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## District Battle

— Section B

### briefs

## Call from school nets charges

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man was arrested on the same day that he was released from jail after making an ill-advised phone call.

Michael Gastiger, 52, had been in jail on charges of alcohol intoxication when he was served with an emergency protective order forbidding contact of any kind with his wife.

After being released, Gastiger walked to Prestonsburg Elementary School to use the telephone and call his wife. He was arrested at the school approximately 20 minutes later by Prestonsburg Police Officer George Tussey.

Gastiger was also charged with use or possession of drug paraphernalia when he was arrested. Officer Tussey did not elaborate on the items that were found on Gastiger.

"I confiscated various items that he said he used to smoke tobacco in," Tussey said.

Gastiger received a \$100 fine and two days in jail with 90 days probated. He is to have no contact with his wife.

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# Illegal alien pleads guilty to sex abuse

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Four days before he was scheduled to go to trial to answer to a charge of first-degree child sex abuse, a Honduras man, who is now faced with a recommended three-year prison

sentence from the commonwealth, pleaded guilty yesterday.

Mario Altamirano, 50, of Honduras, admitted to sexually abusing a Floyd County girl on Aug. 6, 2000, while accompanying his girlfriend to visit her family here.

Altamirano's girlfriend, who was at

time was living with Altamirano in Indianapolis, Ind., is the victim's aunt.

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, a strange development came in the case during preparations for trial.

"In the course of investigating and preparing the case for trial, our office

found that the Social Security number that he was using was false," Taylor said. "We checked with the Social Security Administration and discovered that the number belonged to an 8-year-old girl in San Francisco."

(See ABUSE, page three)

## BECOMING A FAMILY



Local businessman Huey Darby and his wife, Earleen, raise their hands for questioning during Family Court proceedings on Wednesday. The couple were granted their third, fourth and fifth adoption before Judge Julie Paxton, who thanked the couple for letting her be part of the occasion. "Once this is done, these children are yours, just as if they were born of your bodies," Paxton told the Cow Creek couple. The three siblings, who are originally from Georgia, have lived with the Darbys since December.

photo by Sheldon Compton

# Darby family grows by three after adoption

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — When a couple decides to adopt, it can be a wonderful occasion for both the parents and the child. When a couple adopts five children to accompany the one biological son they already have, it sets an example.

Floyd County businessman Huey

Darby and his wife Earleen, who are already the biological parents of one mentally handicapped son in his late 20s and the adopted parents of two teenagers, expanded their family Wednesday morning, adopting a group of three out-of-state siblings.

The couple agreed to waive confidentiality in the adoption case, according to Huey Darby, in order to promote adoption and to "welcome"

their new children.

The Darbys arrived at the Floyd County Justice Center Wednesday morning with all six children in tow to appear before Family Court Judge Julie Paxton. After some formal greetings, the Cow Creek couple officially adopted 15-year-old Joshua Jesus Darby, his brother, 14-

(See ADOPTION, page three)

# Conflicting accounts given during hearing

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Witnesses in a case of a man accused of pulling a gun gave contradicting testimonies during a preliminary hearing on Wednesday, where it was disclosed that the accuser had once been charged with intimidating the accused.

Appearing in Floyd District Court on Jan. 8, Danny McCown testified that Jerry Maynor pulled up beside him at Melvin and attempted to engage him in a fight, but when Maynor saw that his son, Shane McCown, was with him when they got out of the truck, he pulled a gun and "snapped" it. He testified that if the gun had "went off" he felt that he would have been shot.

Edward Osborne also testified for the commonwealth, saying that he had pulled up on a four-wheeler and saw both McCowns get out of the truck and that he saw Maynor pull a gun, but he did not know what type.

Testifying for the defense, Jimmy Little said he was having car trouble at the South East Park when Maynor pulled over to help him. He said that Maynor informed him that he would go call some-

(See HEARING, page three)

# East Ky. residents to meet with leaders to discuss education

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

HAZARD — Education in Eastern Kentucky will be the focal point of the Appalachian Education Forum which will be held Monday in Hazard.

The event is designed to provide local legislators with information and an accurate picture of the public education system in Eastern Kentucky.

Jeff Hawkins, member of the Kentucky Valley

(See FORUM, page three)

# Shoplifting case sent to grand jury

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The case of a man accused of running from store security at Wal-Mart while carrying his 3-year-old daughter was referred to a grand jury on Wednesday in Floyd District Court, where bond was increased pursuant to bail jumping charges in Pulaski County.

A preliminary hearing was held on Jan. 8 in Judge James R. Allen's courtroom for James R. Henderson, of

Prestonsburg, who was arrested on several charges stemming from a Dec. 23 incident in which Henderson is accused of attempting to lift a \$900 computer from Wal-Mart.

Officer Steve Little, Prestonsburg City Police, was present to testify for the commonwealth, stating that he was at the entrance of Archer Park when he received a message from dispatch informing him that a shoplifter had reportedly run

(See CASE, page three)



A blazing forest fire on Abbott Mountain in Prestonsburg threatened several homes Thursday night. Numerous fire trucks were on the scene as firefighters and police battled the blaze. Acting Prestonsburg Fire Chief Larry Adams predicted that the crew would be in for a long night.

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# Odds and Ends

■ **HOWELL, Mich.** — A judge is cracking down on people who write vulgarities on checks they use to pay traffic fines.

Judge John Pikkarainen sentenced one man to two days of community service for writing a vulgar insult on the memo line of a check. He charged someone else with contempt for similar prose. A hearing is set in that case for Jan. 14.

The chief judge of the 53rd District Court said the clerks who handle traffic fine payments shouldn't have to deal with obscene language.

"The issue as I see it is if someone came into the court and used that language in front of me it would be contemptuous," Pikkarainen told the Livingston County Daily Press

& Argus for a story Wednesday.

Geoff Mann, 30, of Howell, spent his two community service days picking up trash at park-and-ride parking lots and volunteering at the Howell Humane Society.

The technical writer had sent Pikkarainen and the court a one-and-a-half-page apology letter, which he says was sincere. But he also says Pikkarainen abused his authority.

"I must say I would hesitate to write something so blunt on the check again, but I would definitely write something and choose my words carefully," Mann said.

He said his apology should have been enough to get the charge dismissed, and he thought the community service

sentence was excessive.

"If what he was doing was trying to instill a little bit more respect for the court then he failed," Mann said.

■ **MONSE, Wash.** — For sale: Tiny mountain town with Okanogan River views. Asking price: \$575,000.

For the last six months, this 60-acre town with only seven residences and no business or industry to speak of has been on the market.

"Right now, it's nearly a ghost town," said Jay Roberson, an agent with Laura Moulder Real Estate, which has the listing.

Monse (pronounced mahnz) sits on a placid stretch of the Okanogan River in north-central Washington. Selling points:

Fiber optics, water rights, railroad access, a public boat launch, a bridge and bass fishing.

In late December, the northern California town of Bridgeville — 80 acres, 13 homes and a cemetery — sold for almost \$1.8 million on the online auction site, eBay.

■ **FRANKLIN, Tenn.** — A Christmas Eve collection envelope at Christ United Methodist Church contained an engagement ring and a wedding band.

"My hope and my prayer is that somebody, by doing this, found some peace in their life," the Rev. Tom Gildemeister said.

Church leaders said they have no idea who left the unmarked envelope or why. About 550 people attended

services that night, about half of them visitors. Gildemeister said the church, founded in 1997, has a relatively large number of divorced members.

Perhaps the gift showed gratitude to God for giving someone strength to persevere through hard times, said Hanes Sparkman, a church member and jeweler who is appraising the rings. He described the rings as "an awful generous gift" but declined to estimate their value.

"Maybe they didn't have the cash to put in and this was their way of telling God thanks for all that he's done in their life," Sparkman said.

■ **MATHIAS TOWNSHIP, Mich.** — Voters elected Geri Timonen as their clerk, but she won't serve because of a swearing-in error and subsequent snub.

Incumbent Timonen defeated Amy Richmond in the general election, but Mathias Township board members on Tuesday appointed Richmond anyway.

A vacancy was created when Timonen was sworn in Jan. 3, after the Jan. 1 deadline set by state law. The township board needed to appoint a clerk, but was under no legal obligation to appoint Timonen. The Mining Journal of Marquette reported.

"We appointed the runner-up," township Supervisor Everett Dalgord said. "There was only three of us at the meeting, and all three of us voted for Amy Richmond."

Dalgord said board members were unhappy with Timonen's job performance since she was appointed in March 2001. "It just wasn't working out," Dalgord said.

Timonen said she made some mistakes, like not paying a couple of bills on time. But she says the errors were minor.

"I'm new. I'm human," she said, adding that she was unaware of the Jan. 1 swearing-in rule.

■ **MICH.** — Believe Cathy Uhl, not the computer, when she insists she's alive.

A computer error at Saint Mary's Mercy Medical Center mistakenly identified her and thousands of other patients as deceased.

"We've had problems with insurance before. But when I got this letter, I said, 'Brad (her husband), you're not going to believe this. According to this, I'm dead,'" said Uhl, an administrative supervisor at The Grand Rapids Press.

Uhl is one of 8,500 people who got the Jan. 2 letter, which notified patients that bills issued between mid-October and Dec. 11 had been coded incorrectly to indicate that the person was dead.

The glitch happened during a routine update of Saint Mary's computer files in October, Jennifer Cammenga, a spokeswoman for Saint Mary's, told The Grand Rapids Press.

One digit was dropped from a computer code to indicate the patients were "deceased," rather than "discharged to home."

Cammenga, who also received a letter, said the problem is being corrected and the hospital is contacting affected patients and their insurance providers.

The mistake was discovered by a Saint Mary's employee who was helping a patient with a billing problem. She noticed that the bill said the patient died, but the patient was standing in front of her, said Saint Mary's chief financial officer, Steve Pirog.

"Once we identified the problem, getting it fixed took only a few days," Pirog said.

■ **AMHERST, Mass.** — Who says there's nothing better to do on a bus ride than doze off or stare out the window?

Amherst-area commuters now have brain teasers to keep them awake and focused when they're riding buses operated

■ **GRAND RAPIDS,** (See **ODDS,** page six)

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



## Reader's Choice

### BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY

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

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

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

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

### BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

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

### BEST BUSINESS

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

### BEST FOOD

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

### BEST PEOPLE

- Accountant
- Attorney
- Bank Teller
- Employed at

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

## Today in History

- The Associated Press**  
Today is Friday, January 10, the tenth day of 2003. There are 355 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 10, 1776, Thomas Paine published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense."
- On this date:**  
■ In 1861, Florida seceded from the Union.  
■ In 1863, London's Metropolitan, the world's first underground passenger railway, opened to the public.  
■ In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.  
■ In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect.  
■ In 1928, the Soviet Union ordered the exile of Leon Trotsky.  
■ In 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London.  
■ In 1957, Harold Macmillan became prime minister of Britain, following the resignation of Anthony Eden.  
■ In 1967, Massachusetts Republican Edward W. Brooke, the first black elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote, took his seat.  
■ In 1978, the Soviet Union launched two cosmonauts aboard a Soyuz capsule for a rendezvous with the Salyut 6 space laboratory.  
■ In 1980, former AFL-CIO president George Meany died in Washington, D.C., at age 85.
- Ten years ago:**  
A 62-year-old man at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center underwent the world's second baboon liver transplant; however, the man died less than a month later without regaining full consciousness.
- Five years ago:**  
In his weekly radio address, President Clinton denounced Chicago physicist Richard Seed's expressed desire to clone humans, calling it "morally unacceptable." Michelle Kwan won the ladies' U.S. Figure Skating Championship in Philadelphia; Tara Lipinski came in second and Nicole Bobek, third.
- One year ago:**  
Marines began flying hundreds of al-Qaida prisoners in Afghanistan to a U.S. base on Cuba. The White House revealed that Enron Corp. had sought the administration's help shortly before collapsing with the life savings of many workers. Todd Eldredge won his sixth U.S. Figure Skating Championship title.
- Today's Birthdays:**  
Jazz musician Max Roach is 79. Singer Gisele MacKenzie is 76. Opera singer Sherrill Milnes is 68. Blues artist Eddy Clearwater is 68. Rock singer-musician Ronnie Hawkins is 68. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie McCovey is 65. Singer Scott McKenzie is 64. Movie director Walter Hill is 61. Singer Frank Sinatra Jr. is 59. Singer Rod Stewart is 58. Rock singer-musician Donald Fagen (Steely Dan) is 55. Boxer George Foreman is 54. Singer Pat Benatar is 50. Rock musician Michel Schenker (The Scorpions) is 48. Singer Shawn Colvin is 45. Rock singer-musician Curt Kirkwood (Meat Puppets) is 44. Actor Evan Handler is 42. Rock singer Brad Roberts (Crash Test Dummies) is 39. Actress Trini Alvarado is 36. Rock musician Matt Roberts (3 Doors Down) is 25. Rapper Chris Smith (Kris Kross) is 24.

### Thought for Today:

"They say that God is everywhere, and yet we always think of Him as somewhat of a recluse."  
— Emily Dickinson, American poet (1830-1886).



**Adoption**

year-old Keenan Santo Darby and their sister, 12-year-old Ashley Marie Darby, all originally from the state of Georgia.

The three siblings had been living with the Darbys since December.

The out-of-state adoption process itself was harrowing, according to Huey Darby, who said had it not been for the "dogged assistance" of state Rep. Greg Stumbo, they might not have gotten the children at all.

"We have a lot of people to thank," Darby said after the proceedings Wednesday. "Greg helped us a lot and used his influence in Frankfort to make this possible."

The Darbys said that interstate compacts threatened to make the adoption difficult, but was made possible, in part, through Stumbo's efforts.

The Darbys had originally intended on adopting another child from the Friday Home, a Southern Baptist group home in Cobb County, Ga., they had located on the Internet, but when they called about the boy, was told adoption might have to wait.

"They told us the boy had too many problems," Darby said, "But we had already changed our minds and told them we wanted to adopt a sibling group, anyway."

Darby said the Friday Home told the hopeful couple they had a perfect set of siblings looking for a good home, and, in compliance with the adoption process, the Darbys sent their home study to the group home for review.

The three children sat quietly during court proceedings Wednesday and answered questions briefly, glancing occasion-

ally at Darby and his wife, who proudly explained that, although the children have had a rough life, their priorities are in the right place.

"They despise drugs and alcohol, and don't use tobacco products of any kind," Darby said. "They sing in our church choir and make good grades in school."

Their accomplishments are doubly significant, considering the obstacles forced upon them in the past.

A straightforward account of the trio's difficult past was the primary theme of Keenan Darby's recent essay contribution for the Robinson Scholars Program.

In that essay, 14-year old Keenan quickly reveals his blunt approach when reflecting on his troublesome life experiences.

"I have a difficult and neglect-

ed life," Keenan wrote. "I have spent most of my life in foster homes. My father is in the penitentiary for selling drugs since I was 6 years old. My mother was on drugs and I was taken from them when I was 4 years of age."

Keenan continues in the essay to explain that he and his brother and sister were moved from foster home to foster home, always dreaming of something better.

"After moving from five different foster homes and group homes, I dreamed someday of a better life," the 14-year old continued. "I am now with my brother and sister living with wonderful people."

Keenan and Ashley Marie have been and will continue to attend Allen Elementary — Keenan as an eighth-grader and Ashley Marie as a seventh-grader. Their brother, Joshua, is a sophomore at Prestonsburg High School.

According to the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse, there were roughly 120,000 adoptions in the United States each year during the 1990s, with about 1 million children in the U.S. currently living with adoptive parents. In Kentucky, 217 children were adopted in 1998, the most recent year for which figures were available. Between 2 and 4 percent of American families include adopted children.

Wednesday's adoption gives the Darbys a total of six children, including their biological son, 27-year-old Kenneth Aaron Darby, and two other teenagers, Daniel Kendrick Darby, 18, and Tonya Marie Darby, 15. Both Daniel Kendrick and Tonya Marie were adopted as infants, the Darbys said.

"I worked 30 hours a week for at least three months and covered about 10 or 12 states," Darby said, speaking of his search for another opportunity to adopt. "The Lord told us that these are our kids. I firmly believe that every child should have somebody they can call Mommy and Daddy."

**Hearing**

one to get his car home and, as he was leaving, the McCowns passed and Shane McCown looked back through a partially open window. He testified that he thought the look was directed toward his stalled vehicle, which was partially in the road.

Little testified that as Maynor was turning, Danny McCown pulled beside of him and told him to get out, that they were going to fight and that he heard Maynor tell McCown to wait and he would be back. He said that Maynor then took off toward Melvin.

Little said that McCown then came over to help him and asked

if he saw Maynor pull a gun, to which he replied that he did not. Little alleged that McCown asked him the same question a second time after he helped him move the vehicle off the road.

Maynor's attorney, Gerald Derossett, asked McCown if he had been charged with intimidating Maynor, who was a witness against Shane McCown in a criminal case. McCown stated that he was charged with intimidating a witness, but that Shane McCown had pleaded guilty to the charges against him.

The case was referred to a grand jury and Maynor remained on the same bond.



The Darby family gathered minutes after adding three new members at adoption proceedings during Family Court on Wednesday. Along with their son Kenneth Aaron Darby, 27, Huey and Earlean Darby now have five adopted children — Daniel Kendrick, 18, Tonya Marie, 15, Joshua Jesus, 15, Keenan Santo, 14 and Ashley Marie, 12.

**Abuse**

Taylor said Altamirano, who will face a deportation hearing upon his release, probably just fabricated the Social Security number with no idea of to whom it might have belonged.

Taylor said his office immediately contacted the Department of Immigration and Nationalization and scheduled a meeting with one of their Lexington agents, who visited Prestonsburg and interviewed Altamirano to discover that he was, in fact, an illegal alien.

Altamirano has already served nine months in connection with the Aug. 6 incident and, pending sentencing on Feb. 28, will serve an additional two years if the commonwealth's recommendation is accepted.

Lexington's INS agent placed an immigration detainer on Altamirano Wednesday, according to Taylor, and following completion of his prison sentence, he will be released to INS' custody and then transported to Louisiana to attend a deportation hearing.

**Case**

Little testified that upon reaching Reno's he saw a man, fitting the description given by the loss prevention officer at Wal-Mart, run in the back door when he flashed his lights. He said that he followed the suspect into Reno's and found him at the bar with what appeared to be a 3-year-old, who Henderson claimed was his daughter.

Little stated that Henderson allegedly said that he was looking for his wife. After detecting a smell of alcohol and the agitation when confronted, Little asked Henderson to step outside, where he asked him about what went on at Wal-Mart.

Little testified that Henderson told him that management had instructed him to take the computer to the garden center to pay, which aroused suspicion due to the fact that the garden center is usually closed at this time of year.

Little told the court that he later watched the surveillance video in which he observed Henderson pushing a cart with his daughter in the cart and the

computer lying on the cart to the garden center. He said that Henderson allegedly pushed the cart out the door and down the ramp and, when the alarm went off, he allegedly grabbed his daughter, left the cart and ran. A security guard could not follow him off the Wal-Mart parking lot.

As previously reported, Henderson was not allowed on Wal-Mart property pursuant to signing a waiver after being caught shoplifting at one of the stores before. He was charged with theft, third-degree criminal trespassing, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, endangering the welfare of a minor and third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor, the latter of which Little testified "didn't fit" after he consulted the blue book.

Bail was increased to \$10,000 cash after Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum pointed out that Henderson was wanted for bail jumping in Pulaski County. Judge Allen ordered that Henderson be held for that warrant.

**Forum**

Educational Cooperative, hopes that the event will help legislators make the best decisions for the education system.

"We want them to see our gains and our strengths," Hawkins said. "They need to know that cuts to the educational program will not allow our momentum to continue."

State Rep. Greg Stumbo, Sen. Johnny Ray Turner and Sen.

Daniel Mongiardo along with many others are scheduled to attend the forum.

"We're not going to put them on the spot," Hawkins said. "We just want them to be able to put a face on the information about our education system."

The forum is scheduled to begin with refreshments at 5:30 p.m., with the discussion beginning at 6 and ending at 8.

**Magoffin woman sues for hospital infection**

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Magoffin County woman has filed a lawsuit against Highlands Regional Medical Center and unknown nurses employed by the hospital.

According to the lawsuit, Lyda Sparks went to the emergency room at Highlands with complications from acute gastritis and dehydration. Sparks alleges that an unknown nurse working in the emergency room negligently placed an intravenous needle in her hand. The IV allegedly caused swelling and infection in Sparks' hand

and arm.

According to the suit, the infection was not discovered until after Sparks had been in the hospital several hours. The suit claims that as a result of the negligence of the nurse who inserted the IV into her hand, Sparks claims that she has suffered temporary and permanent damage to her hand.

Sparks is asking for damages in excess of the minimum limits of the court, a trial by jury, an attorney to be appointed to notify the unknown nurses who provided the alleged negligent care, all of the costs incurred by the suit and all other relief to which the court deems her entitled.

**Woman claims credit union took inheritance**

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A former Floyd County woman has filed suit against the Navy Federal Credit Union, alleging that the company did not preserve the integrity of bank accounts belonging to her as executrix of her father's estate.

Tiffanie Martin, executrix of the estate of William H. Martin in Prestonsburg, filed suit against the company, alleging that they allowed unauthorized withdrawals of funds from the account.

According to the lawsuit, the credit union allowed withdrawals

of \$81,150.11, \$44,884.49 and \$103,514.79. According to the suit, the credit union refused to remit the funds to Tiffanie Martin as required by law.

The accounts were owned solely by William H. Martin at the time of his death. Tiffanie Martin is listed as the sole heir and is designated as the only beneficiary of the accounts of William Martin.

Martin, who now lives in Laurel County, is asking for judgment in the amount of \$229,549.39, plus accrued dividends, punitive damages, attorney fees, a trial by jury and all other relief to which she is entitled.

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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—Demetrius

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Guest View

## Editorial roundup

*The Cincinnati Post, on North Korea:*

North Korea already has two nuclear weapons, says Secretary of State Colin Powell.

That and its long-standing ties with the colossus that is China are worth consideration by anyone trying to evaluate the Bush administration's response to North Korea's announced plans to restart a reactor capable of producing fuel for nuclear warheads.

The recent developments in North Korea do present a delicious irony when placed in contrast with Iraq. The former is a known threat, the latter a supposed or presumed one.

But that makes the decisions no less difficult.

Any calculation involving military action must be based on likely consequences and costs. If the United States struck North Korea, the nation's leaders might well retaliate against South Korea and Japan, perhaps even employing the nuclear weapons it possesses. And we apparently do not know what China would do. That's all the more reason for the Bush administration to attempt to enlist Beijing as an ally in the effort to defuse the threat that North Korea presents.

*The Philadelphia Daily News, on human cloning:*

Eve, the clone made by a religious cult that believes space aliens cloned themselves to create life on earth, is certainly a hoax.

That hasn't stopped politicians allied with the religious right, and others afraid to stand up to them, from using the furor to push a ban on all human cloning. They will try to use the prospect of "baby farms" and armies of cloned humans to stampede Congress into action.

But the campaign for a total ban on cloning, supported by the Bush administration and championed by the new Senate majority leader, Doctor Bill Frist, erroneously equates two different types of cloning. It's hard to imagine that the "misconception" is wholly unintentional.

So once again, for the record, reproductive cloning and therapeutic cloning may both start out the same way, but end up in two very separate places.

A cloned cell starts out with a human egg from which all the genetic material has been removed and replaced with cells taken from the human to be cloned. If the procedure works, the cells start to divide. In reproductive cloning, this egg is inserted in a woman's womb and becomes a baby.

There are all kinds of reasons why this procedure is unethical and ought to be banned, at least for now. A major one is the possibility - likelihood - of problems developing in such a fetus or in the baby that is produced, as happened with Dolly the sheep, the first cloned animal. The "Brave New World" possibilities - the "baby farms" and automaton armies used to hype the issue, we're less concerned about since they're so unlikely.

But therapeutic cloning is different, and worth exploring: It could be used to aid in the treatment of degenerative diseases like Parkinson's and diabetes.

In therapeutic cloning, the altered egg is allowed to divide into only a few cells, which then are used as stem cells.

These cells have the potential to be coaxed into generating replacement cells for those destroyed by disease. Cloned cells would have the exact same DNA as the patient and so would be less likely to be rejected. ...

So even though the buzz is all about Eve, Congress should resist this latest attempt to exploit bad science in the service of ideology.



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In the moment

## Internal motivation

Often times it is easy to get sidetracked by the opinions and actions of others, allowing them to affect the way we view ourselves and our abilities. There was a period in my life when I allowed someone else's wishes to guide me, which was not sufficient to lead me to a place that was suitable for me. I placed too much emphasis on what others thought about my person and my abilities, as well as what they did with my expressions of myself.

The journey that took me from being motivated by others to relying on my own intuition and wishes has been a difficult one and I am certainly not exempt from falling into that realm again. I can easily get distracted with the business of life and revert to paying more attention to what others are telling me about

myself as opposed to relying on my own perception and cultivating that in a positive manner. When I discover that I have once again been listening to someone else to tell me about who I am, my first reaction is to get angry at that person. However, I can't place that responsibility on someone else because they will only do what I allow them to do.

I have learned through difficult life lessons that the motivation for what I do and what I am must come from within myself and the appreciation for those things must also come from me. When things are done this way, it seems that all people in my life benefit in some way, even if they can't see it. I am a much happier and content person and I don't rely on the outside world to validate me. If they do, that is wonderful and I need to express gratitude, however, I need to remember that I am the reason I do what I do.

Samuel Johnson wrote in Rambler

#185 (Dec. 24, 1751), "Nothing can be great which is not right. Nothing which reason condemns can be suitable to the dignity of the human mind. To be driven by external motives from the path which our heart approves, to give way to any thing but conviction, to suffer the opinion of others to rule our choice or overpower our resolves, is to submit tamely to the lowest and most ignominious slavery, and to resign the right of directing our own lives."

If I focus on what someone else wants me to do, worry about what they think of me, or get upset with what others do with my work, then I cannot take responsibility for my own direction and I will fall prey to theirs.

Internal motivation is a gift that I have found to be bestowed when diligently sought. It is evasive and must be monitored at all times, otherwise it will be replaced by some other source, which ultimately results in a depreciation of the deed's value. True positive power comes from within and powerful affirmative action is motivated from within.



LORETTA BLACKBURN

## Letter

### How to waste \$1.5 million

Can you envision a more noble effort than a program which is adequately funded to provide organized activities built around a drug prevention program for all the youth of Floyd County? Can you imagine what dedicated state and county officials could have done with this funding? Can you imagine how many children of all of Floyd County could have benefited from such a program? Can you imagine what a state representative, a county judge, a fiscal court and the honest, dedicated citizens appointed to rubber stamp the decisions of these dedicated public servants could accomplish for our children?

I would like to attempt to explain what the program was intended to do when my wife and I prepared the proposal for presentation to the state legislature. It simply was to provide dedicated employees, trained in drug prevention, with a well-equipped, drug-free facility for all the children of Floyd

County to use with organized activities built around a theme of drug prevention. (May I add that no Floyd County official participated in any fashion in the preparation of this proposal.)

I worked with our former state senator, Benny Ray Bailey, on the importance of passing this proposal. With his help, it was approved because he realized the need for such a program. When he left Frankfort after the session, he was under the impression it would be placed in the budget of Mountain Comprehensive Care, which had some expertise in drug prevention and abuse, and also to ensure continued funding. He stated he was surprised when the final state budget placed the grant in the hands of the Floyd Fiscal Court. No big deal (I thought), no dedicated public servant could misuse monies meant for all our children in a quest to discourage them from using and becoming addicted to drugs. Hah!

How do you semi-legally waste almost one-and-a-half million dollars? In chronologi-

cal order, you:

1. Hand-pick a board of directors who will pay lip-service to the goal of the proposal. Be sure these directors are made to feel self-important because of all the "great" things they are doing. Pay each of them \$200 a month and when they do such a great job developing and operating this program, be sure they also get \$300 each for a Christmas bonus, which they had to pay back. One director was quoted as saying he didn't feel bad about taking this money because he deserved it. Absolutely.
2. A dedicated public servant would next tell their very effective board of directors to immediately hire 11 employees. Subsequently, it was found this wasn't enough people, so a part-time employee was added.
3. Now you have eleven-and-a-half employees with basically nothing to do. What do you do with them since the building is far from being completed? You rent two office spaces to hold them.
4. Now, as a truly dedicated public servant, we have to give

titles to our employees. We could give them authority befitting their titles and salaries, but it might go to their heads and cause them to think this money was meant for the benefit of all our children. Have three executive directors with equal pay and no authority whatsoever.

5. If one of the three executives has influence with our state representative, be sure to let him do anything he wants, regardless of how disruptive he is to the program.
6. Hire an attorney for \$150 an hour to watch their backs.
7. "Create chaos" among the employees by not taking any constructive actions during the approximately two years in which this money was being wasted. (I refuse to call this a program, because it had no relevancy at all to the program proposal.)
8. Take two years to remodel a building and be sure to spend a minimal amount of money on items that all our children could use, and by no means waste the money on

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# At the Movies: 'Just Married'

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— Flying to Europe for their honeymoon, they get stuck in the bathroom while trying to join the mile-high club.

— At an historic French hotel, Tom tries to plug in an appliance

You don't need to go to a theater to see "Just Married," because you've already seen it.

If you own a television, and if you've turned it on within the past month, you couldn't have avoided commercials for the movie, starring Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy as socio-economically mismatched newlyweds who bicker incessantly on their honeymoon.

(The real-life off-screen couple has been everywhere lately, hosting the VHI "Big in 2002 Awards" and MTV's "New Year's Eve Pajama Party" and appearing on every talk show in between.)

So you've had ample opportunity to see the movie's big jokes, all of which are of the slapstick or gross-out variety:

— Blue-collar, wannabe sportscaster Tom Leezak (Kutcher) meets cute with wealthy Wellesley art history major Sarah McNerney (Murphy) when he tags her in the head with a football on the beach.

— On their wedding night, Tom bangs Sarah's head against the threshold while carrying her into the honeymoon suite.

— let's just say it's of the adult variety — and short-circuits the wiring. Later, at a run-down Italian hotel, he and Sarah crash through a wall and onto the bed next door, where another couple is having sex.

Sarah's ex-boyfriend, a generically wealthy pretty boy named Peter (Christian Kane), just happens to be in Europe at the same

time, and wants to win her back. This sets up more obvious misunderstandings and fights, which involve 10-pound ashtrays and fireplace poker.

By the end, they're so frus-

trated, they're purposely pummeling each other. But it's hard to believe that their characters would ever get together in the first place, much less get back together — and it's even harder to care. That's a problem, because that's the whole point of Sam Harper's script, which he based on his own horrific honeymoon.

Similarly, Kutcher has a comfortable goofiness that makes him easy to watch on the sitcom "That '70s Show." And I'll admit it, I even liked him in "Dude, Where's My Car?"

There's even a moment in "Just Married" that has the manic energy of "Dude, Where's My Car?" when Tom tries to ram the front gates of Sarah's family's mansion in his beat-up Dodge with his idiot best friend, Kyle (David Moscow), in the passenger seat.

It's enough to make you long for that movie — that's when you know the honeymoon is really over.

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# 8 artists get 5 Grammy nominations apiece

by NEKESA MUMBI MOODY  
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK — The Recording Academy spread the wealth on Tuesday, awarding a leading five Grammy nominations to eight different artists, including Bruce Springsteen, Eminem, Nelly, Norah Jones and Avril Lavigne.

The quintet dominated the major categories, scoring at least one nomination each in record, song or album of the year categories.

Of all the nominees, perhaps Jones' nominations were the most notable; the pop-jazz chanteuse's "Come Away With Me," wasn't expected to go gold and got little support from radio, yet managed to sell 2.7 million copies.

Now it's nominated for album of the year, and Jones, 23, is up for best new artist, among other nominations.

"Every month has been another high point. It's definitely sort of the capper, the icing on the cake, and it's pretty cool and pretty big. ... It's definitely the cherry on top," a giddy Jones said of her nominations.

After the nominations were announced, it seemed as if Grammy voters had taken their cue from a "NOW!" compilation disc, as a hodgepodge of genres

and artists received multiple nominations. The other artists receiving five nominations apiece were perennial Grammy favorite Sheryl Crow, neosoul singer-songwriter Raphael Saadiq, and R&B newcomer Ashanti.

Grammy officials believed it was the first time eight artists had tied for the most nominations.

Among the quadruple and triple nominees: Vanessa Carlton, India.Arie, Johnny Cash, Dr. Dre, the Dixie Chicks and Alan Jackson.

"It's nice that people from different genres are reflected in different categories," said Carlton, whose "A Thousand Miles" was nominated for record and song of the year.

Eminem had the year's top-selling album with "The Eminem Show," and was rewarded with a nomination for album of the year and rap album of the year. His "Without Me" was nominated for record of the year, and Eminem was also nominated in two other rap categories and for a music video award.

Besides Eminem and Jones, Springsteen's Sept. 11-inspired disc "The Rising," received a nomination for album of the year, along with rapper Nelly's "Nellyville" and the Dixie

Chicks' "Home."

The Dixie Chicks' disc also received a nomination for country album of the year, among other nods.

Group member Emily Robison said: "I think the overall album nomination is amazing when you see the company that we're with. For a country artist to get in that category, that means people from other genres are voting for you."

A similar trend was seen in the song of the year category, as fellow country act Jackson's "Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)" received a nomination, along with "Don't Know Why," recorded by Jones, whose father is sitar great Ravi Shankar; Carlton's "A Thousand Miles"; the title track to Springsteen's disc; and Lavigne's "Complicated."

It was a big day for Lavigne, an 18-year-old Canadian who was nominated for best new artist, along with Jones, Ashanti, Michelle Branch and John Mayer — a group of singer-songwriters.

"I would have freaked out if I just had one. Now that I have five — I'm just trying to pinch myself," Lavigne said.

Nelly also had a big day; his song "Dilemma," featuring Destiny's Child member Kelly Rowland, was cited for record of the year; he also was nominated in three rap categories.

Nelly has been nominated twice. "Hopefully, the third time is a charm — if I won, it will be a lot better," the St. Louis rapper said.

Nickelback's "How You Remind Me" rounded out the record of the year category — lead singer Chad Kroeger also got three other nominations, including best song written for a movie ("Hero" from "Spider-Man").

Among Crow's nominations: best female pop vocal performance for her feel-good summer hit, "Soak Up the Sun."

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The placards are the brain children of Robert Romer, a retired Amherst College physics professor.

"All my life I have been trying to get people of various ages to think about physics and to enjoy doing so, so this is just a peculiar form of continuation of that mission," Romer said.

Along with the anchor-in-the-lake dilemma, there will be five more placard puzzles coming soon to the bus routes, all illustrated by Bruce Aller. Answers are posted online at <http://www.amherst.edu/7/8physicsqanda/>.

UMass Transit is donating space for the placards.

"I think it's great," said Allan E. Byam, UMass Transit manager. "I'm very interested to see how many hits his Web site gets. It's nice to have some positive stuff up on the bus, instead of just (placards saying) 'Don't eat on the bus' and 'Report hate crimes' and such."

■ **BUFFALO, N.Y.** — The ultimate sports road trip is over.

With a high-five, Andrew Kulyk and Peter Farrell ended their four-year journey to visit all 102 venues in the NFL, NHL, NBA and Major League Baseball. The final stop was a Dec. 15 game between the Detroit Lions and Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Ford Field in Detroit. The Buffalo News reported Tuesday.

When the game ended, Farrell and Kulyk were congratulated by family members who accompanied them to Detroit.

"It was kind of a whirlwind," said Kulyk, 44, a zoning board officer who also owns an exterminating company. "It all happened so quickly, and then it was over. It's now settling in that, 'Gosh, this is really quite an accomplishment.'"

Kulyk and Farrell have become minor celebrities in some cities, with teams giving them private tours. They rated the stadiums and arenas on their Web site, [www.thesportsroadtrip.com](http://www.thesportsroadtrip.com).

The Conesco Fieldhouse, home of the NBA's Indiana

**Grammy**

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Sadiq's five nominations may have been one of the morning's biggest surprises; the former Tony! Toni! Tone! singer released his debut album, "Instant Vintage," but it was a poor seller.

One notable omission was classically inspired baritone Josh Groban. Like Jones, his debut album sold 2.7 million copies with little radio airplay and was a surprise success story.

Also left out were the much hyped garage bands such as the Strokes, the Vines, the Hives, and the White Stripes.

The awards, in 104 categories, are to be handed out Feb. 23 at Madison Square Garden.

Pacers, remains their favorite venue, although Houston's new Reliant Stadium, home of the NFL's Texans, also earned particular praise.

"At the beginning, I was thinking it will cost too much and there are too many places to go," said Farrell, a 32-year-old mail carrier. "How are we going to get to Salt Lake City? To Sacramento? Calgary? Amazingly enough, we managed to find a way."

■ **CANTON, Ohio** — Tara Zinslen says she made a statement on behalf of women and cheerleaders with her halftime field goal at the Fiesta Bowl.

"It brought at least a moment of respect for both," said the 21-year-old Ohio State University cheerleader.

Zinslen kicked a 20-yard field goal during halftime of the college football national championship game Friday night in Tempe, Ariz. The Buckeyes beat Miami 31-24 to win the

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title. "My dad told me to keep my head down," Zinslen said Monday. "I did. I really had my game face on."

A senior at Ohio State and 1999 graduate of Canton South High School, Zinslen is now dealing with newfound celebrity status. She's been interviewed and photographed and has received e-mails from across the nation.

Zinslen's kick also means \$25,000 will go to charity, benefiting Arizona's firefighters and their families.

Fellow cheerleader and senior Mike Fresch, of Dublin, kicked a longer field goal that sealed \$100,000 for the charity. The Miami cheerleaders missed their kicks, but still got \$10,000 for charity.

"We (the women) had a lot of pressure on us, especially being cheerleaders and girls," Zinslen said. "But that kick kind of sealed it: We are athletes, too."

**Letters**

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training the employees in drug prevention.

9. For whatever reason, don't let the building be completed until all the money is gone. All the children of Floyd County might use it and get it dirty or, horror, stay out of our thriving drug economy.

10. After we have done all the above, plus some other constructive things, we can lease the building to the city of Martin for \$1 a year for a Jr. Pro program (which I have been told was the intention of our state representative all along).

The proposal my wife and I wrote, in our naiveté, was approved by the legislature of Kentucky on the premise the funding would be used to help all our children.

What can the ordinary citizen of Floyd County do about these more than despicable actions by our elected officials? Other than "throw them out of office," we can ask our "public servants" to

explain their actions. Ask them to show us how the money was spent. Ask them how many of our children benefited from this one-and-a-half million dollars. Don't let them give you their speeches. Ask your state representative, your county judge, your fiscal court members and the appointed board members to explain, with factual data, how and why they wasted this money without helping, as far as I can determine, one single child. Call Frankfort and ask the auditor of

public accounts and the attorney general why they won't investigate this situation. Ask the county attorney to convene a grand jury and investigate this situation.

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**East Point Masonic Lodge to install officers Jan. 11**

The East Point Masonic Lodge 657 F.A.M. elected new officers on December 27, 2002, for the year 2003. Elected were: Bill J. Dotson Jr., Master; Darrell Calhoun, Senior Warden; Calvin Ray, Junior Warden; Robert Peters, Treasurer; and W. L. Baldrige, Secretary.

Also, others appointed were: Chester Ramey, Senior Deacon; Herman Wells, Junior Deacon; Kelly Young, Senior Steward;

Clyde Derossette, Junior Steward; Tilden Ellis, Chaplain; and Ben Smith, Tiler.

Open installation of the 2003 officers will take place on Jan. 11, at the lodge, at 7 p.m. At 6 p.m., the lodge will hold a pot luck dinner. Anyone who plans to attend is asked to please bring a covered dish, dessert, or soft drinks.

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Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 90 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. Sloan, Minister.

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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 Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.  
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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, Cow Creek; 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, 8:30 p.m.; Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Randy Turner, Minister.  
Endcott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.  
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First Baptist, Garret; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, Minister.  
Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2066 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.  
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Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.  
Lancaster 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 Lile, Minister.  
Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, East; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Pied) Morris, Minister.  
Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.  
Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.  
McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Harry Hargis, Minister.  
Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Vernon Stone, Minister.  
Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Chip, Minister.  
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 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Fish, Minister.  
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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.  
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**CATHOLIC**  
St. Martha, Water Gap, Mass.; Sunday, 11:15 a.m., Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Dannon, pastor.

**CHRISTIAN**  
First Christian, 550 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.  
Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garret; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Haddoworth, Minister.  
Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:20 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherr 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. Spear, 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. Hamon, 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.  
Haysville 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.; Lorie Meade, Minister.  
Maine Creek Church of Christ, Stamville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Marble Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Mitchell, Minister.  
Upper Toler Church of Christ, 0.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tammy Dale Burn, Minister.  
Weelsburg Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Coakle, 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 Y. Williams, Pastor.  
Garrett Church of God, Garret; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.  
Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Pater, Jr., Minister.  
Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Fort; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heister 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 Frasier, Jr., Minister.

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St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Study Group 6:00 p.m.; Holy Eucharist & Healing, 7:30 p.m.; Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

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**METHODIST**  
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.  
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Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Paul Allen, Minister.  
First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 5 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMY'S Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Webb, 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.  
Martin Methodist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.  
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Salsbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.  
Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.  
Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.  
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, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John Jay Patton, Minister.  
Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 of Mt. Parkway at Carpenter; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Groer, Minister.  
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Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Maguffin County Line; Sunday Service, 5:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister, 297-6282.  
Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., 2nd Saturday 7 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.**

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Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101; Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Mary Alice Murray, Minister.  
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**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**  
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Grace Fellowship, Prestonsburg (next to old flea market); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor, 886-0095.  
Faith Bible, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.  
Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.  
Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Higgins, Minister.  
Faith Worship Center, US 400, Painesville; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.  
Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.  
Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hill St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Coady, Minister.  
Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday/Sunday.  
Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.  
Spartan Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spartan Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.  
Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night service on first Sunday of each month; Tom Isakov, Minister.  
The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.  
Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.  
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# For the Record

## Marriage Licenses

Amethyst Rose Jones, 18, to Timothy Scott Camp, 21, both of Langley.  
 Brenda Kay Ratliff, 43, to Christopher John Benitez, 29, both of Prestonsburg.  
 Gwendolyn Beth Vance, 36, to Keith Joseph Paige, 23, both of McDowell.  
 Thelma Mae Patrick, 39, to Jonathan Lee McDowell, 38, both of Prestonsburg.

## Civil Suits Filed

Conseco Finance vs. Shawn Howell; debt collection.  
 BB&T vs. Jonathan D. Tackett; debt collection.  
 Green Point Credit vs. Sheila J. Murphy; debt collection.  
 Tiffanie Martin vs. Navy Federal Credit Union; collection of funds.  
 Andrea Saddler vs. Jonathan Saddler; divorce.  
 Cynthia A. Gayheart vs. Rex Gayheart Jr.; petition for health care insurance.  
 Dossie J. Hale vs. Anthony Hale; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
 Mark Bentley vs. Jennifer Bentley; divorce.  
 Chasity S. Younce vs. Dewey R. Younce; petition for health care insurance.  
 Bankers Trust Company vs. Kevin Tackett; debt collection.  
 Lanny Hunt vs. Ricky Williams; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.  
 Otis Hall vs. Stephanie Howell; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.  
 Lyda Sparks vs. unknown nurses employed by Highlands Regional Medical Center; compensation for medical negligence.  
 Jason Ira Hayton vs. Crystal Lynn Hayton; divorce.  
 Charlene Cook Brewer vs. Timothy Brewer; divorce.  
 Jennifer Carol Bevins Coleman vs. Elmer Douglas Coleman; petition for annulment of marriage.  
 Parthena R. Bartley vs. Kevin D. Bartley; petition for health care

insurance.  
 Cindy Bryant vs. Mark A. Bryant; petition for health care insurance.  
 Sabrina Conn vs. Eddie Conn; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
 Joetta J. Adkins vs. Benny Adkins; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
 Brenda Caudill vs. Sean Caudill; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
 Troy Hurd vs. Evelyn Chaffins; petition for health care insurance.  
 Troy Hurd vs. Milton Chaffins; petition for health care insurance.  
 Carmen Blackburn vs. Howard D. Blackburn; petition for health care insurance.  
 Rosa L. Burchett vs. Linda S. Burchett; petition for health care insurance.  
 Rachel N. Elswick vs. Carlos B. Elswick; petition for child support and health care insurance.

## Small Claims Filings

Naomi Martin vs. Wendy Standley; repairs for broken door.  
 Eric C. Conn vs. Denver Ousley; debt collection.  
 Rhonda Newman vs. Larman Rogers; debt collection.  
 Hall and Clark Insurance Agency vs. Toddra's Market; debt collection.  
 Hall and Clark Insurance Agency vs. HOBCO Inc.; debt collection.  
 Janice Salisbury vs. Robert Newsome; payment for charged phone calls.

## Charges Filed

Lagina L. Clark, 27, Sidney, fourth-degree assault.  
 Brandi T. Combs, 23, Leburn, theft by deception, second-degree forgery.  
 Timothy W. Noble, 22, Hazard, second-degree forgery, theft by deception.  
 Matthew Adam Marshall, 19, Royallton, five counts of third-degree criminal trespassing, one count of first-degree criminal mischief.

Kevin Stansbery, 26, Wharton, Ohio, theft by unlawful taking.  
 Brian G. Smith, 22, Piercetown, Ind., alcohol intoxication.  
 Joseph L. Meyers, London, Ohio, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia.  
 James Kevin Moore, 24, Lackey, alcohol intoxication.  
 Erika R. Lucas, 20, Columbus, Ohio, alcohol intoxication.  
 Nathaniel Barthaloneme Newsome, 20, Craynor, alcohol intoxication.  
 Chad Rogers, 32, Betsy Layne, alcohol intoxication.  
 Bennie Alm Combs, 41, Garrett, alcohol intoxication, public intoxication.  
 Dustin M. Taylor, 18, London, Ohio, driving too slow for traffic, no insurance, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia.  
 Shawn McCian, age unknown, Shelbyana, theft by deception.  
 Misty Geneene Meek, 18, Staffordsville, fourth-degree assault.  
 Quinton G. Bailey, 20, Prestonsburg, first-degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking.  
 Johnny D. Allen, 31, Prestonsburg, first-degree assault, fleeing/evading police, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct resisting arrest.  
 Wendall D. Vance, 30, Beaver, receiving stolen property.  
 Shawn D. Sexton, second-degree escape, third-degree assault, attempting to elude police, theft by unlawful taking, driving under the influence on suspended license.

Jason A. Tackett, 22, Allen, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.  
 Elmer J. Blankenship, 30, Prestonsburg, third-degree criminal trespassing.  
 Susie Branham, 49, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.  
 James Kevin Rister, 26, Garrett, terroristic threatening.  
 Barry Sizemore, 36, McDowell, alcohol intoxication.  
 Shane David Mosley, 21, Minnie, speeding 17 mph over, no insurance, one headlight, use/pos-

session drug paraphernalia, possession controlled substance/cocaine, prescription in improper container, first-degree possession of controlled substance.  
 Daniel E. Bell, 28, Paintsville, two counts of third-degree possession of a forged instrument, two counts of second-degree forgery, second-degree possession of forged instrument, second-degree forgery, theft by unlawful taking.  
 Jarred B. Harvey, 22, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.  
 Jessica Sexton, 20, Van Lear, theft by unlawful taking.

## Property Transfers

T. Kevin Flanery to Tommy Hall, property located on Mutton Fork of Bull Creek, near Water Gap.  
 Shawn Douglas Tackett and Darema Tackett to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located on KY 979 and Tackett Branch Road.  
 Linda Price Whitten, Phillip Whitten and Alta Price to Larry D. Brown, Gary D. Brown and Georganne Brown Taylor, proper-

ty located on Rice Branch of Middle Creek.  
 Kevin Hutchinson to Charles Ray Hutchinson, property location not listed.  
 Sherrell Shepherd and Jelenda Shepherd to Troy E. Vanderpool and Beverly P. Vanderpool, property location not listed.  
 Sabrina Stepp to Paul Branham and Pluma Branham, property located in Crestwood subdivision.  
 Danny Stratton to Jimmy R. Hamilton and Nancy Hamilton; property located on Shop Branch Road, Mare Creek.  
 Roland E. Gray Sr., trustee of the Roland E. Gray 1999 Revocable Trust and Grays Real Estate, L.L.C., by Roland E. Gray Sr., to Fairon Johnson and Sandra Joyce Johnson, property located on Big Branch of Abbott Creek.  
 Glenn Gibson and Karne Gibson to Toney Conn and Jo Ann Conn, property location not listed.  
 OSB, LLC to Floyd County, Kentucky, property location not listed.  
 William Ed Bays to William Ed Bays, property located in the Sandy Land and Development Company.  
 Rhonda Boyd, Dorothy

McClanahan and William McClanahan, Valerie Boyd, Barry Boyd and Deborah Boyd, Karen Dillon, Susan Dillon, and Joseph Dillon to John E. Rogers and Danita Rogers, property located on Sam Clark Branch of Little Mud Creek.  
 Terry Hall and Gayle Hall to East Kentucky Network, LLC; property location not listed.  
 The Allen Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses to Landmark Christian Church, property location not listed.  
 Akers Rental Properties Inc., to Keathley-Ford Property Management Inc., property located on Big Mud Creek at Harold.  
 U.S. Bank, N.A., f/k/a Firststar Bank, N.A., successor by merger, to Firststar Bank Missouri, N.A., to Keathley-Ford Property Management, Inc., property located at Betsy Layne.  
 Lowell Samons and Mary Samons, Dovie Damron and Robert Damron, and Bessie Samons to Coy Samons and Linda Samons, property located on Samons Branch Road.  
 Delores Newman to John W. Little and Stacy Little, property location not listed.

# Obituaries

### Alvin Hurd

Alvin Hurd, age 87, of Prestonsburg, passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2003, at the Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, after an extended illness.  
 He was born January 1, 1916, at Prestonsburg, a son of the late John and Anna Click Hurd. He was formerly a construction worker at Harris Brothers Construction Company at Prestonsburg.  
 He was the husband of the late Viola Hurd who preceded him in death.

Survivors include one son, John Troy Hurd of Prestonsburg; two daughters, Odelia (Mae) Baisden of Prestonsburg, and Jackie McCollough of Michigan; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.  
 Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 10, at 11 a.m., at the Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Manford Fannin officiating.  
 Burial will follow in the Canterbury/Hurd Cemetery, at Goble Branch Road, Prestonsburg.

All arrangements are under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.  
 Visitation is at the funeral home.  
 (Paid obituary)

### James "Jimmy" Reynolds

James "Jimmy" Reynolds, age 52, of Prestonsburg, passed away Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.  
 He was born March 24, 1950, in Ohio, the son of the late Ethel Reynolds.  
 Survivors include his caregiver, Verlie Newman Joseph of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 9, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Hubert Presley officiating.  
 Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, Hi Hat, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.  
 Visitation was at the funeral home.  
 (Paid obituary)

### Margie Mullins Isaac

Margie Mullins Isaac, 73, of Hamlet, North Carolina, formerly of Wheelwright, died Monday, January 6, 2003, at the Sand Hills Regional Hospital, in Hamlet, North Carolina.  
 Born March 3, 1929, in Melvin, she was the daughter of the late Milford and Della Tackett Mullins. She was a retired factory worker, and attended Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church in Melvin; Little Polly Baptist Church in Michigan; and Maple Street Freewill Baptist Church in Rockingham, North Carolina.  
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther "Booty" Isaac Sr.

Survivors include two sons, Luther Isaac Jr., and Milford Sonny Isaac, both of Michigan; one daughter, Rose Carothers of Hamlet, North Carolina; two brothers, Luther Mullins and Russell Mullins, both of Melvin; two sisters, Madgie Allen and Irene Johnson, both of Michigan; 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.  
 In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Landis Mullins, and a sister, Joyce Caudill.  
 Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 11, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church at Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.


Burial will be in the Isaac Family Cemetery at Wheelwright, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.  
 Visitation is at the church after 5 p.m., Thursday.  
 (Paid obituary)

### Zella Howell

Zella Howell, age 73, of Neville, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, widow of Elisha Howell, passed away Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at the Eastgate Health Care Center, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 She was born June 24, 1929, in McDowell, the daughter of the late Melvin Anderson, and Mary Jane Sizemore Anderson. She was a homemaker, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Felicity, Ohio.

Survivors include two sons, Jarvis Dean Howell of Neville, Ohio, and David G. Howell of Batavia, Ohio; one daughter, Pansy L. Woo of Cranford, New Jersey; two brothers, John Anderson of Fairborn, Ohio, and Richard Anderson of Lexington; three sisters, Rose Floyd of Martin, and Mary Elizabeth "Pat" Anderson and Sarah "Becky" King, both of McDowell, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.  
 Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 11, at 11 a.m., at the McDowell First Baptist Church, at McDowell, with the clergyman, Harry Hargis, officiating.

Burial will follow in the Anderson Cemetery, McDowell, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.  
 Visitation is at the church.  
 (Paid obituary)



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The family of Calip Lee Kidd would like to thank everyone. Thanks to the ones who sent flowers, food, cards, or just said comforting words during our time of sorrow. A special thanks to the Little Dove Church, to all the preachers, to the Sheriff's Department, and a special thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for all their help and professional care.

Thank you all.

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### COMMENTARY

## Future of Mid-South Conference is in good hands

by BILLY REED  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Mike Pollio, new commissioner of the Mid-South Conference, has fond memories from his days as the head basketball coach at Kentucky Wesleyan, Eastern Kentucky University, and Virginia Commonwealth.

"I coached against Bobby Knight, Denny Crum, Rick Pitino, Dean Smith, and many others," Pollio says, "but you know who treated me the nicest? Knight."



Billy Reed  
Columnist

He made it a point to make me feel comfortable and to compliment my players." After leaving, coach Pollio was hired by Bill Olsen to be a fund-raiser and assistant athletics director at the University of Louisville. His biggest project was raising \$15 million from the public to get Papa John's

(See REED, page three)

### BENTLEY'S COMMENTS

## Kentucky Basketball: Time have changed

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

It's kind of a tradition here in Big Blue Nation that the most memorable of our teams get nicknames. Says here this year's squad should be no exception.



Rick Bentley  
Columnist

In the days of Rupp, there was the Fiddlin' Five and Rupp's Runts. When the Godfather cursed up and down the sidelines, he blessed us with Pitino's Bombinos and The Unforgettables.

Last year, Tubby Smith's outfit was dubbed Team Turmoil, thanks to the revolving door of players finding themselves in the coach's doghouse and on the end of the bench in street clothes.

Allow me to nominate this

(See BENTLEY, page three)

## BL girls top Prestonsburg

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - And the regular-season series between the girls' basketball teams at Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg goes to Betsy Layne.

The Betsy Layne Ladycats, a favorite to repeat as 58th District

Champion, beat Prestonsburg for the second time this season Tuesday night to sweep the regular-season series. Betsy Layne won the latest meeting, 66-46. The two teams met in Prestonsburg on Tuesday, Dec. 17 of last year with Betsy Layne winning 59-40.

Natasha Stratton had one of her most productive games of the season for

Betsy Layne, scoring 23 points and pulling down six rebounds. Whitney Lykens also turned in a comparable all-around performance for Betsy Layne, scoring 13 points, dishing out seven assists and gathering seven rebounds.

Betsy Layne controlled the game at

(See GIRLS, page three)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne senior Natasha Stratton put up a baseline jumper in the second quarter Tuesday night.

## - DISTRICT BATTLE -



photo by Jamie Howell

Blackcat guard Trevor Compton was defended heavily before being able to pass the ball off to a teammate. Betsy Layne's Brandon Hall (44) is pictured defending.

## BLACKCATS MOVE TO 2-0 IN DISTRICT

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Prestonsburg had the chance to improve to 2-0 in the 58th District Tuesday night, playing on the road at Betsy Layne. The 2-0 mark would look very impressive for the Blackcats, especially heading into a district game against Allen Central the next trip out. Tuesday night's game was a

close contest like the first meeting, a 64-61 Prestonsburg win in overtime. Prestonsburg took the second contest as well, Tuesday night, winning 67-63.

The first boys' basketball game between the two schools saw Betsy Layne hold a comfortable lead before Prestonsburg played its way back into the game and took a lead en route to the win. Tuesday night the Bobcats led through one quarter,

trailed at the half, and trailed after three quarters, before falling.

Betsy Layne led 17-15 at the end of the first quarter, but trailed at the end of every quarter after the initial period.

Sophomore Kris Bentley got two three-pointers in the second quarter and Justin Allen, after nailing a trey in the first period, added another in

(See DISTRICT, page three)

Prestonsburg will host Allen Central tonight. The Runnin' Rebels are 0-1 in the district after losing to South Floyd earlier this season.

### TOURNAMENT PLAY

## South Floyd loses repeat bid in WYMT tourney

by TONY McGUIRE  
HAZARD HERALD SPORTS

HAZARD - The South Floyd Raiders, last year's WYMT Mountain Classic champions, lost their bid to repeat in the event as they fell to the Hazard Bulldogs in the opening round of the tournament Tuesday night.

The Raiders had defeated the Bulldogs only a week prior by 10 points, but could not find their groove on this night. South Floyd fell behind early in the contest and struggle to keep

(See WYMT, page three)



photo by Tony McGuire

South Floyd's Brian Meade went after a loose basketball against Hazard.

## Allen Central at P'burg

Big wins at stake for 4 teams tonight

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - The Allen Central Lady Rebels are 1-0 in the district with a win over South Floyd earlier this season. The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats are 0-2, having dropped two games to Betsy Layne. Prestonsburg's boys are 2-0 with a couple of wins over Betsy Layne. Allen Central's boys are 0-1 with a loss to South Floyd.

Tonight, Prestonsburg's girls will host Allen Central's girls.

Prestonsburg's boys will host Allen Central's boys. Tip-off for the girls game is 6 p.m. The boys are scheduled to play later tonight at 7:30.

Other boys' games scheduled to be played in the area tonight include Russell at Boyd County;

(See CENTRAL, page three)

### H.S. BASKETBALL

## Eagles turn back Rebs

JC trio nets 13 apiece, home team rolls

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

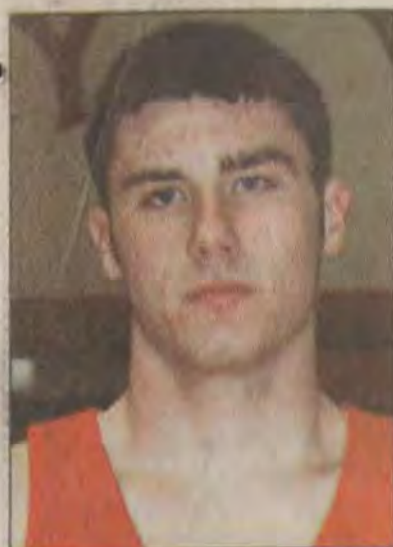
PAINTSVILLE - Lawrence County transfer Brandon Wheeler has given Johnson Central, his new team, a big boost this season. Tuesday night, Wheeler was sick and did not start for

the Golden Eagles. While he did not start, Wheeler did see action in the game. He and a pair of teammates, Chris Hurt and Mike Walters, all three scored 13 points apiece as the host Golden Eagles rolled to a 79-61 win.

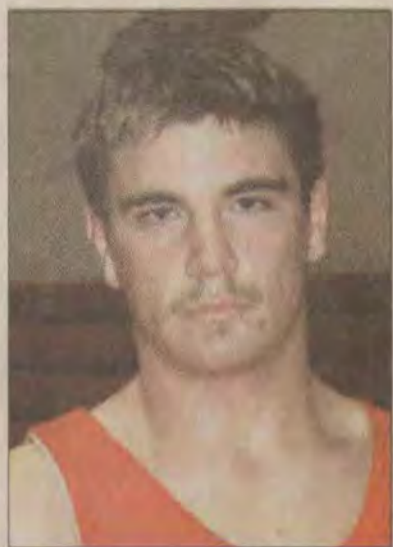
Allen Central came into the 15th Region road game fresh off a victory over Lawrence County out of the 16th Region.

Johnson Central established itself

(See EAGLES, page three)



Neil Allen: 14 points



Mike Stone: 22 points



# Shepherd signs with Pikeville

Magoffin County High School senior standout Amanda Shepherd signed a letter of intent to further her education and her basketball career Wednesday afternoon in the Magoffin County High School Library.

Shepherd will attend Pikeville College on a full basketball scholarship next year. Officials from Pikeville college, including Lady Bears head coach Bill Watson, along with Lady Hornets head coach Neil West and numerous MCHS school officials, witnessed the ceremony. Shepherd was

accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Shepherd. "Amanda is one of the finest young ladies I've ever had the pleasure to work with, I know she will make us all proud," commented an obviously proud West. Watson stated, "Amanda is

exactly the type of young lady we want representing Pikeville College. She's an excellent student and has a great work ethic on the basketball court. We expect great things from her."



**PROFILE**

## Robinson named Player of the Week

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

It took Jason Robinson a mere three games to get the attention of the Mid-South Conference.

A 6-6 senior from Seattle, Robinson was named player of the week in the league after posting big numbers in two games last week.

Robinson had 16 points, two rebounds an assist and a steal in the

(See **PLAYER**, page four)

**NAIA TOP 10**

## Pikeville Bears reach Top 10

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

The Pikeville College Bears continue to work their way up the NAIA Div. I ratings, and this week have cracked the Top 10.

The Bears moved up one spot in the poll, released today from the national office in Olathe, Kan.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our players," said Coach Randy McCoy, whose team is 13-2 heading into a game tonight at Cincinnati Bible College. "We've positioned ourselves to be among the top programs in the country, and now we'll get ready for a tough stretch on our schedule. I'm very happy for our team right now."

The Bears were 11th when the last poll came out on Dec. 10. Since then, a loss to Spalding - which continues to receive votes but not enough to crack the Top 25 - was followed up by three wins, two over Miami-Hamilton and one at NCAA Div. II Bluefield State (W.Va.) University.

After tonight's game, three of the next five are against teams ranked 11th or

(See **BEARS**, page four)

## Lady Bears charge up poll

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

No team in the country made a move up the NAIA polls as did the Lady Bears of Pikeville College, who found themselves ranked 15th in the latest Div. I ratings.

The Lady Bears were 23rd in the most recent poll, released Dec. 10.

A tough schedule and considerable success contributed to the move. The Lady Bears began the break with home wins over St. Mary-of-the-Woods (Ind.) and Wilberforce (Ohio) before heading to Florida for a pair of games. Homestanding Palm Beach Atlantic knocked off the Lady Bears as did No. 7 Montana-Western, sending the Lady Bears into the holidays 11-4 on the season.

But a Christmas-week trip to Owensboro saw the Lady Bears get a win at No. 17 Brescia - which fell six spots from No. 11 - and at NCAA Div. II Kentucky Wesleyan. Last week, wins over NCAA Div. II Oakland City (Ind.) and Alice Lloyd made them 15-4 on the season and set the stage for the huge leap.

"We're proud of what our players have been able to accomplish, and think we're on the right track right now," said Coach Bill Watson. "We need to keep playing well, because we start league play soon and there won't be any easy ones after that."

Tuesday night's game against Milligan College followed by an 11-day layoff before a Jan. 18 trip to

(See **POLL**, page four)

**- 58TH DISTRICT GIRLS -**



Prestonsburg senior center Abby Shafer dribbled past a Piarist defender.

photo by Jamie Howell

# LADY BLACKCATS BLAST PIARIST

## 14 players dent scoring column in P'burg win

by **JAMIE HOWELL**  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The Lady Blackcats of Prestonsburg got just what the doctor ordered on Monday night against the Piarist Lady Knights. Prestonsburg got points from 14 players on the way to a 84-22 win over the Knights. Eighth-grader Meaghan Slone tossed in nine first quarter points as the Lady Blackcats opened a 27-0 lead after the opening stanza. Prestonsburg was just too much for Piarist from the start as the Lady Blackcats controlled the game from the opening

tap. The win gave the Lady Blackcats win number one for the season. Prestonsburg led 31-0 before Piarist guard Mary Bentley heated up in the second quarter. The Piarist guard connected on three treys in the second quarter as the Lady Knights were able to put 12 points on the board in the period. Taryn Harris paced the Lady Blackcats in the second quarter scoring 7 points in the period. Prestonsburg led 43-12 at the half. Prestonsburg opened the third quarter led by senior Heather White with three treys in the quarter.

White was returning to game action for the first time this season after injuring an ankle in the pre-season and the senior finished the game with a team high 14 points on the night. Prestonsburg

(See **PIARIST**, page four)

**PIKEVILLE COLLEGE**

## Lady Bears run win streak to five

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE - It's been a good couple of days for the Pikeville College Lady Bears.

On Monday afternoon, senior Amanda Collins was named Player of the Week in the Mid-

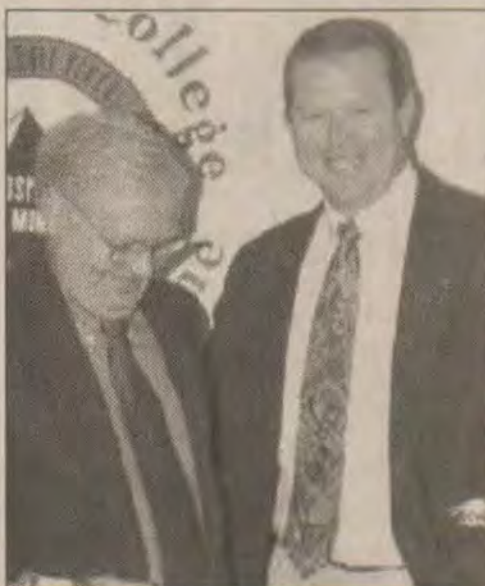
South Conference. Tuesday afternoon, the Lady Bears learned they'd moved up eight spots in the poll and are ranked 15th in the nation.

On Tuesday night, Collins scored 20 points and pulled down 14 rebounds to lead the Lady

Bears to their fifth straight win over Milligan (Tenn.) College 65-55.

The win was Pikeville's 16th on the season, matching last year's total. The Lady Bears have suf-

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New Pikeville College head coach John Gilliam (right) met members of the media Tuesday. Gilliam is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

## Lady Rebels fall to defending region champ

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Allen Central girls' head basketball coach Cindy Halbert and her team had to wait more

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**MCA**

## Herald Whitaker edges MCA, 44-43

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Devon Rice scored a team-high 13 points and six other players got into the scorebooks to lead Magoffin County's Herald Whitaker Middle School to a close 44-43 win over Mountain Christian Academy (MCA).

Herald Whitaker held a 15-13 advantage at the end of the first quarter. The two teams were tied at 26 at the half.

MCA took a 39-36 lead into the fourth quarter, but couldn't hold on for the win.

Landon Slone led MCA in scoring with 21 points. Jeremy Pack flipped in nine points and Lincoln Slone added seven. Mike Bednarz rounded out the scoring for MCA with six points.

Eric Arnett scored nine points for Herald Whitaker and Shane Prater added eight. Clay Fletcher finished with five points and Eric Gibson and Chase Carpenter added four and three points, respectively for Herald Whitaker.

**ADAMS**

## Adams entertains Jones Fork

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PRESTONSBURG - The Adams Middle School C-Team hosted Jones Fork on Wednesday night. The young Blackcats opened up with a full-court press and took a commanding 10-2 lead after the first quarter before Seth Setser got in foul trouble. Setser played sparingly in the second quarter but still managed seven first half steals and added steal another in the second half for good measure. Setser finished with three points. The Blackcats eventually won, 35-26.

Adams struggled in the second quarter and led by only three at halftime, 18-15. In the second half, the Blackcats opened up a nice lead on the strength of Kyle Hall and Josh Crayon who came off the bench. Hall finished with nine rebounds, six points and a blocked shot. Josh Crayon finished with

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**HONORS**

## Collins tabbed as Mid-South's top player

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

After an MVP performance and four wins for her team, Pikeville College forward Amanda Collins has been named the women's basketball Player of the Week in the Mid-South Conference.

*"Amanda has had a sensational career, and is turning in another solid season this year," said Coach Bill Watson.*

Collins averaged 17.3 points and 7.0 rebounds per game for the Lady Bears, who got wins over No. 11 Brescia, Kentucky Wesleyan, Oakland City and Alice Lloyd last week.

"Amanda has had a sensational career, and is turning in another solid season this year," said Coach Bill Watson. "Last week is further proof of what she's been doing for us since the first day

she walked onto the floor." The 5-11 senior had 20 points and four rebounds as the Lady Bears upset Brescia and followed it with 19 and eight against Kentucky Wesleyan to claim the most Valuable Player honor in the Owensboro Classic on Dec. 28-29.

She followed that with 14 points and six

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**Reed**

Cardinal Stadium off the drawing board.

But after Olsen was replaced by Tom Jurich, Pollio eventually decided to leave U of L to pursue other opportunities. The one he eventually took was commissioner of the NAIA league that has 11 football-playing members, soon to

be joined by Kentucky Wesleyan, and six basketball-playing members, include Georgetown, Pikeville, Cumberland (both the Kentucky and Tennessee members), Campbellsville, and Lindsey-Wilson.

In terms of publicity and popularity, the Mid-South Conference is

a far cry from the college sports world that Pollio came to know and love (and sometimes hate). But so far he's enjoying his new job because he believes it comes far closer to the ideals of college athletics than NCAA Division I.

"There's nothing like going to a football game at, say, Georgetown

on a nice fall afternoon," Pollio said. "There might be only 3,000 or so there, but the students are more involved, and the coaches and players are in it simply because they love football. No national TV, no agents, no thoughts about the NFL draft. Just college football."

Had Pollio stayed at U of L, he could have joined basketball coach Rick Pitino and new football coach Bobby Petrino in what would have sounded like an Italian law firm — Pitino, Patrino, and Pollio.

But at the Mid-South, Pollio is operating as more or less a one-man band. Nevertheless, his fertile mind is alive with ideas designed to draw attention to the league, which is starved for exposure and publicity.

For example, Pollio hopes to schedule a game next season in Louisville between Georgetown, a perennial NAIA national-championship contender, and

Kentucky Wesleyan, which has long been the dominant program in NCAA Division II.

"I think there would be a lot of interest in that game," Pollio said. "I just have to figure out where we should have it. Freedom Hall is probably too big, the old Armory (now Gardens) downtown is run-down, and the Commonwealth

Convention Center and Broadbent Arena leave something to be desired." Pollio, 59, graduated from Louisville's St. Xavier High School, then got his undergraduate degree from Bellarmine College (1965) and master's in special education from U of L in 1971.

He began his coaching career at Louisville Manual High (1968-'71), then spent two seasons at Winter Park (Florida) High. In 1980, at the age of 37, he moved into the college ranks as the head coach and athletics director at Kentucky Wesleyan, where he maintained the winning tradition established by Robert "Bullet" Wilson, Guy Strong, Bob Jones, Bob Daniels, and others.

From Wesleyan, he moved to Virginia Commonwealth, where he worked as an assistant athletics director and head basketball coach from 1985-89. His 1987-88 Rams

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**Bentley**

team to be dubbed "the Frustratin' Five."

My real job keeps me away from the television a good many of the nights when Our Cats are playing, and unlike past years — those Unforgettables, for example — I don't feel compelled to set the VCR these days. There was a time when I'd do most anything to get to watch them, and would beg people at the Pikeville College Gym not to tell me scores so I could enjoy the game when I got home.

Not so these days.

I'm reasonably sure that if I watched every game this club threw together I'd either have a heart attack or wind up in a straight jacket. The only thing consistent about this year's Cats is their remarkable ability to be inconsistent.

Wednesday, for example, saw the Cats go to Knoxville and play a very ordinary, run-of-the-mill Volunteer squad to a three-point finish.

Just to let everybody know that they haven't completely turned their back on last year's run of chaos, Smith wondered aloud during Tuesday's media meeting about who he'd start at the point: The solid Gerald Fitch or the flashy Cliff Hawkins.

Now why would this be up for debate? Yes, Hawkins has put up solid numbers since his return — at the time of Smith's internal debate, he'd posted 26 assists and only seven turnovers since regaining his eligibility.

But what's wrong with Fitch? He has a nearly 2:1 assist to turnover ratio, and at 6-3, offers the size at point that many people prefer these days. And don't get me started about his value in the clutch compared to Hawkins, who envisions himself becoming Michael Jordan Hisownself in the closing seconds of tight games.

So a day later, sure enough Smith has made a lineup change, and it's even at the guard slots. Hawkins for Fitch?

Not hardly.

Instead, the coach inserted Antwain Barbour into the first unit, and benched senior stud Keith Bogans.

Obviously, something is amiss here. Whatever it was, nobody wanted to share it with Tom Hammond and Larry Conley, who were left to speculate and stutter all around the situation.

Team Turmoil rears its ugly head.

One thing I did like was the

five Smith opened the second half with — both his point guards, Hawkins and Fitch, were there, along with Bogans. On the inside, it was the smooth Chuck Hayes and Eric Daniels.

For some reason I like that mix. It was odd that Marquis Estill was left on the bench after sitting the last 15 minutes of the first half with a pair of fouls, but Daniels and Hayes are a worthy combination inside.

And the Cats opened the second half on fire with this rag-tag group. First Bogans and then Fitch twice hit threes in the opening 2-1/2 minutes of play as they led their team from a four-point hole to a two-point lead.

Still, there was plenty of frustration to go around on this night. In the end, a win is a win is a win, and as I like to remind my coaches, a month from now it'll just be a win, nobody will remember how ugly it was.

So on a night when the best Estill could offer was seven points and seven rebounds in 15 minutes, the Cats opened play in the SEC with a 74-71 win in a hostile environment. Bogans still flipped in 20 despite starting the game beside Bill Keightley, and somehow or

another Jules Camara — captain of his frustrating mess — managed to score 12 and hit some clutch shots along the way.

Tomorrow comes South Carolina as the Gamecocks become the first SEC club to venture into Rupp Arena. That game is followed by a Tuesday night trip to Music City to play the Commodores, meaning the Cats should be 3-0 in the league before stepping out on Jan. 18 to play highly-regarded Notre Dame.

I saw where somebody had actually drawn up NCAA tournament brackets already, and one of the No. 1 seeds was the Fighting Irish. I'll have to see that to believe it, but if the Cats are 12-3 when they roll into Lexington, we could see a good, solid clash in the last non-conference game of the season.

Of course, I'm getting way ahead of myself here. There's no guarantee UK will beat either USC or Vandy en route to Notre Dame's arrival, and the way this season is going, I wouldn't be surprised by anything.

But one thing is sure: If this year's team is going to be a memorable one, it'll have to overcome its Frustratin' mid-season image.

**WYMT**

pace throughout the contest. The Raiders eventually came up short in their repeat bid by a score of 68-48.

Scoring was at a premium in the early going as both teams came out cold. South Floyd did not get its first points until the 5:35 mark on an 8-foot jumper by Jack Slone. The basket left the Raiders down by only two, early (4-2).

A late rally in the first period netted the Raiders an 11-10 lead (the only South Floyd lead of the game). The Bulldogs' Chris Olinger converted a free throw with :15 remaining in the first period to tie the game at 11.

The Bulldogs slowly began to distance themselves from the Raiders in the second quarter as they began to trade two baskets for one. A free throw by Tyler Hall at the end of the half cut the margin back under double-digits, sending the two teams to the locker room with the Raiders trailing 30-21.

South Floyd looked to be making a run at Hazard as the second half began, but any hope of a comeback was put to rest by a 9-0 run by the Bulldogs (41-25). A final flurry near the end of the third brought the Raiders to within 10 at 47-37.

A couple of quick baskets at the beginning of the fourth rekindled the comeback dream, but again it was short-lived. At the 6:29 mark, Michael Hall's layup after a steal cut the margin to seven (48-41), but the Raiders would have to endure a drought that netted them a mere two field goals down the stretch.

Hazard took advantage of the South Floyd shooting woes, extending the floor and running out the clock. The Bulldogs went on to win the game, ending the Raiders' hopes of a repeat. Michael Hall led South Floyd in scoring with 11 points. Hazard was led by 14 points from Steven Sizemore.

**Girls**

the end of the first quarter, leading 18-6. Coach Cassandra Akers and the host team went into the half with a 35-10 lead over visiting Prestonsburg.

A bright spot in the game came for Prestonsburg in the second half when it outscored Betsy Layne 19-18 in the third quarter and 17-13 in the final period. However, Betsy Layne had already done enough damage.

Another bright spot for the Lady Blackcats was the play of Meaghan Slone. The eighth-grade guard scored a game-high 22 points, including three three-point field goals.

Heather White, back from an injury, scored seven points for Prestonsburg. Chanel Music added five.

Betsy Layne guard Kim Clark scored 10 points and pulled in six rebounds and center Tabetha Witt led Betsy Layne in rebounding with nine boards. Witt also added seven points.

Nine different Betsy Layne players scored. Kesha Newman and Breann Akers each checked in with four points. Kristal Daniels and Kristen Smith each had two points. Tiffany Meade cracked the scoring column with one point in the fourth quarter.

The wins continue to come for Betsy Layne, but the head coach isn't exactly completely happy with her team's play.

"I think we are playing just good enough to win," said Akers. "We have not been consistent. On the other hand, we

are winning, so I can't complain too much."

Betsy Layne was on the road last night, traveling to Shelby Valley. Results from that game were unavailable. Prestonsburg will return to the court tonight at home against Allen Central.

**Betsy Layne 67, Dawson Springs 41**

LOUISVILLE — Betsy Layne, after a somewhat sluggish first quarter, led Dawson Springs 26-18 at halftime and put the game away with a 24-8 fourth quarter to beat Dawson Springs soundly, 67-41 in the 2nd Annual Lady Derby Classic All A Shootout.

Natasha Stratton helped lead Betsy Layne to the victory, scoring a team-high 16 points. Whitney Lykens added a double-double for the Ladycats with 14 points and 10 assists. Lykens, a junior, also had seven rebounds in the game.

Center Tabetha Witt led Betsy Layne in rebounding with nine boards to go along with six points.

Kristal Daniels, thanks to eight points in an offense-heavy second period scored 12 points for Betsy Layne. Kim Clark chipped in 11 points and Kesha Newman tossed in four on a pair of field goals. Kristen Smith and Candice Meade each had two points apiece in the Betsy Layne win.

Dawson Springs had three different players score in double figures in the game.

**Eagles**

early, leading 21-15 at the end of the first quarter and 43-31 at halftime. The host squad outscored Allen Central in both halves.

Five different Eagles scored in double figures. Justin Woods chipped in 11 for Johnson Central and Nick Music scored 10. Sophomore Josh Stapleton, the player who started in place of Wheeler, flipped in six for Johnson Central.

Senior Mike Slone paced Allen Central with a game-high 22 points. Neil Allen and Austin Francis finished with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Allen Central plays again

tonight, traveling to Prestonsburg for the first of two meetings between the two 58th District teams.

Johnson Central is off until Tuesday when it travels across town to play rival Paintsville in the first of two scheduled meetings for those two rivals this season.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (79) — Wallers 13, Hurt 13, Wheeler 13, Woods 11, Music 10, Stapleton 6, Whitaker 3, Adams 4.

ALLEN CENTRAL (61) — Slone 22, Allen 14, Francis 13, Samons 5, Webb 5, Pack 2.

**Central**

Jackson County at Cordia; Jackson City at Fleming-Neon; Sheldon Clark at George Rogers Clark; Ashland Blazer at Lawrence County; Whitesburg at Letcher; Raceland at Lewis County; Phelps at Paintsville; Jenkins at Pikeville; West Carter at East Carter, Belfry at

**District**

the second quarter to lead Prestonsburg to 21 second-quarter points.

Betsy Layne outscored Prestonsburg 13-9 in the third quarter to pull within two points, 45-43. Prestonsburg edged the host Bobcats 22-20 in the final period to go on for the all-important second district win of the season.

Senior Joey Willis paced Prestonsburg with a game-high 14 points. Jesse Chaffin scored 11 points and Bentley flipped in 12. Trevor Compton and Michael Morrison each finished with seven points.

Allen scored six and Joe Blackburn added six. John Mark Stephens and Michael Stephens each had two points.

Brandon Hall scored a game-high 15 points to lead Betsy Layne. Bobo Hamilton ended with 12 points and Brent Newsome added 10.

Jordan Kidd and Nathan Newsome each had eight points apiece. Preston Simon and Jordan Scarberry rounded out the scoring for Betsy Layne with four points each.

Prestonsburg will host Allen Central tonight. The Runnin' Rebels are 0-1 in the district/conference after losing to South Floyd earlier this season.

Betsy Layne has some time off before hosting South Floyd Tuesday night at the Dome.

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# Alice Lloyd hosts Bluefield

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PIPPA PASSES** — The Alice Lloyd College women's team took care of its visiting opposition from Bluefield College Tuesday night, but the ALC men's team was not as lucky, falling 73-70. The ALC women won 77-54 in very easy fashion.

The Lady Eagles cruised to a 48-19 lead at the half to put the game in real question for the visiting Lady Rams.

Leah Whitley led the Alice Lloyd women in scoring, netting

22 points. Delores Jenkins chipped in 11 and Erica Webb and Andrea Kelley each scored 10.

Shelby Valley grad Bridget Smith added nine points for ALC. Shannon Sizemore and Erica Gooding each finished with four points. Devon Reynolds ended the game with three. Belicia Mullins and Amy Jackson both had two points in Alice Lloyd's balanced scoring attack.

Jaime Bennett was the only player to score double figures for Bluefield. She finished with

13 points. The Alice Lloyd men, after trailing 38-30 at the half, tied Bluefield at 61 at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime. The Rams outscored

Coach Gary Gibson's men's team 12-9 in the extra period for the win.

Kent Campbell, one of the Appalachian Athletic Conference's leading scorers,

paced Alice Lloyd with 26 points. Other scorers for Alice Lloyd included Shannon Akers 9, Jason Knott 7, Ryan Shannon 7, Hondo Hearne 6, Tommy McKenzie 4, Matt Spencer 3, Nick Samons 2,

Jeremy Daniels 2, Jimmy Stumbo 2 and Matt Hurt 2.

Dale Evans led the Bluefield men with 28 points on the night. Dimingo Hale aided the Rams will 14 markers.

## Streak

ferred four losses. Collins' big night left her a mere 17 points shy of 2,000 for her career. She would be only the third player in Lady Bear history to reach that honor.

On Tuesday, the Lady Bears scored the first 11 points and appeared to be on the verge of a rout before the Lady Buffs scored five straight to get back in the game. The lead was 28-23 at the half.

Milligan (5-6) scored to tie the game at 35 early in the second half before the Lady Bears went on a 14-4 run to get some breathing room.

Senior Teccoa Gallion had 14 points and pulled down five

## Collins

rebounds against Oakland City and finally 16 points and 10 rebounds in a win over Alice Lloyd.

For the week, Collins hit 51.5 percent (23-of-45) from the floor, including 2-of-6 from the arc. At the free throw line, she connected on 21-of-27 (77.8 percent).

Collins is closing in on 2000 points for her career, ending the week with 1,963 markers. That total is good for third all-time on the scoring list for women's bas-

rebounds, as the Lady Bears controlled the glass 47-27.

Pikeville's guard combination of Jessica Lovell and Courtney Mercer had solid outings. Lovell, a freshman from Belfry, had eight points, six rebounds, six assists and three steals. Mercer, a senior from Phelps, added seven points, eight rebounds, four assists and two steals.

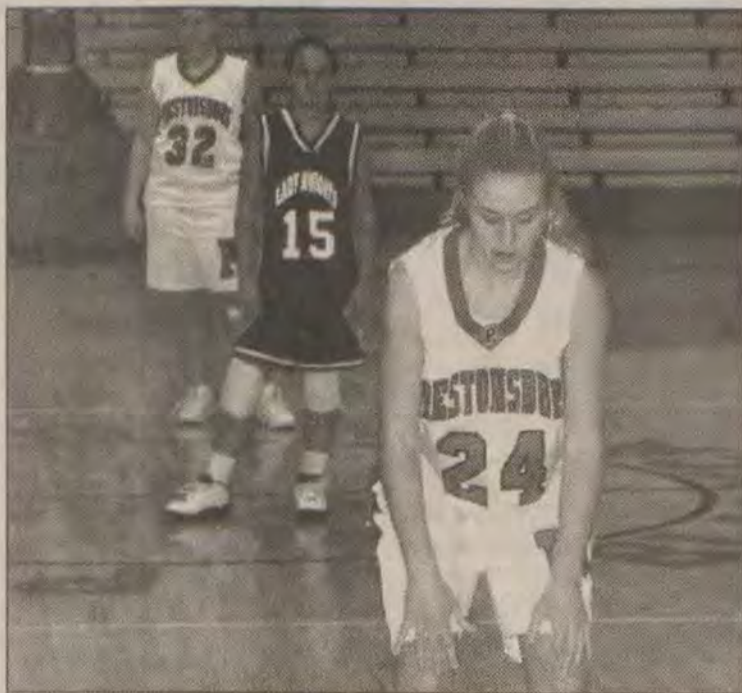
Junior Caitlyn Ryan added nine points and five assists.

Senior Amanda Hammons led the Lady Buffs with 16 points. Senior Vera Conkin followed with 11 and four assists.

Sophomore Ginny White followed with six points and six rebounds.

ketball players. She trails only Renee Brewer (2,333) and Teresa Ray (2,234).

The senior is ranked in the Top 10 in four categories of the Mid-South Conference. She is second in scoring, averaging 18.1 points, and sixth in rebounding at 6.47 per game. She is second in field goal shooting, hitting 57.1 percent on the season, and seventh from the free throw line, where she's connected on 72.5 percent.



Amber Whitaker (24) put the dribble down on a free throw. Pictured behind Whitaker awaiting the charity shot offering are Piarist's Lakita Lykins (15) and Prestonsburg teammate Amanda Webb (32).

## Piarist

outscored Piarist 26-1 in the third quarter and held a 69-13 lead after three periods. Bethany Tackett led the Lady Knights in the final stanza scoring five points in the quarter and Amanda Webb led Prestonsburg with six points.

The Lady Blackcats outscored Piarist 15-9 in the fourth and final quarter to produce the final score of 84-22. Scoring was as follows: Prestonsburg — Heather White 14, Amanda Webb 12, Taryn Harris 11, Meaghan Slone 9 points, Darcy Hicks 8, Hope Osborne 6, Brittany Collins 5, Chanel Music 4, Amber Whitaker 4, Abby Shafer 4, Meagan Patton 2, Lakole Ousley

## Player

2, Amanda Keathley 2, Rikki Hughes 1.

Piarist — Mary Bentley 13, Bethany Tackett 5, Lakita Lykins 4.

## Bears

Bears' 103-53 rout of Miami-Hamilton last Monday, and followed it with 23 points, nine rebounds, four assists and three steals in their 113-66 win at Bluefield State (W.Va.) University on Saturday.

Robinson became eligible at the end of the Fall 2002 semester and played in only one game before the team broke for Christmas. He scored 27 points in a loss at Spalding.

For the week, Robinson hit 57.69 percent from the floor (15-of-26), including 4-of-10 from the arc. At the free throw line, the former University of

## Champ

than 24 hours before taking on defending 15th Region champ Johnson Central earlier this week. The game was scheduled for Monday night, but due to bad weather was called off and instead played on Tuesday night. Host Johnson Central came out Tuesday night, and after holding a 12-11 lead at the end of one quarter, played from behind to start the second half before battling back for a 59-50 win.

Allen Central, behind six points from Becky Thomas, and five more from Amber Scott, outscored the Lady Eagles 17-14 in the second quarter to lead 28-26 at the half.

Coming out of the intermission, Johnson Central was able to settle things and outscored Allen Central 14-11 in the third quarter and 19-11 in the final period to secure the victory.

Rhonda Adams paced Johnson Central with 17 points. Ashley Wireman added 16 to give the host Lady Eagles two players in double figures in scoring on the night.

A strong supporting cast of scorers also showed up for

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Johnson Central. Michelle Music tossed in nine points and Brienne Daniels flipped in seven.

Thomas scored a game-high 18 points for Allen Central. Another top tier scorer for Allen Central in the setback was Terri Mullins with nine points. Scott finished with eight points and Megan Harris added six.

The Allen Central girls continue play on the road tonight with a game at Prestonsburg. Johnson Central was back in action last night against Lawrence County. Results were unavailable at press time.

## Holy Cross 69, Allen Central 61

Allen Central, like 58th District rival Betsy Layne, was in Louisville over the weekend for a game Saturday at Bellarmine College. The Lady Rebels came out on the short end in a contest with Holy Cross (Covington), losing 69-61.

Center Brittany Bass paced the Holy Cross team with a game-high 20 points. Amie Noll and Rachel Lanry, two starting guards, added 16 points apiece.

Allen Central led 19-18 at the end of the first quarter and 39-38 at the half, before giving up the lead in the third quarter. Holy Cross led 52-42 heading into the fourth quarter and outscored Allen Central 17-12 to pull away for the win.

Sophomores Becky Thomas and Megan Harris scored 18 and 15 points, respectively, leading the Allen Central effort. Senior guard Amber Scott scored 11.

Terri Mullins added eight points and Tiffany Turner chipped in seven.

Tabatha Caudill rounded the Allen Central scoring out with two points.

## Adams

two points and led a late third quarter surge with strong play at point guard, including an assist. Stephen Patrick, Luke Sturgill & Matt Sword also contributed strong bench relief. Patrick had two fourth quarter assists, Sturgill contributed strong defense and three rebounds, while Sword netted four points.

The Blackcats struggled with many blown lay-up attempts, especially in the fourth quarter, but managed to win.

Others had strong performance for Adams. Jody Tackett led Adams with 14 points. Chris Schoolcraft contributed four points and four rebounds, and Allen Craynon contributed two points and had five steals. Austin Gearheart, Billy Robinson, Alex Stumbo, Tyler Gayheart, Chris Bostic and Adam Kimbler all played and contributed to the win.

Chad Conley scored 14 points to lead Jones Fork. Logan Hall added five points, Randy Collins scored three, and Devin Sparkman and Dylan Morgan each netted two for the visiting Knott County team.

Adams improved its record to 11-2.

## FIFTH-GRADE GAME

In the fifth-grade game before the C-Team game, Adams held off a younger Jones Fork team by a score of 13-8. Adams opened up with a 7-0 lead on the strength of four first quarter points by Josh Craynon and a three-point field goal by Wil Allen.

The Fifth-Grade Blackcats never trailed but needed the strong offensive and defensive contributions of Josh Blackburn who had four fourth quarter points and five timely rebounds to hold off the Tigers. Andrew Skeens rounded out the scoring for Adams with two points.

Craynon also had three steals and Brad Stanley added two take-aways for the Blackcats, who improved to 5-2 on the season. Josh Cox scored all eight points for Jones Fork.



Allen Central's Jessica Isaac (25) and Becky Thomas went up for the rebound against Johnson Central.

## Reed

higher. Next Tuesday, the Bears will travel to Beckley, W.Va., to play Mountain State University, the team just below them in today's poll. After games next weekend with OSU-Marion, No. 6 Martin Methodist will make the trip from Pulaski, Tenn., on Jan. 20, with Mountain State coming to town on Jan. 25 just prior to league play starting on Jan. 30.

Elsewhere in the poll, Concordia (Calif.) picked up

nine of the 12 first-place votes to jump over Georgetown and claim the top spot. The Tigers are second, followed by former No. 1 Oklahoma Baptist. McKendree (Ill.) and Science & Arts (Okla.) round out the top five.

The only other Mid-South Conference team in the Top 25 is Cumberland, which checks in at No. 19. Lindsey Wilson received 11 votes, which is good enough for 30th.

team posted a 23-12 record and made it to the quarterfinals of the NIT.

One of Pollio's assistants at VCU was Orlando "Tubby" Smith, of whom you may have heard.

"Tubby's a great coach," Pollio said. "He has an uncanny ability to block out all the distractions. Every time I talk with him, he sounds upbeat. I've got to laugh when I hear some of the fans gripe about him. Who's UK going to get who's any better than Tubby?"

Pollio left VCU in 1989 to become one of Paul McBrayer's many successors at Eastern Kentucky. In two of his three seasons in Richmond, he led the Colonels to runner-up finishes in the Ohio Valley Conference.

After the 1991-92 season, Pollio got out of college coaching with an overall record of 233-133 for 12 seasons. But weary of tilting at windmills, he decided to see what life was like at one of the nation's top programs. So he went to U of L, where he quickly became one of Olsen's most trusted lieutenants.

His wide-ranging experience enables him to bring a unique perspective to his job as commissioner of the Mid-South.

"The one thing I learned is doing try to fight the big boys," Pollio said.

"You've got to work around them. So I encourage our fans to

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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Road rage

Road rage. After a few traffic related incidents that have occurred in my life this week, I think I'm beginning to understand it.

First off, my work week began with a bang, if you will, when I discovered around 4:30 p.m. Monday afternoon that the passenger side mirror of my car had been dealt a rather severe

blow as I sat nearby, in our office, minding my own business (and yours...).

Yes, as I sat at my little desk, answering

the phone and trying in vain to shorten my office-related "to do" list, "Someone" out there was slamming my innocently parked vehicle. I am forced to refer to this person as "Someone" because they failed to do the honorable thing - which was to show their face and inform me that they had damaged my property.

So, with the help of my youngest child, the fact that

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### THIS TOWN, THAT WORLD

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

### THIRTY YEARS AGO

The Floyd Circuit Court has three new officials, all of whom are comparatively young, and each of whom has declared his intention of doing the best job of which he is capable.

We would encourage them to do just that—the very best job they are capable of doing. And it occurs to us, as we wish them well, that the most appropriate editorializing we could do would be to repeat a story which was told us by a friend, the other day.

It relates to the late O. C. Hall, who just 30 years ago this month became Commonwealth's Attorney here. O. C. Hall, who was by no means perfect, even as we all are, had two great attributes: He was afraid of nobody, in any situation; and he was honest.

Not long after he had taken the oath of office, a case arose in court which involved a man in whom a number of people were interested. So it was that four friends of the defendant who

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# Jenny Wiley Sponsors 'Buffalo Night'

FRANKFORT - Jenny Wiley State Resort Park will host a special dinner featuring buffalo meat on Saturday, Jan. 18.

The evening's menu includes top round buffalo carved on line, buffalo stew, buffalo chili and three other meat entrees. Vegetables will include coun-

try-style fried potatoes, corn on the cob, and Santa Fe green beans. A variety of desserts will be offered.

The dinner will be served from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. The cost is \$15.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children 12 and under.

Along with great food, entertainment will be provided throughout the

evening. Cowboy singer Rob McNurlin will perform starting at 6 p.m., Native American Jeff Hatmaker will give a presentation of Cherokee traditions at 7, and square, folk and country line dancing will follow at 8.

Early birds can take part in a tour to view elk now being reestablished in

Eastern Kentucky. The tour leaves the park at 6 a.m. on Saturday, and advance registration is required. The cost is \$10 per person.

For more information and reservations for overnight accommodations, call the park toll-free at 1-800-325-0142.



Mrs. Ruth Prater, left, and Mrs. Sarah Davis, right, were tickled to receive lap quilts from Girl Scout Troop 44 during the Christmas holidays. Members of Girl Scout Troop 44 shown in the photo are, from left to right: Megan Goble, Caitlin Hale, Renee Maynard, Kimberly Williams, Amanda Stone and Amanda Price.

# Local Girl Scouts enjoy busy Christmas season



Megan Goble, forefront, presents Prestonsburg Health Care Center resident, Mr. Garnett Richardson, with a patchwork lap quilt fashioned by Girl Scout Troop 44 and students from the Prestonsburg High School Honors English classes. In background, from left to right, are: Renee Maynard, Caitlin Hale, Kimberly Williams, Amanda Stone and Amanda Price.

Feature story and photos submitted by Phyllis Allison

Girl Scout Troop #44 recently completed a whirlwind Christmas season of activities that nurtured both the young and the old. The girls, aided by students from Prestonsburg High School's Honors English classes, designed and fashioned a colorful assortment of lap quilts that they then delivered to the residents of the Prestonsburg Health Care Center.

The Girl Scouts and Honors English students together crafted a total of 56 lap quilts - one for each resident of the nursing facility. The girls began the project in the early fall of 2002 and completed it in time for the residents of the nursing facility to enjoy their quilts for the Christmas season. The residents were delighted to receive the beautiful quilts and were equally delighted to be entertained by the group of young visitors who sang several Christmas songs for the residents.

The members of Girl Scout Troop 44 who were active participants in the lap quilt activi-

ty and presentation are: Megan Goble, Caitlin Hale, Renee Maynard, Kimberly Williams, Amanda Stone, Amanda Price, Anita Allison, Megan Patton, Katherin Austin, Krista Justus, Shannon Hicks, and Lea Hayton. Phyllis Allison serves as the troop's leader.

### It's time for America's favorite cookies!

Girl Scout cookies are an American tradition. Since the 1920's, Girl Scouts have sold cookies to raise funds to provide Girl Scouting to American girls. Girls in Central and Eastern Kentucky benefit by participating in a wide range of Girl Scout activities that are subsidized by funds generated by the sale of Girl Scout cookies.

By supporting the Girl Scout cookie sale, you are doing much more than simply buying a box of cookies. "Although our annual cookie sale is an important fundraiser, it means much more to the

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### POSTSCRIPT

## Ordering priorities

Using compensatory time and a couple of vacation days, I was fortunate to take off from work the two weeks around the holidays. It was the most time at a stretch that I haven't worked in way too many years.

But, of course, I had a long list of chores to do around the house, including repair the roof, plant the bulbs that had been lying in a box

on the porch since October, paint the living room and bedroom, wallpaper two walls of the kitchen, and on and on - more than I can bear to write or you can bear to read. Suffice to say, I got the first two done and that was about it. (I thought a lot about the others.)

One other task I did accomplish was to give the house a better-than-usual cleaning. And the whole time I was dusting and vacuuming, I kept chastising myself, as always, for letting the place get as dirty as it was.

On Monday, when I returned to work, I found this wonderful email from my David friend, Betty Cavins, one of the dearest, most thoughtful, most insightful persons I know. Now I just have to pass it on since it bears sharing with everyone I know. You can substitute dusting with whatever chore you choose, one that when you get right down to it doesn't really have to be done, or at least doesn't have to be done to perfection. (The author of the piece was not listed.)

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better,

To paint a picture or write a letter.

Bake a cake or plant a seed, Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must but there's not much time,

With rivers to swim and mountains to climb,

Music to hear and books to read,

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# Things to ponder: Impact of choices live on

"Choices" is a frequently used word in my work, since the belief is that all individuals have the right to choose what they need. Just as important, we need to assume the responsibility of the impact of our choices in others. As a result, one of my frequent statements is, "We do not live in a vacuum. We need to be aware of what we do and say how these actions may influence others' lives, directly and indirectly." As many of us have probably experienced, it is

very painful when we realize the overwhelming impact that one of our choices has had on someone we love, especially our children. The following are some thoughts that a middle-aged mother had with regard to her realizing how her choices of about 12 years ago still impact on her adult son and the significant emotional pain that tends to be created, usually big-time, at the family-oriented holidays. Her willingness to share her experiences was appreciated

and others are invited to do the same:

"While fall comes with the splendor of the foliage, with gold, burgundy, flaming reds and brilliant purples, it is likely to be the start of many emotional ups and downs for families having 'joyful' holidays. Thanksgiving is the first and soon after, we are in a frenzy of activity preparing for Christmas, Kwanza and Hanukah, whichever holiday your family chooses to cele-

brate. There are the usual decorations of glimmering lights, the excited anticipation of what is inside the beautifully wrapped gifts, and the nonstop schedules. After the hoopla of the holidays, it is reasonable that we should expect a winding down. When you consider that the hills are now barren, the skies tend to be more gray than blue, and the wind is blistery and cold, winter could be a downer even without the excitement of holidays. Then,

with some of us having an additional Seasonal Affective Disorder, caused by the lack of bright light stimulation, is it any wonder that this time of year is a period of greatest attempts of suicide?

An even greater emotional bang is added to the family holidays, when we have to face the reality that choices made in the past

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Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.



## School Happenings



Meade receives poet's award at D.C. convention

Brita Sha Meade, a South Floyd High School sophomore, attended the International Society of Poets Convention in August, 2002, in Washington, D.C., where she was recognized and presented with an award for her published poetry. At the convention, Brita had the opportunity to meet nationally recognized poets and celebrities, attend workshops and classes and interact with other poets from around the nation. Brita is the 16-year old daughter of James and Tammy Meade. She has one brother, Kerry Meade.

## Ponder

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still cause emotional pain for others, during such a 'happy' time. Typically, we are apt to adjust our view of situations in order to justify our contributions to them. Many times we complain that we had no other choice than to do what we did. Sometimes it is true because we feel we have painted ourselves into a corner, as the old saying goes. We have a sense of being 'pinned in' by past choices we made and the consequences that followed. Sometimes we are able to adapt easily because of it being an insignificant choice. Other times, the choices have more 'earth shattering' results and the adapting is very painful. Sometimes, we feel as though we are not in control of anything, when others make choices that affect us and we have no say in the matter.

Needless to say, I knew that getting a divorce from my son's father years ago would probably have more influences on my son's life than I could think of. However, I had not a clue what my son would have to endure daily, and even more so, during the traditional American holidays. The divorce papers specified that he would spend one Thanksgiving with me, and then, during the Christmas season, he would be with his father until 2 p.m. Christmas Day. At 2 p.m. Christmas Day, he was to be with me until the end of the holiday school break. The next year it was to be reversed. That was a horrible way for a 6-year old to have to spend what is advertised as the happiest time of the year.

My parents divorced, after I was grown and married, but my home life in childhood was not cherishable and Christmas was not always the best of times. I have memories of going to my grandparents homes for family holidays and being able to escape the fighting and dead silence that was at home. My grandparents were thrilled to have every family member there that could be. It was great that my son had that while his paternal grandparents were living. However, things do not stay the same. Now, my son needs to choose as a young adult where he will spend his holidays. Will it be with dad and his girlfriend, mom and her new beau, or with his maternal grandmother's family, with childhood uncles gone, new uncles here, and an older and a younger "cousin" to adapt to? There is also the possibility of Grandpa being at the fiasco with the woman with whom he lives.

Grandma will be there, still bitter over the divorce that she initiated. Now, with family members living in a different state and devoting ourselves to the corporate world, Christmas is the only time that my family sees each other. Additionally, holiday celebrations are affected by every family member being divorced, since our parents taught us well how to break a home. Neither of my sisters had children, although one has stepchildren. Now, our family sets our Christmas schedule around the schedule and lifestyle of the other parent of this sister's stepchild, if we are to be together. How could I have put my son, this precious baby, child, and now fine young man, in this predicament and still call myself a loving mother?

Not that my son has not had sufficient distress with the joyful holiday season during his childhood, just think about the possibilities if my son chooses to marry a woman from a broken home. Even if they do stay happily married, think of the holiday season for my grandchildren, if I am so blessed. Their 'grandfather-to-be' and I do treat each other in a civil manner, as do his girlfriend and I. Hopefully my daughter-in-law's divorced parents can be civil to each other, too. Possibly, we could have four grandmas and four grandpas for one heck of a busy holiday season. Talk about an extended family!

As I look back over the past holidays, my latest, acute awareness of the impact of my divorce upon my son popped up recently. Thanksgiving to be exact. Again, I was made more conscious of how my son was emotionally impacted by my past choices. When I thanked my adult son for being willing to go with me to a family dinner, he told me he didn't have a choice. He didn't want to spend Thanksgiving with his dad, his girlfriend, and her children. He wanted to spend it with me. I was very thankful for that. Also, my son hadn't told me that he and his dad weren't going to his Aunt Jane's. This would be a big change for my son, since this was his first Thanksgiving without his paternal grandparents. Being involved in a new relationship and before knowing that my son wanted to make changes in his traditional Thanksgiving plans, I committed to going with my new friend for his family's traditional

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### ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

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

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

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

Jan. 13 - Youth Services Center Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m. All invited to attend. Meeting will be postponed in case of bad weather.

Jan. 14 - HIV/Aids presentation, 8th grade.

Jan. 27 - PTO meeting, 6 p.m.

School is collecting Food City receipts. Receipts may be given to any AMS student or staff member, or dropped off at the Youth Services Center.\*\*

### ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Jan. 10 - Scoliosis screening, 6th grade.

Jan. 10 - Wildlife presentation, 6th grade.

Jan. 14 - Eating Disorders presentation, 7th grade.

Jan. 15 - Basketball Homecoming.

Jan. 21 - Eating Disorders presentation, 8th grade.

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

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

### ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

G.E.D. classes offered-FREE each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through

11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

### BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

### CLARK ELEMENTARY

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

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

### DUFF ELEMENTARY

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

### MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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

### MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

School is collecting Food City receipts. Have your students turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also

turn receipts in to school office. Help McDowell Elementary receive computers, audio visual equipment, etc. through the "Apples for Students" program.

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

FRC Advisory Council meets first Thursday of each month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

### PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

### SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Jan. 10 - First aid and safety classroom presentations.

Jan. 14 - Epidemics classroom presentations.

Jan. 21 - Nutrition classroom presentations.

Jan. 24 - Genetics and Heredity classroom presentations.

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

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

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## World

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were closely related by blood or friendship, or both, to Mr. Hall came here to plead for help.

They sat in a close group, the new prosecutor listening while his friends and relatives talked, asking him to dismiss the case.

Suddenly those about him saw that tears were streaming down Mr. Hall's face. They naturally wondered why.

"I have to go into court tomorrow morning and resign my office," he told them.

His callers were mystified, but Hall explained.

"Here you have asked me to do something that violates the oath I just a few days ago took. You are my friends—without you I could not have won the election—and I will not go back on my friends. I have no choice—there's only one thing left for me to do, and that's get out."

The crestfallen visitors rose, helpless in the face of his statement, and departed as gracefully as they could under the circumstances.

## NEWS FROM THE FRONT

My dog and Ray Howard's had a slight difference of opinion today, but there was no bloodshed. It ended with the Dalmatian on his back, all four feet lifted skyward in surrender, and the Boxer standing over him. You could almost hear the spotted one say, "You can draw, but you can see I have no gun."

We sympathize with the school children. They say the weatherman tricked them, waiting as he did for school vacation before sending that snow.

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Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there

With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,

A flutter of snow, a shower of rain.

This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind, Old age will come and it's not kind. And when you go and go you must, You, yourself, will make more dust.

Remember, a house becomes a home when you can write "I love you" on the furniture....

Is that not wonderful? I am also reminded of something my high school librarian, June Rice, used to tell us. She took issue with the old adage, Anything worth doing is worth doing well. She gave making a bed as an example. "It's worth it to make a bed each day, returning the sheets and blankets to their rightful place in preparation for the evening's rest," she would say, "but it's not something that's necessarily worth doing well."

She taught us that there were many more things we could do with the precious time it takes to pull everything off the bed and then remake it as if the editors of Martha Stewart Living were going to drop by. As a librarian, she naturally suggested reading a book, and I tend to agree.

Thanks, Betty and June. These are lessons to live by.

## Eyes

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my car's right hand mirror was lying on the ground was brought to my attention as I prepared to head my family home for the evening.

In addition, a good hefty chunk of the mirror casing lay along beside it.

So much for Mondays, huh? And considering the fact that I was scheduled to be in Huntington, W. Va. at 10 a.m. the following morning did little to appease my frustration. I certainly did not relish the thought of driving on unfamiliar streets in a busy downtown setting minus a mirror.

But, so much for that situation, I dealt with it emotionally and got over the indignation of being mistreated without so much as even an "I'm sorry" and moved on. It's a car after all, and better that my car be slammed than someone I love, right?

Right. Flash forward now to Thursday morning - approximately 7:55 a.m.

I'm coming from the Davis Branch area of Johnson County, about 10 minutes behind schedule and thinking to myself, "Please, God, let us not be so late that I have to go inside those schools and face those attendance officers. You know how they are about these tardies, Lord," when I began to approach the Dewey Lake-Auxier area portion of Rt. 321.

Now, as I said, I was running a tad behind schedule (can I help it if my

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## Girls

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girls than just selling cookies," said Wendy Henry, Communications Manager for the Wilderness Road Council of the Girl Scouts. "The girls are involved in every aspect of the sale - from planning, to selling, to deciding how the money raised is spent. In the process, the girls learn some very valuable life skills."

Girl Scouting has always encouraged goal setting, and career exploration through its many events and initiatives. In fact, many of today's successful businesswomen say that selling Girl Scout cookies was an important first step toward success. Today, as competition

in the workforce increases, the Girl Scouts underscores the need for girls to have business and financial skills. After nine decades, selling Girl Scout cookies still proves to be an excellent primer.

Over two-thirds of the selling price of every box of Girl Scout cookies goes directly to support Girl Scouting in local communities. The volunteer Board of Directors of Wilderness Road Council budgets the remaining proceeds for expenses related to providing Girl Scout services to 25,000 girls and 5,500 volunteers in 57 Central and Eastern Kentucky counties.

If you need an excuse to satisfy your Girl Scout cookie craving, just remind yourself that you are doing a good deed by supporting the Girl Scouts and all of the good things they do for the community. When you purchase Girl Scout cookies, you are really helping to fund the future.

Cookie sales began on January 3. Orders are currently being taken and cookies may be purchased directly from any area Girl Scout or by calling the Wilderness Road Council at 1-800-475-2621. Locally, you may call Phyllis Allison at 886-8271 to place your cookie order.



Girl Scouts from local Troop 44 visited the Prestonsburg Health Care Center during the Christmas holidays when they presented the residents with gifts of both song and beautifully hand-fashioned lap quilts.





# Family Medicine

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



# Knowing alphabet can help you spot dangerous moles

**Q** My husband has a lot of moles on his back. He frequently asks me to look at them for him. What am I looking for? He worries about his moles being bad, but I can't get him to go to the doctor.

**A** Moles are very common. The average Caucasian has about 20 moles on his or her body. Moles are less common in people with heavily pigmented skin, such as African Americans. Most moles are

harmless, but it is important to watch moles and know which changes can signal possible danger.

Moles generally develop early in life and evolve over the life of the person. In childhood moles are flat, small brown lesions. Through adolescence and early adulthood, moles can grow in size and become slightly raised. During pregnancy moles can become darker and larger. After you reach the age of 70, your moles could start to fade and degenerate. This process may continue as you grow

older. Regardless of your stage of life, however, a normal mole has sharp borders or margins, a uniform color, a symmetrical shape, and a smooth outline or contour. In general a non-cancerous mole — technically called a benign mole — is also smaller than a pencil eraser and of a single color, usually pink to tan to dark brown.

When looking for an abnormal mole, it might be helpful to remember a mnemonic phrase that I've given to my medical students. It's the first seven letters of the alphabet — A-B-C-D-E-F-G. Each letter stands for an important clue that could indicate a cancerous mole. If you notice any of the following, ask your family doctor or dermatologist to take a look at the mole:

- Asymmetry (one side looks different than the other).

- Border irregularity.
- Color variation; (two or three different colors in the same mole, such as black, brown, red, or white).
- Diameter over 6mm (pencil eraser).
- Elevation (raised above the skin surface).
- Feeling or change in sensation (e.g., itching or unusual sensation).
- Growth (noticeable increase in size).

There is also the "ugly duckling sign." This is a mole that stands out or looks very different from all the rest of the moles on your body.

Here are some additional things to look for that could signal that a mole is suspicious. A mole that ulcerates, or bleeds for over three weeks, moles that change in shape or color, and black

lesions on non-sun exposed skin in Caucasian people.

The good news is that most moles are benign, but the best way to determine if you should be concerned about a mole is to visit your physician for a thorough skin exam. Some physicians will "map" patient's moles and use this as a guide when doing follow up visits to see if moles have changed.

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

## Birthdays



### Kateland turns 5!

Kateland Rose McDonald turned five years old on December 20, 2002. She celebrated her special day on November 23, 2002 with a "The Little Mermaid" theme birthday party that was attended by many family members and friends. Kateland is the daughter of Ted and Stephanie McDonald, of Prestonsburg. She has one "little brother," Nicholas. She is the granddaughter of Jeff and Mary McDonald, of Town Branch, and Calvin and Ann Sizemore, of Martin. She is the great-granddaughter of Helena Nelson, of Cow Creek, and the late Ted Nelson, and Merle and Deanna May, of Martin.

## Eyes

teenage daughter has no sense of time?), BUT, let me emphasize here that I was not, I repeat, NOT, speeding. (After a tour of duty with "traffic school" a few years back, I learned my lesson with this aspect of road travel.)

However, a female driver in a teal-colored compact car attempting to leave the Auxier bridge and enter the Rt. 321 roadway has, as evidenced by her STUPID behavior, has not yet learned that to get in a hurry while behind the wheel of a moving vehicle does no one any good. Either you learn to get your behind out of bed and give yourself ample time to get where you're going, or you learn to resign yourself to facing those hard stares and "tsk-tsk" sighs from school teachers and/or the folks you work with. FYI to the young female in the compact, teal-colored car: Arriving DEAD is not what anyone would call a "fashionably late" entrance, okay?

You see, what happened as I approached the Auxier bridge was that I took note that one car had pulled off the bridge and onto 321 in front of me with ample time that it created no problem for anyone. However, the second car to nose the edge of the bridge was of the "hot-shot" variety and, after edging and nosing enough times to (thankfully!) catch my attention, decided that, hey, they could get in front of that old lady driving the family car in the six seconds left before they actually met up one another.

Not exactly what we'd call a brainiac, this driver of the little hot-shot compact car.

No, not exactly, because what

this brainiac's not-so-well-thought-out decision actually created was an early morning case of road rage coupled with fear as I was forced to slam on my brakes in disbelief that anyone would intentionally pull right out in front of an oncoming car in early morning rush hour traffic just to save themselves a few seconds of time.

The heck with "time," how about working a little harder, "young lady" to ensure that you save a couple of LIVES while you're out there on the roadways in your spiffy little hot-shot car?

As I said earlier, I think I'm beginning to understand just exactly what "road rage" is all

about, because, folks, I just couldn't help it — when this car pulled out right smack dab in front of me and my children, you better believe that I layed on my horn. Long and loud enough that I could tell that I had rattled her because she slowed almost to a stop. As I continued to release my "rage" via automobile horn, my teenage daughter rebuked me, "Okay, Mom!"

"Okay, Mom, my foot," I replied, "would it have been okay if I had slammed into her just now?"

Guys, I was really ticked. So ticked that I even honked again as she turned left toward Prestonsburg at the

HRMC/MCCC Greenhouse intersection as I traveled straight on across the bridge heading for the four-lane.

Now that I've released the negative emotion through this writing, I feel calmer about the incident and perhaps even a little forgiving. After all, we all have to live and learn and I'd certainly have plenty of egg on my face if I pretended that I've never made a miscue while in the driver's seat of a vehicle. I just hope that this young driver learned a lesson this morning — that being "slow down." Just like the instructor in traffic school told me, "Speeding doesn't get you anywhere any earlier — except to the graveyard."

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# KIDS NOW Initiatives receive national recognition

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Invests in Developing Success Now (KIDS NOW) was recently recognized for focusing on infants and toddlers in comprehensive planning and service delivery initiatives by the National Center for Children in Poverty.

"We are thrilled to receive this honor. More importantly because of KIDS NOW we have fewer children born with open spines; fewer children born underweight and underdeveloped; fewer children suffering from abuse and neglect; and more children getting immunized against terrible diseases," said Dr. Steve Davis, director of the Division of Adult and Child Health in the Cabinet for Health Services.

This statewide initiative, funded through legislative mandate and administered through the governor's Office of Early Childhood Development and situating it within the governor's office to ensure that early childhood issues were made a priority and that funding and

initiatives: ensuring maternal and child health, supporting families, and enhancing early care and education by offering a range of services and supports targeting pregnant women and families with children from birth to age eight. In addition, several key programs primarily target infants and toddlers.

A fourth component — establishing a support structure — addresses the administration and planning necessary to incorporate input from a wide range of local stakeholders and participating agencies and to coordinate funding, services, and policies.

The National Center on Children's Poverty specifically cited five noteworthy aspects of KIDS NOW:

- The initiatives have strong gubernatorial and legislative support, creating the Office of Early Childhood Development and situating it within the governor's office to ensure that early childhood issues were made a priority and that funding and

planning decisions were centralized.

- A Healthy Babies Work Group plans and coordinates activities pertaining to maternal and child health, while Community Early Childhood Councils make certain that statewide efforts to improve early care and education programming meet the needs of local communities.

- Improving birth outcomes is one of the initiative's core goals. A parental education campaign stressed proper nutrition, smoking cessation, prenatal use of folic acid to reduce the risk of neural tube defects, and the avoidance of drugs and alcohol during pregnancy. Through a partnership with the Kentucky Hospital Association and the I Am Your Child Foundation, all parents of newborns are provided with the video "The First Years Last Forever" and a parenting guide when discharged from the hospital. The initiative provides funds to physicians and health departments to ensure full immunization for underinsured children up to age two.

- KIDS NOW created and funds the Health Access Nurturing Development Services program — known as HANDS — which offers first-time parents in the state voluntary access to home visiting services. Families with any number of risk factors, such as limited income or education, single-parent status, or maternal depression, can receive home visiting services for up to two years.

- KIDS NOW negotiated an agreement between the Medicaid and other state health offices allowing reimbursement through Medicaid for home visiting services.

For more information about the KIDS NOW visit the website at <http://gov.state.ky.us/ecdi/index.htm>.

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### Adam Grant turns 1!

Adam Grant Slone, the son of Otis Ray and Karen Slone, of David, turned one year old this past Wednesday, January 8, 2002. Adam celebrated his special day with an "Elmo" theme birthday party attended by family and friends. He is the maternal grandson of Clyde and Teresa Vanderpool, of Hippo, and Herbert and Andrea Spears, of Prestonsburg. His paternal grandparents are Otis and Nancy Slone, of Blue River. He has one brother, Jordan Slone.



## School

public (except during special event).

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

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

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

- The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

### STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents

and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

### THE DAVID SCHOOL

- Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

#### \*Monday

- McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.

- Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.

- MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Instructor: Chrissy.

#### \*Tuesday

- Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.

- St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.

- Auxier Family Learning Center, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

#### \*Wednesday

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

### WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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

- \*Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

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

- TBA- Recycling program, all grades.

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

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

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

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## Ponder

Thanksgiving dinner at his childhood home. He must have considered his bottom-line to be that he had to choose yet another different family holiday setting, if he wanted to be with his mother.

The choice that I made to divorce my son's father has had the single biggest impact on my son's life to this point, other than the choice not to abort when I discovered I was pregnant. I love my son dearly. "They" say whatever doesn't kill you will make you stronger. My son is definitely a stronger individual than I was at his age. He has always known that I love him and will always love him. He has always known that I will always be there for him. He has always known that he is my biggest blessing. My son has even told me that his dad and I are so very different that he understands why we can't live in the same house, since we run our homes very differently. I am sure, that, given the choice, he would have us be compatible and live in the same house, creating a secure and loving

home. I wish that I knew how to do just that for him, and for myself, too.

I made a choice to divorce that affects my son everyday, but especially at the holidays. I wish that my parents and my ex-husband and I could have been able to choose to be respectful, forgiving, understanding, supporting and thankful toward each other. I did not make those choices every day. My son, who was innocent, has paid the price. Hopefully this New Year you can make a choice everyday, to do what you can, to save your children from this sort of "holiday horror" in the years to come."



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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5341, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Deborn, Kentucky 41214, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 2.7 miles south of Odds in Floyd, Martin and Johnson Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 42.50 acres of surface area, and will underlie 123.00 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 165.50 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.70 miles southwest from Daniel's Branch Road's junction with KY State Route 3, and located 0.1 mile south of Dick's Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objection or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

For Final Advertisement: This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

This is to notify certain unknown defendants of the nature and pendency of a certain Complaint filed on or about August 10, 2001. Said lawsuit has been filed in the Floyd Circuit Court, and is styled as Civil Action No. 01-CI-00815, Michael Dwayne Shortridge and Jodie Shortridge vs. Ricky Johnson and Unknown Defendants. The basis of this suit is a personal injury action filed against the Defendants by Michael Dwayne Shortridge and Jodie Shortridge arising out of an automobile accident which occurred August 12, 2000, along KY RT 1428 in Prestonsburg, Floyd County, KY. The Plaintiff's are seeking damages as the result of medical expenses, impairment to earning capacity, pain and suffering, loss of use of motor vehicle and loss of consortium by Jodie Shortridge. The Unknown Defendants shall have 50

days from the date of the filing of the complaint to Answer with the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, if he/she desires to do so. If the Defendants do not appear in the lawsuit and present a defense, then a Judgment may be entered against them, at the Court's discretion.

Sue Ellen Prater  
 Warning Order  
 Attorney  
 120 North Front Avenue,  
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**LEGAL NOTICE**

This is to notify Defendant Kristin Nicole Dotson of the nature and pendency of a certain Complaint filed on or about November 15, 2002. Said lawsuit has been filed in the Floyd Circuit Court, and is styled as Civil Action Number 02-CI-01193, Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc. vs. Rhonda Clay et al.

The basis of the suit is a foreclosure action filed against the Defendants by Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc. The Complaint alleges that the Defendants have defaulted on their obligations to pay per the terms of the finance contract. The Plaintiff is seeking to foreclose on the home and property which is the subject of this action, and damages in the amount of the entire balance due under the finance contract.

The Defendant, Kristin Nicole Dotson, shall have 50 days from the date of the Complaint to file an Answer with the Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk, if she desires to do so. If the Defendant does not appear in the lawsuit and present a defense, then a Judgment may be entered against her, at the Court's discretion.

Lana Gresham  
 Warning Order  
 Attorney  
 120 North Front Avenue  
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0295 Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located at Craynor in Floyd County. The amendment proposes to add 74.08 acres and delete 2.52 acres of surface disturbance, and add 28.10 acres and delete 21.21 acres of auger area for total of 288.28 acres within the total permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile southwest from KY 680's junction with KY 979, and located on Hamilton Branch of Mud Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Curt Hall Heirs, Richard P. Hall Heirs, Charles Hall, Walker

Tackett et al., Robert or Marlene Howell, Frank and Ivallee McKinney, William L. Hall Heirs, and Barbara Hall. The operation will underlie land owned by Charles Hall, Walker Tackett et al., Robert or Marlene Howell, and Frank and Ivallee McKinney. The operation will use the area, contour, and auger methods of surface mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5423, Amendment No. 3

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located approximately 3.1 miles southeast of McDowell in Floyd County. The amendment will add 60.99 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 52.95, all of which overlie permitted underground acreage, making a total area of 3,299.19 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area begins at the intersection of KY Route 1929's junction with Buckhorn Fork Road and is located within Buckhorn Fork of Frasure Creek and also at the head of Frasure Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, McKinley Osborne Estate, Pink Osborne Estate, Charles T. and Janet G. Vance, and Laura Caudill Estate, Perley Howell Heirs, Emmitt Blevins Heirs, and Freda Bentley. The amendment will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, McKinley Osborne Estate, Pink Osborne Estate, Charles T. and Janet G. Vance, and Laura Caudill Estate, Perley Howell Heirs, Emmitt Blevins Heirs, and Freda Bentley.

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Kentucky 40601.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Finding of No Significant Impact and Combined Final Notice

**CITY OF PRESTONSBURG RAW WATER INTAKE PROJECT**

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service as administrator of Appalachian Regional Commission funds has received an application for financial assistance from the City of Prestonsburg. The proposed project consists of the construction of a new and larger raw water intake structure, conversion of disinfection system at the Water Treatment Plant from Chlorine Gas to a mixed Oxidant System, and install sludge handling facilities. This proposed project will benefit all of the existing users of the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission and especially the Prestonsburg Middle School with the elimination of the present chlorine gas disinfection system which can be very hazardous.

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, USDA/RUS has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and has determined that the proposal will not have a significant effect on the human environment and for which an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. USDA/RUS has further determined that the location of the proposed construction would impact the 100-year floodplain. It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to avoid this impact. The basis of this determination is as follows:

- The floodplain would be impacted by the proposed construction of the proposed project due to construction within the floodplain.
- The proposed raw water intake by its very nature must be located within the floodplain in order to serve the customers of the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission
- The proposed action conforms to applicable state and local floodplain protection standards.

In order to avoid or minimize any adverse environmental impacts, the Rural Utilities Service will require the applicant to incorporate the following mitigation measures into the proposed project's design.

• The Letter of Conditions shall require the applicant to comply with the requirements of the Kentucky State Clearinghouse Agencies as detailed by letter to Ms. Sandra Dunahoc of Kenvirons, Inc., dated November 7, 2002, and signed by Mr. Ronald W. Cook.

• The Letter of Conditions shall require the applicant to comply with the requirements of the US Fish and Wildlife Service as requested by letter dated July 26, 2002, and signed by Lee A. Barclay, Ph.D., Field Supervisor.

• Standard mitigation measures regarding protection of Prime Farmlands, Cultural and Historic

Resources, Wetlands and Floodplains will remain as conditions within the Letter of Conditions.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be reviewed or obtained at USDA/Rural Development, 220 West First St., Morehead, Ky. 40351, Phone (606)784-6447. For further information, call Joseph C. Frazier, Rural Development Manager at (606)78-46447.

Federal law prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, age, handicap, and sex in this program.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE**

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of January, 2003, directed me, the undersigned, to advertise for sale an electric franchise and

Therefore, pursuant to Order and Ordinance of said Commission, and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the same,

Notice is hereby given that I, City Clerk of Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, or in my absence, Sharon S. Woods, Mayor of the City, will, at the front door of the City Building, in City of Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, on the 3rd day of February, 2003, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., Allen Time in the City of Allen, offer for sale an electric franchise, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforesaid ordinance of said City Commission, and subject to conditions of said Ordinance, which Ordinance and conditions are as follows, to-wit:

**SECTION NO. 1**

That there be sold at public auction to the highest and best bidder, the franchise, privilege, right and authority to acquire, maintain, construct and operate in, above, under, across, and along the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places (as the same now exists or may hereafter be laid out) of the City of Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, lines, poles and equipment for the distribution of electric energy, either by means of overhead or underground conductors, with all the necessary or desirable appurtenances for the purpose of supplying electric energy to said City and the inhabitants thereof, and persons, and corporations beyond the limits thereof, for light, heat, power, and any other purpose or purposes for which electric energy is now or may hereafter be used, and for the transmission of same within, through, or across said City.

**SECTION NO. 2**

Said lines and appurtenances shall be constructed so as to interfere as little as possible with the traveling public in its use of the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and public places.

**SECTION NO. 3**

The franchise, privilege, right and authority shall be in full force and effect

for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of the passage of the ordinance granting it.

**SECTION NO. 4**

The grantee of this franchise shall save the City harmless from any and all liability arising in any way from negligence of the grantee in the erection, maintenance, or operating of said lines and appurtenances.

**SECTION NO. 5**

The grantee of this franchise shall have the right and privilege to take up such portion or part of any pavement and make such excavation in the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City of Allen, as may be deemed necessary for the construction and maintenance of its lines, wires, or cables, but whenever the grantee of the franchise shall begin the erection of any lines or other equipment, it shall promptly and diligently prosecute the work until completion and leave the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places where such work is done in as good condition of repair as before such work was commenced.

**SECTION NO. 6**

Wherever in this franchise either the City of Allen or the grantee thereof is referred to, it shall be deemed to include the respective successors and assigns of either, and all rights, privileges, and obligations contained in this franchise shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the respective successors and assigns of said City and said grantee, whether so expressed or not.

**SECTION NO. 7**

The grantee of this franchise to be offered for sale may make such rules and regulations, covering the furnishing of said electric energy, as may be fair and reasonable and consistent with the standard practice of the grantee. Said grantee may charge such rates for electric ser-

VICES as shall be fair and reasonable. The said grantee shall render service under said franchise of like quality, that is, adequate, efficient and reasonable, to that now being rendered to said City.

**SECTION NO. 8**

The consideration paid by the successful bidder for the franchise, privilege, right and authority provided for herein shall be complete compensation and consideration for the sale of said franchise, privilege, right and authority and for the use and occupancy of the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City, in lieu of any street or alley rental or of any charge for the use and occupancy of said streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways, or other public places of the City, and in lieu of any pole tax or meter tax.

**SECTION NO. 9**

City Clerk of the City of Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, is hereby appointed City Commissioner to sell said franchise, privilege, right and authority hereby ordered sold, and said Special Commissioner is directed to offer said franchise for sale at public auction and shall sell same to the highest bidder at the front door of the City Building in Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, at 7:00 p.m., on February 3, 2003, after he/she has advertised the same, terms, conditions and place of sale, pursuant to law by inserting a notice of sale in the Floyd County Times Newspaper of general circulation in Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to the date of said sale, said advertisement to include this Ordinance.

**SECTION NO. 10**

Each bidder for the sale of said franchise, privilege, right and authority, shall file, as a part of his bid, a certified copy of his bid a Certificate of Convenience and

Necessity from the Public Service Commission of Kentucky, issued under the authority of KRS 278.020(3).

**SECTION NO. 11**

Bids and proposals for the purchase and acquisition of the franchise, privilege, right and authority hereby directed to be sold shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Mayor or the City Clerk upon the date and at the time fixed by the Clerk and/or Mayor in said advertising for receiving bids. Thereafter, the Clerk and/or Mayor shall report and submit to the City Council, at the time and place to be fixed by it, said bids and proposals for said Commission's approval, and said City Commission reserves the right for and on behalf of the City of Allen to refuse any and all bids for said franchise, privilege, right and authority. In the event the bids reported by the Clerk and/or Mayor shall be refused by the said City Commission, it may direct, by resolution or ordinance, said franchise, privilege, right and authority to be again offered for sale from time to time, until a satisfactory bid therefor shall be received and approved. Each bid shall be accompanied by a deposit and each bidder shall post bond in accordance with the provisions and requirements of KRS 96.020. However, such deposit and bond need not be made by a corporation or person already owning, in or adjacent to the City of Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, a plant and equipment sufficient to render the service required by this resolution.

**SECTION NO. 12**

This Ordinance granting this franchise shall be accepted by the grantee thereof within sixty (60) days from the date of its passage. Done by a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, entered at its meeting held on the 6th day of

January, 2003. MY HAND, this 6th day of January, 2003.

Bill Parsons  
 City Clerk of the City of Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky.

**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Highways, in the Division of Contract Procurement and/or the Auditorium, located on the 1st floor of the State Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky, until 10:00 A.M., EASTERN STANDARD TIME, on the 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2003, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of:

FLOYD COUNTY, FD05 036 0302 010-013: The Dewey Dam - Johnson County Line Road (KY 302) from 0.349 miles north of KY 3051 (MP 10.099) extending northerly to the Johnson County Line (MP 12.699), a distance of 2.800 miles. Asphalt Surface.

Bid proposals for all projects will be available at the Division of Contract Procurement until 3:00 P.M., EASTERN STANDARD TIME, preceding the day of the letting of Friday, JANUARY, 17, 2003. Bid proposals for all projects will be available at a cost of \$10 each, and remittances, payable to the State Treasurer of Kentucky, must accompany request for proposals (NON-REFUNDABLE). BID PROPOSALS ARE ISSUED TO PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS.

Specimen proposals for all projects will be available to all interested parties at a cost of \$10 each (NON-REFUNDABLE).

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Friday, January 10, 2003

# ROLLIN'

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

## Don't fall for this song and dance

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI  
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

### Dear Tom and Ray:

I recently took my 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 conversion van in for an oil change. The shop did a full-service check of all my fluids and put a sample of each on a plastic card to compare the colors with those of brand-new fluids. The mechanic said that my differential and power-steering fluids are dirty (dark) and should be changed — for \$79.95 each. I thought I read in one of your columns that the differential oil rarely, if ever, needs to be changed. And it seems to me that \$79.95 is a lot for these services. I only have 19,000 miles on the van. What do you think? — Scott



### TOM:

I'm going to guess that he was wearing a top hat, Scott. Because he's giving you a good old-fashioned song and dance. And an expensive one, at that.

### RAY:

Of course the fluids are dirty. They've been doing their jobs for 19,000 miles. But that doesn't mean they need to be replaced.

### TOM:

In the old days, when cars used to last only 100,000 miles, we would never change the differential fluid. Now that cars are lasting longer and some of them have more complicated differentials (with limited slip, for instance), we wouldn't argue with changing it at some point. For instance, if your car is still humming along between 60,000 and 90,000 miles, and you plan to keep it forever, I could see changing the differential fluid then.

### RAY:

Same with the power-steering fluid. Most cars you find in the junkyard have their original power-steering fluid. Usually, a hose will blow long before the fluid ever goes bad. But again, with today's expensive rack-and-pinion systems, I wouldn't argue with changing the power-steering fluid somewhere between 60,000 and 90,000 miles.

### TOM:

But in both cases, the price should be half of what you were quoted.

### RAY:

So I'd tell this guy thanks, but you want to think about it. For the next 60,000 or 70,000 miles.

## Readers respond to a serious problem

### Dear Tom and Ray:

You recently wrote about the problem of distracted drivers ignoring the sirens of emergency vehicles. Tom's suggestion of "a transmitter, so you could broadcast your siren through the sound systems of cars within a hundred feet of you" got my attention. My company has been developing a technology called Safety Cast (now patent pending, so I can let the word out). It is a transmitter intended for installation in ambulances, police cruisers, firetrucks, railroad locomotives and school buses. It transmits an alert tone, then a verbal message (i.e., "Ambulance emergency, please yield") into a commuter's car radio, over all AM and FM radio stations simultaneously. The Federal Communications Commission's rules allow our device to be utilized by public-sector vehicles for limited-range transmissions (up to one-fifth of a mile). Units are being prepared for final beta tests here in Jacksonville, Fla., with our police, fire and rescue vehicles. — Mark Foss, President & CEO, Hidden Labs

### TOM:

Hey, if you need someone to record the message, I'll volunteer. Mark. As long as I can start it with "Hey, knucklehead!"

### RAY:

Actually, we got letters from two other companies that are coming out with similar devices. One is called Alertcast (in El Dorado Hills, Calif.), and the other is EVA (in Crestwood, Ky.). And apparently, there are several others that have been patented.

### TOM:

We got a lot of other responses to our

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TEST DRIVE by Greg Zyla



## 2003 Infiniti G35 Sedan

This week, we test drive the highly commended 2003 Infiniti G35 sport sedan. Competing with the likes of Mercedes, Lexus, BMW, Cadillac, Acura and Audi, the G35 has an excellent chance of not only impacting this fickle segment of performance-luxury, it could well become a best seller.

Our G35's major "accessory" is its powerful V-6 engine, which performs like a V-8. With rear-drive traction and a 20-gallon fuel cell nestled in the suspension below the back seat area, the G35's front-to-rear weight ratio is 52 percent to 48 percent, respectively, resulting in superb handling. All G35's come with four-wheel inde-

pendent multi-link suspension, Vehicle Dynamic Control anti-skid technology and four-wheel ventilated disc brakes with ABS, Brake Assist and Electronic Brake Force Distribution.

Of course, mechanicals are only good for half the car. That's why the G35's designers made sure this Infiniti both runs good and also carries the necessary aesthetic impressions consumers in this class demand. Bottom line here is that Infiniti's new approach to sales includes performance and style, something the car was missing years ago.

One of the biggest ergonomic changes in the G-series is interior

spaciousness. The G35 offers up better dimensions than competitors, with more than ample headroom and legroom both fore and aft. Most mid-size luxury cars do not offer the room Infiniti does, which is another plus on the buyer's chart.

A closer look at the overhead cam 3.5-liter V-6 finds numbers like 260 horsepower and 260 foot-pounds of torque. No other car in this class tops the G35's horsepower figure. The resulting performance is wonderful, with 0-60 mph in the 6.5-second range with spectacular passing attributes. The

(See TEST, page two)

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And don't let those biggest-in-the-segment, 20-inch wheels and tires on the FX45 fool you.

This is a crossover for people who enjoy driving and who drive aggressively.

Indeed, the well-controlled body motions and crisp handling of the FX45, combined with a powerful V8 and judicious all-wheel drive, can make a driver forget that the FX has any relation to an SUV whatsoever.

Yes, the outer styling of the FX is a bit oddball.

The hood is extremely tall — taller than expected when you view the FX from a distance.

The shiny silver Infiniti grille has a substantial presence but doesn't seem to add elegance or richness situated on a rather wide, bulbous-looking front end.

The rear has an unexpected appearance, too — substantial in size with little rear overhang of the body, and yet rounded, not boxy as on SUVs.

Add in a striking interior that includes plentiful metallic trim,

drilled aluminum pedals and small-diameter, sport steering wheel, and the nearly 16-foot-long FX comes across as a vehicle with an avant-garde flair.

Note the FX is longer in total length and wheelbase than competitors like the BMW X5, Mercedes-Benz M-Class and Acura MDX.

We are making a very, very strong statement for people who want to stand out a little bit, said Jack Collins, Infiniti vice president of product planning.

Infiniti's first crossover, the FX is available in two models.

The FX35 is powered by a 280-horsepower, 3.5-liter, double overhead cam V6 and is available with either rear- or all-wheel drive. Starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, for a two-wheel-drive model is \$34,745.

The test vehicle was the uplevel FX45 with 315-horsepower, 4.5-liter, double-overhead cam V8 under the hood and standard all-wheel drive. Starting price is \$44,770.

The broad price range means the FX competes both with competitors like the MDX, which only offers V6 power, as well as competitors with V8s, like the BMW X5.

The 2003 MDX has a starting MSRP, including destination charge, of \$36,200, while the base, 2003 X5 with V8 starts at \$50,645.

The FX45 tester's well-managed road manners reminded me a lot of the buttoned-down ride of the German X5.

Front suspension in the FX is independent strut, while an independent multi-link configuration is at the rear.

In the tester, road bumps came through much of the time. It wasn't in a harsh, jolting way, but the suspension did feel quite busy managing the road contact with those big tires, especially on concrete highways.

A low center of gravity and wide stance helped the FX45 immediately convey a sense of being planted to the road, so much that I boldly took curves and corners at speed. The FX45 was composed and confidence-inspiring throughout.

The FX45 uses an all-wheel-drive system that evolved from

the one used in Infiniti's QX45 SUV.

In the FX, it's programmed to provide good acceleration and launch at startup and maintain optimum power distribution, front and rear, during spirited driving.

Steering had a precise, responsive feel in the FX. It's power-assisted rack and pinion, but with a quick steering gear ratio like those on sports cars.

There is a bit of road noise from the large, FX45 tires.

And the V8 sounds came through confidently in the test vehicle. Nissan officials said the exhaust system was tuned specifically so drivers would hear a sporty sound.

Power was ample and smoothly delivered in the FX45 through the V8 derived from the Infiniti flagship Q45 sedan. It's mated to a standard five-speed automatic transmission that includes a manual shift mode to allow drivers to select gears themselves, without depressing a clutch pedal, so they can maximize performance.

Though it weighed some 4,300 pounds, the V8-powered FX45 was a spirited runner, getting around slower vehicles quickly and efficiently. Torque is a generous 329 foot-pounds at 4,000 rpm.

In contrast, the X5's base 4.4-liter V8 has maximum 290 horsepower and 324 foot-pounds of torque.

But premium fuel is recommended for the FX45, and fuel economy is rated at just 15 miles a gallon in city driving. This is akin to the fuel economy of some big SUVs.

The FX45 tester didn't require me to climb up to get inside. Seats are substantial, supportive and comfortable. The driver seat height and track adjustments have a very wide range.

There are seats for five here, though the middle person in back sits up a bit on the middle seat cushion and has to fuss with a large hump in the floor.

Front-seat legroom of 43.9 inches is commendable, but rear-seat legroom of 35.2 inches is less than the 37.8 inches in the MDX and the 38 inches in the M-Class.

The FX cargo space, with

rear seats folded down, totals 64.5 cubic feet.

This compares with more than 81 cubic feet in the MDX and M-Class.

Also note the MDX comes standard with three rows of seats. Infiniti doesn't offer third-row seating in the FX.

Power amenities, including eight-way power driver seat, are standard, even on the base FX model. Interestingly, roof rails are optional, giving buyers a choice of whether to make the vehicle look more, or less, like an SUV.

Look closely at the rear tail-lamps of the FX. To help create downforce during speedy travel, the lamps stick out beyond the FX sheet metal.

Lastly, note that the FX is not a model that's shared with Infiniti's other brand, Nissan, even though Nissan has an intriguingly styled Murano crossover.

In fact, the FX is built on the platform that's used for the Infiniti G35 and Nissan 350Z cars, while the Murano is on a different platform, Collins said.

He added the only major thing the two vehicles share is the V6 engine, and it's mounted transversely in the Murano while it's longitudinal in the FX.

Infiniti officials project sales of some 30,000 FX vehicles annually.

Seventy percent of FX buyers are expected to be men, with 75 percent married, Infiniti officials said.

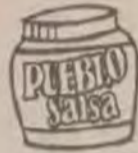
Expected median age is 40 and median household income is \$110,000 to \$130,000. Most will be college graduates and many will have young children. They will be buyers who are progressive and who seek excitement from their vehicles, the company added.

Because the FX is a new vehicle, Consumer Reports magazine does not list owner trouble reports.

Also because of the newness of the FX, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration does not list crash test ratings, and there have been no safety recalls of the FX.

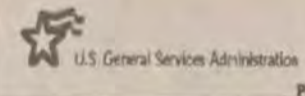
The FX comes standard with frontal, side and curtain airbags.

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only transmission available is a fine-shifting five-speed automatic with the manual shift mode, the latter something we feel is nothing more than gimmick. However, there is already talk of a six-speed manual appearing in 2004.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 112.2 inches, cargo space of 14.8 cubic-feet, EPA numbers of 19 mpg city and 24 mpg highway, turning radius of 36 feet and a gross vehicle weight of 3,338 pounds. The drag coefficient is just 0.27, which means it slips through the wind effortlessly.

The cabin is also well-done with every switch and button in the right place. The analog clock, which is found in upper-

class vehicles these days, is now a signature in the Infiniti line. The gauges move up and down with the tilt wheel resulting in an "always centered" view of the important gauge numbers. Novel? Yes.

Prices start at \$27,100 for the base model with cloth interior, and rise to \$28,950 for the leather-appointed G35. Included in the base price are standard features like air conditioning; all the powers; AM/FM/CD/cassette stereo with six-disc in-dash changer; three-tier air bag system in front, side and side-curtain areas; cruise; keyless entry; and too much more to list. Our tester was the upgraded version, which features the eight-

way power driver's seat and a sport-tuned suspension. Options included a moon roof and a great-sounding Bose stereo system. Add the destination, and the final bottom line of our tester came in at \$33,050.

The G35 is a joy to drive on mountain roads, where sharp corners and steep elevations are our true test of a car's real worth. Our G35 made mincemeat of every driving obstacle we threw to it, and yes, we'd love to someday park one in our driveway permanently. We like this car very much, and rate it a "must drive" in this category.

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column about people ignoring emergency vehicles. Here's another one:

Dear Tom and Ray:

Install a paintball marker in the front of the emergency vehicle. This way, the driver could "fire" at the offending car's rear. (This would probably help with the stress levels that these individuals are subject to.) The vehicle would be marked for law-enforcement officers to ticket and dope-slap at the same time. Have the emergency workers lobby for noise-level ordinances. How many times have you "felt" the radio in cars, say, two to three blocks away from you? Have these individuals ticketed and double-dope-slapped. No sense talking to them ... they can't hear you. And, you ask, what to do with all this money that will be rolling in? All proceeds from the tickets will go to victims or local burn units. The violators may keep the dope-slaps and receipts. — Scott

TOM:

The paintball would be popular. Here's a different viewpoint:

Dear Tom and Ray:

I also was an EMT for 16 years. Many ambulance accidents can be blamed at least partly on the ambulance drivers. My service had strict rules. All drivers had to take an emergency-vehicle operator's course. We had to come to a full stop at each intersection with a red light, make sure all other vehicles were stopped and then proceed slowly through the intersection. Speeds were not to exceed 10 mph over the posted limit. No lights and siren when going to the hospital unless the patient was critical, and then no excessive speed, because the medics in the back needed a stable ambulance compartment to work in. I never used lights and siren on expressways — where can a car go on an expressway to get out of your way? We now carefully screen calls using new protocols and do not use lights and siren to the scene as much as we used to. I drove for 12 years and never had an accident, even in the city. Defensive driving has to become automatic when you drive an emergency vehicle. — Stephen

RAY:

Most emergency responders DO now follow similar safety rules. I'm guessing that the days of slaloming to the hospital at full speed for a sprained ankle are pretty much over, thank goodness.

TOM:

But you're right to remind emergency drivers that they should make sure to use their lights and sirens judiciously — on true emergencies, where minutes might make a difference.

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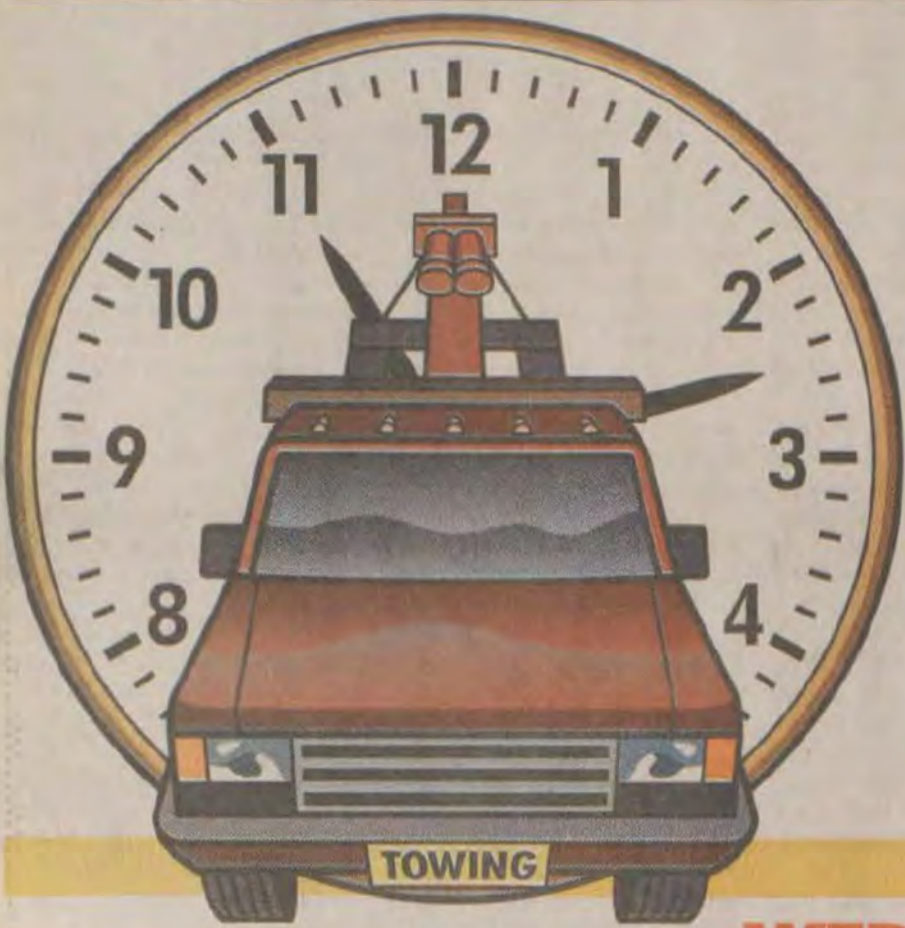
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