How can you give too much to your community?"

The Toys for Tots program was initiated in 1947 by the U.S. Marine Corps in an effort to provide toys for America's neediest children. Children age 2 through 11 qualify for the program.

Those who participated in the Toys for Tots program at the Perkin's center Monday were referred by a variety of

sources throughout the community, including local school resource centers, Mountain Comprehensive Care, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, and by word of mouth, said Carroll.

According to Debbie Burchell, Job Corps center director, the organization of the party was an "all-center" effort on behalf of the Job Corps students and staff. While staff members planned and organized donations, students wrapped every present handed out to the children, collected donations, and built Santa's sleigh.

"It's much nicer, we've really enjoyed it," said Burchell. "Staff and students worked hard. It was an all-center effort, and we're really proud that we could do this for our community. We hope to make it bigger and better next year."

Businesses who participated in the program include First Commonwealth Bank, Magic Mart, Hi Tech Signs, The Floyd County Times, Brown's Food Service and Coca-Cola.

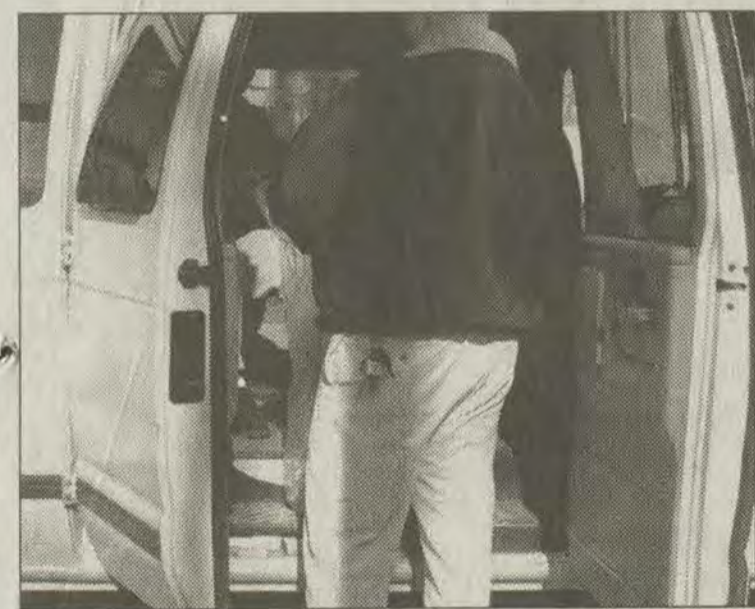


photo by Sheldon Compton  
Ronnie Sammons Jr., of the Otter Creek Correctional Center's Addiction Treatment Unit, unloaded toys collected by the prison for needy children. The prison collected approximately 650 toys across eight counties, said prison spokesman Mark Kilburn.

# Otter Creek distributes over 650 toys to area kids

by SHELTON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — The Otter Creek Correctional Center has completed another year of toy collection for the Christmas holidays, again finishing with impressive results, the facility said last week.

As has become customary, the facility placed numerous "Santa sleighs" throughout the county and surrounding counties. The sleighs function as a dropoff point for families interested in donating toys for needy children.

The toys, most of which are discarded and old, are then collected by the prison and repaired or refurbished through a program that enlists inmates as acting workshop "elves".

The inmates spend the time after collection is complete fixing and mending the toys, which are then shipped out to places

like the Angel House in Knott County, said OCCC public relations director Mark Kilburn.

"We've just completed getting the toys in this past Tuesday," Kilburn said. "We've served a total of 650 needy kids, so far. We gave about 500 toys to the Angel House just across Jack's Creek Mountain in Knott County at one time."

Kilburn said work continues at the prison as inmates are now awaiting collection from other dropoff points.

Sleighs were placed at area businesses and restaurants throughout Floyd County, as well as places like Pikeville College in neighboring Pike County, Kilburn said.

The exact number of donations collected had not been figured as of yesterday, but Kilburn said this year was a productive venture and he feels the prison will continue the tradition in coming years.

## Christmas

years ago with 10 kids and two bicycles which were given away as door prizes. Since that time, growing support within the community has helped add more children and gifts to the program's annual shopping list.

According to Prestonsburg Police Officer Mike Conn, the city was able to purchase at least one gift for the brothers and sisters of each child in the program this year, bringing the total number of children who benefited from the event this year to 61.

"It came in nice and handy this year," said Don Johnson, of Wheelwright. "I've been sick for the last three months and I've been in and out of the hospital. I haven't had much of a chance to do much about anything. It really surprised us when the school notified us that we were chosen for this. I just want to thank them for all they have done."

Johnson's daughter, Michelle, who was picked for the program, celebrated her ninth birthday Monday.

Donald Parker, of Price, father of Prestonsburg Dispatcher Will Parker, says that playing Santa for the program the last four years has been inspirational.

"I think it's a great thing that the community has come together to help those less fortunate than you and I," he said. "To me, Christmas is for children. If we had more caring people all year round like people do at Christmas time, this world would be a much better place to live."

"Every year, I see children selected for this that probably wouldn't have a good Christmas if they weren't selected for this program."

## Guilty

while the rape occurred and also by unlawfully restraining the victim and having sexual contact with her.

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, Johnson visited the girl's home to babysit on New Year's Eve, 1991. The following day, said Taylor, Darwin Johnson raped the child with the "aid and assistance" of his wife, Angela, who "did nothing to stop it."

According to Taylor, Angela Johnson gave a statement during the initial investigation that she was "naked in the room" as the rape occurred.

Darvin Johnson pleaded guilty to rape on July 26, 2002, accepting a plea deal with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, which offered him a five-year sentence for the crime under the condition that he testify against his wife.

After charges were filed against him in 1991, Darwin Johnson fled Kentucky. He was picked up by authorities 11 years later while working as a carnival worker in Key West, Fla.

Angela Johnson is scheduled for formal sentencing Feb. 13.

## Drugs

According to their initial indictment, the Slones and Thornsberys allegedly sold a mixture containing more than 500 milligrams of cocaine between January 1997 and March of this year.

Glenn Thornsberry has already pleaded guilty in federal court to a single count of possession with the intent to distribute a mixture of substance containing more than 500 milligrams of cocaine.

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, Glenn Thornsberry began serving a 42-month sentence this month that was passed down by federal court following his entering a guilty plea.

Federal cases against the other men who were charged in the original indictment from U.S. District Court are still pending.

Harold Glenn Thornsberry, Rodney Thornsberry and Vernon Slone are slated to be arraigned Jan. 9 in Floyd Circuit Court.

Superseding indictments incorporate earlier criminal charges along with new charges brought against the person named in the indictment.

continued Parker. "I wish the whole county, some business owners from the outlying areas, could get involved. Maybe we'd be able to reward more than just the 18 children in the program this year. These families have a hard time at Christmas. They do good to pay the bills and put a little food on the table, then

Christmas rolls around and there isn't much they can do.

To see the joy on their faces makes it all worth it."

Some of the individuals and businesses who contributed to this year's event are Alan Rose, Miles Goodman, TranStar Ambulance, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Wal-Mart, Ousley Concrete, AEP

## Fitzpatrick

Fitzpatrick said, "but more importantly, for every human being in the 95th district. We're facing many problems in this district."

Not the least of those are centered around education, health care and drugs, said Fitzpatrick, a part-time court bailiff.

"Our teachers have been, since when KERA came in in 1990, been put on the back burner," Fitzpatrick said. "It's a travesty when teachers have to work without supplies like textbooks."

Teachers have also been shorted when looking at health care issues, as well, according to the race's newest candidate.

Fitzpatrick said Monday he

would approach legislation that would expand the number of health care plans teachers throughout the district are offered, saying that local teachers have only a couple options, while those in central and western Kentucky have between five and seven options to choose from.

Another health care issue that runs into his concern about drugs in our region is prescription drugs for the elderly in the community.

"Our elderly need prescription drugs," Fitzpatrick said Monday. "It's a shame when we have elderly people who have to make a choice and ask themselves, 'Do I buy food or do I buy medication?'"



photo by Ralph B. Davis  
Floyd County Times circulation manager Patty Wilson, left, and publisher David Bowyer, right, present a \$200 Wal-Mart gift certificate to Leonard and Ethel Sturgill, of Betsy Layne. The Sturgills won a promotion for new subscribers to The Times, earning themselves a little extra Christmas cash.

Coal, Shriners, Giovanni's and Cowboy Rhythm and Dance Studio.

"If it wasn't for our sponsors, we wouldn't be able to do it," said Officer Roy Roberts, who says the program gets "bigger and better" every year.

Donations this year, according to Roberts, totaled approximately \$9,000.

Fitzpatrick says that one approach to curbing the drug problem could be through new legislation that would hold juveniles more accountable for crimes, rather than clearing their record after age 21.

"We need new laws in dealing with repeat juveniles," he said. "Once they commit crimes, the courts are more or less bound by certain laws and by what penalties they can impose. When they turn 21, their records are cleared. Every person should be held accountable for his or her actions."

Fitzpatrick says he understands there are some things, if elected, that he simply would not be able to manage, but adds that he intends to be honest in dealing with this fact.

"As a candidate, I intend to work for each and every human being, regardless of social status," he said. "I'll listen to their concerns and ideas and address them, but I wouldn't make false promises I knew going in that I couldn't keep."

The son of Bob and Tessie Campbell of Garrett, Fitzpatrick is married to Patricia Gibson Fitzpatrick. They have three children, Crystal, Kelly and Robert, two grandsons, Bray Coleman and Parker Collins, and two sons-in-law, Ronnie Collins and Jeremy Coleman.

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"The value of an idea has nothing to do with the success of the man who expresses it."

—Oscar Wilde

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Guest View

## Computer muddies college football championship

College football fans are seeing the problem of putting computers ahead of humans. A computer formula has matched Oklahoma University and Louisiana State University in the hypothetical national championship college football game. But two human polls, one of coaches and the other of sportswriters, say the University of Southern California is the top football team in the land.

Regardless, USC will play in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day. The other two schools will play in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4. And football fans will have all next year to argue who was really the best team.

Use of the computerized formula that analyzes records, schedules and rankings was supposed to preclude this, but not, obviously in the minds of USC fans. Many of them believe the computer made a mistake. As evidence, they point to Oklahoma's drubbing by Kansas State. The team yyying for the national championship lost its own conference championship by four touchdowns.

Now all three teams have just one loss, and the computer and the experts who actually watched the games have a disagreement that will be resolved only if USC loses on New Year's Day. Otherwise, the people's choice will have as valid a claim on the national title as the Sugar Bowl winner. The college football championship will be the same as always: a muddied, two-team affair.

Some have suggested a national tournament, but that would be a worse outcome. Players are college students who are supposed to attend classes and take exams. A college football season that runs from August to January is long enough.

Anyway, a split decision isn't so bad. Having multiple champs gives twice as many alumni the chance to brag about their team.

— The Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star



"Gotta tell ya, senator . . . it feels nice finally coming out of the closet."



Sticks & Stones

## Business risks

A few days ago business took me into the dark depths of Pike County. A notorious opponent of driving in bad weather, I started out with reservations from Johnson County, my goal being Virgie, the town where I grew up. I had listened to the radio and heard that a possible four inches of icy snow would fall before morning. But, since I once vowed to never again listen to weather reports after hearing one that warned of a 50 percent chance of rain (think about it for a minute) I decided to disregard such obvious drivel. By that afternoon, when the report had adjusted due to whatever readings they consider and had changed predictions to

one or two inches of snow, I figured I was golden. However, though golden, I was still prepared to face some snow. I should've turned back when at 10:45 p.m. I learned that I had just missed a fatal accident along the very road I had taken to Virgie. Fifteen minutes behind schedule and it would have been me. But, since I was already there, I thought a few more minutes wouldn't hurt. Several hours later, my weekly gathering now at a close, I risked a glance through the window. Trouble, pure and simple. I deserved every one of the half million quarter-sized drops of snow that mockingly dropped past the window. My brother in tow, I began the journey with a heavy heart, remembering strangely enough that my grandmother had once warned me to wear clean

underwear in case I were to ever be in an accident. I remembered this and found myself thankful. Clean underwear, check. For how long? Who could really say. Details of the trip are sparse. I remember my hands becoming numb from clutching the steering wheel for too long and also remember learning that drivers are the same from Pike to Johnson County — completely insane and each bearing a disturbing tendency to drive at light speed across a sheet of ice. Death wishes, the lot of them. Creeping at 35 miles an hour across three counties I finally let out a long breath when the turnoff to my house came into view through the blanket of ice and snow outside my windshield. As I pulled into my driveway, I made a silent promise to myself ... No more poker night until I own a four-wheel drive.



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Letters

### Let the majority rule

Since hearing the news today about the Supreme Court ruling on the Ten Commandments being displayed in public places, I have a "radical" idea ... How about instead of letting the courts decide if they should be displayed, letting the people vote on it. Have a statewide or even nationwide vote on it. The last time I looked, a democracy was a majority-ruled society. Maybe that is a simple-minded opinion, but usually simplicity (or going straight to the heart of a matter) wins out in the long run. Julia A. Bornes Langley

### Losing the drug war

If organized crime were asked for a wish list, the present heroin distribution system would be on it.

Resembling a self-replicating computer virus, the system forces each addict to introduce more users to the system, and a perfect feedback loop guaranteed to generate profits. Along for the ride are the AIDS and hepatitis viruses, also guaranteed longevity by the same feedback loop. Prohibition is killing your children.

There is a reason that politicians won't listen. There must be great concern at the top of the power structure over the results of inquiries that will certainly be made in earnest when prohibition has finally collapsed. Once the tide has turned and the public begins to realize what an atrocity has been perpetrated, motivation for such inquiry will be very strong, and heads will roll. One day, politicians will be held accountable for the killing fields they created. Charles Byrnes Vice president Kentucky Marijuana Party Taylor Mill

### The plight of Palestine

As another Christmas fast approaches, I find myself wondering if we will ever see peace in the Middle East, especially in our Lord's place of birth, Palestine. When Israel was declared a state over 50 years ago to house the victims of the holocaust, little did we Americans realize that there was already a population of nearly 1 million Palestinian Arabs that was being displaced in the process. Although slowly over the years we Americans have become aware of this, we still we have little true understanding of the Palestinian people, whom we more often regard as victimizers, rather than the victimized. I believe that the common American's understanding of the common Palestinian is absolutely essential to peace in the Holy Land. Therefore, I am asking you to read the following, passionate poem,

written by a Palestinian youth. When I first read it, I wept. I wept for the tragedy that our country has helped to perpetuate all these years. I wept for the frustration and despair of the Palestinian people and the injustice they have suffered at the hands of another displaced group of victims.

Let us not let this year pass without considering how we average Americans might contribute to a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land, through understanding.

#### Eye to Eye by Gihad Ali (WITH PERMISSION FROM THE AUTHOR)

Look into my eyes And tell me what you see You don't see a damn thing, 'cause you can't possibly relate to me.

You're blinded by our differences. My life makes no sense to

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# Health Extra

## Tax-free savings accounts for health care begin Jan.

by MARK SHERMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration advertised new tax-free health savings accounts, which will be available beginning next week, as a way for Americans to gain greater control of health-care spending.

To escape taxation on both contributions and withdrawals, dollars set aside in the accounts must be spent for medical expenses.

"This account is a good option and available to all Americans. Every year the money not spent would stay in the account and gain interest tax-free, just like an IRA," White House spokesman Scott

McClellan said Monday.

However, guidance issued Monday by the Treasury Department limits eligibility for the special savings accounts to people who have health insurance policies with annual deductibles — the amount paid to cover expenses before benefits begin — of at least \$1,000 for individuals and \$2,000 for families.

In addition, Americans 65 years and older cannot open the new health accounts.

The conditions were stipulated in the Medicare law passed by Congress and signed this month by President Bush.

Despite the limitations, millions of Americans will qualify for the accounts, Treasury officials said.

Money deposited in the accounts could be invested, then withdrawn free of taxes for most medical expenses, including prescription drugs, long-term care services and Medicare premiums. Employers also would pay no taxes on amounts they contribute as employee benefits.

Individuals, their employers or their family members can put away the amount of their annual insurance deductibles, up to \$2,600 a year for individuals and \$5,150 a year for families. People age 55 to 64 could make additional contributions to build a medical nest egg.

An account stays with a person for a lifetime. Upon death, assets can be transferred tax-free to a spouse, who also would be limited to using the money

for out-of-pocket medical expenses.

The accounts can be set up beginning Jan. 1 and are expected to reduce Treasury revenues by \$6.4 billion over a decade.

Critics contend the accounts establish a tax shelter for the wealthy and are a precedent for future accounts to let affluent families evade taxes.

They also worry that the accounts will increase health costs gradually for many people by drawing young, healthy and affluent people out of the general pool of health insurance into high-deductible insurance plans.

"If health savings accounts prove popular, as congressional scorekeepers expect, low-deductible insurance will gradually become more expensive or even disappear," wrote tax expert Leonard Burman and health expert Linda Blumberg of the Urban Institute, a private think tank in Washington.

Burman and Blumberg said that would hurt the sick and the poor most, but it also could affect middle-income wage earners if their employers should switch to higher-deductible group plans.

Aetna and UnitedHealth

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## Drug use by teenagers continues decline

by MARK SHERMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — American teenagers are cutting back on their use of illicit drugs and cigarettes, but alcohol consumption is holding steady, the government says.

An annual survey of eighth-, 10th- and 12th-graders done for the Department of Health and Human Services, found declines in many kinds of drugs for high school students, especially for Ecstasy and LSD.

Overall, the Bush administration said the annual survey funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse showed an 11 percent drop in illegal drug use in the past two years, slightly surpassing President Bush's goal of a 10 percent reduction during that period.

The survey, known as Monitoring the Future, tracked drug use and attitudes among 48,500 students from 392 schools.

There was one troubling sign: slowing declines in the use of certain drugs by eighth graders — and a slight increase

in their use of inhalants, said Lloyd D. Johnston, who directed the study by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research.

"We should take this as a little warning because eighth graders have been indicative of things to come in the past," Johnston said.

In addition, there was an overall increase in the illicit use of the synthetic painkillers OxyContin and vicodin, reflective of patterns seen in the general population.

The survey showed a different picture of drug use from another poll of teens that also is used to measure the effectiveness of White House drug control policy. A private study by Pride Surveys in September showed illegal drug use and cigarette smoking among sixth-through 12th-graders increased slightly during the last school year compared with the year before.

But both surveys agreed that marijuana remains by far the most widely used illegal drug. Monitoring the Future reported that it had been tried at least

once by 46 percent of 12th graders and used by more than a third in the past year. Both numbers showed a decrease over last year.

"More kids are seeking treatment for marijuana dependency than all other drugs combined," John Walters, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, said at a news conference. Walters added that in 15 cities, surveys have found that more teens smoke marijuana than regular cigarettes.

However, he said the results were encouraging.

"This survey shows that when we push back against the drug problem, it gets smaller," Walters said.

Johnston and administration officials offered differing explanations for the decline in use of Ecstasy and LSD.

Ecstasy, also known as MDMA, is a synthetic drug considered part hallucinogen and part amphetamine. The drug became popular at dance parties because of the energy and

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you.  
I'm the persecuted  
Palestinian.  
You're the American red,  
white and blue.

Each day you wake in tranquility.  
No fears to cross your eyes.  
Each day I wake in gratitude.  
Thanking God He let me rise.

You worry about your education  
And the bills you have to pay.  
I worry about my vulnerable life  
And if I'll survive another day.

Your biggest fear is getting ticketed  
As you cruise your Cadillac.  
My fear is that the tank that just left  
Will turn around and come back.

American, do you realize,  
That the taxes that you pay  
Feed the forces that traumatize  
My every living day?

The bulldozers and the tanks,  
The gases and the guns,  
The bombs that fall outside my door,  
All due to American funds.

Yet do you know the truth  
Of where your money goes?  
Do you let your media deceive your mind?  
Is this a truth that no one knows?

You blame me for defending myself  
Against the ways of Zionists  
I'm terrorized in my own land  
And I'm the terrorist?

You think you know all about terrorism  
But you don't know it the way I do.  
So let me define the term for you.  
And teach you what you thought you knew.

I've known terrorism for quite some time,  
Fifty-five years and more.  
It's the fruitless garden uprooted in my yard.  
It's the bulldozer in front of my door.

Terrorism breathes the air I breathe.  
It's the checkpoint on my way to school.  
It's the curfew that jails me in my own home,  
And the penalties of breaking that curfew rule.

Terrorism is the robbery of my land.  
And the torture of my mother.  
The imprisonment of my innocent father.  
The bullet in my baby brother.

So American, don't tell me you know about  
The things I feel and see.  
I'm terrorized in my own land  
And the blame is put on me.

But I will not rest, I shall never settle  
For the injustice my people endure.  
Palestine is our land and there we'll remain  
Until the day our homeland is secure.

And if that time shall never come,  
Then we will never see a day of peace.  
I will not be thrown from my own home,  
Nor will my fight for justice cease.

And if I am killed, it will be in Falasteen.  
It's written on my every breath.  
So in your own patriotic words,  
Give me liberty or give me death.

Let us help to make peace a reality in the Holy Land.  
Elaine Shiber  
Van Lear

## Mollie Murray

Mollie Murray, age 78, of Jackson, Ohio, passed away, Monday, December 22, 2003, following a brief illness at her residence.

She was born in Langley, October 15, 1925, the daughter of the late Emory and Julia (Bailey) Slone.

She was a seamstress and homemaker, and an avid University of Kentucky Wildcat Fan.

She is survived by one son, Gary Murray of Jackson; one daughter, Linda Turner of Gallipolis, Ohio; two brothers: Jack Slone and T. Model Slone, both of Floyd County; three sisters: Ruby Halbert, Ruth Martin and Emma Jean Patton, also of Floyd County; and grandchildren, Jessica Duncan, Julie Grow and Kelly Rusk; great-grandchildren, Ashley, Derrick, Justin, Cody, Kennedy, and Kylie; several nieces and nephews; and a special niece, Debra Hagans.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Billy Murray in 1983; and one brother, Clarence Slone.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, December 24, at the Eisnagle-Lewis Funeral Home, Jackson, Ohio, with Rev. Jack Hughes officiating.

Burial will be in the Hanna Cemetery.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Donna Sue Mullins

Donna Sue Mullins, 25, of Hi Hat, died Friday, December 19, 2003, following an automobile accident at Hi Hat.

Born December 31, 1977, at McDowell, she was the daughter of Donnie Gene Mullins and Wilma Ray Mullins, of Hi Hat. He was a sales associate for Wal-Mart in Prestonsburg, and a 1996 graduate of South Floyd High School.

Other survivors include her grandmother, Nellie Bryant Mullins of Price; one brother, Joseph Lee Mullins of Hi Hat; one sister, Mary Jane Mullins of Hi Hat; and several relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Hatler Mullins, and Victor and Mary Alice Reynolds Ray.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 22, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, at Price, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

## Care

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Group already have signaled their intention to offer the accounts. Several other insurers are expected to follow suit, said Joe Walshe, a principal in PricewaterhouseCoopers HR Services.

"It certainly is a very important contribution to the whole consumer-directed health-care movement," Walshe said.

Just 5 percent of all companies — but 17 percent of firms with 5,000 or more employees — offered high-deductible health plans in 2003, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Smaller employers and people who buy their own insurance are generating the most interest in the new accounts for 2004, Walshe said. "The bigger companies are locked into their health plans for 2004," he said.

The federal Office of Personnel Management is considering establishing high-deductible plans and health savings accounts for federal employees, Treasury officials said.

## Obituaries

## Rufus Stephens

Rufus Stephens, age 93, of Dinwood Road, Martin, husband of the late Ada Ousley Stephens, passed away, Sunday, December 21, 2003, in the Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born June 12, 1910, in Risner, the son of the late Thomas "TW" Stephens and Mary Tussey Stephens. He was a retired coal miner, having devoted 48 years in the mines, where he worked at Stephens' Branch/Elkhorn Coal Branch Co., Spurlock, Buckingham, and Island Creek Coal Companies.

Survivors include one daughter, Eula Mae Sizemore of Martin; two brothers: Ruben Stephens and Ed Stephens, both of Prestonsburg; three sisters: Dorothy Reffitt of Princeton, Indiana, Alice Prater of Pyramid, and Alvie Ousley of Prestonsburg; three grandchildren: Steven Terry Sizemore, Robert "Bobby" Sizemore, and John Sizemore; six great-grandchildren: Jonathan, Dane, Morgan, Ashton, Toria and Caleb Sizemore.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Sam, Darb, and Curtis Stephens.

Funeral services for Rufus Stephens, were conducted Tuesday, December 23, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial was in the Dingus Cemetery, at Dinwood, Martin, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Friends can sign the register book at [www.hallfuneralservice.com](http://www.hallfuneralservice.com) (Paid obituary)

## Laymon L. Shepherd

Laymon L. Shepherd, 65, of David, died Friday, December 19, 2003, at his residence.

Born August 28, 1938, in David, he was the son of the late Jay and Kittie Shepherd. He was a disabled watchman for Middle States Coal Company.

Survivors include five brothers, Arlen E. Shepherd, Beacher C. Shepherd, Robert Deford Shepherd, and David L. Shepherd, all of David, and John Henry Shepherd of Findlay, Ohio; seven sisters, Myrtle Pitts, Joyce Whitaker, Shirley Kilgore, and Easter Stanley, all of David, Christine Stilwell of Martinsburg, West Virginia, Delores Baldrige of Blue River, and Barbara Shepherd of Piercetown, Indiana; and many relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 22, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Rev. Clifford Austin officiating.

Burial was in the Jake Shepherd Cemetery, at David.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Thomas Kilgore, Jay S. Whitaker, Ronnie Baldrige, David Baldrige, Adam Baldrige, Steve Shepherd, Mark Stanley and Steven Stanley. (Paid obituary)

## History

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health administrator Anthony S. Fauci is 63. Recording company executive Mike Curb is 59. Rock singer-musician Lemmy (Motorhead) is 58. Actor Grand L. Bush is 48. Actor Clarence Gilyard is 48. Actress Stephanie Hodge is 47. Rock musician Ian Burden (The Human League) is 46. Designer Kate Spade is 41. Rock singer Mary Ramsey (10,000 Maniacs) is 40. Actor Diedrich Bader ("The Drew Carey Show") is 37. Singer Ricky Martin is 32. "American Idol" host Ryan Seacrest is 29.

## Thought for Today:

"Christmas comes, but once a year is enough." — American proverb.

## Dr. Gary Dwight Williams

Dr. Gary Dwight Williams, 36, of Martin, died Friday, December 19, 2003, on U.S. Hwy. 23, North, Prestonsburg, the result of an automobile accident.

Born June 15, 1967, in Hazard, he was the son of Delmer and Brenda Lee Walker Williams of Hazard. He was a doctor at Paul B. Hall Medical Center at Paintsville, a member of Who's Who in America, NRA, AMA, and Dwarf First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, and best friend, Laura Sommer Williams.

Other survivors include three sons, Kevin Patrick Williams, Alexander MacKenzie Williams, and Garrett Michael Williams; two daughters, Somer Rae Williams, and Morgan Delaney Williams, all of Martin; one sister, LaDonya Bishop of Somerset; one aunt and uncle, Elmer and Dean Williams of Hazard; four cousins, Keith Williams of Paintsville, Scott Williams of Cleveland, Tennessee, Paul Hurt and Melissa Hurt, both of Hazard; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 22, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin, with Greydon Howard officiating.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Arrangements, were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

## Abe Vanderpool Jr.

Abe Vanderpool Jr., well-known retired car salesman in this area, passed away, on December 20, 2003, at the Riverview Health Care Center following an extended illness.

He was born June 7, 1946, the son of Abe Vanderpool Sr., who survives him, and the late Betty Shepherd Vanderpool.

He is also survived by his wife of 37 years, Brenda Hughes Vanderpool.

Other survivors include a son, Mark Vanderpool of Prestonsburg; a son, and daughter-in-law, Jason and Jennifer Vanderpool of Lexington; and two grandchildren, Ethan Clay and Emily Lauren Vanderpool, also of Lexington; one brother, Isaac Vanderpool of Tennessee; and seven sisters, Ethel Scarberry, Effie Garrett, Mary Stratton, and Martha Kidd, all of Floyd County; Montana Howard of Virginia; Sarah Jones of Florida; and Phyllis Keel of Indiana; and many relatives and friends.

In addition to his mother, Abe was also preceded in death by one daughter, Lee Anne Vanderpool.

He began his career in the car business in 1969, with his father-in-law, the late Arthur Hughes, at Art's Auto Sales Toyota-GMC. His career spanned 22 years, until ill health forced him to retire in 1991. At the time of his retirement, he was part owner and general manager of Carter Hughes Toyota, in Prestonsburg.

He was a member of the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at the Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, December 23, and burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel. (Paid obituary)

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## Euka Turner Hicks

Euka Turner Hicks, age 84, of Minnie, passed away, on Saturday, December 20, 2003, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital following a brief illness.

She was born on January 27, 1919, at Minnie, the daughter of the late William Jefferson Turner and Lizzie Turner Hall. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church, at Minnie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Estill Hicks.

She is survived by one son, Odie Hicks of McDowell; one daughter, Clara Hicks Johnson of Minnie; children of the heart: Estill Eugene Hicks and Linda Gail Allen; brother, William C. Turner of Minnie; sisters: Mary Ellen Maggard of Drift, Aileen Allie Adams of McDowell, Jacqueline Hall and Imogene Cole, both of Drift; two grandchildren: Mark Vernon Hicks and Greg Alan Johnson; seven great-grandchildren: Rocky Adams, Jennifer Adams, Mark Frasure, Angela Bentley, Amanda Case, Sherry Green and Ashley Nicole Johnson.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 24, at 11 a.m., in the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church, at Minnie, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, at McDowell, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, at Martin.

Sign the register at [www.hallfuneralservice.com](http://www.hallfuneralservice.com)

Pallbearers: Mark Hicks, Greg Johnson, Rocky Adams, Estill Eugene Hicks, Bobby Dean Stumbo, Jay Wesley Skeans, William (Buggy) Stumbo and Clarence Potter.

Honorary pallbearers: Bobby Slone, Ray Slone, Kelly Slone, Charlie Williams and David Collins. (Paid obituary)

## Edith Larthene Howell

Edith Larthene Allen Howell, age 80, of Toler Creek Road, Harold, ascended this life on Friday morning, December 19, 2003, at her residence.

She was born December 11, 1923, at Osborne, the daughter of the late Columbus and Octavia Sturgill Allen. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Lower Toler Church of Christ for 31 years.

She was a loving wife to Hobert Howell, married July 8, 1946; a wonderful mother to three sons: James Hobert Howell, and Dennis Howell, both of Lake Station, Indiana, and Darrell Howell of Delaware, Ohio; one daughter, Rosa Lee Thompson of Hammond, Indiana; and one daughter-in-law, Diane Allen of Westhope, North Dakota; one brother, Kenneth Allen of Harold; two sisters: Sally Hobbs of Westland, Michigan, and Margaret Ann Allen of Lafayette, Indiana; 15 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Charles Jack Allen.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 22, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Junior Kidd officiating.

She was laid to rest in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, at Martin.

Pallbearers: Ryan Howell, Dewayne Howell, Tom Walworth, Clifton Howell, Dennis Howell and Charles H. Allen. (Paid obituary)

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# Fletcher's experience in Washington could be major asset

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gov. Ernie Fletcher's experience in Washington could be a major asset to him now.

Fletcher, a Republican who took office as governor earlier this month, will know where to go and who to talk to if the state needs help from the federal government, said other politicians who have made similar moves.

Hugh Carey, for example, became New York's governor in 1975 after 14 years as a member of the House. When he took office, New York City was out of money and needed federal help.

"Because I'd been there, I knew what it took to bail the city out," recalled Carey, now 84. "I knew everybody in every delegation, every committee and so forth. ... I had picked up a lot of (political) coupons, so I went back to my colleagues and asked them and pleaded with them and begged them, and I cashed in all my coupons."

When Fletcher, a physician, turns his attention to Kentucky's

Medicaid crisis and his goal of bringing a federal research laboratory to the state, he knows which doors to knock on — and his former colleagues in the Kentucky delegation will serve as key partners, Fletcher spokesman Wes Irvin said.

"He's worked closely with the entire delegation, knows what they do, where their talents are, where their effectiveness lies," Irvin said. "He can go to them and talk to them very comfortably about issues facing Kentucky."

And Fletcher can count on what Irvin described as an "outstanding relationship" with

President Bush.

Plus, a governor who has spent time on Capitol Hill knows the lawmakers, the key congressional aides and some of the president's Cabinet, Carey said.

Fletcher plans to put his Washington experience and contacts to good use, Irvin said. With five years that included service on the House Budget Committee and the House Agriculture Committee,

Fletcher was a leading sponsor of a buyout for tobacco growers and was a key advocate for giving states more flexibility in spending on education.

"For someone who was in Congress for a relatively short

period of time, he has an enormous support network here in Washington in the legal and lobbying community," said Charlie Grizzle, a former Kentuckian who is a Washington lobbyist representing, among others, the University of Louisville and Louisville International Airport.

Fletcher's Washington connection "certainly can't hurt as far as bringing home some more of what (Arizona Sen.) John McCain calls pork but down here we call beef," said former Democratic Sen. Wendell Ford, who served as Kentucky gover-

nor from 1971 to 1974 before going to Washington.

Two priorities for Fletcher that will have Washington components are reforming the state's Medicaid program and trying to bring a major federal research laboratory to Kentucky, Irvin said.

The state Medicaid program is projecting a \$530 million shortfall in the fiscal year that starts July 1, and a shortfall of nearly \$900 million in the fiscal year after that. The program serves 673,126 Kentuckians, but has made cuts that have denied

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As far as Christmas goes.

The fire is softly glowing  
I think about your touch  
But Christmas isn't Christmas  
I miss you, oh, so much.

If I could have just anything  
My Christmas wish would be  
To wake up in the morning  
And find you here with me.

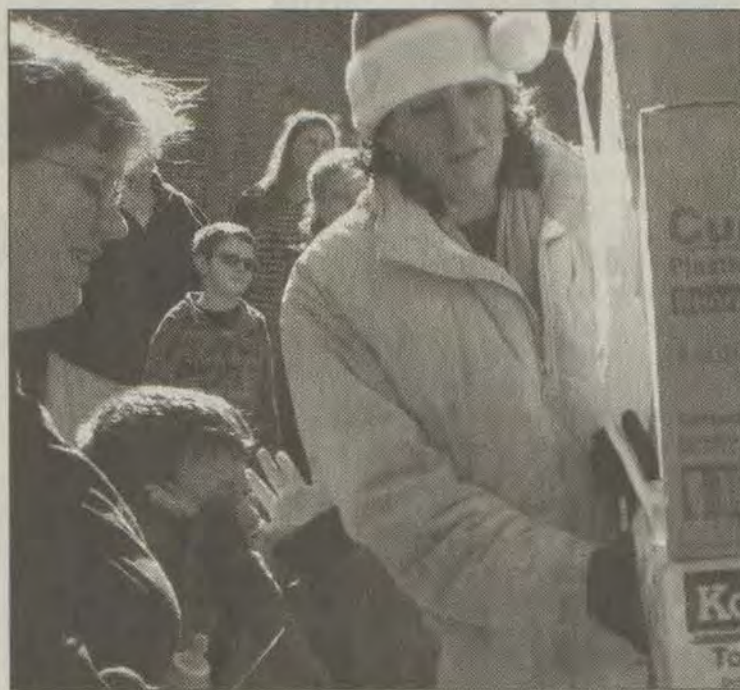
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Christmas' past  
The joy and love we shared  
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And ways you showed  
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Staring at your picture  
I long to be set free  
Tonight the tears are streaming  
As I hold it next to me.

Flakes of snow swirl  
through the air  
I'm braced for stormy weather  
I wait for brighter days ahead  
When we can be together.

So hold a place in heaven dear  
Someday when life is through  
I'll be the Christmas angel  
Who shares this day with you.

*written by: Marilyn Ferguson*



Pictured above is Johnson County Outreach Caseworker Jill Stafford distributing Christmas packages to Dalana Smith with nephew Cody Goble.

photo by Carla Davis

## 86 Floyd County families receive CAP Christmas baskets

Each year the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), a non-profit interdenominational service organization that seeks to help Appalachians help themselves, conducts a Christmas basket distribution in Floyd and other surrounding counties in Eastern Kentucky. The distribution is sponsored by Outreach, a program that offers emergency assistance as well as long-term help in obtaining an education or a specific trade.

The program's mission is to assist families and individuals to become self-sufficient and maintain stability.

This year, 86 families bene-

fited from the distribution, which was held in the Allen First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg on Friday, Dec. 12. While the distribution of gifts remains a large part of the event, it is also held in honor of the birth of Christ — the real reason for the season. In keeping with this focus, a birthday party was held, complete with noisemakers, a birthday cake, and a heartwarming rendition of "Happy Birthday to Jesus."

Before the distribution was held, a religious service was conducted within the church's sanctuary. During this service, love for the Lord took the form of a testimony when Floyd County resident and Outreach participant Debra Lewis stood up within the congregation and told of her most treasured Christmas memory. That Christmas started out being one of the most nightmarish memories Debra and her family would ever live through, for their trailer burned, leaving them homeless, penniless and seemingly, without a Christmas.

But little by little the community — including churches and the Floyd County Fire Department — all pitched in to make the Lewis family a Christmas they would not soon forget. Within a short amount of time, the Lewis family was able to obtain another trailer. Inside was the most beautiful Christmas tree, with presents underneath for each family member.

"The outpouring of love was just unbelievable," said Debra. "That was my favorite Christmas."

That same outpouring of love was felt both within the church hall and out at the trucks where CAP workers were delivering — hand-over-hand — gifts for families throughout Floyd County.

For one family, Albert and Dalana Smith and their two children, Abigail and Jamie, and live-in niece Deanna Goble and live-in nephew Cody Goble, the gifts are a welcome sight, not to mention a much-needed helping of love this Christmas season.

For more information about CAP and its programs, please call toll free 1-800-955-3470.

## Odds

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Costello, "and we just wanted to break it up a little bit. It totally worked."

Barbie Lobster, as she has come to be known, has been hauled up — and thrown back — at least 10 times. The radios used by lobstermen buzzed with chatter and laughter each time a new sighting of Barbie was reported.

Costello made a special trip to Wal-Mart to buy the blue blouse, red- and white-checked skirt and shoes.

The men had wanted to dress up a jumbo lobster, but it was too fat to fit into a Barbie ensemble. Instead, they chose a svelte 1 1/2-pound model.

"They slipped right on, just like Cinderella," Bright said of the footwear.

Costello disagreed, saying it was a challenge to put the high heels on the little lobster legs. There are four legs on each side so the men attached them to the two in the center.

"You try squeezing Barbie shoes on a lobster," he said. "That was the most time-con-

suming thing."

Barbie hasn't been seen since early December and apparently was unkempt and nearly naked, except for her shoes.

If she survives a few more months, she may be home free for another season, Costello said.

"We have our spring fashions all ready to go," he said.

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Everyone keeps telling me there's a reason you had to die, but I don't know why. Everyone was your friend, and you always had a smile on your face.

I pray to God that He will let you send me a sign that you are in a better place than here on earth.

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I pray for you every night, and always will. You will always be in my heart for as long as I live, because you are my little brother, and always will be.

I love you and will never forget you and hope some day I will see you in a better place.

Love always,  
Your big Sis, Twila







# Community Calendar

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

**Editor's note:** To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

**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

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Alzheimer's Association, Eastern 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.

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eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive

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## CORRECTION

The 1996 Ford Ranger that appeared in area ads last week was incorrectly priced at \$5,488. The correct price should have been \$7,488.

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## New CAP volunteers commissioned

The Christian Appalachian Project held a volunteer commissioning service Nov. 21 at Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Water Gap. Six new volunteers from all across America were welcomed to the area to begin a one-year commitment of service to CAP.

The ceremony marked the end of a week-long new volunteer orientation that introduced the volunteers to the Appalachian region and taught them about CAP's three components of volunteerism: service, spirituality and community.

The service began with a song titled, "Gather Us In". Then, CAP employees and volunteers spoke about volunteerism, community living and spirituality. The service culminated with the act of commissioning, candle lighting and prayer.

The newly commissioned volunteers are Richard Espen from Alaska, Suzanne Espen from Alaska, Brother Phillip Petrow from Pennsylvania, Robert Flick from Ohio, Ernest

Tedeschi from California and Elizabeth "Eva" St. Clair also from California. Ernest Tedeschi, Eva St. Clair, Richard Espen and Brother Petrow will all work in CAP's Housing Program in Johnson County, while Suzanne Espen and Robert Flick will serve in CAP's Elderly Program, also in Johnson County.

"I will remember it [the ceremony] for the rest of my life. It definitely gave you something you could take with you and keep," said new volunteer Robert Flick.

The Christian Appalachian Project is an interdenominational, non-profit, Christian organization committed to serving those in need in Appalachia. One-year volunteers with the Christian Appalachian Project are provided room, board, a small stipend and health insurance. To learn more about volunteering with the Christian Appalachian Project call toll-free at 1-800-755-5322 or visit the Christian Appalachian Project website at www.chris-app.org.

## Alert

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they need to patrol more heavily," Crumpton said.

Some state-owned facilities that have loading docks and reception areas were being monitored more closely. Finance and Administration Cabinet spokeswoman Jill Midkiff said. In some instances, two to three additional people were being assigned from their regular duties to monitor those locations, Midkiff said.

Meanwhile, police patrols were bolstered at the state's largest airports, which were filled with holiday travelers.

At Blue Grass Airport in Lexington, some passengers might be chosen at random for extra security checks, said airport spokesman Tom Tyra.

But any possible delays were more likely to be caused by large holiday crowds and not the additional security, he said.

"Most of the changes are being done behind the scenes and out of view of the public," Tyra said.

At Louisville International Airport, police strictly enforced curbside security rules.

Motorists could still stop briefly outside the terminal to pick up or drop off passengers, but anyone needing to wait longer was directed to a designated area, said airport spokeswoman Krista Roberts.

The Transportation Security Administration offered assurances that it had enough screeners at the Louisville airport to make sure that passengers don't endure longer waits, Roberts said.

The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport in Hebron began a check of cars coming into the airport, spokesman Ted Bushelman said.

"People will have to be ready to open the trunks of their cars," he said. "There is a heck of a lot more security going on behind the scenes, but I can't comment on that. Much of it is on a need-to-know basis."

Additional police dogs were patrolling the airport terminal, he said.

The United Parcel Service air hub in Louisville was operating on a "heightened sense of security" during the final Christmas rush, said Mark Giuffre, a company spokesman.

"We do have a heightened alert," Giuffre said without offering specifics. "We always place high emphasis on security and safety around our aircraft."

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# Judge overrules motion to dismiss drug case evidence

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Motions to suppress evidence on three drug cases were overruled Monday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Cases against Kim Mynhier, Liz Goble and Judy Hicks — all of whom were arrested in early April last year and charged with drug trafficking — were heard Friday in circuit court in response to motions filed by public advocate Mike Stuebaker.

Stuebaker filed the motions to suppress audiotaped evidence the commonwealth had con-

tended relayed bits of conversation from controlled buys. As part of his motion, Stuebaker argued against the quality of the tapes, saying parts were inaudible.

Monday the court heard the first of the three tapes which the commonwealth attorney's office said contained parts of a telephone conversation between Hicks and an informant.

According to Floyd County Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, the tape contained segments of Hicks' conversation detailing such points as prices of certain drugs and a time and place the transaction could be made.

"The court heard the tape and decided that a jury could draw enough information from the tape," Taylor said after the hearing Monday. "So, he overruled the motion to suppress."

Taylor said following the court's first ruling on what is being referred to as the "Hicks tape", Stuebaker withdrew his motions filed on behalf of Mynhier, the daughter of a Prestonsburg police officer, and Goble, allowing that the tapes for the two defendants were "at least the same or better quality" as that offered in Hicks' case.

Commonwealth's Attorney

Brent Turner said the decision to overrule was expected.

"This is what we thought would happen," Turner said. "We're not surprised by it. We believed the tapes to be good."

Stuebaker also filed motions last week to have drugs

held in evidence in the three cases tested by an independent laboratory to ensure they are the drugs named in the three women's indictments, a motion the commonwealth has argued based on additional costs such testing could entail.

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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 christopher-cook@hotmail.com.

## Discarded Christmas trees not accepted at Paintsville Lake this year

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will not be accepting discarded Christmas Trees at Paintsville Lake this year.

In past years, the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fisheries Division accepted discarded Christmas trees for placement in the lake as fish attractors. However, with a sufficient level of fish cover now existing in the lake, additional fish attractors are no longer needed at this time.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will be accepting discarded Christmas Trees at Dewey Lake this year. For those people who wish to donate their

discarded trees, they can do so by dropping them off at the state Department of Fish and Wildlife Eastern District office located near Stratton Branch at Dewey Lake.

For additional information on this, write Resource Manager, Paintsville Lake, 807 Ky Rt. 2275, Staffordsville, KY 41256-9035, or call (606) 297-6312, Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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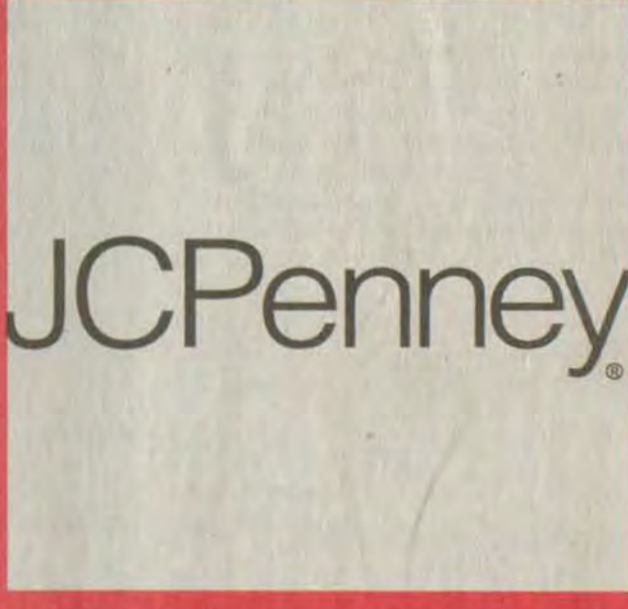



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# Business/Professions



**PHS staff attends workshop in New York**

Prestonsburg High School Principal Ron Hampton, left, traveled to Lake George, New York in November with members of his staff, Tommy Poe, curriculum coordinator, and guidance counselors, Karen DeRossett and Tina Crum. The teachers attended a workshop on The Century Program, a newly implemented initiative that links high school students with college student mentors. The school is one of only twenty nationwide to participate in the innovative program, funded in large part by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.



Dr. George D. Edwards, Burl Spurlock, and Dr. Michael McCall.



Dr. George D. Edwards, Dr. Rodney Handshoe, Sharon Handshoe, and Dr. Michael McCall.

## KCTCS and colleges honor valuable benefactors

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) and its colleges recently honored some of their most valuable benefactors. Michael B. McCall, president of KCTCS, presented awards in November to 39 of the system's major donors and volunteers at the 2003 President's Gala and Benefactors Awards Dinner. Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC)

honored Dr. Rodney and Sharon Handshoe along with The First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg.

Rodney and Sharon Handshoe arrived on the campus of Prestonsburg Community College in 1971 and immediately became active during their years as students. Their life choice path brought them home to make a difference in the Big Sandy area. Dr. Handshoe has a busy cardiology practice and is a member of the Board of Directors of Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is a long-time member of the Board of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College and the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation, Inc. Mrs. Handshoe operates a busy cardiac ultrasound service in addition to fulfilling her responsibilities as a mother of three sons. She is active in her church and in organizations such as the Jenny Wiley Theatre. The Handshoes possess a personal vision of quality and excellence for education at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College campuses. They have been dedicated friends and partners in supporting the College with their time and talents for many years.

The First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg has been a strong supporter of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College from its inception. Mr. Burl Spurlock, President of First Commonwealth Bank from 1945-1972, was one of the founders of the Big Sandy College Development Corporation, whose goal was to acquire land for the purpose of constructing Prestonsburg Community College. Burl Wells Spurlock, the son of Burl Spurlock, and Chairman of First Commonwealth Bank, was appointed to the Board of Directors of Prestonsburg Community College in 1973. In 1989, the Development Corporation became the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation, Inc. Burl became a leading director of the Foundation. Mr. Greg Wilson,

the current Bank president, assists with many activities of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Dr. George D. Edwards, President of BSCTC commented, "Dr. Handshoe and Burl Spurlock represent the deep commitment that the eastern Kentucky community has in Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The involvement of community, business and industry in every level of operation for the college has helped to maintain and improve the quality of education for all of the people of eastern Kentucky. BSCTC has an impressive history of providing education and training to meet the needs of students and the changing workforce. We appreciate benefactors like these and honor them for their commitment to education."

## It's Your Money



Jonathan Miller

by State Treasurer Jonathan Miller

With the holiday season upon us, I share with you some good news for Kentucky families that would even bring a smile to Ebenezer Scrooge.

If you have read this column, you have undoubtedly read about Kentucky's Affordable Prepaid Tuition (KAPT), which has made it easier for 7000 families to afford college for their children, by guaranteeing the cost of tomorrow's tuition at today's lower prices.

At the beginning of the year, the Kentucky General Assembly suspended Kentucky's Affordable Prepaid Tuition (KAPT) to new enrollments,

pending the results of an outside, independent actuarial study. With a few other state prepaid tuition programs facing economic challenges, legislators wanted to be sure that KAPT was fiscally secure.

Well, the study is back, and it offers good news for both families and taxpayers.

The actuarial study - prepared by Milliman USA, a firm that studies several prepaid programs across the country - demonstrates that the KAPT program is financially and structurally sound, both in the short and long terms.

In fact, the study shows that KAPT will run a net cash surplus of at least \$51 million in each year, from now until the foreseeable future. As KAPT uses no tax dollars, this cash surplus protects the state's General Fund from ever being tapped. That means your taxes will never go toward bailing out this program.

A great deal of credit goes to KAPT's managers, now at the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority. This year already, KAPT investments have earned a whopping 16.31 percent return, and KAPT's assets total more than \$66.3 million!

But mostly, the credit for KAPT's financial success goes

to the people who created it: Kentucky's General Assembly. With great foresight, the legislature provided for a KAPT Reserve, made up of unclaimed property receipts, which protects the program in bad economic times. Other state prepaid tuition programs that have had problems in recent years do not have a reserve.

It is no wonder that KAPT's visionary sponsor, Rep. Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, was elevated recently by his peers to the important position of House Majority Floor Leader.

KAPT's strong financial status is terrific news to Kentucky families. By opening up the program to new enrollment in July 2004, KAPT's surpluses increase. But more importantly, opening up the program will enable tens of thousands of new Kentucky families to afford college for their children and grandchildren. That's why Senator Mitch McConnell - who drafted the federal legislation that made KAPT and programs like it across the country tax-free - recently urged the members of Kentucky's Long-Term Policy Commission to help spread the good word about KAPT to all Kentucky families.

More information about KAPT, and the details about its reopening for new enrollments, can be discovered at its website, [www.getKAPT.com](http://www.getKAPT.com)



**HRMC makes generous holiday donations**

In the spirit of holiday giving, Highlands Regional Medical Center donated 25 turkeys to the Salvation Army in Paintsville, 25 turkeys to the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry in Prestonsburg and 12 turkeys to the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center. From left to right in the photo are: Howard Sparks, Director of the Salvation Army, Howard and Stella Ricker and Phyllis Hornbaker, volunteers with the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry, Joe Hornbaker, Director of the Food Pantry, Judy Webb, Director of the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center and Susan Ellis, Director of Human Resources at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

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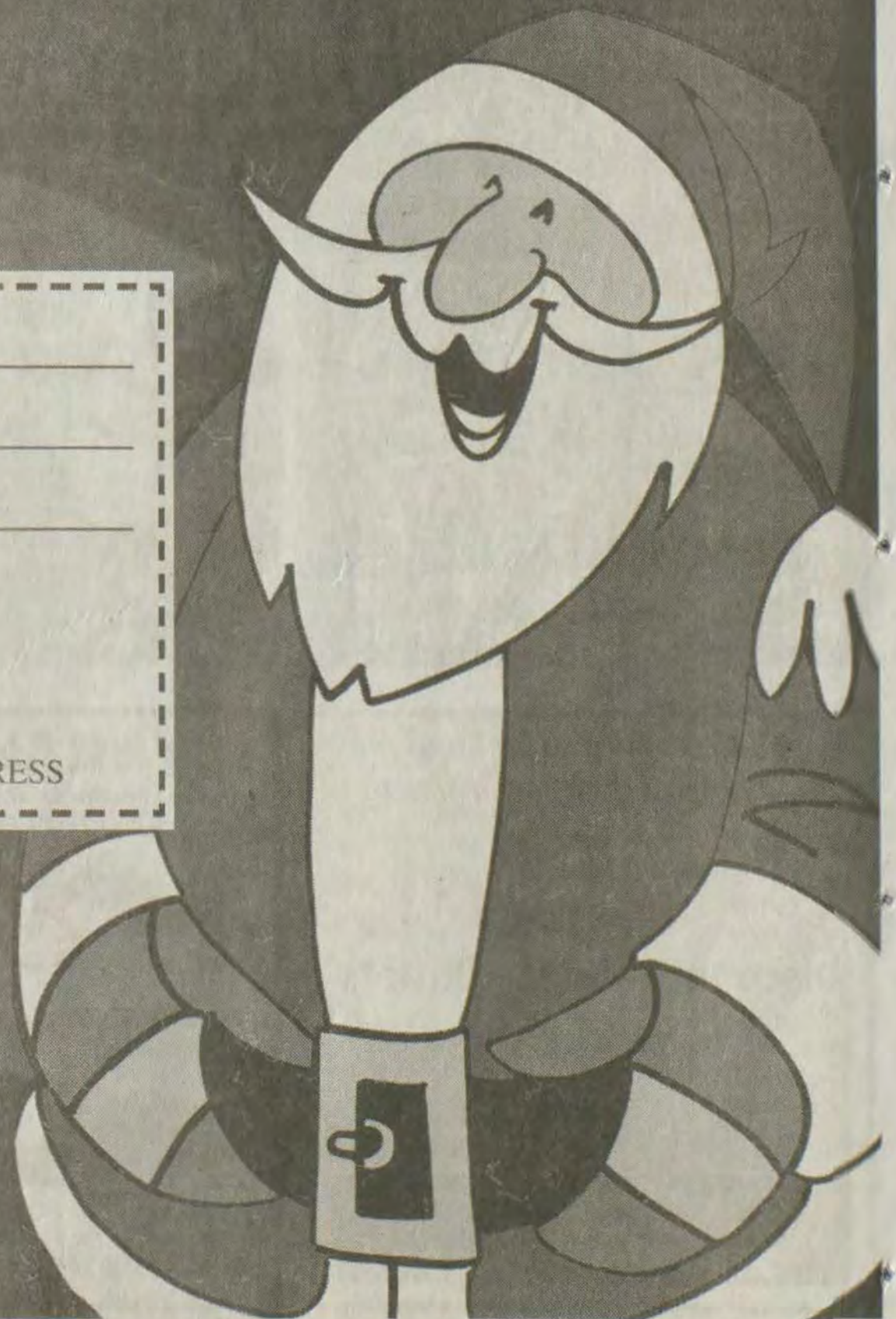
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### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Caudill to play in Blue Gray Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

TROY, Ala. - University of Kentucky senior defensive end Jeremy Caudill will have a national stage to show his talents on Christmas Day when he par-

ticipates in the Blue Gray Classic. Caudill, a former Parade All-American at Prestonsburg High School, has already drawn the attention of some National Football League scouts. He'll be joined Thursday on the Gray team by senior teammate Nick

Seitze, a center from Converse, Texas. UK quarterback Jared Lorenzen was scheduled to participate in the Blue Gray, but will instead sit out to rest a shoulder he injured in the Tennessee game.

The Blue Gray Association announced that the Blue Gray

Classic would return this year back in September after a one-year hiatus and that this year's game, the 65th Blue Gray Classic, will be played at Movie Gallery Stadium on the Troy

(See CLASSIC, page two)



photo by H. Allen Bolling  
University of Kentucky senior defensive end Jeremy Caudill will play in Thursday's Blue Gray Classic in Troy, Ala.

### YOUTH BASKETBALL

## Upward Basketball coming to P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORT EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Upward Basketball is on its way to Prestonsburg and Floyd County.

The First Baptist Church of Prestonsburg is currently offering a basketball league with practices set to begin on January 19. The league has tentatively scheduled its first game of the season for February 14. The local Upward Basketball League will hold one more evaluation night on Jan. 5. All players must attend the final evaluation night in order to be sized for uniforms. Team placements will also be made at the final evaluation, which will be held at the United Methodist Church Life Center on South Front Street.

The league is different than any other league ever offered before in the Prestonsburg com-

(See UPWARD, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell  
Allen Central senior Terri Mullins (12) worked against the Lady Tiger defense.

## Runnin' Rebels split in PIT

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - For the Allen Central High boys' basketball team, a stint in this season's Pikeville Invitational Tournament ended in a split and a third-place finish. The Allen Central boys dropped an opening round game Friday night to Anderson County, losing 52-40. The Runnin' Rebels rebounded to beat host Pikeville 63-48 in the third-place game.

In the third-place game, Allen Central placed four players in double figures scoring, led by a game-high 19 points from junior center Tim Griffith. Justin Hall followed Griffith's 19 with 17 of his own. Senior Austin Francis netted 15 for the Runnin' Rebels and fellow senior Rossi Samons pushed in 10.

(See REBELS, page two)

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

## Lady Raiders drop two in Berea tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BEREA - It wasn't exactly holiday wishes come true for the South Floyd Lady Raiders over the weekend. The Berea Holiday Classic brought very little good cheer to the South Floyd girls' basketball team and head coach Tony Isaac. The Lady Raiders began play in the annual holiday tournament Friday night with an 87-27 loss to Woodford County, one of the state's top teams. The weekend offered up South Floyd a 68-50 loss to Hopkins County Central, another one of the state's top squads.

South Floyd entered play in the tournament following a 58th District loss to Allen Central.

A breakdown of South Floyd's loss-

(See BERA, page three)

## Lady Rebs fall to Paintsville

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE - Several area teams are taking part in holiday tournaments this week and the Allen Central Lady Rebels were involved in one of those tournaments. The Johnson Central Lady Eagle Holiday Classic began this past weekend at Johnson Central High School. Eight teams were invited to participate in the event with several good teams highlighting the field.

Allen Central was the only participant from Floyd County present, but seven other teams helped make up a talented field.

(See FALL, page three)



photo by Jamie Howell  
Allen Central junior center Becky Thomas paused before a free-throw against Paintsville.

## P'burg, Morgan in Tiger tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Morgan County, a Tiger HOOPS Classic team, is a strong contender out of the 16th Region. Prestonsburg will enter the first-ever Tiger HOOPS Classic hoping to put a less than desirable performance against 58th District foe Betsy Layne behind it.

The Blackcats finished last season by making it into the semifinals of the 15th Region Tournament, falling to eventual runner-up Paintsville.

Morgan County ranked as one of the top 16th Region boys' basketball teams last season.

This season's group of Cougars will try to build on a campaign last season that saw the school's boys' basketball team win over 20 ball games.

Question: Do Morgan County and Prestonsburg have their differences? Yes. But they are alike in ways,

(See TOURNEY, page two)

### H.S. FOOTBALL

## Jamerson included in Class of the Commonwealth

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Nick Jamerson hasn't committed to a college football program yet, but the one he does choose will get a highly decorated gridiron soldier.

The Lexington Herald-Leader published its Class of the Commonwealth Sunday. The list which honors the top 22 seniors, included Jamerson.

The Prestonsburg High senior has

made it no secret that he wants to attend and play football at the University of Kentucky. UK wants Jamerson to come onboard as a preferred walk-on.

Jamerson had 3,752 all-purpose yards in his high school gridiron career. As a lethal punt returner, Jamerson ran back 43 punts for 988 yards and seven touchdowns.

During his senior season he accomplished much, both running and catching

(See CLASS, page two)



PLAYING AT THE NEXT LEVEL - Prestonsburg High senior Nick Jamerson is considering attending the University of Kentucky as a preferred walk-on. However, he hasn't committed to UK and has yet to commit to any school.



# It took longer than it should have

by JIM LITKE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twenty-two seasons as a head coach, 11 as an assistant, five players taken in the first round of the NFL draft, three Pac-10 Conference and one national coach of the year award, always leaving each place better than he found it, and still nobody would touch Mike Price.

What changed that equation, finally, was a program as down on its luck as he was.

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president Diana Natalicio said Sunday, introducing her school's new football coach. "He paid dearly for that grievous error in judgment, and all of us believe he has earned the opportunity to restart his career."

The sad truth is that not everybody in college football believed that. Otherwise, Price would have had his chance before now.

A dozen such opportunities came and went already this season in Division I-A, at powerhouses like Nebraska, second-tier programs like Arizona and Mississippi, even at perennial also-rans like Eastern Michigan,

Idaho and Akron. Not one offered Price so much as an interview.

"I feel reborn," he said at the news conference announcing his hiring. But Price was hardly the only person in attendance with revival on his mind.

UTEP has won 14 games in the past four seasons, made it to a bowl game just once in the last 15, and claimed one league title in the last 44. Besides, he came cheap. And if Price was the least bit bothered by starting over, at age 57, at the bottom rung of the coaching ladder, he wasn't saying so for public consumption.

"I think this is the right situation. My dad told me a long time

ago if you go somewhere where you're wanted and needed, your chances for success are a lot better," Price said. "I want to be here."

He wanted to be a few other places, to be sure, and most of them needed him, too. When Frank Solich got the ax at Nebraska, the chance of Price succeeding him was treated as a joke. One internet gambling site listed his odds at 15,000-to-1. When he threw his own hat into the ring for the vacancy at Arizona, university president Peter Likins threw it back, saying Price "will never be in the picture."

What opened him up to such ridicule and scorn certainly wasn't Price's resume. He won more than enough in 14 seasons

at Washington State to be a legitimate contender at Nebraska and accomplished more with less than a Pac-10 also-ran like Arizona dreams about.

What submarined his chances were a few other sheets

of paper, stories in newspapers and magazines about a boozy, well-publicized night seven months ago spent in the company of strippers.

A year ago, on Dec. 18, Price

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## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

# Betsy Layne gets past Highlands

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Defending 15th Region champ Betsy Layne began play in the Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic Saturday with a devastating 61-29 loss to Wayne County, a top team out of the 12th Region. But the second go-around in the Lexington tourney proved to be a much better experience for Ladycat head coach Cassandra Akers and her team. Betsy Layne cut down greatly on its number of turnovers from the game before, settled down and held on to beat Highlands 45-41.

Highlands led Betsy Layne 14-12 through one quarter and 25-18 at halftime. Betsy Layne, playing 100-plus miles from home, straightened up its attack in the second half. The Ladycats outscored Highlands 13-2 in the third quarter and built a lead that it maintained in the final period. Each of the two teams netted 14 points in the final quarter to allow Betsy Layne to slip away with the win.

Senior Whitney Lykens scored

a game-high 21 points to lead Betsy Layne to the win over Highlands. Junior guard Kim Clark tossed in 18.

After time spent in the Fifth Third Bank Classic, Betsy Layne will leave out for Allen County-Scottsville High School after the Christmas break. At Allen County-Scottsville, the Ladycats will take part in the Lady Invitational of the South, another

one of the state's top girls' basketball events.

The first opponent for Betsy Layne Saturday in the Lady Invitational of the South is Washington County.

Betsy Layne has played a tournament-heavy schedule. The Ladycats began the season at Perry County Central High in the Queen of the Mountain Tip-Off tourney.

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## Rebels

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Junior Ryan Hammonds rounded out the scoring for Allen Central (5-2) with two points:

Robert Shurtleff and Mullins netted 17 points apiece for Allen Central.

Allen Central jumped out early and led the host Panthers (2-5) 19-6 at the end of the first period. The visiting Rebels led 40-18 at halftime.

In the loss to Anderson County, Samons led the Rebels with 14 points and Hall added 12.

Coach John Martin and Allen Central's Rebels will now have a short break before returning to action in the new year.

## Tourney

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too.

Prestonsburg appears to finally have most or all of its Blackcats healthy. Junior bigman John Mark Stephens dressed against Betsy Layne but did not play.

Michael Morrison returned to the Prestonsburg attack against Betsy Layne.

Prestonsburg senior Nick Jamerson has settled in to lead the Blackcats after a spectacular grid season. Jamerson, a finalist for Mr. Football, continues to prove that he can hold his own on the hardwood as well.

Tiger HOOPS Classic Event Manager Bob Lyons is glad to have a mix of teams in the inaugural event that will include area, state and national powers.

"We have a great field of teams in this season's tournament," said Lyons.

A full list of opening round games for the HOOPS Classic will appear in Friday's edition.

## Class

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the football. Jamerson caught 39 passes for 604 yards and rushed for 463 yards and six TDs. He also had 413 yards in kick returns.

The next football squad Jamerson plays for will pick up one of the most versatile prep players this state has to offer.

On defense, Jamerson has played both in the secondary and at linebacker.

This past season, he had 70 first hits and 24 assists. He rarely came off the field for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett believes in Jamerson's abilities.

"I think he can play Division I football," said DeRossett, referring to Jamerson. "We're excited for Nicholas and will support him wherever he plays at the next level. He'll be the kind of player, who by the time he's a junior or senior, will be the guy who everyone in the workout room everybody's looking to for leadership."

In addition to being named Class of the Commonwealth, Jamerson, who was voted second-team all-state by the Associated Press, was tabbed third-team all-state over the weekend by the Courier-Journal of Louisville.

## H.S. FOOTBALL

# P'burg, S. Floyd well represented on CJ All-State

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE — Prestonsburg senior Nick Jamerson has been named Third Team All-State by the Louisville Courier-Journal. The Courier-Journal published its all-state football teams Sunday.

Prestonsburg senior offensive lineman Jordan Caldwell was named honorable mention. During his prep career at Prestonsburg, at one time or another, Caldwell played all along the Blackcat offensive line.

South Floyd senior defensive back Adam Tackett was named honorable mention. Brandon Little, a South Floyd senior who just missed 2,000 yards rushing during his senior season, was an honorable mention selection on offense.

Nathan Moore, a quarterback from Sheldon Clark, was also named honorable mention on offense.

East Carter offensive lineman

Aaron Miller, who has committed to the University of Kentucky, was named First Team All-State. Belfry offensive lineman Matt Marcum was named to the Second Team.

Belfry running backs Doug Howard and David Jones each garnered honorable mention appraisal along with Pirate offensive lineman Jordan Clevenger and defensive back Tyler Bostic.

Shelby Valley running back Joe Wyatt, defensive lineman Eric Collier and punter Josh Tackett were also honorable-mention.

Pikeville players that received honorable-mention honors were offensive lineman Tim Justice, defensive end Josh Sullivan and linebacker Brett Gibson.

Defensive lineman Melvin McCoy of Phelps and Pike County Central defensive end Scott Combs made the honorable mention list along with defensive end Derek SESCO of East Ridge.

## Classic

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State University campus. In conjunction with the new venue, the Blue Gray Association announced partnerships with the City of Troy, Ala. and Troy State University, which will host the annual gridiron All-Star event in the newly renovated, state-of-the-art facility.

This year's game will be broadcast on ESPN2 with a 2 p.m. kickoff on Christmas Day.

Caudill, who will play on the Gray team, will be a part of a tradition-rich game. Prestonsburg High head coach John DeRossett has been contacted and questioned about Caudill by more than one NFL franchise. The Prestonsburg High grad could definitely use the opportunity to improve his draft status.

The game will reunite Caudill with former UK head coach Guy Morris, now the head coach at Baylor.

Marshall University's Nate McPeck (Russell), an offensive tackle, will play on the blue team and may have the task of blocking Caudill.

Everyone involved with the renewed game is excited.

"We're very excited about today's announcements, from the brand new venue to our partnerships with Troy State, the City of Troy, and ESPN," said Charles L. Anderson, president of the Blue Gray Association. "The Blue Gray game is back and we are excited about the opportunity to make it bigger and better than ever. Great sports are all about comebacks; and we are grateful to our new partners for making

this great comeback possible for the Blue Gray Classic."

"The Blue Gray game will be absolutely great for our community and the region and have a tremendous economic impact," said Troy (Ala.) Mayor Jimmy Lunsford. "It will bring national exposure to our city as it is the only football game being played on Christmas Day. We believe it will be very well attended and look forward to all of the people it will bring into our city."

"When we decided to move our athletics program to the NCAA Division I level and expand our facilities, we envisioned it as an advancement for Troy State University, the City of Troy and southeast Alabama, said Troy State Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. "Today's announcement is evidence that this move is already yielding dividends. We look forward to hosting the Blue-Gray Classic on our campus."

"We are extremely excited to be a participant in the Blue Gray game and we will commit our resources to help make this a big-time event," said Johnny Williams, Troy State University athletic director. "The national visibility our football program and our new stadium will receive is immeasurable."

"The Blue Gray Classic has a tremendous history," said Rob Katz, vice president of sports marketing for Convision, who represents the Blue Gray Classic. "We are excited that the game is returning and the partnerships with Troy State and the City of Troy provide a solid foundation

for the game's revival."

## TICKETS

Tickets for the 2003 Blue Gray Classic can still be ordered directly through the TSU Ticket office by calling 877-TSU-WINS. Ticket prices are \$20 for general seating, with location on a first-come, first-served basis, and \$24 reserved chair-back seating.

## About the Blue Gray Classic

The Blue Gray Classic is the first post-season all-star game each year. This year, the 65th Blue Gray game will be played on Christmas Day and be broadcast live on ESPN2. The tradition-laden game each year features some of the finest college seniors. Past players and coaches who have participated in the Blue Gray All Star Football Classic include Paul "Bear" Bryant (Alabama), Bart Starr (Alabama), Len Dawson (Purdue), Fran Tarkenton (Georgia), Jerry Rice (Mississippi Valley State), Terrell Davis (Georgia), Bruce Smith (Virginia Tech) and Curtis Martin (Pittsburgh).

The Blue Gray Association operates the Blue Gray Classic and is wholly owned by the Montgomery Lions Club. The proceeds from the Blue Gray Classic benefit sight conservation projects and youth charities. Over \$4 million has been provided for these humanitarian services.



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# Dallas, Tennessee and Denver in playoffs; Detroit sets road loss-record

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dallas, Tennessee and Denver punched their tickets to the playoffs with a week to go in the regular season, while Detroit made history — the negative kind.

The NFL's playoff picture took shape on a Sunday during which the Saints and Jaguars had one of the most bizarre finishes ever, and Jamal Lewis closed in on the NFL's single-season rushing record. And the Lions lost their NFL-record 24th straight road game.

"It eats me alive and makes me absolutely sick to my stomach to think about it," Lions guard Ray Brown said. "Everybody on the team is part of the streak and it's nothing to be proud of."

In the AFC, the postseason lineup is clear.

New England (13-2) has at least a first-round bye and can secure home-field advantage throughout the playoffs by beating Buffalo at home next week.

Kansas City (13-3) has clinched the West. Indianapolis and Tennessee (both 11-4) and Denver (10-5) are also in. Either the Colts or Titans will win the South, with the Colts holding the tiebreaker because they beat Tennessee twice.

The final spot goes to the winner of the North, where Baltimore (9-6) is a game ahead of Cincinnati (8-7).

In the NFC, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Carolina and Dallas are in. The other spots will go to the winner of the North — Minnesota or Green Bay — with Seattle and the Packers alive for a wild-card spot.

Bill Parcells' Cowboys, 5-11 a year ago, clinched at least a wild-card berth in the NFC with a 19-3 win over the New York Giants that left them at 10-5.

They could still win the NFC East because Philadelphia lost 31-28 in overtime to San Francisco, meaning a loss by the Eagles in Washington next week and a Dallas win in New Orleans would give the Cowboys its first NFC East title since 1998.

"It feels good to know we're in the playoffs, but we've still got to get better," said safety Darren Woodson, the last player remaining from the Dallas teams that won three Super Bowls in the early '90s.

"The hottest team in December usually wins it, so we're trying to get better," Woodson said.

■ Jaguars 20, Saints 19

At Jacksonville, Fla., the Saints (7-8) scored a touchdown on one of the wackiest plays in NFL history. Then, almost more unbelievably, John Carney missed the extra point with no time left and New Orleans dropped from the playoff race.

With 6 seconds left, Aaron

Brooks passed to Donte Stallworth, who then threw crossfield to Michael Lewis. He pitched back to Deuce McAllister, who lateraled to Jerome Pathon, who went the final 20 yards for the 75-yard touchdown.

Carney, previously 35-of-35 this year and 403-for-408 on extra points over his 14-year career, hit a dead push and sailed the kick wide right. The Jaguars (5-10) have all their wins at home.

"This seems to be, as far as kickers are concerned, as bad as it gets," Carney said.

■ Ravens 35, Browns 0

At Cleveland, Lewis rushed for 205 yards on 22 carries and scored two touchdowns, including one for 72 yards in the third quarter, as the Ravens (9-6) moved back into first place in the AFC North over Cincinnati (8-7).

In the first meeting with the Browns, Lewis set an NFL sin-

gle-game rushing record with 295 yards. He and O.J. Simpson, in 1973 are the only runners with two 200-yard games, against the same team in one season.

Lewis has 1,952 yards and needs just 48 to become the fifth back to get 2,000 yards in a season. He needs 153 to tie Eric Dickerson's NFL mark of 2,105, set in 1984.

"It's hard not to think about it," Lewis said of the rushing mark. "But we have to worry about a win, so we can go to the playoffs. I think it's attainable though, I know the offensive line is going to be all geeked up."

■ Carolina 20, Detroit 14

At Charlotte, N.C., Jake Delhomme threw two touchdown passes and John Kasay kicked a pair of field goals to lead the Panthers (10-5), who already have clinched the NFC

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photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central High head coach Mark Martin gave out instructions during his team's game against Magoffin County.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# UK crushes IU, 80-41

by MICHAEL MAROT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Chuck Hayes scored 22 points and Erik Daniels added 19 to lead No. 2 Kentucky to an 80-41 rout of Indiana on Saturday.

The Wildcats (6-0) won their 26th straight regular-season game with a suffocating defense that rarely allowed the Hoosiers an open shot.

Indiana (4-4) managed just 15 points in the second half and finished with its fewest points in coach Mike Davis' four seasons. It was also the worst defeat under Davis.

Kentucky shot 50 percent from the field and outrebounded Indiana 54-35. Hayes and Daniels each had 10 rebounds.

Indiana, meanwhile, shot just 24.2 percent — 16.7 percent in the second half.

Bracey Wright scored 23 points and Sean Kline 15 for Indiana, with the rest of the Hoosiers managing just three points.

About the only thing Kentucky did wrong was commit 13 turnovers in the first half, allowing Indiana to stay close at 32-26.

But the Wildcats took control early in the second half. Hayes opened with back-to-back baskets to spark a 9-0 run that made it 41-26 with 17:45 to go.

Kentucky's second 9-0 run made it 54-31 with 12:30 left.

The 39-point margin was the Hoosiers' worst defeat in the 47-game series with Kentucky.

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es to Woodford County and Hopkins County Central.

Woodford County 87, South Floyd 27; Woodford County doubled up South Floyd in the first period, leading 12-6, but it was the following three periods that eventually did in the Lady Raiders. Woodford County outscored South Floyd 26-8 in the second quarter and 31-9 in the third period to pull well ahead enough for the victory.

In the huge win, Woodford County had 11 different players

score.

Senior Ashley Johnson led South Floyd in scoring with nine points. Tab Tackett netted six and Courtney Blocker pushed in five. Megan Ousley scored four.

In the setback to Hopkins County Central, South Floyd (3-4) fared somewhat better, but couldn't capitalize on opportunities in the end.

South Floyd is 0-1 in 58th District play heading into the Christmas break.

## Longer

was announced as the head coach at Alabama. He never bothered to sign the seven-year, \$10-million deal that was on the table, but talked reverentially about walking along the same sideline Paul "Bear" Bryant once trod, and he got to do that in March. There were 34,000 witnesses in the stands at Bryant-Denny Stadium that day, as Alabama wrapped up its first spring practice under Price, with the Crimson beating the White 47-0. Two weeks later, he returned to the South to play golf in a pro-am at Pensacola, Fla.

What happened later that night is the subject of a \$20 million libel suit that Price has filed against Sports Illustrated author Don Yaeger and Time Inc., the magazine's parent company. There isn't room to list the specifics here; it's enough to say that Price's own version of events so shamed himself and his family that in terms of consequences, losing the Alabama job came in a distant second. His reputation trashed, Price

slipped into depression and lost 40 pounds. He went to a few Washington State games and sat, anonymously, in the stands. Last month, an Associated Press reporter talked to him on the telephone from a relative's home in Washington, and Price said, "I would think I would have a good chance to get a job anywhere if it wasn't for an hour and a half of my life."

George O'Leary knew exactly what Price meant. His sin was inflating a resume, and O'Leary's rise and fall took place at Notre Dame two years ago, but they were the same age and their careers traced the same arc. Both got their breaks after long apprenticeships, ran honest, successful programs once they wound up in charge, and only then did either cast a long-glimpse in the direction of the big-time.

Neither will enjoy that view again anytime soon. In both cases, it's taken longer than it should for competence to trump phony morality, but that corner has finally been turned. O'Leary

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Game-ending run gives Lady Bears win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College scored the final 13 points of the game to turn around what had been a 15-point deficit and knock off Spalding University 74-64 Friday night.

The Lady Bears fell behind big early as Spalding scored its first 12 points on three-point baskets to take control. Eight early points by senior Dana Smith, including consecutive baskets, gave the Lady Pelicans a 13-3 run and a 22-10 lead with 9:21 remaining.

A layup by senior Rachel Fowler with 4:54 left stretched the lead to 15, 29-14. It was 34-20 after senior Aleshia Burns scored, but the Lady Bears bolted back, and two free throws by junior Selena Williams ended a 16-1 run and put Pikeville on top 36-35 with 43 seconds left in the half.

But Spalding led 38-36 at the break.

Spalding (1-11) stayed on top most of the second half, and when Burns sank two free throws with 3:31 left the lead was 64-61.

From that point, however, the Lady Bears went on a 15-0 run to close it out, making six straight free throws to end the game.

A balanced attack for the home team saw four players finish in double figures. Junior Amelia Cody led the way with 14 points. Cody also had seven rebounds and four steals. Ashley Wireman and Williams followed with 13, while freshman Tonya Amurgey finished with 12.

Williams had 12 rebounds for a double-double, as the Lady Bears dominated the glass 53-31. She added five assists and three steals. Senior Caitlyn Ryan had a solid game with nine points, seven rebounds and six assists.

Spalding was led in scoring by junior Brynn Wimsatt with 15 points. The 5-11 center was 3-of-5 from the arc and added five rebounds. Senior Dana Smith came off the bench to add 11.

Fowler led the Lady Pelicans with six rebounds, and added eight points. Burns and freshman Ashlee Afterkirk finished with nine apiece.

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got his chance at rehabilitation at Central Florida less than two weeks ago, hired away from the Minnesota Vikings, where a friend and former player gave him a job as an assistant. Price's break came in part because UTEP athletic director Bob Stull has known him for 20 years, dating to their days in the Pac-10 working on opposing sidelines.

Back then, Price made his reputation by giving marginal players at Washington State more than one chance. Buffalo Bills quarterback Drew Bledsoe, one of the five first-round picks off those Cougars teams, called Price "a guy who has had as much positive influence on my life as anybody I have worked with. ... Anyone should be proud to have Mike Price as their head coach."

It took longer than it should have, but at least somebody is again.

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## Fall

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Johnson Central, Paintsville, Magoffin County, Fleming County, Pike Central, Rowan County and Apollo made up the eight-team field which led to some exciting basketball.

Allen Central would face Paintsville in the first round of pool play, and the Lady Rebels would lead for the first three quarters before falling to the Lady Tigers by a final score of 49-41.

Both teams had trouble finding the range from the field in the first half and the Lady Rebs led 7-5 after one quarter of play. Cold shooting kept the game low scoring in the first half and Allen Central would take a 19-15 lead at the half behind the play of Yumeka Hunter, who tossed in 11 points for Mark Martin's team.

Allen Central was led in scoring by Becky Thomas with 12 points, but Thomas was forced to go to the bench for most of the second quarter after picking up her second foul in the first minute of the second stanza.

The teams exchanged baskets in the third quarter but Paintsville would start to wear down Allen Central. The Lady Tigers would close the gap to 28-26 after three quarters of play. Paintsville got a

game high 21 points from Ashley Hall which helped the Lady Tigers battle back late in the game.

Paintsville would find the range from the field in the fourth quarter and Allen Central would go cold from the field in the final eight minutes. Tab Caudill finished with seven points for the Lady Rebs and Terri Mullins added five in the loss.

Jessica Isaac rounded out the scoring for Allen Central with six points.

Scoring from the Paintsville game was as follows: Paintsville — Hall 21 Reynolds 5, Jarrell 11, Haney 6, Carroll 6, Allen Central — Mullins 5, Thomas 12, Isaac 6, Caudill 7, Hunter 11.

Magoffin County 60, Allen Central 51; Calloray Howard tossed in a game-high 16 points to lead Magoffin County past Allen Central. The win for the Lady Hornets avenged a loss suffered to the Lady Rebels at the start of the season.

Jessica Isaac led Allen Central with 14 points. Sharee Hopkins finished with 12. Senior point guard Terri Mullins tossed in nine and Becky Thomas added eight.

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# Fifty-eight players dumped onto free-agent market

by RONALD BLUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Texas owner John Hicks wants to know by Tuesday night whether Alex Rodriguez will remain with the Rangers. Meanwhile, more than four dozen other players have little idea where they'll play next year.

Outfielder Jay Payton and reliever Braden Looper were among 58 players dumped onto the free-agent market Sunday after their teams failed to offer them 2004 contracts.

The moves further glut a market that already has been soft — a record 210 players filed for free agency after the World Series, and just 93 have agreed to new contracts.

Javy Lopez, one of the unsigned players, was on the verge of finding a new team Sunday. The All-Star catcher was working on finalizing an agreement with Baltimore on a three-year deal worth about \$23 million, and the Orioles hoped to wrap it up Monday.

"It's very close, but it's not completely done yet," Orioles

spokesman Bill Stetka said. "We would hope to have an announcement in the morning."

It appeared Tuesday would be the big day in the long-running Alex Rodriguez-to-Boston saga. Hicks set a 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline for the trade, which would send outfielder Manny Ramirez to the Rangers.

"This potential trade is very complicated and involves multiple parties," Hicks wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Sunday night. "From the Texas Rangers' perspective, we need finality so we can proceed with

our offseason plans."

Hicks wrote that the Tuesday deadline "is a reasonable timeframe for the various groups to make their decisions."

Colorado cut Payton loose after agreeing to a contract with Jeremy Burnitz that guarantees him \$1.5 million, and Florida let go of Looper after picking up Armando Benitez for \$3.5 million.

Also cut free were Cleveland pitcher Danys Baez, and Baltimore pitchers Damian Moss and Jason Johnson. Others who became free agents included

Tampa Bay infielders Marlon Anderson and infielder Jared Sandberg; Cincinnati outfielders Ruben Mateo and Reggie Taylor and infielder Russell Branyan; Colorado pitcher Scott Elarton; Detroit catcher Ben Petrick; and Toronto pitchers Trevor Miller and Cliff Politte.

Oakland pitcher Mark Redman became a free agent Saturday night when he and the Athletics failed to come to an agreement, but they reached a three-year deal worth about \$12 million on Sunday.

The Dec. 20 deadline has become increasingly important in recent years because teams are squeezing players to agree to contracts by threatening to make them free agents.

Players with more than three years of major league service who are offered contracts are eligible for salary arbitration.

Facing the deadline, 20 players agreed to deals Friday and 10 more Saturday, a group that included Seattle pitcher Freddy Garcia (\$6,875,000), Florida shortstop Alex Gonzalez (\$6.2 million over two years) and Marlins pitcher A.J. Burnett (\$2.5 million).

Catcher Michael Barrett, cut loose by the Cubs on Saturday, agreed Sunday on a \$1.55 million, one-year contract with Chicago. By letting him become a free agent first, Chicago got around the rule limiting the team from cutting his 2003 salary, \$2.6 million, by more than 20 percent.

The deal ended a whirlwind week for Barrett, who was on three teams in six days. Montreal traded him to Oakland on

Monday, and the A's turned around and shipped him to Chicago on Tuesday.

"We've always liked him," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said. "Dick Pole was the pitching coach in Montreal in 2002, and Dick has spoken very highly of him."

Chicago then traded catcher Damian Miller and \$800,000 to Oakland on Sunday for a player to be named.

Also Sunday, Ricky Ledee and the Philadelphia Phillies avoided salary arbitration, agreeing to a \$1,225,000 contract. Ledee, 30, was used primarily as a pinch-hitter last season when he hit .247 with 13 home runs and 46 RBIs.

Boston didn't offer contracts to six players Saturday — outfielder Gabe Kapler, infielders Lou Merloni and Damian Jackson, and pitchers Scott Sauerbeck, Edwin Almonte and Jason Shiell — but Kapler, Almonte and Shiell are expected to re-sign with the Red Sox shortly.

Among those who agreed to one-year contracts Saturday were Oakland designated hitter Erubiel Durazo (\$2.1 million), Boston catcher Doug Mirabelli (\$825,000), Atlanta outfielder Gary Matthews Jr. (\$800,000), Toronto shortstop Chris Woodward (\$775,000), San Diego utilityman Brian Buchanan (\$650,000), Milwaukee right-hander Luis Vizcaino (\$550,000) and St. Louis outfielder Kerry Robinson (\$450,000).

AP Sports Writer Stephen Hawkins in Dallas contributed to this report

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Reds refuse to offer contracts

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds allowed outfielders Ruben Mateo and Reggie Taylor and infielder Russell Branyan to become free agents by not offering 2004 contracts Saturday.

Branyan and Mateo would have been eligible for arbitration.

Right-handed pitchers Chris Reitsma and John Riedling, both arbitration-eligible, were tendered contracts before the midnight deadline.

Branyan hit .216 with nine homers and 26 RBIs in 74 games last season. Mateo also appeared in 74 games, hitting .242 with three homers and 18 RBIs.

Taylor, who sustained a season-ending shoulder injury Aug. 24 diving for a ball, hit .217 with five homers and 19 RBIs in 100 games.

Reitsma was 9-5 with a 4.29 ERA. Riedling was 2-3 with a 4.90 ERA.

Infamous baseball bought in auction

CHICAGO — Here's one way to try to end the Cubs' curse: Destroy the ball that was in the middle of one of the team's most heartbreaking defeats.

That's exactly what Grant DePorter wants to do.

DePorter, a friend of Harry Caray and managing partner of the late broadcasters' area restaurants, paid \$106,600 at auction Friday for the foul ball that disrupted the Cubs' possible run to the World Series.

"We want to create some closure to the way the season ended," DePorter said.

The ball is to be destroyed in an act of exorcism. It is earmarked for death on Feb. 26,

when the restaurant organizes a worldwide toast to Caray.

DePorter plans to ask fans for ideas on how best to banish the ball.

"Harry Caray was a true Cubs fan, and we think he'd want us to do whatever we can to make it easier for fans to put this thing behind us," he said.

Cubs fan Steve Bartman deflected the ball in Game 6 of the National League championship series on Oct. 14. The ball appeared headed for the glove of Cubs outfielder Moises Alou, but he was unable to catch it after it ricocheted off Bartman's hand.

A-Rod's agent blames owners

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez's agent headed home to California on Saturday, blaming the Red Sox and Texas Rangers for the collapse of the deal that would have sent the shortstop to Boston.

Rodriguez took a wait-and-see approach, saying Saturday he didn't want to comment publicly on the status of the on-and-off-deal, which came apart Thursday but may revive at some point before spring training.

Rodriguez, who has spent the week in New York on vacation with his wife, planned to leave town Sunday.

The Red Sox proclaimed the

trade "dead" Thursday, blaming the players' association for not approving a \$28 million-to-\$30 million reduction in Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year contract. Texas, also blaming the union, said it wasn't prepared to say talks were over.

"We worked very hard on this deal," Scott Boras, Rodriguez's agent, said Saturday. "Alex has done everything he can to show his good faith by committing \$13 million. The two sides were \$20 million apart. You would think mutual concessions by both teams would allow this deal to happen."

## Record

South.

The Lions (4-11) haven't won on the road since a 10-7 win over the New York Jets at the Meadowlands on Dec. 17, 2000, and are 9-38 overall in the past three seasons.

Broncos 31, Colts 17  
At Indianapolis, with Clinton Portis out with a knee injury, Quentin Griffin ran for 136 yards, Mike Anderson added 56 more and Jake Plummer ran for two scores.

Denver (10-5) won its fourth straight, clinched its first playoff spot since the 2000 season and earned only its second postseason berth since John Elway retired following the 1998 season. The Broncos also prevented the Colts (11-4) from wrapping up the AFC South title and moving into position for a first-round bye.

Indianapolis still could win the division title with a win next week at Houston, or a Tennessee loss. But New England (13-2)

would have a better overall record and Kansas City (12-3) would have a better conference record.

Titans 27, Texans 24  
At Houston, Steve McNair, playing with a cracked bone spur in his left ankle, hit Drew Bennett for a 23-yard touchdown with 17 seconds left to lead Tennessee into the playoffs.

Tennessee (11-4) fell behind with 1:48 remaining when Domanick Davis capped a lightning-quick drive by the Texans (5-9) with a 5-yard touchdown run. That put the ball back into the hands of McNair, who drove the Titans 75 yards.

49ers 31, Eagles 28  
At Philadelphia, Tony Parrish's second interception set up a 22-yard field goal by Todd Peterson in overtime, helping the 49ers snap the Eagles' nine-game winning streak.

The Eagles (11-4) still can clinch their third consecutive NFC East title and secure a first-round bye with a victory over Washington next Saturday. They need to beat the Redskins and have St. Louis (12-3) lose at Detroit next Sunday to earn home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

The win by San Francisco (7-8) was its first on the road.

Rams 27, Bengals 10  
At St. Louis, Marshall Faulk scored two touchdowns, Tory Holt had his 10th 100-yard receiving game and Grant Wistrom added 2 1/2 sacks to help the Rams knock the Bengals from a first-place tie in the AFC North.

Jeff Wilkins added two field goals as the Rams (12-3) clinched a first-round playoff bye and took the lead for home-field advantage in the NFC with the Eagles' loss.

Baltimore leads the Bengals (8-7) by a game heading into the final weekend, with the Bengals finishing at home against the Browns and Baltimore at home against the Steelers. The Bengals hold the tiebreakers if the teams end with the same record.

Dolphins 20, Bills 3  
At Orchard Park, N.Y., Terrell Buckley returned an interception 74 yards for a touchdown, leading a stifling defensive effort that kept alive the Dolphins' wild-card hopes.

Jason Taylor had 2 1/2 sacks as Miami limited the Bills (6-9) to 177 total yards — a mere 11 in the first half. Miami (9-6) still needs help to make the playoffs.

Seahawks 28, Cardinals 10  
At Seattle, Shaun Alexander ran for two touchdowns, Matt Hasselbeck threw for another score and the Seahawks' defense

had eight sacks.

Arizona (3-12) lost its seventh straight overall and 13th in a row on the road. Seattle (9-6) remained alive for a wild-card playoff spot.

The Cardinals' Anquan Boldin had 10 receptions, breaking Terry Glenn's rookie record of 91 and giving him 96 for the season.

Bears 27, Redskins 24  
At Chicago, after shanking two makeable field goals, Paul Edinger kicked a 45-yarder with 5 seconds left to give the Bears their fourth win in five games.

Anthony Thomas rushed for a season-high 141 yards, and rookie Rex Grossman improved to 2-0 as a starter for the Bears (7-8). Grossman was 19-of-32 for 249 yards against Washington (5-10) and his old Florida coach, Steve Spurrier.

Steelers 40, Chargers 24  
At Pittsburgh, Tommy Maddox threw three touchdown passes and Jerome Bettis ran for 115 yards and passed Marcus Allen to become the seventh-leading rusher in NFL history for the Steelers (6-9).

Drew Brees had three costly turnovers for the second straight week for San Diego (3-12) as Deshaun Townsend intercepted two passes and recovered a fumble. Townsend returned the second interception 25 yards for a TD.

### In Saturday's games:

Patriots 21, Jets 16  
At East Rutherford, N.J., Willie McGinest returned an interception for a score and the Patriots picked off Chad Pennington four other times. Tom Brady a threw two touch-

down passes to David Givens.

The Jets (6-9) will finish with a losing record for the first time since 1996.

Vikings 45, Chiefs 20  
At Minneapolis, Onterio Smith ran for 146 yards and three touchdowns, and Randy Moss caught two of Daunte Culpepper's three touchdown passes in Minnesota's victory over Kansas City.

Minnesota boosted its playoff hopes and delivered a blow to the Chiefs' chances for home-

field advantage through the AFC playoffs.

Falcons 30, Buccaneers 28  
At Tampa, Fla., Michael Vick threw two touchdowns and Atlanta intercepted four of Brad Johnson's passes in a victory that eliminated Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay from playoff contention.

A furious Tampa Bay rally fell short when Travis Hall batted down Johnson's two-point conversion pass with 27 seconds remaining.

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

# Belfry wins in Smoky Mtn. tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GATLINBURG, Tenn. — Belfry landed four players in double-figure scoring here Saturday night as the Bucs evened their season mark at 2-2 with a 71-60 win over Jackson City (Ky.) in the opening round of the Smoky Mountain Invitational Tournament.

Senior Zane Smith posted a double-double, scoring 17 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

Seth Hanshaw added 12, and Adam Wicker and David Jones each finished with 10.

Belfry, which returns to action Monday against the winner of Gatlinburg (Tenn.) Pittman and Red Bay, Ala., trailed by one, 31-30, at the half before outscoring Jackson City,

22-12 in the third quarter to put the game out of reach.

The Pirates hit 20-of-51 shots from the floor, including 2-of-8 from behind-the-arc.

They also made 29-of-50 attempts from the free-throw line.

Belfry forced Jackson City to commit 37 turnovers, many of which occurred in the second half.

Mike Ritchie fired in a game high 20 points for Jackson City, now 2-4.

Mike Hensley and Brandon Curtis each followed with 13. Steve Van Zandt chipped in 10.

Jackson hit 17-of-41 attempts from the floor, including 3-of-11 from three-point land.

They connected on just 23-of-58 tries from the charity stripe.

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

# Raiders fall to Scott Co., West Jessamine

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

CENTRAL KENTUCKY — South Floyd fell behind to Scott County, one of the state's top prep basketball teams in a first round game of the Defenders of the Station Tournament, and never recovered Friday night. Host Scott County led South Floyd 36-14 through one quarter and 48-31 at halftime en route to a convincing 93-62 win. Despite facing a tall challenge, an out-matched Raider team never cashed its chips in.

South Floyd nearly outscored Scott County in the third quarter (20-18).

Junior Steven Stanley led the Raiders in scoring with a team-high 15 points. Sophomore point guard Ryan Johnson and senior Jack Stone finished with 11

points apiece.

Mason Hall netted eight points and Burnett Little flipped in six.

Wes Hall and Ethan Johnson both had two points each.

South Floyd entered play in the Bryan Station tourney on a high note following a 58th District/Floyd County Conference triumph over rival Allen Central.

West Jessamine 61, South Floyd 43; West Jessamine led South Floyd (5-3) 12-11 through one period in a second round game of the Defenders of the Station Tournament at Bryan Station High School and 22-20 at halftime on its way to an 18-point win over the Raiders. West Jessamine took the third period 20-12 and the final frame 19-11.

Burnett Little led South Floyd in scoring with a game-high 16 points. Steven Stanley scored 10 for the Raiders. Ryan Johnson added seven points and Adam Tackett tossed in six. Ethan Johnson and Brian Meade each had two points apiece for the Raiders.

# Tiger HOOPS Classic Notebook

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Area high school boys' basketball fans should strongly consider heading to Paintsville High School Friday for the first-ever Tiger HOOPS Classic. In its first year of existence, the Tiger HOOPS Classic will feature 16 high school boys' basketball teams in four days of action-packed basketball.

"Over the tournament, we will see the strengths and weaknesses of all 16 teams," said Event Manager Bob Lyons.

"This field is very balanced and depth will be a key for each team.

"I can see nine to 10 of the

Kentucky teams, playing for their respective region championship and the two Tennessee teams are solid. If you enjoy high school basketball, Paintsville has 28 games in four days. The Paintsville Tiger HOOPS Classic will be an annual event, to help showcase these student athletes. The fans will see some tremendous teams, players and coaches. For only \$7 you can watch a session of 4 games."

Here's some more tournament notes:

T-Shirts with HOOPS Classic logo on front and teams/sponsors on back is \$12.

HOOPS Classic souvenir cups are \$1.50 or \$2 with drink.

Programs with teams and

sponsors are \$5.

Each player and coach will receive various gifts. A 12-player all-tournament team and MVP will also be honored at the conclusion of the tournament.

Appalachian Wireless is also giving away a prize for anyone making a shot from a designated location, during halftime of Monday's championship game.

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# GAMES OF THE WEEK

## Tiger HOOPS Classic

The first annual Tiger HOOPS Classic boys' basketball tournament will get underway Friday morning in Paintsville. In all, 16 teams will take part in the inaugural tournament.



Peyton Conley (22) pictured in action last season against Betsy Layne in the finals of the 15th Region All "A" Classic, leads a young Paintsville team.




Prestonsburg will enter Friday's first round of the Paintsville tournament hoping to return to play with a win.




Johnson Central, pictured in action against Shelby Valley in last season's 15th Region Tournament, comes into the Tiger HOOPS Classic following an appearance in the Towne Square Holiday Classic in Boyd County. The Golden Eagles are coached by Les Trimble.



Kelsey Friend will rank as one of the top players in the inaugural Tiger HOOPS Classic. Shelby Valley enters the tournament undefeated on the season.


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### POISON OAK

## A soup bean Christmas

"Pinto beans" is what was printed on the package, but "soup beans" is what really came out of the pot.

To this very day, I'm convinced that the best way to eat them is to put them in a large teacup or soup bowl, and crumble combread over them. They absolutely must be washed down with milk—the colder the better, and butter-milk whenever possible.

And let's make it perfectly clear, it's "soup beans," not "bean soup," like some of the fancier restaurants prefer to call them.



Clyde Pack

If there was ever a particular cuisine for which I could ever be considered an expert, this would have to be it. Of course, the same thing could probably be said of practically every other Appalachian who grew up in

the forties and fifties.

Simply put, soup beans were a staple in those days. If a family was out of soup beans, it was pretty much out of groceries.

What brought on this line of thinking in the first place, was the following question: "Did you ever mash mustard in your soup beans? Believe it or not, someone did pose that little interrogative to me last week. My answer, of course, was, "Certainly. Who hasn't?"

When one ate soup beans practically every day of the week, he couldn't help but seek out a little variety. Since there

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### KIM'S KORNER

## Remember to keep Christ in Christmas

This being our Christmas Eve edition and a time when many of us find ourselves in a whirlwind of emotions, I couldn't help but think sharing my recent experience may just find someone out there reading it relating and needing



Kim Frasure

to know God is still in control even when it doesn't seem so!

It's flat out amazing sometimes how far we can come throughout our walks with Christ Jesus and also how many steps backwards we can be knocked by the likes of those

pesky fiery darts from the pits of hell.

I know from personal experience how hard it is to put yourself out there and step up to the plate and start something for the Lord knowing with every ounce of your being you were led to do so by the Christ Jesus. Yet, opposition in every form imaginable is coming at you from ump-teen different directions and you try so hard not to question "Why?"

I can't remember exactly when it was the enlightenment hit full force that "Thanking God in the Pain" as well as times of Glory was so important and became something I found myself finally able to accomplish.

It was only when the pain was like a punch in the gut from the likes of

(See KORNER, page three)



photo by Kathy J. Prater  
Santa Claus made a special guest appearance to hand out Christmas stockings and give away bear hugs to the children attending the banquet.

# Christmas 'Dreams' all year 'round



photo by Kathy J. Prater  
The adults were just as excited as the children when it came time to hand out presents at the third annual Dream Factory Christmas Banquet, held this past weekend at the Mountain Arts Center. Here, Cindy Hackworth, Prestonsburg Wal-Mart community representative, watches as Bethany Osborne opens her gifts.

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Santa Claus, folks sporting festive reindeer "antlers," public officials, dedicated volunteers, special guests Ann Bunger, national director of The Dream Factory, Inc., and husband Mark, and, of course, lots of happy children converged together this past Friday evening to enjoy the third annual Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky Christmas Banquet, held at the Mountain Arts Center.

From a modest beginning of approximately 50 people attending the non-profit organization's first banquet to an estimated 230 attending this season's holiday event, The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky continues to grow by leaps and bounds.

"We're continuing to

grow and are becoming more and more better known throughout the region," said Jerome Greathouse, president of the organization.

"You know, you look around this room, you go out and help grant a sick child's dream, and the smiles on these kids' faces makes it all worthwhile. These kids, that's what it's all about," he said.

Greathouse, who has been at the helm of the local chapter of the national organization since 2001, said that every child who has had a dream granted by the Eastern Kentucky chapter since he came on board, along with their families, is invited back for a Christmas reunion each year, courtesy of The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky and local volunteers and sponsors.

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### CRITTER CORNER

## Christmas with a cat

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Okay, I admit that I sometimes cheat on Holidays by finding interesting/funny tidbits to pass along that don't require much time or thinking on my part. I don't know about you, but by this time of the Christmas season, I am ready for some light, frothy entertainment. So here goes. A couple of years ago I ran a

piece about wrapping presents with a puppy. In the interest of equal opportunity, here is the feline version!

### WRAPPING PRESENTS WITH A CAT

Clear large space on table for wrapping present  
Go to closet and collect bag in which present is contained, and shut door.  
Open door and remove cat

from closet.

Go to cupboard and retrieve rolls of wrapping paper.

Go back and remove cat from cupboard.

Go to drawer, and collect transparent sticky tape, ribbons, scissors, labels, etc.

Lay out present and wrapping materials on table, to enable wrapping strategy to

(See CRITTER, page three)



This is "Pitten," a six-month old Siamese kitten. Pitten is enjoying her first Christmas season by stealing bows from Christmas packages and tidbits from her owners' plates. Pitten belongs to Emily, Elliott and Elizabeth Baldrige..



# 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.

■ 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

■ 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

(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. 29, and Dec. 31, 1993)

A 15-year-old Floyd County girl was injured, Monday evening, when a homemade bomb exploded in her face. Rachel Ousley of Caney Creek, received burns on her face, neck and left ear, when she picked up an object that had reportedly been thrown at the family home, Monday...A Floyd County woman was on the winning end of what may be the largest medical malpractice verdict in the state's history, but she is likely to receive a fraction of the jury's \$8 million award. In her suit, resolved last week, Angela DeRossett, of Banner, alleged she had suffered extensive medical damage as the result of negligence on the part of her physician, Dr. Krish Potnis, of Martin...Kentucky State Police are asking local and state law enforcement officials to be on the lookout for a cache of weapons stolen, Christmas Eve, from a Martin County sporting goods store. Pistols and rifles valued at approximately \$15,000 were taken from Shep's Sports World in Inez. Also stolen was an undetermined amount of gold jewelry...Outgoing Prestonsburg Mayor Ann Latta wants to be remembered "fondly," and as someone who did the best job she could do, as the city's mayor. Three days before her eight-year reign as mayor of Floyd County's largest city ends, Latta shared some of her accomplishments and disappointments she faced during that time...Prestonsburg will greet the new year a little larger than it left the old, and local television cable subscribers will soon see their service regulated by city hall, as city council members put the finishing touches, to two ordinances, and the 1993 year. Council gave unanimous support to the second and final reading of an annexation ordinance which increases the city's size by some 62 acres, and extends the city limits to the intersections of Route 23 and Route 80...A 34-year-old Allen man was arrested, Monday afternoon, after allegedly threatening to kill three Floyd County Sheriff's deputies. Sheriff's deputies were serving an emergency protection order (EPO) on Alan N. Ward, when he allegedly came out of his basement carrying a pistol in his left front pocket. According to the arrest citation, Ward told Lt. Powers that he was going to kill him and deputies Bill Callihan and Aaron Kidd...Something for everyone. That's the best description for the year 1993, which passes into history when the clocks strike midnight tonight. There was a record-setting blizzard in March, a red-hot political battle for county offices in May, an unprecedented game of musical chairs on the Floyd County Board of Education, and a paralyzing winter storm that brought us a white Christmas and plenty of trouble to close out the year...Prestonsburg Sundry Store employees went about business as

usual, Wednesday, but their tear-filled eyes revealed their loss. "It's a dirty dog of a shame," said Prestonsburg Sundry Store customer, Hattie Howard, about the liquidation of Wil-Car Enterprises, owner of the Sundry Store...Along with the ringing in of the new year, several county and city governments will hold organizational meetings on Saturday and Monday, to set the time and dates for future meetings. Prestonsburg City Council members are the early birds with a special meeting called at noon, Saturday, following the swearing-in of Mayor Jerry Fannin and new council members...There died: Woodrow Reed, 71, of Greenwich, Ohio, Thursday, December 23, at Hillside Acres Nursing Home, Willard, Ohio; Willis Gibson, 62, of Garrett, Friday, December 24, in Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Ben Hall, 66, of Topmost, Saturday, December 25, at his residence; Hamlet B. Howard, 82, of Wheelwright, Friday, December 24, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ison Hall, 84, of McDowell, Monday, December 27, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Carlos Hamilton, 72, of Teaberry, Monday, December 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Charles Edward Mullins, 65, of Wheelwright, Wednesday, December 22, at his residence; Stella Ousley Compton, 78, of Prestonsburg, Friday, December 24, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Donise Ramona Turner, 53, of McDowell, Saturday, December 25, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Tramble Slone, 75, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Ligon, Saturday, December 25, at Columbus Community Hospital; Clara Belle Goble Harless, 83, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, December 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Christopher Carson Warrix, 85, of Jackson, Thursday, December 23, at the Kentucky River Medical Center; Geneva Gearheart Baldrige, 60, of Garrett, Thursday, December 23, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Rebecca "Granny" Wireman Miller, 88, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, December 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Jermiah Johnson, infant son of Freda Johnson of Hi Hat, Thursday, December 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; William T. "Buddy" Snipes, 84, of Rochester, Indiana, December 23, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester; Stella Ousley Compton, 78, of Prestonsburg, Friday, December 24, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Faye Bourne, 52, of Langhorn, Pennsylvania, December 24, at her residence; Clemma Porter Pennington Ousley, 87, of Prestonsburg, Friday, December 24, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Willie Alvis Burchett, 52, of Auxier, Monday, December 27, at his residence; Mable Shepherd, 58, of Hueysville, Tuesday, December 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

## Twenty Years Ago

(January 4, 1984)

Curtis Moore, 35, of Inez, who was indicted for first-degree burglary, pleaded guilty to third-degree burglary, December 13, and Barry Dean Moore, 19, of Minnie, who faced a second-degree manslaughter charge, pleaded guilty, in December, to a charge of reckless homicide. The two men began serving four-year terms in the state penitentiary...Two former Floyd residents, John Calhoun Wells Jr., and George E. Evans, were among the final Cabinet appointees named by Gov. Martha Layne Collins...Dester Hamilton, 54, of Beaver, Ermal Bentley, 56, and Charles Bentley, 32, were arrested, last month, when state police raided a building at Beaver for gambling. The three pleaded guilty to gambling and other charges...There died: John B. Newsome, 69, of John Hall Branch near Grethel, Sunday, at his home; Carl Howard, 66, of Garrett, last Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; John Woodrow Scalf, 70, of Beaver, Monday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Victoria Stanley, 89, of Banner, last Thursday, at Banner; Brett Inmon, infant son of Buford and Karen Reane Inmon of Martin, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

## Thirty Years Ago

(January 2, 1974)

George Barker, manager of Jenny Wiley State Park and May Lodge, said this week that he foresees no drastic loss of business at this tourist and recreation center as a result of the fuel crisis...Floyd County officially tossed its hat in the ring in the competition for one of the proposed coal gassification plants when its fiscal court recently adopted a resolution requesting the location of such an operation in the county...But for the fact that Robert (Bob) Damron, chairman of the Kentucky Railroad Commission, is from this county and is vitally interested in it, approximately six miles of C&O main-line tracks on Left Beaver Creek would in all probability have been abandoned and removed...With the last day of 1973, Dick Davis ended 46 years as superintendent of the Prestonsburg Water and Gas System...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson Jr., a son, December 17; to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lawson Jr., of Price, a son, December 23; to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Joe Hyden, of Lexington, a son, Joe Shannon, December 11; to Mr. and Mrs. Ishmael Hopkins Jr., of Cynthiana, a daughter, Tracy Elione...There died: William Green Hall, 20, of Prestonsburg, last Saturday, in a truck wreck in Leslie County; Ernest Clark, 72, of David, December 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center (HRMC); Paul

Denver Kingsley, 68, of Toler Creek, December 12, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Richard Wills, 91, of Water Gap, Friday, at HRMC; Orville B. Layne, 49, of Langley, Saturday, while hunting near Hippo; Herman McKinney, 59, of Toler Creek, December 24, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Dora Belle Rickman Fraylen, 66, formerly of Tram, Christmas day at Columbus; Mrs. Goldia Lawson, 78, of Garrett, Sunday, at Martin; Mrs. Luna J. Craft, of Hueysville, December 17, at HRMC; Mrs. Goldia M. Justice, 55, formerly of this county, December 20, at Warsaw, Ind.; Charles T. Callison, 65, of Allen, December 24, at Washington, D.C.; Charles F. Massie, 45, of Ivel, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Mrs. Mary J. Anderson, 78, of McDowell, Saturday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

## Forty Years Ago

(January 2, 1964)

If Washington is inclined to provide the needed federal aid, there is a possibility that the new year 1964 may see a road-building program greater even than the record-breaking construction job done in 1963...The building outlook for 1964, including both public and private construction, is bright—perhaps as bright as that of the year just ended—was the opinion expressed here, Wednesday, by George Lee Shannon, architect...A six-inch snowfall two days before Christmas slowed traffic, the snow remained on shaded slopes, and it had an addition of two inches, New Year's eve...The executive board of the Floyd County Committee of 500 (anti-bootlegging group) at a meeting, last weekend, employed Jean Auxier, Pikeville, as chief counsel...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Vance Mitter Jr., of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, December 29, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin "Set" Branham, of Salt Lake City, Utah, a son, Blade, December 18...There died: Edward Newman, 48, of Haver Hill, O., formerly of Melvin, December 24, at King's Daughters' Hospital, Ashland, from injuries received nine days earlier in an automobile accident at Catlettsburg; Mrs. Minnie Mollett Clemons, 81, formerly of Betsy Layne, Saturday, at East Point; Barry Wayne Hayes, 22, of Stanville, December 16, in an auto crash in New Mexico; Eugene Hall, 58, Banner postmaster, December 21, at his home; Reuben D. Prater, 84, Wednesday, at his home at Brainard; Miss Jo Ann Tackett, 26, of East McDowell, December 26, at Lexington; Alex Hicks, 87, of Garrett, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Clarence Carroll, 46, Sunday, at his home at Hite; Mrs. Genova Jean Candrea, 39, formerly of Lackey,

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## FLOYD COUNTY GROWERS NEWS

# Finding Properly Seasoned Firewood

Ray Tackett

FLOYD COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Cold weather is here and you don't have any seasoned firewood. You remember it takes a minimum of six months to properly season wood to use in an indoor fireplace. What can you do?

It's too late now to cut down a tree, split it and have seasoned wood for a warm, glowing fire. However, many vendors have seasoned firewood for sale. There should be an ample supply due to the ice storm last February.

When you buy firewood this time of year, pay attention to the dryness, density, species and price per volume of wood.

The best wood is the driest wood. It produces the hottest fire because little heat is wasted drying wood as it burns. Inspect the ends of logs for deep cracks and splits, two indicators of dry wood. A gray "weathered" color to the bark and wood indicates dryness and sufficient seasoning.

Some wood species are hard to split because of their growth patterns. Species of elm, sycamore and sweet gum are

extremely difficult to split, as are logs with numerous knots. Even if these types of wood are offered "free," it's best not to take them because they're so hard to split.

Wood density is an important consideration when buying seasoned firewood. Low-density woods such as yellow-poplar, silver and red maples and buckeye have much more air space between the cells than species such as oak, black locust, hickory, ash and beech. These high-density species produce more heat per unit volume because they contain less air, thus more

door, and stacking. Firewood bought at a convenience store is more expensive, so it's best to leave this purchase for very special occasions. If you're buying large quantities of firewood now, examine the ends for splitting to determine that it's dry; ask for high-density species with a high heat potential; avoid low-density species and very knotty logs, and agree on all these characteristics and the purchase price before the seller unloads your firewood.

Remember, the best firewood produces the greatest heat value at the lowest cost.

For more information, contact me at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service at 886-2668.

Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Source: Doug McLaren

## Korner

Muhammad Ali stinging like a bee that I was hit so hard I couldn't even breathe. Not only was the breath knocked out of me, but so it seemed, was my spirit.

It was as if everything inside me had been stripped. Gutted like a poor buck shot by its hunter for the kill.

All the scriptures I have read, re-read, all the books, all the sermons, none of it came to mind.

My thoughts were blank. I was so devastated, so hurt, so shocked I couldn't pray, I didn't want to talk to anybody, I didn't want to do anything.

Six years of throwing myself into trying to be a sponge and

soak every possible aspect of the Lord from His Word, His People, books, songs - all of those years just seemed to have been wiped from my being in a matter of a day's time.

I was an empty shell of a human being.

Thank God for sending me His Children and His Word. For

through them, I was able to get back to my feet, to be filled inside with His Love, to feel wrapped with His ever so loving arms around me and remember that He's still in control!

None of us want to fail in our walks with Christ Jesus.

And Satan works overtime trying to convince us we are the scum of the earth. Undeserving low down scoundrels who don't or won't be forgiven of our falls.

No, he fills our minds with "You've done it now girl, you've lost it, God's not gonna hear you, let alone save you.

You don't receive blessings here on earth, you idiot. What were you thinking?"

Oh, he's evil alright! And he has his helpers out in full force and don't think for a minute that he doesn't.

What made me so angry about my own experience was the fact that me, of all people, one who has shared with so many of you these past years, the multitudes of the "Blessings", Healings, and Miracles of God that He continues to perform today.

So, how could I, of all people, doubt, fear, and question God's hand in my life?

How? Timing is how! And I will tell you, Satan found the most opportune time.

Every single one of us here on earth has our moments of weaknesses. No matter who we are.

There are those times, or those days, in our lives when

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## Critter

be formed.

Go back to drawer to get string; remove cat that has been in the drawer since last visit and collect string.

Remove present from bag. Remove cat from bag.

Open box to check present, remove cat from box, replace present.

Lay out paper to enable cutting to size.

Try and smooth out paper, realize cat is underneath and remove cat.

Cut the paper to size, keeping the cutting line straight.

Throw away first sheet as cat chased the scissors and tore the paper.

Cut second sheet of paper to size—by putting cat in the paper bag the present came in.

Place present on paper.

Lift up edges of paper to seal in present. Wonder why edges don't reach. Realize cat is between present and paper.

Remove cat.

Place object on paper to hold in place while tearing transparent sticky tape.

Spend 20 minutes carefully trying to remove transparent

sticky tape from cat with pair of nail scissors

Seal paper with sticky tape, making corners as neat as possible.

Look for roll of ribbon. Chase cat down hall in order to retrieve ribbon.

Try to wrap present with ribbon in a two-directional turn.

Re-roll ribbon and remove paper which is now torn due to cat's enthusiastic ribbon chase.

Repeat steps 13-20 until you reach last sheet of paper.

Decide to skip steps 13-17 in order to save time and reduce risk of losing last sheet of paper. Retrieve old cardboard box that is the right size for sheet of paper.

Put present in box, and tie down with string.

Remove string, open box and remove cat.

Put all wrapping materials in bag with present and head for locked room.

Once inside lockable room, lock door and start to re-lay out paper and materials.

Remove cat from box, unlock door, put cat outside door, close and re-lock.

Repeat previous step as often

as necessary (until you can hear cat from outside door).

Lay out last sheet of paper. (This will be difficult in the small confines of the bathroom, but do your best.)

Discover cat has already torn paper. Unlock door, go out and hunt through various cupboards, looking for sheet of last year's paper. Remember that you haven't got any left because cat helped with this last year as well.

Return to lockable room, lock door, and sit on toilet and try to make torn sheet of paper look presentable.

Seal box, wrap with paper and repair by very carefully sealing with sticky tape. Tie up with ribbon and decorate with bows to hide worst areas.

Label. Sit back and admire your handiwork, and congratulate yourself on completing a difficult job.

Unlock door, and go to kitchen to make a drink and feed cat.

Spend fifteen minutes looking for cat until coming to obvious conclusion.

Unwrap present, untie box and remove cat.

Go to store and buy a gift bag.

## Yesterdays

December 22, at Buffalo, N.Y.; Kenis F. Tackett, 56, formerly of Ligon, December 21, at Ypsilanti, Mich.; Mrs. Mary Alice Lawson, 31, of Honaker, Monday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

### Fifty Years Ago

(January 7, 1954)

Prestonsburg is considered certain to be selected by the U.S. Public Health Service as the center from which its area-wide study of intestinal-borne diseases will be made...Three new officials began terms of office Monday. They are: Sheriff Gormon Collins, County Attorney Hollie Conley, and Jailer Prock Hayes. Magistrate Grover Holbrook also took the oath of office for the first time...Forrest Burchett assumed, on January 1, the duties of forest ranger in this county. He succeeds Palmer Crum, who resigned...Sgt. Gaylord Caudill, of Hi Hat, was recently awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received while fighting in Korea...Barkley J. Sturgill has opened law offices here, and is associated with the law firm of Combs & Combs...There died: J. D. Harkins, 69, prominent Prestonsburg attorney, here, Sunday afternoon; Greenville Tackett, 81, Wednesday, at Ligon; Hampton Tackett, 62, of Beaver, January 1, at a Lexington hospital; Charlie Karozo, 59, December 28, at Ligon; Frank James Meade, 48, of Wheelwright, at Louisa; Mrs. Laura H. Hamilton, 51, of Teaberry, December 26, at a Martin hospital; Beverly Cole, 41, December 24, at Drift; Mrs. America Clevenger, 82, on Town Branch, Sunday; John Kimbler, 54, December 25, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital of injuries suffered when struck by an auto; Alexander Stephens, 88, of West Prestonsburg, at the Prestonsburg Hospital, December 30; Mrs. Nora Wills Cooley, 73, of Cliff, at the hospital here, December 30; Thomas Lincoln Burke, 87, of East Point, December 30, of injuries sustained when struck by an auto a

week earlier; Mrs. Mary T. Porter, 76, Wednesday, at Betsy Layne; Harvey Patton, 44, of Estill, December 26, three days after suffering mine injuries; John J. Nelson, 81, Dwale minister, December 24, here; Millard Brown, 36, December 26, at Ligon; Mrs. Julia Porter, 70, December 28, at Allen; William Kenis Jarvis, 61, December 27, at Endicott.

### Sixty Years Ago

(January 6, 1944)

Of 94 men called from this county for pre-induction examination, two-thirds are fathers...Four Floyd servicemen are reported missing. They are: Pfc. Douglas Vaughan, 19, of Prestonsburg; Pfc. Denver Music, 22, of Prestonsburg; James Hamilton, of Hi Hat, and James Crisp, of Lancer...Mary Catherine Hutinpiller, 13-year-old Prestonsburg girl, has been awarded a prize by Child Life magazine for a poem written by her several months ago...Pfm. 3-C Homer J. Thacker, of Banner, has been cited for bravery in the recent invasion of Tarawa...There died: Mrs. Polly Sellards, 95, of Endicott, December 26; Orville Murray, 41, former Floyd man, and sales manager of a Hazard soft drink firm, December 27, at his Hazard home, of gas fumes; Mrs. Jim Bob Parsons, 38, last Thursday, at Grethel; Former Knott Sheriff Henry Sturgill, 61, December 24, at his Hindman residence; Ulysses Samuel Click, 65, Monday, at his home at Martin; Mrs. H. S. Frazier, 28, January 1, at her Wilson Creek home; Mrs. Rilda Henson McCown, December 30, Ligon; Glenn H. Mattingly, 36, of Printer, December 28, at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Mary Bayes Lemaster, 67, December 26, at Dwale; Mrs. Emma Burchfield, of Water Gap, December 30, at Lexington; Mrs. Jenny Prater Spradlin, 60, Saturday, at her home at Bonanza; Mrs. Alex L. Martin, 85, January 1, at her home at Drift; George W. Laven, 78,

December 22, at his home at Dwale; Beauregard May, 73, native Floyd County, December 19, at his home at Sandy Hook.

### Seventy Years Ago

(January 5, 1934)

L. E. (Lief) Crisp was shot and killed Sunday night at Martin...A grand jury investigation may be made into the death, at Garrett, December 24, of 67-year-old Boone Childers, who allegedly was pushed from a culvert at the mouth of Stone Coal...Bill Music died December 24, shortly after his throat was slashed at Drift...Townsel Combs, of Langley, was elected chairman of the Floyd County Board of Education at the board's first meeting of the year, last Monday...Inducted to office, Monday, were Circuit Judge John W. Caudill and Commonwealth's Attorney O. C. Hall...Harrison Borders was severely shocked and burned, recently, when his hands came in contact with an electric wire which he was attempting to remove after the home of Ell Hicks, at Maytown, had been destroyed by fire...Gallie Friend, a Floyd County native, has been appointed trial justice for Dickenson County, Virginia...A committee representing 500 Wayland miners has procured a gift, here, which they will present to Wayland Police Chief W. P. Blevins, as an expression of their esteem...Dr. Alex L. Hill was elected House floor leader at Frankfort as the General Assembly organized Monday...Miss Mabel Louise Porter, of Paintsville, Monday, was named official court reporter by Circuit Judge John W. Caudill. Judge Caudill named attorney Oscar P. Bond master commissioner...There died: Albert Perry, 37, former Beaver Creek coal operator, December 26, at his home near Alphoretta; Mrs. Rhoda Allen Sizemore, 87, native Floyd woman, recently, in Perry County; Mrs. Mary E. Rice, 89, December 28, near here.

## Oak

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was always a jar of mustard handy, the combination was a natural.

But soup beans were seldom eaten by themselves. For example, Dad would always eat a hunk of onion with his. Note the word "hunk," not "slice." He'd peel and quarter a big onion, more often than not, one he'd grown himself, and eat it much like one would an apple. He also liked a salt pickle (one that mom had canned) with his soup beans.

Although I've heard others talk about their moms making soup bean dumplings, mine never did. But another bean combination that does come to mind from those suppers of long ago, is the mixture of pinto beans with white (or Navy) beans. I've no clue as to why we called white beans "Navy beans," but I do remember song

lyrics from the radio that said, "The Army gets the gravy, and the Navy gets the beans." Perhaps that has something to do with it.

Anyway, when I sat down in front of my computer earlier this week, I had all intentions of writing about Christmas. But the ole "stream-of-consciousness thing" prevailed once again. Perhaps all is not lost, however. Maybe I can just wish all my readers the kind of Christmas we had in those days, before fast food restaurants and microwaves; when food was cooked on a real stove, in a real kitchen; when families could sit down to supper and eat and talk and laugh and mash mustard in their soup beans, without someone at the table thinking they were goofy, or something.

From our house to yours, Merry Christmas.

## School

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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.

### 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 Tristan 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

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.



**Dreams**

"We invite everyone to come back each year," said Jennifer Greathouse, secretary. "We figure it's going to get pretty big, but that's all right, we'll figure a way to handle it. We want everyone to feel included as a part of the Dream Factory family."

The Dream Factory is a national non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of granting the dreams of critically and chronically ill children, ages 3 to 18. The organization functions solely on donations, contributions, and fundraisers organized by local chapter volunteers. The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, Inc., serves children throughout the Big Sandy region.

This year, as in years past,

**Great gift idea from JWT**

Looking for a last minute gift that's great for any adult? Why not give a JWT Gift Certificate\* good for any one JWT main-stage summer production. They're only \$14.00 each - a \$4.00 savings over the summer adult ticket price.

Also, now through the end of December 2003, Season Subscriptions\* are only \$56.00. That's a \$16.00 savings over the summer adult ticket price. But prices increase beginning January 1, 2004. Call the Theatre today to get yours at 886-9274 or toll free at 1-877-CALL-JWT.

\*Gift Certificates and Season Subscriptions do not include special events and meals, and are honored for the following productions only: Peter Pan, Into the Woods, My Way, and The Legend of Jenny Wiley.

The Board and Staff of Jenny Wiley Theatre wish you and yours a Wonderful Holiday Season!

the children and their families and guests were treated to a banquet of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings, catered by Reno's Roadhouse, as well as a pizza buffet provided by Pizza Palace. Following, everyone was provided tickets to the Kentucky Opry Christmas show, another annual tradition.

"We couldn't bring smiles to all these faces without the help of our community sponsors," Greathouse said as he presented awards to those who have consistently helped sponsor the annual Christmas banquet. "We appreciate all you do for the Dream Factory and our children," he said.

Community sponsors of this year's banquet include the following: Keith Bartley, Floyd County Attorney; John K. Blackburn, Floyd County Sheriff; Jerry Fannin, Mayor, City of Prestonsburg; Paul Hunt Thompson, Floyd County Judge Executive; Addie Howard, MedZone Pharmacy; Atty. Gerald DeRossett; Chris Waugh, Floyd County Clerk; Sallee Conley Holbrook, Johnson County Clerk; Tim McDonald, Action Petroleum; Cindy

Hackworth, Prestonsburg Wal-Mart; Billie Jean Osborne, Founder, Kentucky Opry; Justice Janet Stumbo and Atty. Ned Pillersdorf; Brett Davis, Asst. County Judge Executive; Karen Lowe, Dana Hall, Mike Billiter, Sandy Austin Feltner, Greg Keene, Glenda Rhea, Tonetta Childers, Vickie Lambert, Kevin McDonald, Dewayne McKinney, Debbi Preston, John Spears, Devon Akers, Ernie Gullett, and Gerald Robinson, all of the Pepsi Management team; and Cynthia Greathouse, Virginia Osborne, and Stacy Greathouse, Dream Factory volunteers.

Tickets to the KY Opry performance were provided by First Commonwealth Bank and Mayor Jerry Fannin and the City of Prestonsburg; food was provided by Reno's Roadhouse, Food Land, and Pizza Palace; drinks were provided by Pepsi; C&S Signs donated a large commemorative banner and the Mountain Arts Center provided the use of their banquet hall.

Children of the Eastern Kentucky region who have been granted dreams by The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky,

Inc. include: Kayla DeAnn Hall, Gateway computer and accessories; Ashley Nicole Blackburn, Wal-Mart shopping spree; Andrew Howard Vangore Jr., Wal-Mart shopping spree; Richard Rohr, Wal-Mart shopping spree; Cory Alexander Prater, trip to Disney World; Christy Hamilton, Wal-Mart shopping spree; Curtis Lee Jarvis, Wal-Mart shopping spree; Casey D. Johnson, laptop computer and accessories; Andrew Stambaugh, family camper; Michael Keith Tackett, trip to Disney World; Bethany Osborne, computer and accessories; Mark Holbrook, Wal-Mart shopping spree; Brian Ray Clouse, Wal-Mart shopping spree; Anita Marie Burchett, trip to Disney World; and a trip to the Bahamas granted to a child who wishes to remain unidentified.

To learn more about The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, Inc., contact its office at (606) 886-0556, or email to: jgreathouse@setel.com. You may also write to: The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, P.O. Box 47, Auxier, KY 41602.

*Wedding Engagement*



**Hamilton-Bush**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hamilton, of Harold, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jackie Lealynn, to Jason Dean Bush, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bush, of Harold. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, January 3, 2004, at half past three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Pilgrims Home, Old Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel. Ms. Hamilton is a 2001 graduate of Betsy Layne High School. Mr. Bush is an employee of Deskins Motor Sales, of Pikeville. Following a honeymoon trip, the couple will reside at Harold.

**Korner**

nothing is going right, when every fiery dart is being thrown at us, pricking our entire bodies.

Our minds are forced to focus on other things, such as our duties in our jobs, the illnesses our loved ones are enduring, trials those we love are battling - just any and every negative thing a mind can imagine all taking place at the same time, same place. A real tornado of a day, if you will.

And there, Satan is standing with that horrible grin, just waiting to fire that big nasty dart that's going to rip your guts out, and throw you to the ground like you've never been thrown before.

And this is exactly what happened to me!

You see, even though I have known for years now to pray

without ceasing, in everything to give thanks, and to just plain and simple just "stand" when all else seems to be failing, I was doing everything but.

Yep, here I was running from one area to another frantically because I was trying to solve it all - "Super Woman" to the rescue! A thousand tasks at once - all filled with opposition of the "negative" kind.

Did I stop even once to say "Whoa, hold on a minute here o gal"?

Or, "Lord Jesus, cover me here, help me here Lord, take over, I'm running on empty, fill me Lord, dress me in YOUR ARMOUR!"? Oh no, I didn't!

I was in the eye of the tornado, uncovered, weak, and prime and ripe for the sting.

And sting it did!

But, oh, how good it is now, to know I have brothers and sisters to step up, and lift me up, and pray when I couldn't!

To assure me that God still loved me!

That no matter how bad this situation seems, God has a plan.

Whether I have a clue to what it is, it doesn't matter. He has not, nor will He not forsake me - or you.

The scripture that woke me as if I had been hit by a bolt of lightning was sent to me from God through a very special person that I love dearly - Sherry Huff-Mardis.

Sherry and I go back to what my girls would refer to as "the dinosaur days" - 1967. That's the year when Sherry and I began first grade together.

The bond formed those thirty-six years ago has grown deeper and stronger as years have passed.

And how thankful I am they have.

We've had many opportunities to hold one another up, stand in the gap and do or say whatever was needed when the other seemed so low it broke each of our hearts to pieces.

But, it's been said before, and I shall say it again, God puts people in our lives for a reason and sometimes for a season.

He works through them when we need them most.

He gives them wisdom, and often directs them to His Word for guidance and comfort, which is exactly what happened to me during this particular incident.

Last week, I shared this very scripture with you in reference to the capture of Saddam Hussein.

It's been astounding to me at how many things have occurred since Sherry was led to this very scripture and urged to share it with me when I needed it most.

Jeremiah 42:11 "Be not afraid of the King of Babylon, of whom you 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."

Oh, Thank You, Lord Jesus, Praise Your Holy and Precious Name.

There are so many obstacles and trials, I cannot, nor will not, put it in our lives to kill, steal and destroy all that which God gives. I will, however, say that I know with every ounce of my being that God sent that scripture.

As we prepare to celebrate His birth tomorrow, my prayer is that if there are souls experiencing fear and doubt as in that which I have just shared, that then all may realize that He is as alive and on the throne today as He ever was.

If you feel unworthy, or undeserving, of God's Mercy, Grace, and most importantly, His Forgiveness, I pray that you will soon see that God is still alive today and so full of Love that He is just waiting with open arms for each and every one of us to come to Him.

May Christ be celebrated in your Christmas, as well as in your lives!

Til' Next Week...



**Berryman-Abney**

Susan E. Berryman and Christopher C. Abney will exchange marriage vows on January 3, 2004, at half past five o'clock in the evening, at Cornerstone Baptist Church, located at 4451 Winchester Road, Lexington. The bride-elect is the daughter of William A. Berryman, of Winchester, and Mary Sue Wright Hopson, formerly of Floyd County, and the late Palmer D. Hopson. She is the granddaughter of the late Edgar L. Wright and Mary Alice Bennett and Frank Bennett. A reception will immediately follow the wedding ceremony at Saint Joseph Hall, 254 S. Main St., Winchester. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



**Spurlock-Snow**

Miss Erica Niccole Spurlock and Mr. Richard Fairbanks Snow were united in marriage on July 26, 2003, at the Nashville Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Franklin, Tennessee. The new bride is the daughter of Marty and Crystal Pickle Spurlock, of Hendersonville, Tennessee, formerly of Paintsville. She is the granddaughter of Hobert Spurlock, of Printer, and the late Goldie McKinney Spurlock, the late Carol Miller Pickle and the late James Willard, both formerly of Hager Hill. Richard is the son of Dr. Ronald and Sharon Pitchforth Snow, of St. George, Utah. Serving as the bride's maid of honor was her sister, Erin Spurlock. Serving as her attendants were Laurel and Camille Snow, sisters of the groom, Janet Head, Jennifer Youngblood, Brittney Elmer and Lexi Timmerman. Ben Snow served as his brother's best man. Following the wedding ceremony a reception was held at the Country Hills Golf Course, in Hendersonville, Tennessee. Immediately afterwards, the couple left for a honeymoon vacation in Matzalan, Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Snow reside in Provo, Utah, where they both attend Brigham Young University. They will each graduate from the university in 2004.

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**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE** Pursuant to Application Number 898-4217

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Central Appalachia Mining, L.L.C., P.O. Box 2827, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a Phase III Bond release of permit number 898-4217, for increment

1, which was last issued on September 11, 2003. The application covers and area of approximately 34.38 surface acres, located two (2) miles northeast of level, in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 1 mile north from U.S. 23 junction with Ivy Creek Road, and located 1 mile north of Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37°36'04". The longitude is 82°38'56".

The bond now in effect for increment 1, is a surety bond for five thousand five hundred dollars (\$ 5 , 5 0 0 ) . Approximately one-hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount of (\$5,500) is included in this application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching, completed in Fall 2003.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 30, 2004.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 2, 2004, at 10 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, located at 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no

request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 30, 2004.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

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**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF: SOUTHERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
December 18, 2003, at 2 p.m./McDowell Office Southern Water

**AGENDA**  
A. Call to Order  
B. Approval of Minutes for regular meeting 11/24/03  
C. Construction Status/Draw Requests  
1. RD Project:

- Contract 7/Kinder Construction Status
- Kinder Construction Pay Request
- 2. Route 7 Project:
- Construction Status
- 3. DOT Line Relocations (DOT):
- Minnie to Harold:
- Draw Request for Don Amburgey Plumbing — (Pd from KYDOT)
- D. Wayland Sewer Project: Status Report
- CDBG Application Status
- Authorization for Summit Engineering: \$2,500 for KIA Application submission fees.
- Proposed Rate Structure
- E. Francis Water Company:
- Resolution Authorizing Acquisition
- Resolution Authorizing use of Damon Talley for Legal Services
- Authorization to Advertise RFQ for Engineering Services
- F. Software Upgrade for Accounting Program
- G. Adjournment

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. III C.A. NO. 02-CI-01273 ROY OUSLEY PETITIONER VS. CHARLENE OUSLEY RESPONDENT NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Orders for Sale of Property, entered on the 22nd day of September 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in connection with the divorce proceedings in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 8th day of January, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements and appurtenances, located on Bull Creek, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Derosssett line; thence with Lunata Derosssett line to the top of the ridge to John Derosssett line to the top of the knob to S.P. Davidson line thence S. P. Davidson line to Will Gray's line; thence down the hill to the branch; thence down the branch and back to the beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Roy Ousley and Charlene Ousley, his wife, by deed dated December 14, 1983, from Lila Stephens and Green Stephens, her husband, recorded in Deed Book 284, Page 476, Floyd County Clerk's Office. Tract II A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Joe Gray Branch of Bull Creek, and more particularly described as follows: Bounded as follows: commencing at Wallis Gray line; thence with Wallace Gray's line up to the top of the ridge of Buck Wallens; thence around the ridge with the center of the ridge to Alex DeRossett line; thence to Tom Briggs line, thence down the point with Tom Briggs line to the branch the place of beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Roy Ousley and Charlene Ousley, his wife, by deed dated

October 18, 1983, from Estil Ousley and Lucy Ousley, his wife, recorded in Deed Book 280, Page 5, Floyd County Clerk's Office. TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or 10% down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd Kentucky, real property taxes for the fiscal year 2003, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County real estate taxes will be paid

from the sale proceeds. (e) In the event that a lien holder herein is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the lien holder, and it shall be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

**PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:**  
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Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653  
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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 03-CI-00859 INEZ DEPOSIT**

**BANK PLAINTIFF VS. RALPH JUSTICE AND SUNSHINE JUSTICE, HIS WIFE, AND COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF In Rem Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 17th day of November, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$56,367.84, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 8th day of January 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a corner of L.D. Hunter's lot on north side at line of Pike-Floyd Coal Company's line and to corner of lot belonging to Church of Christ; thence, south course with said Church property to stake near the branch; thence east course with said L.D. Hunter's line to the beginning, so as to include all of said lot lying in between L.D. Hunter's and the property of the Elders of or Deacons of the Church of Christ of Betsy Layne. And being the same property conveyed to Ralph Justice and Karen Renee Coleman, by deed dated October 19,

1998, from Billy Ray White and Renee White, which is recorded in Deed Book 426, Page 424, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office. Also, see Quitclaim Deed from Karen Renee Coleman, single, to Ralph Justice, dated the 30th day of June, 2001, which is recorded in Deed Book 461, Page 140, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd

County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO**

**MINE**  
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5333, Renewal #3  
In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that MATT/CO., INC.; 432 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, has applied for renewal of an underground coal mining operation, located 2.0 miles north of Emma, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 7.50 surface acres, and will underlie 590.13 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 597.63 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.0 mile east of KY Route 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road, and located in Dial Branch. The latitude is 37°39'47" and the longitude is 82°41'41". The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe Burchett, and will underlie land owned by Grace Weedman, Roland Blackburn, Clyde Burchett, Rosie Woods, Leonard Gobel,

William Jarrell, J.G. Porter, Tri-Star Development Inc., Vivian Franklin, Rudy Harris, James Wells, Martha Johnson, John Harris, Roland Reid, Joe Burchett, Ed & Bertha Cline, and Bradis Goble. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within 30 days of this date.

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**NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)**

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before January 28, 2004, at 9:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	02-P-00264	Eiva Darcus Newsome	Madlyn Spears	12-1-03
Final	01-P-00378	Bill T. Crisp	Mary Frances Crisp	12-3-03
Final	02-P-00252	Jimmy Lee Akers	James Akers	12-4-03
Final	03-P-00186	Nannie Paige	Madge Brumley	12-8-03
Final	03-P-00364	John D. Hamilton	Andy Lee Hamilton	12-10-03
Final	02-P-00227	Russell Clark	Sue Clark	12-10-03
Final	03-P-00192	Will Nelson	Tommi Arvil Nelson	12-15-03
Final	03-P-00087	Mildred Lilly	Joan Ousley	12-15-03

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
11-21-03	03-P-00435	Hershell Shell Box 1237 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Okie Mae Shell Box 1237 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Thomas Moak Box 511 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
11-21-03	03-P-00436	John W. Howard II P.O. Box 590 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Harris S. Howard, Jr. 106 Lakeview Court Georgetown, KY 40321	
11-21-03	03-P-00437	Walk L. Tackett Minnie, KY 41651	Peggy Lee Tackett 220 Cedar Crest Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
11-25-03	03-P-00441	A.B. Bryant 256 Bryant Branch Rd. Hi Hat, KY 41636	Pebby Bryant Hall 256 Bryant Branch Rd. Hi Hat, KY 41636	
11-25-03	03-P-00442	Edward James Hall Box 171 Bevinsville, KY 41606	Donna Rollins 302 Deepwoods Dr. Highlands Hts. KY 41076	
11-26-03	03-P-00443	Anna Sue Stumbo Box 236 McDowell, KY 41647	Bobbie L. Moore Box 148 Drift, KY 41619	
12-1-03	03-P-00444	Vivian R. Scutchfield 65 S. Cardinal Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Debra Scutchfield 65 S. Cardinal Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Timothy Parker P.O. Box 927 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
12-2-03	03-P-00445	Willard Dean Edmonds 65 Timberline Cove Harold, KY 41635	Evelene J. Edmonds 65 Timberline Cove Harold, KY 41635	
12-3-03	03-P-00447	Dallas Dean Hunter P.O. Box 1271 Martin, KY 41649	James F. Hunter 620 Venters Lane #7 Pikeville, KY 41501	
12-4-03	03-P-00448	Arnold Akers P.O. Box 082 Grethel, KY 41653	Lawrence Edward Akers P.O. Box 327 McDowell, KY 41647	
12-4-03	03-P-00449	Alex Howard 44 Burke Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Joe Alex Howard 5763 Pickbournest Commerce Township, MI 48382	
12-9-03	03-P-000452	John Allen Boyd P.O. Box 12 Betsy Layne, KY 41605	Verdia Boyd P.O. Box 12 Betsy Layne, KY 41605	
12-9-03	03-P-00451	Bobby B. Ison 980 Conn St. Ivel, KY 41642	Belinda Case 980 Conn St. Ivel, KY 41642	
12-11-03	03-P-00453	Jimmy D. Little 242 Jim Maynard Br. Rd. Stanville, KY 41659	Rhea Sue (Mullins) Little 242 Jim Maynard Br. Rd. Stanville, KY 41659	Randy G. Clark P.O. Box 1529 Pikeville, KY 41502
12-11-03	03-P-00454	Jason C. Akers 2424 Prater Crk. Rd. Banner, KY 41603	Chris Akers 2424 Prater Crk. Rd. Banner, KY 41603	Anthony C. Davis P.O. Box 220 Betsy Layne, KY 41605
12-11-03	03-P-00455	Rosie Henson Gen. Del. Hi Hat, KY 41636	Lula Henson 98 Tyler Drive, P.O. Box 132 Hi Hat, KY 41636	
12-12-03	03-P-00439	Eurice Meade 69 Jackson St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Karen Meade P.O. Box 619 Staffordsville, KY 41256	George K. Wells P.O. Box 1285 Paintsville, KY 41240
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- Area Attraction \_\_\_\_\_
- Church \_\_\_\_\_
- Civic Club/Organization \_\_\_\_\_
- College \_\_\_\_\_
- Community Festival Event \_\_\_\_\_
- Dining Atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_
- Elderly Care Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_
- Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_
- High School \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospital/Medical Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Band \_\_\_\_\_
- Middle School \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to camp out \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to lose weight \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to meet friends \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to spend Saturday night \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to take out of town guests \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to work \_\_\_\_\_

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- Biscuits \_\_\_\_\_
- Brand of Soft Drink \_\_\_\_\_
- Burgers \_\_\_\_\_
- Catering \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken \_\_\_\_\_
- Chili \_\_\_\_\_
- Chinese Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Decorated Cake \_\_\_\_\_
- Desserts \_\_\_\_\_
- Donuts \_\_\_\_\_
- Fish and Seafood \_\_\_\_\_
- French Fries \_\_\_\_\_
- Fresh Meat for Grilling \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Cookin' \_\_\_\_\_
- Hot Dogs \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_
- Kid's Meal \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexican Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Onion Rings \_\_\_\_\_
- Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Roast Beef Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_
- Salad Bar \_\_\_\_\_
- Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
- Shakes/Malts \_\_\_\_\_
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- Barber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
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- Bus Driver \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Salesperson \_\_\_\_\_
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- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor/Priest \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_
- Photographer \_\_\_\_\_
- Physical Therapist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Politician \_\_\_\_\_
- Principal \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Radio Announcer \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE**

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

**BEST BUSINESS**

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

- Floor Coverings \_\_\_\_\_
- Florist \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture \_\_\_\_\_
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**YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!**

Schools, Churches, Clubs...anyone...do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted. **Nominees to be in the Wednesday, Feb. 18 Issue. Winners to be in the Friday, Feb. 27th edition of the Floyd County Times.**