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State not liable for wreck caused by rock fall

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Court of Appeals said no this week to a Virgie resident seeking a \$100,000 judgment from the Department of Highways for a

1995 single-vehicle car accident that she claims was caused by the state's negligence.

Virgie resident Sherry Hall filed a million-dollar lawsuit against the Department of Highways in August 1998, following a May 1995 single-vehicle accident caused

when she collided with fallen rocks on U.S. 23 at Foxcroft in Virgie.

During the course of the trial, Hall amended the suit to ask for \$100,000 instead of the million she initially requested.

In that suit, Hall's attorney, Tim Parker,

noted that the Department of Highways' negligence in removing the fallen rocks from the highway caused the accident, which caused Hall to sustain injuries to her head and right foot. The day following the

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Co-players of the Year Named

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briefs

Ohio man fails to show for court

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — District Judge Eric Hall issued a bench warrant Tuesday for an Ohio man who did not show up for arraignment on six felony charges.

James H. Romans, 71, of Columbus, Ohio, was due in court for arraignment at 8 a.m. Tuesday morning, but failed to show, according to court documents.

Romans was arrested Dec. 19 by Prestonsburg Police Officer Fred Mynhier and charged with two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, reckless driving, fleeing or evading police, drunk driving and no insurance following a brief but dangerous chase along U.S. 23.

According to reports filed by Mynhier after Romans' arrest, the Ohio native was spotted driving north along U.S. 23 with

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Santa Claus, Christmas elves and lots of family and friends gathered Tuesday afternoon at Riverview Manor to celebrate Christmas with residents of the facility. Everyone enjoyed a luncheon buffet of sandwiches, salads, desserts and drinks. The health care center holds annual fundraisers throughout the year to help fund the Christmas celebration and to purchase gifts for residents.

GJ returns marijuana indictments

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two men arrested this past September and charged with growing and harvesting marijuana on property owned by Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley were named in recent indictments returned by a Floyd County grand jury.

Terry G. Jarrell, 30, and Steven Hunter, 22, both of Prestonsburg, were arrested in September and charged with cultivating marijuana. Hunter was also charged at the time with receiving stolen property when police discovered a stolen Beretta .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol in his possession during a search of the resi-

dence. The charges held up with a true bill handed down with several other indictments Dec. 18 after the case was waived to a grand jury the following month.

During a preliminary hearing in Floyd District Court Bartley took the stand and testified, detailing videotapes acquired by state police detectives allegedly showing both men harvesting several full-grown marijuana plants on his property at Bee Fork of Abbot Creek in Prestonsburg.

Bartley had been building a home on the property and testified that Jarrell had been working with the contractors constructing the

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Agencies receive Christmas present

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Low-income individuals throughout Prestonsburg and surrounding areas will see a combined \$147,500 in housing needs coming their way in the upcoming year thanks to three separate donations Monday morning from the Kentucky Housing

Corporation. The money, taken from the corporation's affordable housing trust fund, was given in the form of checks to the Low-Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky, the Floyd County Fiscal Court and Mountain Comprehensive Care Center during a brief ceremony at the courthouse Monday morning. The Fiscal Court received \$70,000, while Mountain Comprehensive Care Center and the Low-Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky were given checks for \$40,000 and \$37,500, respectively. The trust fund from which the donations were drawn addresses critical housing needs of very low-

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Motions in drug cases overruled

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 Studebaker.

Studebaker filed the motions to suppress audio-taped evidence the commonwealth had contended relayed bits of conversation from controlled buys. As

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Council changes meeting time

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg city council did not meet during its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Dec. 22, opting instead to call a special meeting Tuesday to hold the reading of the two ordinances amending current city policies regarding council meeting times and the city's personnel policies.

Council members gave the final approval for the two ordinances during the meeting Tuesday.

The ordinances will be incorporated as city law following their publication in The Floyd County Times.

Ordinance No. 12-2003, as read by council member Robert Allen during the

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photo by Mary Music

Members of the Prestonsburg City Council held a meeting Tuesday so brief, they didn't bother to sit down. Members held second readings for two ordinances pertaining to a change in council meeting times and in the city's personnel policy. Following the meeting, council members and city employees were treated to a prime rib and pork tenderloin lunch catered by Bob's Catering Service. Pictured left to right are Mayor Jerry Fannin, Robert Allen and C.E. "Little Shag" Branham.

Burglary suspects arraigned

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two Garrett residents were arraigned Monday on second-degree burglary charges following a burglary which took place earlier this month at a Lackey residence.

Gary L. Hall, 46, and Michelle D. Carroll, 27, both residents of Yellow House Road in Lackey, were arrested by KSP Trooper Bryan Layne on Sunday, Dec. 21, for events which allegedly occurred at the home of Ricky Hall and Carrie Conley.

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Odds & Ends

■ **HONOLULU** — Hawaii is well-known for its high cost of living, but this year sprucing up the living room for the holidays only takes \$1 - even less in some cases.

A glut of Christmas trees has some merchants offering them for as little as a buck, with other overstocked sellers even looking to give them away free.

Sellers attribute the surplus of trees to overcompensation for last year, when there was a shortage.

"Everyone and their mother was selling Christmas trees this year," said Ray Griego, assistant manager at Wal-Mart in Mililani.

Griego brought in 5,600 trees and still had 1,000 left on Sunday. He planned to call charities that might be interested in taking some free trees off his hands.

Among the big retailers, Home Depot ordered about 16,200 trees this year and had sold all but about 100, said gen-

eral manager Shawn Troup.

Most of Hawaii's Christmas trees are shipped in from Washington and Oregon.

■ **ORLANDO, Fla.** — Adding that seventh earring before going to work for the county could get you into piercing trouble.

Administrators have decided that three earrings per earlobe is the maximum amount of "facial jewelry" employees will be allowed to wear in Orange County offices, and that all other facial piercing will be forbidden.

Loops through eyebrows, nose rings and studs through tongues will have no future place for county employees.

"They can't even speak well when they have their tongues pierced," said Commissioner Mary I. Johnson, 70.

Even the earring policy comes with a caveat: none of the three rings are to be worn on the top half of the ear, according to the county's "Dress Code and Appearance Policy."

"It's our belief that facial jewelry does not present the professional appearance we want our employees to have when dealing with the public," said

Deputy County Administrator Sharon Donoghue, who helped develop the new rules.

The lone holdout among commissioners was Homer Hartage, who was overruled.

"Occasionally there will be employees who are good workers, but they see the world a little bit differently than the rest of us," he said.

■ **SUFFOLK, Va.** — The city has a new Santa - one who has never been quite so naughty.

Robert C. Vaughan, a sergeant in the Suffolk sheriff's office, replaced James C. Summerlin. Summerlin, 47, was fired after officials discovered he had been convicted in July 2000 of calling in a bomb threat, a felony.

Summerlin, who is on probation, has said he made no such threat.

The Suffolk Santa takes part in downtown parades and welcomes children to the Santa House, run by the Downtown Business Association.

Andy Damiani, head of the

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 26, the 360th day of 2003. There are five days left in the year. This is the first day of the weeklong African-American holiday Kwanzaa. This is Boxing Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 26, 1776, the British suffered a major defeat in the Battle of Trenton during the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

■ In 1799, former President George Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

■ In 1893, Chinese leader Mao Zedong was born in Hunan province.

■ In 1917, during World War I, the U.S. government took over operation of the nation's railroads.

■ In 1941, Winston

Churchill became the first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress.

■ In 1944, in the World War II Battle of the Bulge, the embattled U.S. 101st Airborne Division was relieved by units of the 4th Armored Division.

■ In 1944, Tennessee Williams' play "The Glass Menagerie" was first performed publicly, at the Civic Theatre in Chicago.

■ In 1972, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, died in Kansas City, Mo.

■ In 1975, the Soviet Union inaugurated the world's first supersonic transport service with a flight of its Tupolev-144 airliner from Moscow to Alma-Ata.

■ In 1996, six-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's home in Boulder, Colo. (To date, the slaying remains unsolved.)

■ In 2000, Michael McDermott, an employee at an Internet firm in Wakefield, Mass., shot and killed seven co-workers. (McDermott was later convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

Ten years ago:

In Russia, a four-day kidnap drama ended as four masked kidnappers who had abducted 11 teenagers landed their explosives-packed helicopter, freed their last hostages and fled with \$10 million in ransom. (The four men were captured the next morning.)

Five years ago:

President Clinton, in his weekly radio address, urged Congress to lower the blood-alcohol limit for drunken driving nationwide to .08 percent.

One year ago:

It was announced that a West Virginia man had won the \$314.9 million Powerball lottery jackpot believed to be the richest single-ticket prize in history. Israeli soldiers killed seven Palestinians in West Bank raids and reimposed a curfew on Bethlehem after briefly withdrawing over Christmas.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Richard Widmark is 89. Comedian Alan King is 76. Actor Donald Moffat is 73. Rhythm and blues singer Abdul "Duke" Fakir (The Four Tops) is 68. Record producer Phil Spector is 63. "America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh is 58. Baseball Hall of Fame catcher Carlton Fisk is 56. Former baseball player Chris Chambliss is 55. Rock musician James Kottak (The Scorpions) is 41. Country musician Brian Westrum (Sons of the Desert) is 41. Rock musician Lars Ulrich (Metallica) is 40. Rock musician J is 36. Country singer Audrey Wiggins is 36. Rock musician Peter Dinklage (Candlebox) is 34. Actor Jared Leto is 32.

Thought for Today:

"Little progress can be made by merely attempting to repress what is evil. Our great hope lies in developing what is good." — President Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933).



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Lawsuit

accident, Hall had corrective surgery where she received a metal plate and screws in her foot. She spent approximately three months using a walker and wheelchair for mobility, the lawsuit says.

Additionally, the accident totaled her car and affected her ability to work, according to the lawsuit.

Hall filed a million-dollar complaint against the Highway Department with the Kentucky

Board of Claims, which rejected and dismissed her claim in July 1998, stipulating that the Highway Department was not at fault because they weren't aware of the fallen rocks prior to the accident.

Hall and her attorney then appealed the board's decision in Floyd Circuit Court, where Judge Danny Caudill ruled in October 2001, that Hall's claim be remanded once again for review to the Kentucky Board of

Claims.

Caudill noted in the order that the board "acted in excess" of its powers by dismissing Hall's case because "factual inconsistencies" in the board's order for dismissal were "compelling and serve as grounds to reverse the previous decision."

According to a decision filed Monday in Floyd Circuit Court, the Court of Appeals reversed and remanded Caudill's "improper" October 2001 decision. Noting that Caudill did not give specific reasons for his ruling, the Court of Appeals found no grounds for Caudill's judgment in the case.

According to the order, the Court of Appeals found that the highway department was not negligent because "rock fall" signs were posted at each end of

the entrance of the Foxcroft area. Additionally, they ruled, Hall was familiar with the area and had previously seen rocks on the roadway. The Highway Department was not aware of the rock fall prior to the accident, they said.

During an interview Monday, Parker noted his disappointment in the Court of Appeals verdict.

"What the law ends up saying — and I don't like it — is if the state can't afford to fix these roads, it's used as sort of a defense, and it shouldn't be, but it is," said Parker.

According to him, there is now a retaining wall on the Foxcroft road.

During the course of trial, the testimony of John Bowling, representative of the Transportation Cabinet, indicated that the

Foxcroft area of U.S. 23 was one of the area's with the "highest number of complaints" of rock falls. Bowling also testified that construction a retaining wall would not help with the falling rock situation in the area.

"We continue to believe that Ms. Hall should have received a favorable decision," continued Parker. "While we respect the court's right to make decisions in this matter, it doesn't mean we have to always have to like it."

Hall, who still suffers with residual pain in her foot, is now able to work, he said.

An order denying discretionary review of Hall's case was entered Dec. 11 by Chief Justice Joseph Lambert of the Kentucky Supreme Court. The order, filed Dec. 15 in Floyd Circuit Court, removes Hall's ability to appeal the Court of Appeals' decision on the matter to the Supreme Court.

Caudill was unavailable for comment.

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Motions

part of his motion, Studebaker 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," Studebaker withdrew his motions filed on behalf of Mynhier, the daughter of 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."

Studebaker 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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Council

meeting, changes the council's regular meeting time to 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month and to 12 noon on the fourth Monday of each month.

Ordinance No. 13-2003, which came about because current personnel policies and procedures are being reviewed for modification, amends chapter 37 of the city's code of ordinances and provides the city the ability to change the personnel policy and procedure handbook as it "may be deemed necessary" by

the council.

Provisions regarding the adoption of personnel policies and procedures, position classification, the city's pay plan, and the establishment of the county employees retirement systems are noted in the ordinance.

Following the brief meeting held for the adoption of the ordinances, council members and city employees were treated to a prime rib-and-pork tenderloin lunch catered by Bob's Catering Service.

Council members Harry Adams, Danny H. Hamilton and Kelly Moore were not present for the meeting.

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Burglary

who also live on Yellow House Road.

According to Gary Hall's arrest citation, the victim, Ricky Hall, and other unnamed witnesses allegedly watched the burglary take place at the Hall/Conley residence on Nov. 20.

Layne's report, filed in Floyd District Court, stipulates that Hall allegedly took a television, DVD player, VCR, RCA stereo, and a satellite receiver, from that residence.

According to Carroll's arrest

citation, Carroll was "in the company" of Hall during the burglary.

Both Carroll and Hall were arraigned in district court Monday under Judge James R. Allen. They were placed under a partially-secured \$10,000 cash bond.

Preliminary hearings are set to be heard Dec. 30 in both cases.

Repeated attempts to contact Trooper Bryan Layne were unsuccessful Monday.

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Absent

out headlights.

Mynhier said he attempted to stop Romans, but said he continued, crossing, at one point, into the southbound lane of traffic.

From Tiger Mart gas station, just outside Prestonsburg city limits, to the intersection leading to Highlands Regional Medical Center from U.S. 23, Mynhier reported pursuing Romans until finally stopping him and taking him into custody at approximately 6:45 a.m.

Once stopped, Mynhier said Romans admitted that he had "been drinking for several days" and had also been drinking through the previous night.

Romans paid his \$1,000 cash bond, according to court documents, and had been set to appear for arraignment Monday morning when he didn't show up for court.

Presiding Judge Eric Hall immediately issued a bench warrant for his arrest following court Monday morning.

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Eddie Patton, left, director of the Low Income Housing Coalition (LINKS); County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, center; and Lenville Martin, right, principal of the Floyd County Area Technology Center, accepted a \$70,000 grant from the Kentucky Housing Corporation, from Rick McQuady, second from left, chief officer of programs for KHS, and state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner. Also receiving money, which will be used to provide safe, affordable housing for low-income residents, were Mountain Comprehensive Care Center and LINKS.

Agencies

income Kentuckians, assisting persons at or below 60 percent of the area median income, while a majority of those funds are set aside for persons at or below 30 percent of the area median income, said KHC spokeswoman Kim Lyon.

"A lot of these folks simply don't have the means or resources to keep their homes in good working order," said Judy Music, housing director of the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center.

Lyon said Mountain Comprehensive Care plans to use the money to repair homes of people with severe mental illness and very low incomes, individuals Music said often suffer from emotional neglect.

"They often feel like nobody cares about them," she said. "It

gives us the greatest joy to be able to get this funding to go in and help these folks."

Low-Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky Executive Director Eddie Patton was on hand Monday to receive his organization's share of the funding and to express his appreciation.

"These projects are badly needed," Patton said. "Most of these people are elderly or handicapped and their money doesn't go far after they buy their food and medicine."

Patton said that his organization is currently faced with a waiting list from people seeking home repairs.

To date, more than \$29.4 million has been allocated to the KHC affordable housing trust fund, and, since 1998, nearly 80

percent of that amount has been in the form of unclaimed lottery funds. And with more than \$160 million coming from other sources, Lyon says the corporation has financed the production of nearly 4,000 homes or housing units for low-income and special needs Kentuckians.

This past June, the corporation's legislative authorization to use unclaimed lottery winnings to continue its efforts expired. The group is currently seeking resources to replace the lost funding, said Lyon.

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Woman reporting domestic violence jailed on drug charges

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A Hueysville woman who called police to report a domestic violence situation was, in turn, arrested herself when the officer reported discovering her in possession of drugs.

Dorothy L. Hamilton, 38, of Saltlick Road in Hueysville, was arrested and charged with second- and third-degree drug possession and also for having a prescription in the wrong container.

According to an arrest citation filed Friday in Floyd District Court by Kentucky State Police Trooper Donald Shearer, Hamilton called in a domestic complaint and agreed to meet Shearer at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin to further detail her complaint.

Shearer wrote that after Hamilton "finally showed up" he spoke with her about the

domestic complaint. During the course of the interview, Shearer said Hamilton informed him of another interesting detail.

"She spoke with me about the domestic and mentioned she had taken a Lortab 30 minutes ago," Shearer wrote in his report.

At this point during the conversation, Shearer said he then gained consent from Hamilton to search her vehicle. Following that search, Shearer said he found a prescription bottle of oxycodone tablets in her purse made out to Reggie Cook, of Hunter Branch in Garrett, in addition to two Lorcet tablets, three Somas and two generic Xanax tablets.

Hamilton pleaded guilty to all three charges during her arraignment Friday and was later given a 90-day probated sentence on the second-degree possession charge, as well as total fines of \$100 on her two remaining charges.

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Worth Repeating ...

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— Soren Kierkegaard

Guest View

Thurmond could have made big difference

My, what a difference Strom Thurmond might have made ... if he had been honest with himself, his state and the nation. Instead, South Carolina's long-time segregationist senator had a child by his family's black maid and never acknowledged it publicly.

Their daughter, Essie Mae Washington-Williams, came forward last week with the truth. Her mother was 16 and Thurmond 22 when she became pregnant with Essie Mae. For much of the next 78 years, as Thurmond rose up the political ladder, he helped support his daughter, financially and apparently emotionally. When he was governor, she visited the mansion; when she was in college, he visited her. When he was speaking, he assailed those who were like her.

Maybe it's because we're Northerners, but we find it just out impossible to fathom how a man with a black daughter could work against equal rights for her, could proclaim that "the laws of Washington and all the bayonets of the Army force the Negro into our homes," could declare that "question of social intermingling of the races, our law the line." Apparently the lines he drew did not matter.

Thurmond did, of course, was quite common among slaveholders and some of their successors, apparently the motivation was lust or power, their ability to do another so profoundly different, in an era as important as family, is quite stunning.

If Thurmond had been honest with himself and others, he might have recognized that segregation was evil and sooner than he said he did. He might have run up. Instead of running for president in 1948 as a segregationist, he might have opened doors and changed minds in the South.

Thurmond could have been a powerful force for reconciliation, said the Rev. Joseph Lowery, who co-founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Martin Luther King. Thurmond "certainly missed a golden opportunity."

He wasn't the only one.

— The Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star



Guest Column

The economic recovery fraud

by JIM HIGHTOWER

Hallelujah and hosanna, shout the Little Rosy Scenarios in Washington and on Wall Street, pointing to a recent, tiny uptick in job creation. They exclaim that this is proof that Bush's economic policies are a phenomenal success. The Boom is back!

Uh-huh, say the people out here in the real world, asking wearily: A Boom for Whom? Little smiley-faced statistics can't cover up the harsh job reality faced by most folks these days — a reality of no work, payless work, or overwork.

Start with no work. Nearly 9 million Americans are officially unemployed. This doesn't include those who're so discouraged by the debilitating search for work that they've given up looking — they simply don't get counted. Neither do those who might get a one-day odd job during the month — they're actually treated as being fully "employed." Nor does it count those who bravely insist that they're now "self-employed," yet they have no paying work. It also doesn't count those who are working part-time, but need a full-time job, or those who've only been temporarily hired for, say, this holiday season and will be let go Jan. 1.

Then there's payless work. These are the millions who've been Wal-Marted — technically they have jobs, but the pay is so low that they live in poverty, with no health care, pension, or job security. More and more industries

— from service to high-tech — are saying that this is America's work future. Get used to it, they say.

Which leaves us with overwork. This includes those of you that have to take two or three low-paying jobs, working days and nights just to cover your bills, as well as those working in downsized companies with too few employees to do the work, meaning you have to work longer hours and on weekends. Balk ... and you get the boot.

Forget what politicians and economists say — we'll know there's a real recovery when everyone has a good job at good wages with good benefits. Everything else is a lie.

Jim Hightower is the best-selling author of "Thieves In High Places: They've Stolen Our Country And It's Time To Take It Back," on sale now from Viking Press.

Guest Column

Keep politics away from money

by SHELDON RICHMAN

The supporters of campaign-finance regulation, and now a bare majority on the U.S. Supreme Court, are trying to square the circle. They want a vast distributive state — in which politicians dispense favors at the expense of others — without the appearance of corruption. An inherently corrupt system with no appearance of corruption is about as likely as, well, a square circle.

The Court has upheld by a 5-4 vote the McCain-Feingold law, which among other things prohibits political parties from raising unregulated "soft money" and restricts "issue" advertising on television 60 days before a general election and 30 days before a primary.

This is no minor matter. Five members of the Supreme Court (including the "liberals") are willing to accept limits on free speech because in their view it will help avoid the appearance of corrupt access to government favor-peddlers. Since it won't actually do that —

as even the majority admitted — that flimsy excuse to violate natural and First Amendment rights has no legs to stand on.

One wonders whether the advocates of such controls are dealing in good faith. They complain that previous restrictions have not worked, eventually everyone found a way to evade them. So now they try again. Do they seriously think the new rules won't be gotten around? (No, they don't.) What then? More restrictions on Americans' freedom?

This is where it is headed. The logic is relentless: Once the government's authority to transfer wealth from one person to another is declared nonnegotiable, liberty becomes highly negotiable.

Let's state plainly what the champions of campaign-finance laws refuse to acknowledge. Government today is mostly a wealth-transfer machine. This takes roughly two forms: taxation and regulation. Through taxation politicians loot productive people and give the proceeds to favored constituencies, rich and poor. For example, when government subsidizes a business or a person, it first has to take the money from someone else without consent. Through regulation government can accomplish much the same goal. A regulation imposing quotas on imported clothing will raise the price of clothing in the American market and benefit domestic producers who otherwise would have lost out to

foreigner competitors. The regulation is equivalent to a cash subsidy procured by taxation.

Since government has the muscle to bestow wealth in these ways, it is no surprise that people lobby to become beneficiaries. The prospective rewards are so great that those aiming for them are willing to spend considerable sums in the effort. What better way to get a piece of the action than to contribute money to elect or reelect friendly candidates?

Money isn't spent only to obtain the unearned. Sometimes those threatened with taxation or regulation do it to protect themselves from state encroachment. They too have an interest in finding sympathetic candidates. When government has life-and-death power over business and other areas of life, we should expect to see such defensive activities.

The second group of people is more honorable than the first, although campaign-finance reformers regard both as equally corrupt.

But notice that the surest way to end that corruption is to prohibit government from engaging in favor-peddling in the first place. If government has nothing to sell, no one will try to buy.

Unfortunately, it's a rare politician who would deny himself the power to hand out booty. That's how one wins votes and makes a career of politics.

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AT THE MOVIES:

'Cheaper by the Dozen'

by DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

"Cheaper by the Dozen" might be more appropriately titled "Cheesier by the Dozen."

Other than the title, this supposed remake bears virtually no resemblance to the admirable 1950s film or autobiographical memoir the earlier movie was based on.

But the title and basic notion of a couple struggling to raise 12 children were the only things the studio and filmmakers figured they could profitably ram down audiences' throats.

So gone is the touching, authentic portrait of the joys and rigors of bringing up lots of babies, which the film starring Clifton Webb and Myrna Loy and the book by siblings Frank



"Cheaper by the Dozen," a 20th Century Fox release, is rated PG for language and some thematic elements. Running time: 98 minutes.

One and a half stars out of four.

B. Gilbreth Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey rendered so well.

In its place, we get Steve Martin as father of the brood, bumbling through an increasing-ly puerile string of pratfalls and

sight gags. Director Shawn Levy applies the same lowbrow sensibility here as he did on his previous flicks, "Just Married" and "Big Fat Liar."

Martin's ever-affable comic

charm holds the movie aloft for a while, but "Cheaper by the Dozen" eventually drowns in schmaltz and inanity.

The book and original movie were based on the Gilbreths' childhood in the early 1900s among a family of 12 children who were subject to their efficiency-expert father's rigid sense of pragmatism.

The new movie jettisons all of that, transplanting the story to contemporary times, converting the father to a college football coach and altering the family name to Baker (you can almost hear the little hamster wheel turning in some movie executive's head on the sequel, "Cheaper by the Baker's Dozen").

After years toiling at a small school, Martin's Tom Baker lands his dream job as football coach at his alma mater in Chicago. He and wife Kate (Bonnie Hunt) uproot their reluctant passel of children, who squawk and moan at leaving behind the only home they've ever known.

The family soon faces domestic crises as Kate leaves for a publicity tour to promote her book, naturally called "Cheaper by the Dozen," leaving Tom behind to keep the household together while he scrambles to squeeze in his grid-iron duties.

The oldest Baker siblings, Nora, Charlie and Lorraine — played by Piper Perabo ("Coyote Ugly"), Tom Welling (Clark Kent in TV's "Smallville") and Hilary Duff ("Lizzie McGuire") — are too caught up in their own lives to offer much help to dear old dad on the child-rearing duties.

That leaves the younger Bakers free to inflict as much mayhem on their new neighborhood as imaginable, with the audience paying the price.

The movie is awash in nause-

(See DOZEN, page six)

Young viewers aren't leaving TV, they're just leaving prime-time

by DAVID BAUDER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — On many days, 20-year-old New York college student Andrew Myers doesn't bother turning on his TV until 11 at night. He'll catch up on Jon Stewart, David Letterman, and maybe a "Seinfeld" rerun.

Young television viewers haven't disappeared, contrary to the worries of many network executives. Many of them are simply watching TV later.

Savvy cable executives have responded to the increased late-night viewership, and may even have accelerated the trend.

"I don't think it's totally rocket science to note that young people are up late at night," said Kathryn Mitchell, executive vice president of programming at Comedy Central. "They weren't catered to, and now they are."

Prime time is defined as 8 to 11 p.m. for the broadcast networks. Myers said he reserves that time for schoolwork, or

going out with friends. If there's a show on then that he wants to see, he'll save it on his digital video recorder.

"The majority of my TV watching is late at night, when I'm done with all of the other stuff that I'm doing," Myers said.

Such cable channels as MTV, Comedy Central, FX, Bravo and VH1 effectively start their prime time at 10. That's when high-profile programs "Nip/Tuck," "The Osbournes," "Real World," "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," "Crank Yankers" and "Joe Schmo" are first shown.

The 10 p.m. hour is popular for cable because there's less broadcast competition. Fox, the WB and UPN — all young-skewing networks — air local news then. ABC, CBS and NBC tend to show either dramas or newsmagazines, which gives, say, Comedy Central a good counterprogramming opportunity.

Another new development is cable channels rerunning their best shows after midnight.

When its high-profile 10 p.m. to midnight shows, including those featuring Stewart and Colin Quinn, are over each night, Comedy Central immediately reruns the two-hour block. MTV and VH1 have started doing something similar with their lineups.

Comedy Central has more people watching from midnight to 2 a.m. than it does from 6 to 8 p.m., Mitchell said.

"If I'm home at 2 in the morning and I'm flipping through the channels, I'm astounded at the good content you can get," said Brian Graden, top programming executive for MTV and VH1.

Night owl viewership, from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m., increased 35 percent between 1999 and 2003, according to Nielsen Media Research.

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Stores' Return Policies Vary

The day after Christmas is one of the busiest days of the year for many retailers as consumers head out to hit big sales and to return gifts they received that were "not quite right." The Better Business Bureau of Central & Eastern Kentucky wants to remind consumers that retail establishments have the right to set their own return/refund/exchange policies.

"Many people receive gifts that are either duplicates, or don't fit, or are just not to their taste," said Heather Clary, BBB Director of Communications. "They want to take these gifts back to get cash refunds to spend how they like, or exchange them for other items. We just want consumers to be aware that if they are turned down for a return, stores are within their right to do so."

There is no legal requirement for a store to refund money, Clary said. The merchant may choose to exchange merchandise or give store credit toward another item. If the

merchandise is defective, and there is a "no refund" policy, the consumer should look in the packaging or ask the merchant for the name, address and phone number of the manufacturer to contact about the defect and request a refund.

Some stores also have a time limit (for example 30 days or 60 days) for returning goods. Many stores require a receipt for an exchange or return.

There is no legal requirement for a store to post its return policy, although most do it as a courtesy.

"In the past, we have heard of some stores relaxing their return policies somewhat for a short time after Christmas to help customers," said Clary. "But if people have a long distance to drive to the store where the unwanted gift came from, they might want to consider calling ahead to see where they stand as far as the store's return policy before spending the time and gasoline to get there and possibly being disappointed."

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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Brandi Reshel Moore, 20, to Samuel Dale Howell, 25, both of Olive Hill.
 Tina Marie Stafford, 40, to Jeffery Allen Baldwin, 39, both of Olive Hill.
 Nancy Alice Branham Hall, 43, of Wheelwright, to Randy Wayne Johnson, 45, of McDowell.
 Mona Lynn Napier, 39, to John Paul Dean, 40, both of Martin.
 Vaniesa Gail Robinson, 22, of Pikeville, to Stephen Vaughn Newsome, 31, of Prestonsburg.
 Nkessha Sueann Hall, 19, to Carry Millard Damron, 26, both

of Martin.

Civil Suits Filed

Phillip Elliot vs. Hattie Elliot; divorce.
 Michele Bryant vs. Stacy Bryant; divorce.
 Green Tree Servicing vs. Charles Rose; complaint.
 Vincent Crum vs. Deborah Carlisle; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Brenda Bradley vs. Clydia Bradley; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Estill Crace vs. Crystal Crace; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Ricky Little vs. Gerald Coleman; petition for health care insurance.
 Adam Hicks vs. Lonnie Coats; complaint with demand for trial by jury.
 Ramonia Spurlock vs. Earl Spurlock; divorce.

Small Claims Filings

Housing Authority vs. Sherry L. Chaffins; debt collection.
 John Gray Pontiac vs. Jim Ramey; debt collection.

Charges Filed

Darrin K. Howell, 28, Teaberry, flagrant nonsupport.
 Megan Royce Horn, 27, Hueysville, unlawful transaction with a minor.
 Michelle D. Carroll, 27, Lackey, second-degree burglary.
 Gary L. Hall, 46, Lackey, second-degree burglary.
 Dexter Spurlock, 37, Harold, fourth-degree assault.
 William H. Pack, 48, Ivel, illegal pursuit of turkey or deer.
 Johnny Hall, 41, Martin, obstructing a highway or public

Dozen

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 atingly cute kids who specialize in bratty mischief, much of it directed at Nora's self-absorbed boyfriend ("Just Married" star Ashton Kutcher, in an uncredited role).
 As grating as "Cheaper by the Dozen" is, the movie comes in the heart of the holidays, when even bad family flicks often find an audience.
 If the movie can rake in \$10 million a head for each of the Baker children, the studio will consider it a fine return on its cheap investment.
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passage.

Kyle Stephen Webb, 18, Langley, fourth-degree assault, second-degree wanton endangerment, unlawful imprisonment.
 Johnie Keathley, 38, Galveston, public intoxication.
 Carolyn S. Keathley, 35, Galveston, public intoxication (controlled substance) excluding alcohol.
 Annie M. Collins, 32, Prestonsburg, harassment.
 Gerald R. Maynard, 38, Endicott, violating a protective order.
 Timothy Dwight Hall, 31, Minnie, violating a protective order.
 Billy Joe Hunter, 42, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.

Arthur Dirk Hanssen III, 31, Gandeeville, alcohol intoxication, possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle.

Jeffrey Rister, 38, Garrett, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, terroristic threatening.

Dorothy L. Hamilton, 38, Hueysville, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription in improper container.

Allen Smith II, 24, Arnoldsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Bryan Lee Smith, 21, Arnoldsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Lucille Thacker, 49, East Point, investigation of com-

plaint.

William J. Woods, 22, Prestonsburg, possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ellis Little Jr., 35, Melvin, prescription in improper container, possession of a controlled substance.

Property Transfers

Mary Ann Dotson to Debra Dotson Cline, property located, Right (Lost) Fork of Middle Creek.
 Rita Lafferty and Charles R. Lafferty, Charles Porter Lafferty to Stephen L. Lafferty, property located, Beaver Creek, at Martin.
 Rita L. Caudill and Michael

R. Caudill, Danny Ray Bates and Drema Bates, Arlene Harper and Victor Harper, Carol Ann Johnson and Timothy Darrell Johnson to Sonia Lynn Johnson and Fredrick Gregory Johnson, property located, Riley Branch of Left Beaver Creek.
 Steve Murphy and Elesia Murphy to Francis Gambone and Christine Gambone, property located, Prestonsburg.
 George E. Roe and Phila Lisa Roe to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located, Stratton Branch Road.
 Paul D. Crider and Diana W. Crider to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located, Stratton Branch Road.
 Finley Hall and Geneve Hall to Donald and Lois Adkins, property location not listed.

Obituaries

Fayetta Wells Hughes

Fayetta Wells Hughes, 75, of Murray, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, December 23, 2003, at the West View Nursing Home.
 Born March 5, 1928, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Curtis Wells and Josephine Hunter Wells. She was a homemaker and a member of the Lancer Baptist Church.
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Glyn Arthur Hughes in May, 1975.
 Survivors include two sons, Robert Curtis Hughes, M.D., of Murray, and James Arthur Hughes of Lexington; two daughters, Henry Wells of Milan, and Sammie Wells of Prestonsburg; one sister, Janie of Roanoke, Virginia; and one grand-

son. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her mother, Curtis Claude Hughes. Funeral services will be held Friday, December 27, at 11 a.m. at the Lancer Baptist Church, with Rev. Bobby Crider officiating. Interment will be at the Hughes Family Cemetery, in Shelbyana.

Visitation is Friday, 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg. Contributions are suggested to the charity of one's choice. Carter Funeral Home is serving the Hughes family.

(Paid obituary)

Community Calendar

CALENDAR ITEMS WILL BE PRINTED AS SPACE PERMITS

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NIGHTWATCH SERVICES

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

TV

During the same period, prime-time viewership decreased 3 percent in that age group. It's been more concentrated this year: viewing for young men is down 7 percent since last fall. People in this age group do a little more than one-quarter of their TV-watching during traditional prime time, down 10 percent in four years, Nielsen said.

No one can quite explain the time shift. Betsy Frank, chief researcher for the MTV Networks, suggests there's more video-game playing during the earlier hours. Perhaps there's simply fewer shows on between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. that they want to watch.

Oddy, another network taking advantage of this trend is Nickelodeon, which airs reruns of classic TV shows under the Nick at Nite banner between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Its reruns of "Charles in Charge" fell flat early in the evening. But it draws more than one million viewers, on average, when it airs at 5 a.m., shocking network executives.

Nick at Nite sells itself to

NIGHTWATCH SERVICES

A New Year's Eve Watch Service will be held at Prater Creek Baptist Church, located at 372 Orchard Branch, in Banner, on Dec. 31, beginning at 8 p.m. Music, special messages, videos, fun, and food. Call 437-6328 for more information.

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.

FLOYD COUNTY 4-H THEATRE

Auditions for the 2004 Floyd County 4-H Community Theatre for Teens will be held on Monday, Dec. 22, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by parent or

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viewers as television comfort food, and many responded during economic tough times and in the months after Sept. 11, 2001, said Larry Jones, Nick at Nite general manager.

The network has conducted studies to prove there's a vibrant, engaged audience out there late at night. Many advertisers believe that a lot of televisions on at that hour play to a snoring audience.

"I think a lot of the networks are completely in the dark about this," Jones said. "For sure, the broadcasters are."

The big networks don't ignore young viewers late at night. Jimmy Kimmel, Conan O'Brien, Craig Kilborn and Carson Daly all have wee-hour talk shows with youthful audiences. But the cable networks argue those are all the same kind of program, and they're providing an alternative.

"If you're my daughter, who's 20, would you rather watch Jay Leno or something that's tailored to your demographic?" said Larry Gerbrandt, television analyst for Kagan World Media.

guardian. No prepared scripts needed. Auditions open to all age 13-18. For more info., contact Chuck Stamper at 886-2668, or email to: cstamper@uky.edu.

HRMC CALENDAR

Jan. 13 - Senior Advantage, Meeting rooms A & B, 9:30-11 a.m.
 Jan. 14 - Highlands S.H.A.R.E., Martin Room, 7-9 p.m.
 Jan. 15 - Laryngectomy Support Group, Meeting Room B, 5-7 p.m.
 Jan. 17 - Child Birth Class, Meeting Place A & B, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Jan. 29 - Diabetes Support Group, Floyd Room, 5-7 p.m.

FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

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

'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'

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

'LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?'

Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.
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business group and the city's former mayor, said he learned of the news Friday when he showed up at Santa House. Vaughan was there, wearing a Santa jacket over his uniform. "I'm more than happy to do it for the city," he said.

DALLAS

Forget loading up the kids in the minivan to maneuver around the masses of other motorists taking in the glittering displays of Christmas lights in Dallas. Limousine companies think they have a better idea: Cruise through neighborhoods sipping your choice of beverages in the back of a limo as Christmas carols play on the stereo. "That way you can really be free to enjoy the lights and not

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.

Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

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The Court didn't take its own reasoning seriously enough. If it really wanted to remove the appearance of corrupt access to government, it would have voided the entire distributive state. There's a simple way to keep money away from politics: keep politics away from money.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *Ideas on Liberty* magazine.

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have to worry about your driving tasks," said Charlotte Badgett, owner of Big Country Limousine in Dallas.

Of course that luxury will probably cost a couple hundred dollars for a three-hour tour.

It's a cost that Amy Zepeda, 36, of Dallas, says is well worth the expense.

Zepeda, her husband and their two young children piled into a limo with another couple and their two children to tour lights in the Dallas area.

The limo ride allowed her to focus on the lights and her children instead of "dad driving and mom going 'Hold on honey, there's someone stopping in front of us.'"

"It just really, really increases the family time," Zepeda said.

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The family of Elmer Slone of Salyersville, Ky., would like to express our gratitude to our churches, families, and friends, for all of the food, flowers, and cards sent to us during our time of mourning. We especially appreciate your kind words and prayers. Thanks to Brother Ronald Puckett for the kind words spoken, and to the singers for the beautiful songs. A very special thank-you to Brothers Eugene Haney and Johnny Patton, who presided over the homegoing service of our loved one and to the women of the Big Lick Church, who prepared a wonderful meal on that day. Thanks to the staff of Burke Funeral Home for the kindness extended to our family in our time of need. Most of all, we thank Jesus Christ, whose crucifixion and resurrection assure us of a glorious reunion on the other side.

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Marks OVC player of the week

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Morehead State's Chez Marks was named the Ohio Valley Conference's player of the week after he scored 35 points in a win over Kentucky Christian. The senior guard hit his first 10 attempts from the floor before missing a 3-point try and finished the game with a 14-of-15 effort. His shooting performance ranks first nationally among single-game outings through Dec. 15, according to the OVC.

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COMMENTARY

Christmas leftovers

by RICK BENTLEY
 TIMES COLUMNIST

Hope everybody had a terrific Christmas, and next year is better for all of us than this sorry one.

We don't spend a lot of time here beating the drum of other newspapers — you know, something to do with Stephen Root's line in (ital) O Brother, Where Art Thou? (ital), "Oh mercy yes, we got to beat that competition" — but I was impressed by a few things when (ital) The Courier-Journal (ital) released its All-State team last week-end.



Bentley

I was pretty happy to see so many mountain kids dotting the team, including Belfry defensive lineman Josh Cullop, who made the first team. Teammate Matt Marcum made the second team on the offensive line, while Phillip Varney was a third-teamer on the defensive line.

Prestonsburg's Nick Jamerson was a third-team selection at wide receiver, and a whole boatload of mountain products were in the honorable mention category, conveniently broken down by position.

But I suppose the thing that really drew my attention was that this was the 81st time the paper has named an all-state team. That's just remarkable.

So many papers are fly-by-night these days, with ownership changes and name changes to the point that it's amazing someone has been able to string together that kind of a run.

I also had to pause to consider

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LADY EAGLE HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Lady Rebels hold off Fleming County

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — It wasn't all smooth sailing for Mark Martin and the Allen Central Lady Rebels, but a win is a win.

The Lady Rebels entered a third game in the Lady Eagle Holiday Classic with back-to-back losses in tow. The opponent for Allen Central was

Fleming County and a quality opponent at that. Allen Central trailed 12-11 at the end of the first period before leading at the end of each period after that.

The Lady Rebels led 29-23 at half-time and 46-37 at the end of the third quarter.

Allen Central had balanced scoring up and down its lineup.

Six players scored for Allen Central. Senior point guard Terri Mullins led

Allen Central with 17 points. Junior center Becky Thomas netted 13 and Sharee Hopkins tossed in 12. Tab Caudill was another player in double figures for the Lady Rebels. She had 11. Jessica Isaac scored nine and Yumekia Hunter chipped in two.

Melissa Isenberg led Fleming County in scoring with a game-high 30

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Terri Mullins



file photo

Nick Jamerson carried a heavy load for his team this past season and for his efforts was rewarded with a co-player of the year honor.

Jamerson, Howard named co-players of the year

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY — The football coaches in Class 2A, Region 4, District 8 have named the 2003 All-District team. Belfry head coach Philip Haywood, after guiding the Pirates to a Class 2A state title, received the coach of the year award in the district. Prestonsburg senior Nicholas Jamerson and Belfry junior Doug Howard were named co-players of the year.

Belfry had nine players on the first-team, led by junior running back David Jones. Other Pirates on the first squad are Phillip Varney, Paul Howard, Clifton Hatfield, Tyler Bostic,

Jordan Clevenger, Josh Cullop, Matt Marcum and Zane Smith.

Sheldon Clark had eight players named to the all-district. They were quarterback Nathan Moore, Dean Cornette, Brandon Mahon, Forest Newsome, Jay Lindsey, C.G. Mills, Ryan Staton and C.J. Lowe.

Seven Prestonsburg Blackcats were named to the squad — Jordan Caldwell, Chat Yates, Jeremy Carr, John M. Stephens, Joe Blackburn, Jessie Chaffin and Trevor Compton.

Other players on the All-District team are listed below.

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photo courtesy of BluegrassPreps.com

Following a Class 2A state title crowning, Belfry can now look back on a season which resulted in many honors for many players.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Subpar fourth quarter dooms Lady Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BEREA — South Floyd was outscored 29-19 in the fourth quarter and eventually fell to Wolfe County, losing 79-65. The game was played as part of the Berea Holiday Classic. It was

the third game of the tournament for the South Floyd girls.

Wolfe County was the only 14th Region opponent in the tournament for the Lady Raiders.

Wolfe County outscored the

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

Betsy Layne 82, Phelps 71

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PHELPS — Betsy Layne stepped out of 58th District play and made a trek to Pike County Monday night to take on the Phelps Hornets. In a win over Phelps, Betsy Layne led at the end of each quarter en route to an 82-71 triumph.

Betsy Layne left the first quarter with an 18-14 lead and led 37-33 at halftime. The visiting Bobcats were

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HIGH SCHOOL POLLS

Shelby Valley ranked 10th

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Mason County is 7-0 on the season and ranked first in the latest Kentucky Associated Press high school boys' basketball poll. Shelby Valley (3-0), the two-time defending 15th Region champ is ranked 10th in the latest poll. East Carter and Ashland each received votes.

Louisville Sacred Heart remains on

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Charity shots lift Johnson Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

SUMMIT — In the Towne Square Holiday Invitational Monday at Boyd County High School, Johnson Central's Nick Music and Tyler Whitaker each made four free throws in the final 1:13 to stop a Countryside comeback.

Countryside closed to within 60-57 on a 3-pointer with 1:58 remaining, but Central put the game away at the foul line.

"Hitting free throws down the stretch was something we didn't do (Saturday) against East Carter and it almost beat us," said Golden Eagles coach Les Trimble. "Tonight, we stepped up and made them."

Central (4-3) had four players in double figures, led by Mike Walters' 19 points.

Music finished with 14 and Tony Hatfield added 11. Kyle Rice flipped in 10.

After playing in the Town Square tourney, Johnson Central won't miss much action as it moves on today to play in the Tiger HOOPS Classic at Paintsville High School.



Kristal Daniels

East Carter tops Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Playing in the consolation bracket of the Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic Monday at Lexington Catholic High School, Betsy Layne had its record drop to 4-3 on the season following a 51-40 loss

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Fan to win blimp ride at Winternationals

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — A once in a lifetime opportunity awaits one lucky fan in attendance at East Bay Raceway Park in Tampa (Gibson), Fla. during the February 2-7, 2004 Stacker 2 Xtreme DirtCar Series/Northern Xtreme DirtCar Series sanctioned Winternationals. Arrangements have been made for the winning lucky fan to experience the "ride of a lifetime" with an airborne excursion aboard the Goodyear blimp. Any fan who has already purchased an advanced ticket and those fans purchasing advanced tickets through January 15, 2004 for the "Winternationals" will be eligible for this unique promotion. One name from all advanced ticket purchasers will be drawn at random with that person receiving the prize, courtesy of the Goodyear Tire Co.

"We are very pleased and excited to offer this promotion to a lucky fan attending the 'Winternationals' at East Bay Raceway Park", stated Xtreme DirtCar, Inc. owner Doug

Bland. "Through our association with one of our major marketing partners, the Goodyear Tire Co., we are able to offer this once in a lifetime opportunity. This promotion is just the beginning of what our association with all of our marketing partners will do for our sport. Plus, having the Goodyear blimp flying above East Bay Raceway Park during the 'Winternationals' is a great way to celebrate this inaugural promotion."

The history of the Goodyear blimp being a part of major sporting events is one not lost on Al Varnadore, the president of 2 VHL Promotions, Inc. who own and promote East Bay Raceway Park. "The Goodyear blimp is synonymous with motorsports and an American icon", said Varnadore. "To have the Goodyear blimp as part of the 'Winternationals' is a definite attention getter and gives a major impact to our marketing efforts that can't be obtained through traditional marketing methods. To say I'm excited to have the Goodyear blimp on hand and the promotion that Doug and Goodyear have put

together for one of the fans is a huge understatement. To have the opportunity of a lifetime is a big, big plus! Just to show you how much of an impact having the Goodyear blimp that week will be, we were contacted by the honorable Mayor of Tampa, Pam Iorio, who heard the blimp was going to be at East Bay. When I told her yes it was she responded, 'That's the week I'll be there!' That just proves how much of an impact having the Goodyear blimp is."

Advanced reserved seat tickets are available for the Stacker 2 Xtreme DirtCar Series and Northern Xtreme DirtCar Series sanctioned "2004 Winternationals" at East Bay Raceway. The week-long event is scheduled to take place Monday, February 2 through Saturday, February 7 at the semi-banked 1/3rd mile clay oval. The Northern Xtreme DirtCar Series will sanction the Monday, Wednesday and Friday events while the Stacker 2 Xtreme DirtCar Series will sanction the other three nights

of action.

Advanced reserved seat tickets can be purchased for single nights of racing, in a combo package for the three Northern Xtreme DirtCar Series sanctioned nights or the three Stacker 2 Xtreme DirtCar series sanctioned nights or in a combo package for all six nights of racing. Single night advanced reserved seat ticket prices

range, depending on seat selection, from \$25.00 to \$35.00 for the February 2 - 5 races and range in price from \$25.00 to

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Newman voted 2003 Driver of the Year

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Ryan Newman dominated the voting for SPEED Channel presents the Driver of the Year 2003. Yet, some might view it as an upset win. It was only the second time in the 37-year history of the award the honor didn't go to a series champion.

The last time this happened was in 1985 when Bill Elliott beat NASCAR Winston Cup Champion, Darrell Waltrip — a three-time Driver of the Year — based on wins and poles. Newman finished sixth behind series champion, Matt Kenseth.

In only his second full year in Winston Cup racing Newman, winner of the voting in the third and fourth quarter for Driver of the Year was a little stunned when he learned of the final vote, "it's awesome. Not only the award, but, the honor of all the drivers that have gotten it, to be on that list and to be able to compete against all the drivers this year and beat them."

He was the winningest driver in the grueling 36-race series with eight wins and 11 poles. A crash at Daytona and early season failures to finish put a dent in his hopes to carry home the series trophy. Still after his disappointing start, he finished in the

top-ten 22 times.

Newman, a 25-year old from Indiana who drives the Alltel Dodge, easily beat all of his rivals with nine first-place votes. Other drivers garnering votes were Paul Tracy (CART), and Steve Kinser (World of Outlaws) who had two. Drivers getting one vote each were Kenseth, Greg Anderson (NHRA), Kenny Bernstein (NHRA), Scott Dixon (IRL), Sam Hornish, Jr. (IRL), and J.J. Yeley (USAC).

The Penske Racing South driver also carried the fan vote, on www.speedtv.com, with 44 percent.

Responding to that vote, Newman said, "that's cool too. This sport is driven by the fans not just the media panel. To win the fan vote is an honor also. It shows a couple of things: the impact of NASCAR racing on the world of motor sports and how driven and dedicated the fans are."

In its 37th year, the Driver of the Year title is unique because it is the only award that encompasses all of the racing series in the United States and fan participation. A panel of 18 leading journalists and broadcasters from across the U.S. and a cumulative fan vote on Speedtv.com determine the winner. The final vote is made up of a secret ballot of the experts each selecting one driver and the winner of the fan vote.

In recognition of this honor Newman will receive a trophy and a Maurice Lacroix Swiss Watch at a special presentation in Talladega, Ala., next April.

Hold

points. Ashley Harmon tossed in 15 points for the Lady Eagles.

Isenberg and Harmon helped key a fourth quarter rally that saw Fleming County outscore Allen Central 23-18. Each player had a pair of three-pointers in the rally.

Felicia Richmond netted seven and Erica Staggs pushed in six. Staci Newsom hit two free-throws in the final period to add two points for Fleming County.

period and 22-6 in the second stanza.

Pike County Central 71, Rowan County 66: In a tight game, Pike County Central managed to maintain a lead at the end of every quarter in a win over Rowan County.

Hayley Ratliff led Pike County Central in scoring with 22 points. Paige Lowe added 17 for the Lady Hawks.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Jordan Kidd, Betsy Layne



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Paintsville 63, Magoffin County 49: Ashley Hall scored 19, Kendra Carroll, a transfer from Lawrence County, added 14 and Whitney Reynolds tossed in 13 to lead Paintsville to a win over Magoffin County. Desiree Haney scored nine for the Lady Tigers.

Paintsville led Magoffin County 13-6 at the end of the first period. The Paintsville girls held on to a 26-24 lead at half-time before outscoring Magoffin County in each of the final two periods.

Apollo 73, Johnson Central 31: Host Johnson Central was no match for Apollo. Four different players scored in double figures for Apollo in the win.

Junior Alice Daniel led Johnson Central in scoring with 12 points. Apollo outscored Johnson Central 20-2 in the first

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Cawood edges South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — South Floyd swapped leads with Cawood for much of Monday night's game before falling in overtime, 67-65. In the overtime frame, South Floyd was outscored 9-7. The game was played in the consolation bracket of the Defenders of the Station Tournament at Bryan Station High School.

Blake Hubbs led Cawood in scoring with a game-high 27 points.

South Floyd opened with a 15-13 lead at the end of the first period. Then Cawood charged

back. The Trojans outscored South Floyd 23-14 in the second quarter to lead 36-29 at halftime. The Raiders were able to outscore Cawood 16-14 in the third quarter and 13-8 in the final period to push the game into overtime.

Adam Tackett led South Floyd in scoring with 15 points. Burnett Little, Jack Slone and Ethan Johnson chipped in 10 apiece. Steven Stanley added eight points and Ryan Johnson, five.

Brian Meade and Mason Hall scored four and three points, respectively, rounding out the scoring for the Raiders.

Phelps

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outscored 20-18 in the third period before finishing strong by outscoring the host team 27-18 in the final frame.

In all, nine different Bobcats scored. Senior Brandon Hall led Betsy Layne in scoring with 27 points. Brent Newsome netted 16 and Jordan Kidd chipped in 11.

Melvin McCoy paced Phelps with a game-high 29 points.

Betsy Layne will return to action Friday night on the road at Belfry when it begins play in the Mountain Schoolboy Classic tournament.

Ranked

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top on the girls' side. The East Carter girls got five votes.

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

BOYS

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Mason Co.	(4)	7-0	49	1
2. Apollo	(1)	7-0	43	4
3. Lex. Catholic	-	3-1	41	2
4. Lou. Pleasure Ridge Park	-	7-1	26	3
5. Elizabethtown	-	6-1	24	8
6. Lou. Fern Creek	-	7-0	22	7
7. Hopkinsville	-	5-2	14	6
8. Daviess Co.	-	7-1	9	-
9. Clay Co.	-	6-0	7	-
10. Shelby Valley	-	3-0	6	-
(tie) Lou. Ballard	-	3-5	6	9

Others receiving votes: Scott Co. 5, Ashland 4, Lex. Henry Clay 4, Wayne Co. 3, Warren Central 2, Marshall Co. 2, North Hardin 2, Lex. Lafayette 1, East Carter 1.

GIRLS

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Sacred Heart	(5)	4-1	50	1
2. Christian Co.	-	7-0	45	2
3. Rockcastle Co.	-	5-0	33	6
4. Henderson Co.	-	7-0	31	5
5. Newport Central Catholic	-	5-1	20	3
6. Lou. Mercy	-	6-1	19	8
7. Jackson Co.	-	5-1	13	7
8. Clinton Co.	-	8-0	11	-
9. Elizabethtown	-	8-1	8	9
10. Lex. Catholic	-	4-3	8	4

Others receiving votes: Marshall Co. 6, East Carter 5, Lou. Butler 4, Cov. Holy Cross 3, Mercer Co. 3, Lex. Christian 3, Russell 2, Muhlenberg North 2, Lone Oak 1, Barren Co. 1.

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Lady Raiders 17-8 in the first period. South Floyd gained some ground in the second period by outscoring the Lady Raiders 20-17. South Floyd got two more of the points back in the third period by edging the Lady Wolves 18-16.

Then came the final frame.

Wolfe County outscored South Floyd 29-19 in the fourth period to put an exclamation point on the victory.

South Floyd senior guard Megan Ousley pumped in a game-high 31 points to lead the Lady Raiders. Brandy Anderson netted 12 and Tab Trammel flipped in 11.

Ashley Johnson and Carla Hall pitched in four points apiece and Courtney Blocker added three to round out the scoring for the Lady Raiders.

The South Floyd girls team is in its first season with Tony Isaac at the helm of the program.

Basket at :01 lifts Prestonsburg

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — What should a team do when the game is on the line and your leading scorer has fouled out? Prestonsburg decided to put the ball in the only senior on the rosters hands and the rest as they say is history. Heather White hit a short jumper as time expired to give host Prestonsburg and coach Jack Pack a 48-46 come-from-behind win over Shelby Valley on Monday evening at Prestonsburg High School.

In a game that looked early as if the Lady Blackcats might get ran out of their own gym, Prestonsburg saved their best for last and stormed back from 13 points down in the final 6:30 to pull out the win. Shelby Valley took control early behind the play of Jerrica Dye as the Lady Wildcats would hold a 13-

10 lead after one quarter of play.

Prestonsburg was the victim of some cold shooting in the first half and 13 first half turnovers did not help the Lady Blackcats' cause either. Shelby Valley would increase the lead to 27-18 at the half and the Lady Wildcats looked to be on the way to a lopsided win. Prestonsburg trailed by nine at the half and Shelby Valley would build an 11-point lead heading into the final quarter, but after a quick bucket from the Lady Wildcats to build the lead to 13 the Lady Blackcats would begin to get back in the game.

Molly Burchett connected on back to back jumpers to put the lead to 42-33 and a three-pointer from Meaghan Slone would put the lead to six with 4:20 remaining. Darcey Hicks bucket with 2:24 remaining brought the cats within four and

after two straight Shelby Valley turnovers Prestonsburg got within one when Hicks was fouled and went to the line for Prestonsburg for the double bonus with :18 on the clock and Shelby Valley in front 46-45.

Hicks would hit one-of-two from the line and tie the game at 46-46. Shelby Valley would turn the ball over and Heather White would take the ball at the top of the key and drive to the basket. A short three-foot jumper banked in at the buzzer and Prestonsburg came away with the come-from-behind win.

Slone led the Lady Blackcats with 14 points and Molly Burchett tossed in 13 before fouling out with 2:00 left in the game. Heather White finished with eight points and the game winner at the buzzer. Darcey Hicks totaled five points and it was Hicks free-throw that tied the game at 46-46. Amber Whitaker and Chanel Music each finished with three points for the winners and Kelly Key rounded out the scoring with 2 points on the night. Prestonsburg would outscore Shelby Valley 19-6 in the fourth quarter to get the win.



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg senior Heather White tried to work her way out of trouble Monday night against Shelby Valley.



photo by Jamie Howell

Molly Burchett passed the ball off in Monday's game against Shelby Valley

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Reds making moves but not on the field

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

New Cincinnati Reds General Manager Dan O'Brien and the Reds front office have been busy making moves but not what the fans are wanting to see or hear about. The Reds named an assistant to O'Brien and made some other moves in the office but not on the field.

When I watch ESPN Sports Center or Sports News, I keep waiting to hear if the Reds dealt anyone or signed a free agent or two. But all the announcement over ESPN are about other clubs who are improving themselves.

I buy into this player development philosophy O'Brien is trying to sell to Reds fans, but I have to wonder how many years we are talking about when the Reds can put a competitive team on the diamond.

I realize that the Reds are very, very thin when it comes to

an abundance of major league talent. You cannot very well trade what little talent you have to get someone that is going to help your club.

The Reds minor league system went south when Marge Schott, former CEO of the Reds, shut down most of the minor league operations in a cost-cutting scheme. Since then the Reds have not developed the talent in their minor leagues to help the big league team.

The Reds recently said no to a trio of players for the 2004 season by not offering a contract to Russell Branyan, Reggie Taylor and Ruben Mateo. I feel Branyan could still help the Reds this year but the other two just doesn't have the talent to play in the major leagues.

Opening day will look like this for Dave Miley's team when they come to bat in the season

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Win

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\$40.00 for the February 6 and 7 races. A three-day combo pass is priced at \$105.00 and a six-day combo pass is \$200.00. Combo ticket prices are good until January 21, 2004. Three-day and six-day combo passes are not available below row 14.

Childrens tickets, general admission only, are half-price. All credit card orders will be assessed a \$5 handling charge.

Pit admission tickets will be sold the day of the event only. Reserved camping at the track is also available for a nominal fee.

East Bay Raceway Park has also arranged for discounted lodging at the Holiday Inn City Centre in Tampa 800/513-8940, Ramada Inn on Tampa Bay in Apollo Beach 800/67-BEACH and Sleep Inn and Suites in Ellenton 941/721-4933. For the "racers rate discount" mention East Bay Raceway Park.

To order advanced reserved tickets, reserved camping or for further information phone East Bay Raceway Park Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 813/677-7223, toll free at 877/457-5611 or visit the EBRP website located at www.eastbayracewaypark.com.

AUTO RACING

19 Busch teams test 2004 bodies at Talladega

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Motorsports.

TALLADEGA, Ala. — While NASCAR officials worked with aerodynamic packages on the new 2004 body styles of 19 Busch Series teams at Talladega Superspeedway on Thursday, several drivers are also excited about changes to their teams in 2004.

Coming off one of the most exhilarating NASCAR Busch Series seasons in history in 2003, fans have much to look forward to in 2004.

"The Busch Series has so much potential," said Stacy Compton, who finished 11th in the points race in 2003 with ST

"There will be six to eight and maybe 10 more quality teams competing in the Busch Series this year. This series has grown more in the past two years than it had in the six to eight years before that.

"I had an opportunity to go Winston Cup racing again in 2004 and opted to stay where I'm at," said Compton. "I just felt the team I'm with and the series we're in is just a much better situation for me. This series put on great shows in 2003 and with the increase in competition is proving it can stand alone at tracks, too."

Compton, who drives the No.

59 Kingsford Chevrolet, has had success at Talladega and knows the fans always see a great show.

"Talladega always has the best Cup race, Busch race, ARCA race * it just doesn't matter," said Compton. "The fans always know they are going to see a great race when they come to Talladega. And the drivers know it's going to be a tough race to win. That's just the way it always is at Talladega."

Compton gets a teammate in 2004 with the addition of Robert Pressley and the No. 47 car to ST Motorsports. The teams have also switched to Ford.

"Having a teammate like Robert who came up the same way I did with Late Models, Cup, Busch and Trucks, should really help during testing and working on the set up of the cars," said Compton.

Ron Hornaday, who finished third in the Busch Series points race in 2003, was among the drivers testing at NASCAR's Most Competitive Track.

Hornaday's team switched crew chiefs with Richard Childress Racing's other team, moving Butch Hylton to crew Hornaday's car. Hornaday's former crew chief, Ricky Viers, moved to the car shared by Kevin Harvick and Clint Bowyer.

"We were really consistent last year, better in points, had no major problems and that's what you have to do," said Hornaday. "The Busch Series as a whole, I just see it getting better. This series put on some of the best races in 2003 and it's going to get even better, I think."

The NASCAR sanctioned two-day test for the Busch Series teams at Talladega ended last Thursday.

Also on hand at the two-day test were Rick Crawford with Biagi Brothers Racing, Johnny Sauter with Richard Childress Racing, Randy Lajoie with Michael Waltrip Racing, Bobby Hamilton Jr. with Team Rensi Motorsports, Mike Bliss with Joe Gibbs Racing, Kyle Busch with Hendrick Motorsports, Jason Leffler with Haas CNC Racing, John Andretti and Martin Truex with Dale Earnhardt Inc., David Stremme with Phoenix Racing, Kenny Wallace with Bill Davis Racing, Joe Nemechek with NEMCO Motorsports, Brad Teague with MOY Racing, and Tim Fedewa and Casey Atwood with FitzBradshaw Racing.

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whether legendary writer Bob White could have counted the ballots all 81 times.

Speaking of the C-J, one of my favorite features is found on its drastically-improved Web site.

On the Sports front, you can check out a section called, "What's up with ..." where the paper has found stars of yesterday and caught us up on the goings-on in their lives.

If you choose to look, you can find profiles on pro athletes like Mickey Morandini — and if you read that name without hearing Harry Callas over-enunciating, I suppose you're from a different era than me — Art Still and Woody Fryman, and UK greats like Jeff Sheppard, Anthony Epps and Vernon Hatton.

There are features on folks like first Mr. Football Frank Jacobs, Van Vance and Danny Sullivan, and former UoFL studs such as Rodney McCray, Manuel Forrest and the best name on the list, Beau Zack Smith.

And if your mountain bias is in full bloom, you can read about Geri Grigsby, Ervin Stepp and Wah Wah Jones.

I haven't read them all, not by a long shot, but I've looked at several of them, and can honestly tell you I haven't read a bad one. If you're getting a little

older and remember some of those names from the past and wonder what ever happened to them, that feature would be a good place to spend some time.

Some people may question Brett Favre playing Monday night, one day after suddenly losing his father. I can't imagine it, and having experienced the loss of a brother this summer, can honestly say there's no way I could have performed the next day. I could barely focus enough to drive and surely would have been destroyed on a football field.

But after hearing his postgame interview with ABC, it sure sounded like those thinking Favre was being unfaithful to his father's memory or his family were off-base. His dad was a football coach and taught his son to play, and Favre felt like the best way to honor his dad's memory was to play.

If his mom was alright with it, and he felt he could focus enough to help his team, I guess it's ok. But for me, the most important thing during that timewas being around family. I suppose it's just one of the things that make us all different.

For the record, four touchdowns and 399 yards speaks volumes about Favre's ability to focus. I read this line about my boyhood idol, Dale Murphy, after he hit a pinch-hit home run

off Doc Gooden — at the time the best pitcher in baseball — one day after slicing his palm open in the Plexiglas fence in Atlanta, and it certainly applied to Favre on Monday.

And the legend grows ...

Congratulations are in order for my friend Donald Thornsby. It's been a heck of a year for him, first adopting a beautiful little girl (to go with his beautiful wife, Teranda), and finishing with his long-awaited first title in the BSFL.

The Big Sandy Football League is one of the longest standing fantasy football leagues around and Donald has been at it since the very early days and finally shot down the BB Guns for the title.

Nice job, pal.

I don't want to downplay anyone else who played football in the mountains this fall, but easily one of the most impressive players I saw was Pikeville's Josh Sullivan.

He just seemed to man-handle the opposition.

I'm not real sure Isiah Thomas will bring the stability and continuity to the table the New York Knicks desperately require.

A year ago, the Christmas-week column was led by the departure of our football coach at Pikeville College, as the school joined Kentucky and Louisville without grid leaders in the commonwealth.

A year ago, I hadn't heard of Jerry Mynatt or Bobby Petrino and had long forgotten the name Rich Brooks.

A year later, Mynatt is steadily rebuilding the program on the hill which was hit hard by transfers after the coaching change, while the other two are on shaky ground at best. Petrino led the Cards to the GMAC Bowl, but his private flirtation with Auburn has (rightfully) soured many on the river. And the less said about Brooks' first season in Lexington the better.

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Named

SHELBY VALLEY — Joe Wyatt, Justin Collier, Timmy Griffith, Jeremiah Dameron, Bob Woods, Derek Compton.

PIKE CENTRAL — Scott Combs, Sonny Buckley, Erik Coleman, Chase Snodgrass, Anthony Chapman.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY — Bradley Marshall, Jacob Allen, Jason Williams, Brandon McCarty.

EAST RIDGE — Brandon Ratliff, Will Younce, Derek SESCO.

Honorable-mention selections follow.
BELFRY — Gray Childers, Mitch Case, Michael Hackney, Kurt Kendrick, Ryan Chapman, Shane Varney.

SHELDON CLARK — Matt Estep, Dan Muncy, Adam Wright, Paul Schmidt, Andy Chaffin.

PRESTONSBURG — Chad Allen, Shawn Whitt, Patrick Porter, Grover Lewis, Zach Lafferty.

SHELBY VALLEY — Josh Ratliff, Josh Tackett, Jimmy Henson, Jared Branham, Zac Mullins.

PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL — Not represented.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY — Adam Smith.
EAST RIDGE — Adam Sayers, Tyler Ward, Cody Carlisle, Willie Collins, Brandon Vanover.

USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Poll

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 21, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kentucky (25)	6-0	761	1
2. Connecticut (4)	8-1	707	2
3. Duke	8-1	699	3
4. Georgia Tech (2)	10-0	648	6
5. Arizona	5-1	625	5
6. Wake Forest	7-0	618	9
7. Oklahoma	8-0	580	8
8. Stanford	7-0	551	11
9. North Carolina	5-0	504	4
10. Saint Joseph's	8-0	478	12
11. Kansas	6-2	431	7
12. Cincinnati	6-0	389	16
13. Florida	6-2	366	13
14. Missouri	4-1	363	14
15. Wisconsin	7-1	330	18
16. Texas	5-2	324	10
17. Pittsburgh	10-0	270	20
18. Gonzaga	7-2	269	15
19. Illinois	6-2	215	19
20. Louisville	5-1	189	22
21. Syracuse	5-1	171	21
22. Purdue	8-2	150	17
23. Dayton	9-0	142	24
24. Marquette	7-2	72	23
25. Maryland	6-2	62	NR

Others receiving votes: Creighton 29; Colorado 20; Florida State 20; Vanderbilt 18; Oklahoma State 17; Texas Tech 16; South Carolina 10; Brigham Young 9; Southern Illinois 7; Mississippi State 5; Boise State 2; Providence 2; Auburn 1; Manhattan 1; Michigan State 1; Nevada 1; Seton Hall 1; Wichita State 1.

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Orange terror alert felt in sports

by HAL BOCK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

When the nation's terror alert was raised to its second highest level, Louisiana Superdome personnel were ready.

"We've got the drill down pretty good," spokesman Bill Curl said Monday from New Orleans, where the Sugar Bowl will be played on Jan. 4.

He had one piece of advice for

fans attending the Bowl Championship Series title game between LSU and Oklahoma: "Come early and empty-handed."

Several federal law enforcement officials, including Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, mentioned major bowl games as potential al-Qaida targets. Still, they urged fans to go about business as usual.

"This is a period of celebration," Ridge said. "There are pub-

lic gatherings in major urban areas around the country, big celebrations — Times Square, Las Vegas, L.A., football games, you name it. And we encourage people to, like we said before, be vigilant and be aware."

The Superdome is no stranger to hosting national sports events amid heightened security.

Two years ago, it was the site of the first post-Sept. 11 Super Bowl. The imposing dome was

ringed by national guardsmen and chain-link fences. In April, during the war in Iraq, a stepped-up police presence was in place when the Superdome hosted the Final Four men's basketball championship.

That kind of atmosphere was already evident Monday at various bowl sites around the country.

"I visited the TCU practice on Sunday and there were more police around the team than there had been," said Tim Simmons of the Fort Worth Bowl. "That may be a function of them playing at home."

TCU plays Boise State in the inaugural Fort Worth Bowl on Tuesday night. Ross Bailey, in charge of operations at Amon G.

Carter Stadium, said there would be extra security sweeps of the stadium.

At some sites, operating at a high level of security has been the norm since the terrorist attacks and few adjustments will be necessary.

"Ever since 9-11, we boosted security up across the board," said Shawn Schoeffler, a spokesman for Friday night's Insight.com Bowl and the Jan. 2 Fiesta Bowl at Tempe, Ariz. "We never backed off from that. We won't do anything more."

The NFL declined to say if there would be additional security measures at games this weekend. Plans already in place for the Super Bowl in Houston on Feb. 1 include flight restrictions over Reliant Stadium and metal detectors.

"Security at our games is an ongoing priority and continues to operate at very high levels," said Milt Ahlerich, the NFL's vice president for security. "We intend

to keep it that way, especially at this time as we enter the playoffs."

Everything from cameras and purses to diaper bags are routinely checked at many sports events. Umbrellas and signs are barred at certain venues. At some NBA arenas, fans pass through metal detectors.

"We enhanced our security following Sept. 11 and we are maintaining the levels we have had since then," NBA spokesman Mark Broussard said.

In Cleveland, where the Cavaliers play the New Orleans Hornets on Tuesday, the NBA team reminded fans of the elevated terror warning, saying there will be "an appropriate higher level of security as patrons enter the arena."

That said, the Cavs suggested fans get there early.

Associated Press writer Curt Anderson in Washington contributed to this report.

INDOOR FOOTBALL

Horsemen to hold tryouts for kickers on Jan. 8

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Horsemen are inviting potential kickers to an open tryout on January 8 in the Nutter Field House at the University of Kentucky. Registration will begin at 5:45 p.m., and the tryout will be held from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

All interested players must be at least 19 years old and are encouraged to call 859/422-

7277 before January 8 if they wish to try out. The tryout fee is \$50.00, payable only by cash, check or money order, and will be collected at registration on January 8.

Kickers will be tested on field goal and extra point accuracy, kickoff placement and accuracy, and hang time. Participants will need to bring their own kicking tee and ball holder. Any players who have video of themselves are encouraged to bring it to the tryout as well. For more tryout information, please contact the Horsemen office at 859/422-

7277. Season tickets are now on sale for the 2004 season, which begins in March; for ticket information, call the Rupp Arena box office at 859/233-3535 or log on to www.rupparena.com.

The Horsemen finished their inaugural season with a 9-6 record and a trip to the playoffs, where they were defeated in the first round by eventual 2003 NIFL Champion Ohio Valley. For more information about the team, please call 859/422-PASS or visit www.lexingtonhorsemen.com.

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to East Carter.

Just four players scored for Betsy Layne in the setback. Junior guard Kim Clark led the Ladycats with 15 points. Whitney Lykens tossed in 13, giving Betsy Layne two players in double figures. Kristal Daniels netted eight. Tabatha Witt tossed in four points to round out the Betsy Layne scoring.

East Carter controlled the game with a 16-11 lead in the first period. The Lady Raiders doubled up Betsy Layne's girls and led the Ladycats 30-15 at the half.

Betsy Layne struggled to get offensive production in all four periods.

East Carter, after limiting Betsy Layne to four points in the second period, held the Ladycats to nine points in the third period and six in the fourth quarter.

The win improved East Carter's season worksheet to 7-2. The Lady Raiders are a top 16th Region contender.

East Carter was paced by three players who reached double figures.

Betsy Layne will begin play in the Lady South Invitational tourney Saturday versus Washington County.

Reds

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opener on April 2 against division champion Chicago: Outfield - Austin Kearns, Ken Griffey, Jr. and Adam Dunn. Third to first: Brandon Larson, Barry Larkin, Angel Jimenez and Sean Casey. Jason Larue will be behind the plate. The only consistent bat in the lineup will be that of Kearns. But I look for him to make the disable list before the All-Star break in July 1.

UK BASKETBALL — Big,

big game on tap in Rupp Arena this Saturday when the second-ranked Wildcats of Kentucky host Rick Pitino and a very, very good Louisville Cardinals. Da Coach would love to knock off yet another top ranked team after whipping Billy Donovan's Florida Gators.

I would like to see Tubby Smith give more playing time to Josh Carrier. Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Girls' basketball scoreboard

Monday's games

Allen Central	64	Fleming County	60
(Lady Eagle Holiday Classic)			
Apollo	73	Johnson Central	31
(Lady Eagle Holiday Classic)			
Barren County	48	Presentation	46
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic)			
Bath County	53	Deming	33
(Bath County Christmas Tournament)			
Boone County	45	Notre Dame	33
(Boone County Classic)			
Bracken County	78	Augusta	40
Butler	51	Wayne County	41
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic)			
Casey County	66	Waggener	57
(Smokey Mountain Holiday Tournament)			
Caverna	61	Green County	34
Central	65	Holy Cross (Covington)	61
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic)			
Christian Academy-Louisville	58	South Oldham	48
(Male Tournament)			
Conner	58	St. Patrick	37
Corbin	49	Pineville	32
(Bowman Memorial Tournament)			
Daviess County	48	North Laurel	32
(Boone County Classic)			
Dixie Heights	58	Beechwood	33
DuPont Manual	59	Greenwood	57
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic)			
East Carter	51	Betsy Layne	40
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic)			
Eastern	60	Pleasure Ridge Park	51
(Male Tournament)			
Elizabethtown	53	Newport Central Catholic	49
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic) (OT)			
Hancock County	49	Frankfort	32
(Wendy's Holiday Classic)			
Harrison County	44	Montgomery County	29
(Berea Holiday Classic)			
Highlands	52	Lexington Christian	44
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic)			
Holy Cross (Louisville)	48	North Hardin	45
(Male Tournament)			
Hopkins County Central	49	Fern Creek	34
(Berea Holiday Classic)			
Jenkins	49	Pound, Va.	41
Leslie County	50	Clay County	45
Lexington Catholic	66	Clinton County	41
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic)			
Lloyd Memorial	48	Ludlow	44
Madison Central	54	West Carter	39
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic)			
Madison Southern	60	Western Hills	47
(Berea Holiday Classic)			
McCreary Central	51	Monticello	42
Mercer County	67	Rockcastle County	62
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic)			
Mercy	85	Christian County	78
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic)			
Metcalfe County	57	Cumberland County	36
Model	66	Elliott County	25
(Subway Tournament)			
Moore	62	Nature Coast, Fla.	41
(Papa John's Classic)			
Muhlenberg North	53	Boyd County	43
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic)			
Ohio County	73	Owensboro Catholic	59
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic)			
Owen County	49	Carroll County	31
Paintsville	63	Magoffin County	49
(Lady Eagle Holiday Classic)			
Paris	61	Somerset	43
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic)			
Pike County Central	71	Rowan County	66
(Lady Eagle Holiday Classic)			
Powell County	52	Knott County Central	46
(Berea Holiday Classic)			
Prestonsburg	48	Shelby Valley	46
Pulaski County	57	Harrison County	54
(Berea Holiday Classic)			
Russell	50	Greenup County	28
Russell County	64	East Jessamine	49
(Wendy's Holiday Classic)			
Sacred Heart	61	Henderson County	53
(Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic)			
Scott County	76	Paul Dunbar	64
Tecumseh, Ind.	57	Union County	42
(Toyota Teamwork Classic)			
Walton-Verona	29	Trimble County	27
Warren East	80	Edmonson County	42
Washington County	62	Nelson County	48
(Male Tournament)			
Webster County	58	Boyle County	55
(Berea Holiday Classic)			
Woodford County	52	Lincoln County	50
(Berea Holiday Classic)			

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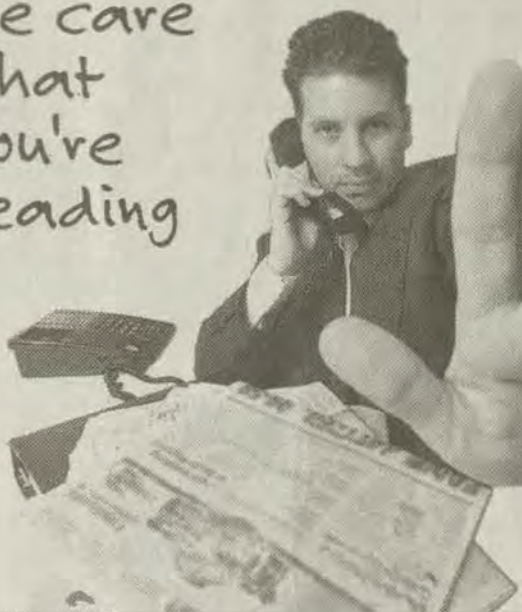
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THROUGH MY EYES

Kickin' Scrooge out of the house

Ebenezer would be so proud of me, so would that yellow-eyed Grinch fellow. You see, I've been more than just your average run-of-the-mill Christmas grouch. I've been downright ornery, stubborn and just plain mean about it all this year. I've spent more

time wishing Christmas away than I have trying to remember what it's really all about.

But who could really blame me? I mean, I surely can't be the only person



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

around who sees the holiday as an unnecessary financial burden and not much more than a well-orchestrated marketing ploy, can I?

From August to December, we see strings of lights and tinsel as department stores remind us every day to "lay-away now" and "shop early." The closer we get to the actual day, the brighter the

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POSTSCRIPT

Small vs. big

We keep hearing that the world's getting smaller.

We go to Chicago and meet someone who grew up in the next

town over from us. We can have daily email communication with someone in Sweden. We can track our ancestors 300 years back to a village in Yorkshire. We can



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

board a plane and be 3,000 miles away in a few hours.

The world is getting smaller, at least technologically.

But in terms of ideas and showmanship, it only seems to get big-

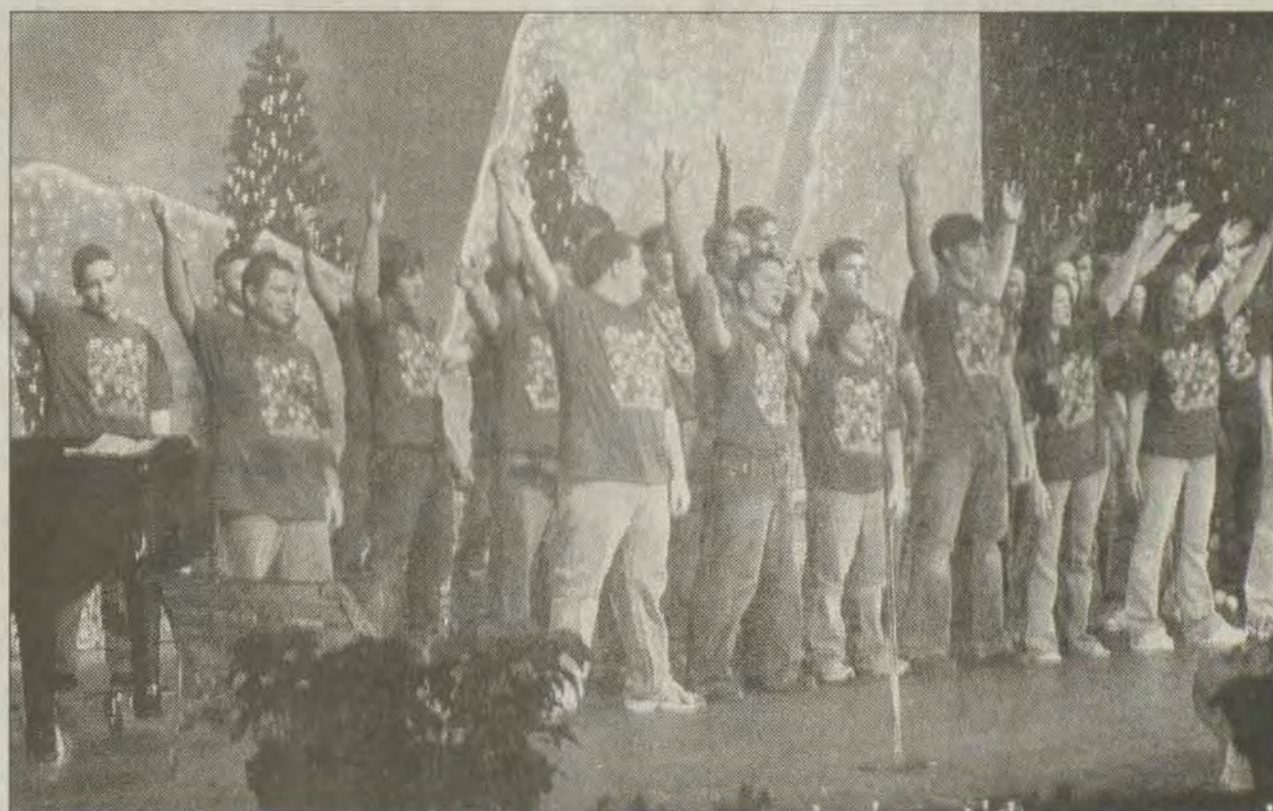
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PHS music students donned sweaters, scarves and knit caps to create the feel of "walking in a winter wonderland."



PERFORMED BY PHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT AT THE MAC

'Forever Christmas'



Enthusiastic students sent wishes of a bright and merry Christmas to all.

Times Staff Report

The Prestonsburg High School Music Department presented their annual Christmas concert on December 12, at the Mountain Arts Center. Students from the school's honor choir and concert band performed traditional choral and instrumental selections. "Forever Christmas" was the title theme of the energy-infused production.

According to Kathi Caudill, director, Prestonsburg High School Honor Choir, work on the holiday production began in late September. "Although it didn't seem very much like Christmas in September, an early start is what it takes to produce a quality program in December," she said.

Students began thinking about the Christmas performance by listening to different musical selections and trying to agree on a theme that would help tie everything together. "Allowing students to be involved in every aspect such as choosing the music, designing shirts and choreography of the group

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SPECIAL FEATURE

Things to Ponder: O! Christmas Tree

Jingle bells, sleigh rides, caroling, playing in snow with hot chocolate afterwards, exchanging gifts, lighting candles and decorating trees all bring about the image of "good things" associated with the holidays. Every family, no matter what the religious perspective, typically have their specific "ideals" that help them to have the "Holiday Spirit." For me it is the Christmas tree.

Like most everyone else, I have some very special memories about the decora-

tions on Christmas trees. I must have been about 6 or 7 years old when I first saw the bubbling lights on my Aunt Mable's tree. I'm pretty sure that I must have said something like, "I'll get me some of those some day." My first memories of my family having a Christmas tree were on Grapevine Creek in rural Pike County when I was about 8 years old. No family member really came out and said, "The Christmas tree is yours to do whatever you want." However, the

message must have been understood in some way because that is just what happened. Since anyone who knows anything about Christmas trees just somehow knows that the Christmas tree with its bright lights is to be in the "best" window for the occasion - this is most usually the window in the front of the house. We had a window on each side of the front door. Thus, it was an extremely difficult decision for an 8 year old to choose "which" window would be the perfect one for the

tree. After all, it had to be JUST right. No one ever said any different, but I recall putting the tree up and then deciding that was not the place for it. So I carefully took the tree down and carefully redecorated it in its place on the other side of the door. I don't recall doing it a third time, but I probably would have, if I had taken a notion to do so. You see, the Christmas tree became very important to



Mable Rowe Lineberger,
Ph.D.

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School Happenings

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

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Ponder

me, early in life.

There was another instance, when I redecorated the Christmas tree as a youngster. However, the next time was not by choice, as it was in the early 1950's when the family had its first holidays after moving to Florida from Grapevine. Besides the environmental changes of having palm trees decorated in all the public places and the fact that the sun was shining most of the time, there just was not an atmosphere of what Christmas time was supposed to be. That year was the first one that I recall seeing Christmas trees being sold at the supermarket. The biggest problem was that the small container of what was likely preservative attached to the bottom of the tree was not a reliable means of support and predicted that the tree would not stay in an upright position, especially after many treasured ornaments and lights had been placed on its branches. About the time I thought I was finally finished and had done what I thought was the "best I could do," the little tree, by Grapevine standards, fell over. Of course, fewer ornaments broke than I thought there would have been.

Life with the impact of Christmas trees went along pretty good until my first year out of nursing school. Since I was living with other girls and working away from home in West Palm Beach, my mother was very agreeable to my taking her Christmas tree decorations and decorating a tree for us girls in the apartment. Being young, there was no way that I could comprehend why she seemed thrilled to not have to decorate a tree at home. Anyway, my roommates and I had a beautiful tree in our small duplex apartment. The downside of the story became known when it was time to decorate the next year's Christmas tree.

Lo and behold! I could not find the decorations nor could I remember what I had done with them. Then, I recalled! After the previous holidays were over, the box with my mother's Christmas tree decorations was stored in the utility room at the apartment to be returned to her. But, in the rush of moving out of the duplex during the summer, I had no thoughts of the Christmas before, much less the decorations. When I went back to inquire about the box, the previous landlord knew "nothing about it." I was sooo sick with disappointment regarding what I had done. My mother's decorations were gone, some of them from the early 1930's when my older brother and sister were children. Again, she taught me the lesson of trying to accept that which you cannot change.

Needless to say, there have been other ups and downs pertaining to Christmas trees, as there are to life. The second winter out of nursing school, I worked at the New York Hospital, had my own small room in the multi-floored nurses' residence, and did not have a tree at all. Man, did I regret making that decision when the holidays actually came. For sure, I survived them as well as I thought I could, being away from family, home, and all things familiar and important. Guess that's why I have had a tree every year since then, even when I lived alone for a couple of years before marrying. In fact, three ornaments are left from that time. They are classics for several reasons. Besides being old, they were bought at Woolworth's in downtown West Palm Beach. Woolworth's has been gone for decades and the "downtown" commercial district moved way west of town to the "malls" 20 years ago. Although the ornaments were probably 69 cents for a box of 12, forty years

ago, I saw the same type several years ago at an antique store in Huntington, priced at \$35 each. This is one of those times where, if you saved the particular item, it might become more valuable or be in style once again.

We have continued to buy special Christmas tree ornaments over the years. I've even tried to remember to be sure the date is on it somewhere. It was a thrill when I saw bubble lights again at Sears in the 1970's. I bought the last two boxes they had. That little girl inside me was thrilled to death. Finally, enough bubble lights have been collected, so that is all there is on my tree. I guess the person who designed them knew the impact of having a string of lights with enclosed bubbles so that it looks "just like" a collection of miniature fountains with bright lights. Although the Christmas tree with all of its memories is fully enjoyed, I am ready for it all to be put away by the day after Christmas. I think I got that from my mother, even though I realize other folks have different traditions about how long they keep the tree up.

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numbers, gives them a sense of 'ownership' in the program that encourages them to work harder," Caudill said.

Once the theme had been decided upon and the music chosen, the students began to "outline" their program, said Caudill. "That's when students began to work on auditioning for solo performances that would be presented in between the group numbers," she said. Solo performances allow for costume changes and the readying of props for different phases of the production.

Each student who performed a solo had previously been selected by auditioning before a qualified judge. Those with the highest scores were granted solo performances.

The next phase of the produc-

tion was having the students spend a long afternoon at the Mountain Arts Center recording all their group numbers. This phase cannot happen until after many hours of classroom preparation have been done, usually following many after school rehearsals and community performances. "All the hard work and long hours pay off when it all comes together in the end," Caudill said.

Kristie Piper, director, Prestonsburg High School Concert Band, agrees with Caudill that many long hours of practice and performance are necessary to be prepared for the Mountain Arts Center public performance. According to Piper, the student band looks forward to opening the evening performance and her students

feel honored to be considered one of the performance's traditional "crowd pleasers."

The PHS Honor Choir and Concert Band "Forever Christmas" production played to a sold-out matinee audience and a nearly sold-out evening audience. Due to school closings, one scheduled performance was canceled.

According to the music department directors, 92 PHS students participated in the annual Christmas production. The music department will begin working on their annual spring production following the students' return from their holiday break.

They "get stuff" all year round. They walk around with cell phones, as much spending money as most adults, and wear "beat up" designer clothing that cost someone (and in most cases, you can bet not them) a pretty penny or two.

And then comes Christmas.

Big deal. What's new?

I guess I'm just frustrated because no matter how hard I work or how much money I manage to make, it all seems to just fly right out the window. Due, in large part, to my having three teenagers in the house. Why, just hair cuts, mousse and gel, soap, shampoo, "special" face cleansers, and the such are enough to force me into bankruptcy. But, what's a parent to do because, you see, they "need" all of this stuff - all of the time.

I've had other Christmases that I've experienced a lot of these same feelings about all the hype, the guilt, the "gotta be merry" charades. But this year, it's been different. I've been unyielding. My mood has consistently been more apropos to Halloween than to Christmas.

(Yes, that means I've been a witch.)

Just this morning, I've finally come around to seeing the light. But not without first throwing one of my best spoiled-little-brat nasty old fits.

That once done, I worked my around to repentance.

That once done, I began to actually sit down and look around at how truly fortunate I really am. In just the past week, God has led me to renew a long-lost friendship for which I am very thankful. And several friends and family members have gone out of their way to give me show tickets, banquet dinners, gifts, thoughtful cards, homemade goodies and much, much more.

How lucky I am.

So many Christmas wishes have come true - and all the while I was being too grouchy too even notice. Now, I only have one more to go and, believe me, I have my fingers crossed on this one. Wish me luck, wish me cheer and make sure to enjoy your own holiday weekend.



Veronica Little with daughters Ashley and Amanda.

Completes 911 training

Veronica Little, of Salyersville, recently graduated from a four-week Telecommunications Academy course of study held by the Department of Criminal Justice Training Center, in Richmond, Ky., in November. Little's training included Basic Telecommunications, NCIC-LINK computer system training, EMD/CPR (Emergency Medical Dispatch), Critical Incidents, and Spanish for the Telecommunicator, among oth-

ers. Little received a Trainee of Distinction Award and earned a perfect score in Critical Incidents. Little is currently employed by Magoffin County 911, located in Salyersville. Little is the daughter of Ina Jean Nelson, of Prestonsburg, and the late Rebel Nelson. She is the granddaughter of Alice Stephens Prater, of Blue River, and the late Earnest Prater. She has two daughters, Ashley and Amanda Little.

Postscript

ger.

Remember when the Christmas season at home meant a simple tree, a wreath on the door, and maybe a string of lights or two.

These days of bigger and bigger, a single house can have thousands and thousands of lights. It's not unusual to see houses outlined with twinklies, from modest trailers to three-story mansions. Not to mention all the animals, people and plants illuminated in the yard.

This year we're seeing more and bigger inflatable figures. They're mostly Santas and snowmen, but on KY 80 toward Hindman, there's Homer Simpson, decked out as Santa, and on a Johnson County road is a frog posing as the jolly old elf.

The bigness of these characters doesn't necessarily last. I've seen more than a few bent at the waist or totally prone, whipped by the wind or punctured by a flying twig.

But that's nothing. Remember when the church pageant at Christmas was a dozen kids dressed as Jewish peasants, milling around a homemade set that included a couple of bales of hay from out

in the country.

Well, talk about bigness - I saw an article recently about a church in Texas that turns the Christmas pageant into a Cecil B. DeMille production.

At the Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, angels with 12-foot-long gowns and red wigs hang from the six-story ceiling. They are operated as they zoom around the sanctuary by 15 technicians.

On the stage for the enactment of the Christmas story are not only real actors but the whole cast of characters, including live camels and sheep. (Wouldn't you hate to have to clean up?)

We're told similar extravaganzas are produced at Easter and the Fourth of July at the 22,000-member church. (Now that's big!)

Examples of similar productions at other churches are offered in the article.

No surprise, the holiday does cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

I wonder if the same big budgets are used to address the needs of the poor in their cities. Now, that would be a big deal.

This Town, That World

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

GREETINGS

All was not joy, that night which we think of as the first Christmas. The angelic chorus was heard only by a trusting few. Elsewhere, men were snarling and grabbing, and human beings generally were playing the animal.

Now, almost 2,000 years later, the same conditions prevail. And, even as then, true joy depends upon what the ear is attuned to, to what the eye seeks to find.

"For each of those who read—stranger, passing acquaintance, close friend or loved one—we wish at this Christmas season the joy born of that first Christmas.

This Santa Claus who was visiting Sunday Schools hereabouts last Sunday enjoyed his job so much, he should have had to pay to get it. But, come to think of it, it's a right hazardous occupation, with all these fathers glowering and threatening to shoot the guy who is costing them so much.

WHEN SANTA'S CONSCIENCE HURT

Santa had doffed his red suit, his boots and whiskers, stabled, his reindeer, stashed away all his gear, and had returned to his own home, his usual mode of dress, and to the guise of an ordinary human being.

The old boy had been busy, it was apparent. The living room

floor was strewn with Junior's toys, and other members of the family hadn't even yet removed all their gifts from sofa and chair and ottoman, wherever there was a resting place. The place looked like Macey's.

Mrs. Claus entered the room, to find her husband staring at the whole array of gifts, a faraway look in his eyes. "It's a nice Christmas, isn't it, dear?" she murmured. But the Ho, Ho Guy said never a word.

He had seen it, too. The same scene that so many had viewed on their television screens, only a few evenings earlier.

He had seen weary women and defeated men, the people most never see, and whom many do not want to see. Jobless men, men untrained for jobs in Space Age America; women and men who did not need to deny their children anything—for life had taken care of that unpleasant chore for them.

Only a few miles away, these people were, and he had not reached them. Santa was a stranger to those bare homes. He had seen mothers and fathers more miserable at the joyous Christmas season than at any other, because these knew the patron saint of childhood would pass their children to reach others. And because they knew they could do nothing about it.

He had seen the ragged sneaker on a tot's foot. He had heard the mother read the story of the Christ-child's birth and of

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Family Medicine

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



It's holiday time again and the closer Christmas gets, the sadder I feel. This seems to happen almost every year. I do a pretty good job of hiding my feelings from my family, but is there anything I can do to keep this from happening?

Many people experience sadness during the winter holidays. This can start as early as Thanksgiving and continue through Christmas and New Years. These "Holiday Blues" can be due to a num-

ber of factors. This is a very busy time of the year, with holiday preparations on top of already busy schedules. It can be an expensive time of the year, and many people are sad

because they "wish they had more" to share with others. Family expectations to travel and be together for the holidays adds stress as well.

Depression is just one of the many responses to the increased stress of the holiday season. Some people overeat. Some drink in excess. Some become "ill" with headaches. While still others are so "keyed up" that they

have trouble falling asleep.

The way we deal with the pressure and the hustle and bustle of the holiday season varies greatly from person to person. Keeping that in mind, here are a few common sense strategies for coping with the Holiday Blues:

■ **Pace yourself.** One person can only do so much. Decide what is best for you and your family and don't overextend yourself.

■ **Be Realistic.** You only have so much money and so much time. Set reasonable expectations for gift giving and partying.

■ **Allow yourself some time to "be sad" and to reflect on the past.** The holidays are time when we miss loved ones who are no longer here on earth or who are in far away places. Think about these loved ones, carry them in your heart, and enjoy your time with the people who are actually in your

presence.

■ **Volunteer your time.** Help collect or deliver gifts for needy families. Or offer to work in a soup kitchen and help serve the holiday meal.

■ **Spend time with positive people.** Seek out your friends who are upbeat and have the ability to make you laugh. This may give you the opportunity to contact old friends and catch up with what's happening in their lives.

■ **Take care of yourself.** Remember to do some things just for you. Go look at the holiday lights in a favorite neighborhood. Engage in your favorite hobby. Give yourself time to relax and enjoy the holidays.

Keep in mind that not everyone who feels sad in the winter has the Holiday Blues. Some people become depressed because of the decrease in

sunlight hours. If your sad feeling persists into Valentine's Day, you should contact your family doctor about possibly having a condition called "Seasonal Affective Disorder," or SAD. Fortunately, there are very good treatments for this and other more serious forms of depression.

Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnosis and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

Tips for effective parenting

Theresa M. Scott

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT FOR FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Sources: Gary Hansen and Sam Quick

Remember your parents saying "When you have children, or when you're a parent, you'll understand?"

Being a parent certainly isn't easy, especially when children are between 10 and 14 years old. Their bodies are rapidly changing; they have mood swings, growing independence and challenge authority.

There's no magic formula to become an effective parent. However, parents can do some things to build a positive parent-child relationship.

Remember children change during pre-teenage and teenage

development. It's normal for them to become more independent and want to spend more time with friends and by themselves.

Acknowledge your children's feelings when they come to you with a problem or express strong thoughts. Don't ignore these situations, because they're reaching out to you for help.

Allow plenty of one-on-one time. This is a special event for parents and children. It gives them a sense of belonging and is an opportunity to create a lifetime of memories. You might want to use time in the car, practicing basketball or shopping, to talk, because children may be more open when traveling than at home.

Children between the ages of 10 and 14 often feel inse-

cure. To help them develop self-esteem, bestow abundant love to give them a sense of security and support.

Discipline constructively by giving clear direction and enforcing limits on their behavior. Emphasize the positive by saying "do this," rather than the negative of "don't do that."

Don't compare children with others. Instead focus on built-in strengths and uniqueness to help them develop their own special talents.

Try to understand your children's point of view. Don't force your opinions on your children.

Providing children with choices gives them a sense of control. Give them options rather than dictating a particular activity.

Take pride in the individual differences among your children. Give children the freedom to be themselves. They will be more comfortable and less anxious.

The pressure of being a parent can build up from time to time. Before you react, take several moments to cool down. You can take several deep breaths; close your eyes and imagine hearing what you were about to say to a child; phone a friend, or find someone to watch the children so you can go outside and take a walk. This will help your children learn constructive ways to respond to frustration.

For more information on parenting, contact Theresa Scott at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service by phone at 886-2668 or by e-mail at tmscott@uky.edu.

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Spreading Christmas cheer

Brownie Troop #486 and Junior Girl Scout Troop #487 have spent a portion of their holiday break caroling in the Betsy Layne area. The scouts had a wonderful time spreading Christmas cheer throughout their neighborhoods.

School

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 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.

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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.

■ **Wednesday:** McDowell Elem. - 8-11:30 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 358-3400.

■ **Thursday:** 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 12 p.m. - 285-5111; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

*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.

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the gifts the Magi bore to Him, had seen the child's eyes widen in wonder. This Santa had heard the man tell why his children were not in school, why the pupils were not exchanging gifts this year—too many had no gifts to exchange.

Then he had squirmed as he watched a little tow-head turn through a mail-order catalogue and play a game so many children have played over the years. Had seen a finger point, had heard the soft, lispings voice, "I take at ...I git 'at." He had writhed in misery, because he knew it could be for that child no more than a game, and perhaps, would never be more.

Santa had put up a stiff argument, seeking to ease the pain. The camera may not lie, but it hasn't told the whole truth, he reasoned. Why didn't they show those nice homes, and men at

work, and happy children? Why show only the bleak, the sordid? Why not record the truth that some of these people have no ambition, and will not work?

But the argument failed. No amount of argument could erase the dismaying truth that alongside wealth was such poverty; that neighbor to hope and happiness, were hopelessness and the dolour that even a Christmas carol cannot dispel.

It was these stark facts that Santa faced as he looked upon the reminders of his own good fortune, the evidences of his family's merry Christmas.

"A jolly, old elf—full of himself," he murmured. And he recalled words he had often read but had not pondered enough:

"In as much as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

Anniversary



Anniversary celebration held at Cumberland resort

A large group of family and friends gathered together recently to celebrate the upcoming 66th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Troy and Stella Branham Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Hall will celebrate their wedding anniversary on December 23, 2003. This photo of the happy couple (shown center of photo) surrounded by their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and several friends was taken at the Cumberland State Resort Park in Jamestown.

Floyd County Devotional Page

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lonie Vannucci, Minister.
New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Stoeck, Minister.

BAPTIST


Allen First Baptist, Allen: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
Auxiliary Baptist, Auxier: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Com Fork: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Randy Turner, Minister.
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Ept. on Rt. 1428: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Buddy Jones, Minister.
First Baptist, Garrett: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
First Baptist, Martin: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.
First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial): Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, Minister.
Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2656 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Brancham's Creek Rd.): Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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SACKCLOTH AND ASHES

WHENEVER SACKCLOTH AND ASHES ARE MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE THE EVENT HAS TO DO WITH GREAT MOURNING AND REPENTANCE. THE FIRST MENTION IS IN GENESIS, CHAPTER 37, AN ACCOUNT OF JACOB'S GRIEF WHEN HE IS TOLD HIS SON JOSEPH HAS BEEN KILLED BY AN EVIL BEAST. THE ACTUAL GARMENT WAS A COARSE CLOTH MADE OF CAMEL'S OR GOAT'S HAIR. IT WAS VERY ROUGH MATERIAL AND THEREFORE UNCOMFORTABLE TO WEAR. ONLY THE POOR WORE IT, HABITUALLY, AS AN EVERYDAY GARMENT, OR ROUGH HERDSMEN, OR RAGGED PROPHETS FROM THE WILDERNESS. IT PROBABLY BECAME A SYMBOL FOR SORROW AND MOURNING BECAUSE THESE ANCIENT PEOPLE MANIFESTED THEIR GRIEF BY BRINGING DISCOMFORT TO THEIR FLESH. TO LIGHTEN THEIR ABSOLUTE DESPAIR THEY ALSO SPRINKLED ASHES UPON THEIR HEADS. WE ARE TOLD IN THE BOOK OF JONAH THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE GREAT CITY OF NINEVEH, FROM THE KING ON DOWN TO THE LEAST OF BEGGARS, DONNED SACKCLOTH AND POURED ASHES OVER THEIR REPENTANT HEADS.



SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

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Jacks Creek Baptist, Baynsville: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barrett, Minister.
Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.
Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.
Lancer Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter
Liberty Baptist, Denver: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.
Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon: Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.
Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.
Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.
Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.
McDowell First Baptist, McDowell: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Harry Hargis, Minister.
Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.
Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-3385
Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.
Prater Creek Baptist, Banner: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor.
Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, J 102: Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, President; 874-9468/478-2978.
Rock Fork Freewill Baptist, Garrett: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.
Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.
Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville: Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.
Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.
Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers): Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.
Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist, Cliff Road, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.
Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist, Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.
United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville: Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.
Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrar, Minister.
Mother's Home Church, Toler Creek, Harold: 9:30 the 2nd Saturday and Sunday of every month. Moderator, Kamit Newsome.

CATHOLIC
St. Martha, Water Gap, Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Darnon, pastor.

CHRISTIAN
First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.
Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett: Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.
Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.
Church of Christ, South Lake Drive: Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.
Harold Church of Christ, Harold: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.
Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Hueysville Church of Christ: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.
Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.
Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
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CHURCH OF GOD
Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.
Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin: Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.
First Church of God: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
Garrett Church of God, Garrett: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.
Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.
Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.
The Church of God of Prophecy, Hi Hat: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Fraley, Jr., Minister.

EPISCOPAL
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LUTHERAN
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Auxier United Methodist, Auxier: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Doug Lawson, Minister.
Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.
Christ United Methodist, Allen: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.
Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.): Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pesocoldo, Minister.
Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.
Emma United Methodist, Emma: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Paul Aiken, Minister.
First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue: 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.
Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.
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Drift Pentecostal, Drift: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksburg: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John 'Jay' Patton, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton: Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton: Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Senien, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.
Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David: Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.
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PRESBYTERIAN
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First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.

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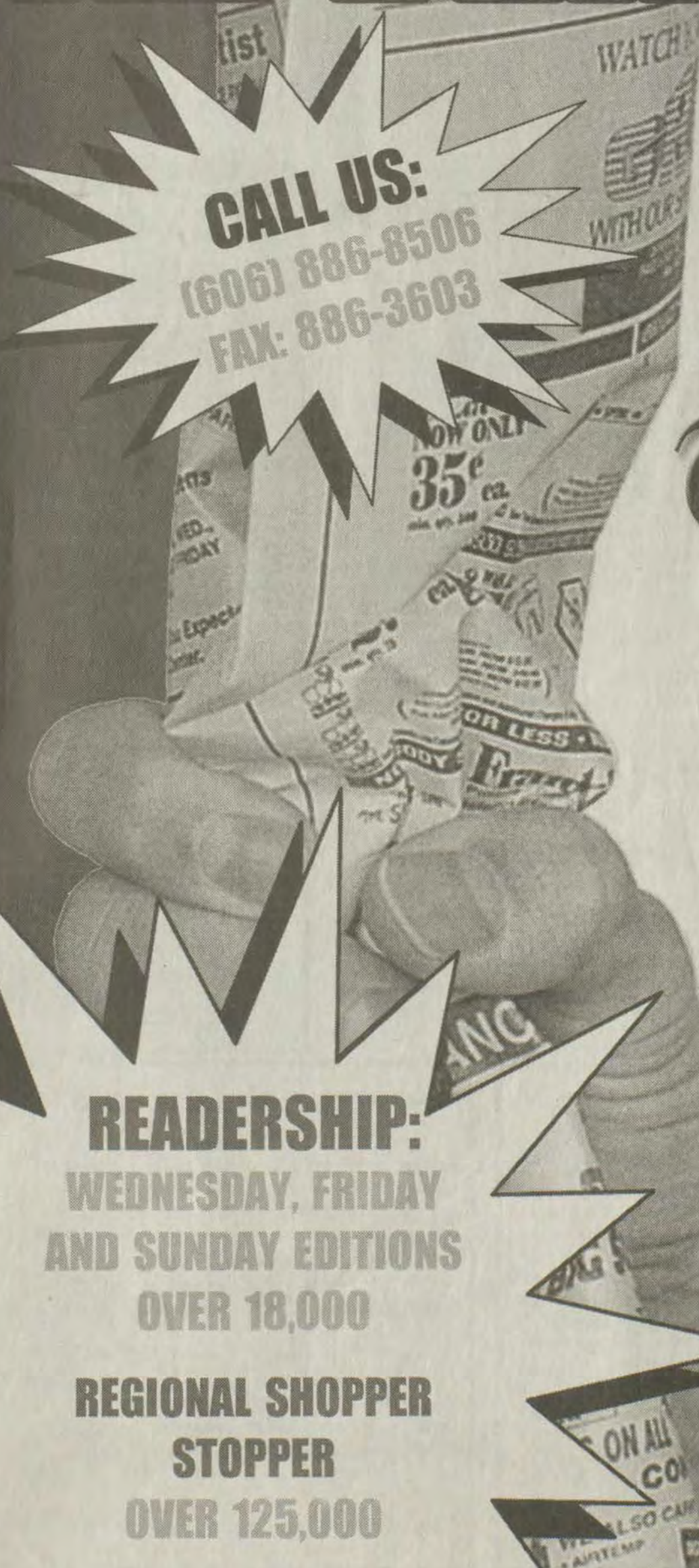
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