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briefs

11 killed on highways over holiday

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Eleven people died on Kentucky roadways in 11 incidents during the four-day Thanksgiving holiday, according to Kentucky State Police.

The death toll released Monday was preliminary, but equaled the same number of people killed during the Thanksgiving holiday driving period last year, Sgt. Phil Crumpton reported.

Seven of the victims were not wearing seat belts and one pedestrian was killed, he added.

Two of the fatalities occurred in Jefferson County. The others were in Bell, Hart, Laurel, Lyon, Marshall, Muhlenberg, Pulaski, Warren and Woodford counties.

The holiday period ran from 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, Crumpton said.

So far this year, 863 people have died on Kentucky's highways, including the Thanksgiving deaths.

Crumpton said that at the current rate, Kentucky could surpass the 931 fatalities recorded in 2003, making it one of the deadliest years for highway fatalities in Kentucky history.

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Three plead guilty to drug charges

Another pleads guilty to sex charges

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The first round of drug traffickers picked up in last July's Operation UNITE roundup saw three men plead guilty to trafficking charges on Monday.

The sentence recommendations for the men add up to 17 years and were the result of plea bargains

made with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office after the men had time to review the evidence against them, which mainly consisted of audio- and videotaped drug transactions between the dealers and confidential informants for Operation UNITE.

Homer New received four years for three counts of trafficking. He appeared in court with a foot in a

cast after breaking his leg after he was released from jail in July. New waved his hand at the family members who had gathered in court and said, "See y'all," before he was led off to the Floyd County Detention Center.

Paul Mitchell received three years after he pleaded guilty to second-degree trafficking. He was picked up during the roundup at

Mitchell's Grocery in Branham's Creek. That arrest saw the store closed briefly while officers checked the identification of everyone in the store to make sure they weren't on the list of roundup warrants.

Foster Mitchell got the heaviest sentence, which added up to 10 years after he pleaded guilty to four counts of first-degree trafficking, as well as one count of complicity to traffic in drugs. Mitchell's plea took



Christopher Lawson

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Staff members from the Department for Employment Services banded together last week to get aid for an injured man who accidentally dialed their office. Pictured from left to right are Jennifer Howard, Ann Davis, Sharon Meade, Emma Wireman and Darlene Goble.

photo by Tom Doty

Wrong number leads to right people to help injured man

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Quick thinking and teamwork spelled the difference between life and death for an elderly man who suffered a fall last week and inadvertently called the Department for Employment Services while trying to dial for help.

Jennifer Howard was working the front desk at the office when the call came in and almost hung up.

"It sounded like a prank call at first because all I could hear was heavy breathing," Howard said.

Luckily for Berlin Bradford, the caller, Howard stayed on the line and eventually heard Bradford rasp, "I'm going to roll on my back."

Howard alerted another employee, Emma Wireman, who listened in on the call and determined that the man on the other end was in distress.

The phone got disconnected at the other end. Howard noted that they were lucky that Wireman had read her phonebook carefully and recalled that they could get the number of the caller by dialing "star 69".

An elderly man answered and told them that he had fallen and

couldn't get back on his feet.

At that point, two other staff members, Ann Davis and Darlene Goble, got on the internet and matched the phone number with an address. Another staff member, Sharon Meade, immediately called 911 and alerted authorities to the address. All the time, Howard stayed on the line and comforted Bradford by letting him know that help was on the way. She didn't get a response from Bradford but could hear him breathing so she continued to stay on

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Woman gets 12 years for crash with Johnson judge

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Anita Kimbler, of Nippa, was formally sentenced to 12 years in prison on Monday for driving under the influence of several drugs when she caused an accident which injured Judge Daniel Sparks, of Johnson County.

Kimbler appeared in court with her attorney Bob Gainstine. Kimbler's attorney did submit evidence to mitigate punishment. Basically it consisted of statements from two programs Kimbler has completed. The first was from Alcoholic's Anonymous and the other letter noted that Kimbler had completed a program for drug addiction. They were coupled with a letter from the Big Sandy

Detention Center which also talked about Kimbler's progress.

When Judge John Caudill announced his decision to sentence Kimbler to 12 years he noted that she would be eligible for parole sooner since the court was not classifying this assault as a violent crime. Caudill also said that his decision to sentence Kimbler came after reading other submitted materials like a "Victim Impact Statement" from Judge Sparks.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner had previously noted that, "Judge Sparks was, from the beginning, only concerned about the community being protected. She [Kimbler] had two previous felonies before this and was someone who was a danger to the community."



Anita Kimbler was sentenced to 12 years for charges stemming from a 2003 wreck involving a Johnson County judge.

Sex charges top six indictments handed down

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County grand jury handed down six indictments Tuesday dealing with a variety of offenses.

The most serious charges have been leveled against Joshua Glenn Jarvis, 24, of Prestonsburg. He is accused of various sex crimes against minors that were committed between June 1 and

14. Jarvis was arrested June 15 after a struggle with his cousin's husband. He had been staying with his cousin when the alleged assaults occurred.

Jarvis allegedly told his cousin's husband about the assaults and this prompted the husband to call the police. This action led to a struggle between the men, resulting in a charge of assault on Jarvis who is accused

of using a butcher knife from his cousin's kitchen to threaten the husband.

The grand jury considered evidence from Kentucky State Police Trooper John P. Hunt and returned nine indictments against Jarvis which include three counts of first-degree rape, three counts of first-degree sexual abuse and three charges of first-degree sodomy. Each charge in listed in the indictment involves a victim

who is younger than 12 years old

Gary J. Henson, 47, of McDowell, received the most charges on Tuesday. He is facing 12 counts for a driving incident which happened on June 2. The charges include operating a motor vehicle under the influence, driving without insurance, improper registration plates, improper registration receipt, possession of drug paraphernalia,

possession of marijuana, three counts of possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance not in its prescription container, operating an ATV on a roadway and operating an ATV without proper headgear.

Dwayne D. Williams, 44, of Harold, received an indictment for theft of identity for an April Fool's Day stunt which saw him

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Odds & Ends

■ **EASTLAKE, Ohio** — Don't blame the Grinch or Ebenezer Scrooge if this northeast Ohio city isn't quite as jolly and bright for Christmases to come.

City officials say money — or a lack of it — is causing them to put costly holiday decorations up for sale.

In the last 10 years, Eastlake has spent \$130,000 on holiday lights, displays and banners. Nearly \$50,000 of the cost was offset by donations.

"In the foreseeable future, we're not going to have the kind of money to put on that kind of display," Mayor Ted Andrzejewski said recently. "I like the Christmas season, but we have to do it within our means."

Andrzejewski said he's willing to sell the decorations for the right price. His community about 20 miles northeast of Cleveland has a \$3.2 million budget deficit.

Available items include snowball-throwing teddy bears that cost the city \$7,025, an animated giraffe and a lighted peacock.

The city plans to string lights on trees in front of City Hall this year, but most of the decorations will be kept in storage.

■ **PHILADELPHIA** — At

the start of the holiday shopping season. The Philadelphia Inquirer inadvertently offered an early bird special of its own.

The early edition of Sunday's Inquirer, which is published on Saturday, was mistakenly priced at 50 cents instead of the usual \$1.50.

"Mistakes happen," said Amanda Bennett, The Inquirer's editor. "I wish that wasn't the case, but it was. We'll move on."

Major retailers were notified of the mistake Saturday morning.

"They rallied and some put stickers on them that said \$1.50," said Michael Probstle, vice president for circulation for Philadelphia Newspapers Inc., which publishes The Inquirer.

Probstle said retailers who lost money as a result of the misprint would be compensated.

About 80,000 copies of the early edition, also known as the bulldog edition, are sold at newsstands each week. The paper's total Sunday circulation is about 742,000, said Probstle.

■ **LOS ANGELES** — A golf ball — about 16 times the size of a normal one — has been removed from a 56-year-old man, doctors say. The massive growth was the result of a stent inadvertently

left in his body from a pancreatic operation more than a decade ago.

Gonzalo Medina underwent surgery Monday at a hospital in Los Angeles. The procedure "went fine," according to his doctor, Ian Kenner.

"In 30 years of treating gallstones, I have never seen one of this size," Kenner said, adding it was amazing that Medina wasn't killed by it. "It's a tribute to the human body, and in this case, a particularly resilient one."

More than a year ago, Medina began suffering from chills, stomach pain and fever. A scan taken in October revealed a stent had been left in his body during surgery 12 years ago, officials said.

Medina previously underwent a procedure that sends shock waves to the gallstone to fragment it while the patient is submerged in water. He will likely face more operations, doctors said.

"It took 12 years getting into this state, and now we are trying to get him free of problems," Medina's doctor said.

■ **TOWER, Minn.** — You betcha it gets cold up here, but how will we know how cold this year?

This small northeastern

Minnesota town that recorded the state's record low in 1996 — a pretty nippy 60 degrees below zero — is without an official weather observer.

The woman who previously held the post left in mid-October: she'd reported Tower's daily temperature and precipitation since 1972.

In the meantime, highs and lows are being recorded at a building in town that stands at a higher elevation than the official weather station. Colder air typically drains into the valley.

Tower, about 35 miles south of the Canadian border, and nearby Embarrass usually vie for Minnesota's daily low, forecasters say. Both towns are generally apart by a degree or two.

Mike Stewart, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service in Duluth, said the agency is searching for a replacement to fill the spot in the valley.

"It's not going to go by the wayside. It's very important to keep that going there," Stewart said Monday.

Embarrass still has an official observer, Stewart said. The low there was 8 below zero Monday.

■ **PITTSBURGH** — Forget the partridge in a pear tree. How about a new Jaguar, a BMW 7 Series, a Mercedes-Benz or a 1949 Rolex?

The vintage watch and luxury cars would cost as much as all the gifts listed in the yuletide classic "The Twelve Days of Christmas," according to PNC Financial Services Group Inc.

Each year, the Pittsburgh-based bank does a tongue-in-cheek tally of how much the drummers drumming, pipers piping, turtle doves and golden rings would set you back if you bought them for your true love at today's prices.

The bank began publishing the list in 1982 for institutional clients and released it publicly the next year.

So what are all the gifts

going for this year? If they were bought repeatedly on each day as the song suggests, they'd hit \$66,334, up from \$65,264 last year.

Buying each item just once would cost \$17,279. That's still enough for a Mini Cooper, a ride in a Russian MiG jet fighter, a 10-acre ranch in Colorado or a 1920s baseball signed by Babe Ruth.

The nine ladies dancing would leave the largest dent in your wallet this year — coming in at \$4,400. The eight maids-a-milking are a bargain at \$41.20.

Outsourcing, alas, factors into the equation.

"As a result, the cost of skilled dancers has steadily increased, while the unskilled milk maids haven't managed an increase in pay for many years," said Jeff Kleintop, chief investment strategist for PNC Advisors.

The prices for the birds — swans, geese, canaries (calling birds), hens, doves and partridges — didn't change much from last year, coming in at \$4,201 compared with \$4,138, according to the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens.

But with the declining dollar, you would have saved buying the three French hens last year, when they were \$15, compared with \$45 this year.

■ **QUAKERTOWN, Pa.** — It's a glum day for optimists.

After 24 years of community service, the Quakertown Optimists Club is calling it quits. They're holding their last meeting on Thursday, citing declining interest.

"I feel sad," club president Bernard Kensky said.

Fewer club members were taking part in sporting and scholastic activities for children, and fewer kids were getting involved in club events, according to Kensky.

The group worked with schools to hold essay, spelling and public speaking contests for

students, sponsored a youth bowling league and organized golf tournaments and football and basketball events.

A bicycle derby sponsored by the club and the Quakertown police department drew only 12 children last year, down from previous attendance of 50 to 70 children, Kensky said.

"Four or five people would come to meetings and only two or three people would help out with the activities," Kensky said. "I don't know why people stopped getting involved."

The Optimist Club is an international organization that formed in 1920. The Quakertown chapter started in 1980 with 35 members, but dropped to 15 members this year.

Quakertown is about 35 miles north of Philadelphia.

■ **TACOMA, Wash.** — There may not have been room at the inn, but they'd better make room at the altar.

Shortly after a Friday performance of the Nativity at the Metropolitan Ballet of Tacoma, Dan Larson, portraying Joseph, got down on one knee and asked Amanda Thaut, "Will you marry me?"

Thaut, who played Mary, quietly gasped, "Yes."

The audience at the Pantages Theater was stunned. One of the wise men pumped his fist in the air and the shepherds and angels could barely contain their enthusiasm.

"I started planning it more than a year ago," Larson, 25, said later. "I wanted to make it something very special. Every part of my life is better because

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 1, the 336th day of 2004. There are 30 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Dec. 1, 1904, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis closed after seven months and some 20 million visitors.

On this date:

■ In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. Adams ended up the winner.

■ In 1913, the first drive-in automobile service station opened, in Pittsburgh.

■ In 1934, Sergei M. Kirov, a collaborator of Josef Stalin, was assassinated in Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge.

■ In 1942, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States.

■ In 1943, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin concluded their Tehran conference.

■ In 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus. Mrs. Parks was arrested, sparking a yearlong boycott of the buses by blacks.

■ In 1958, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Flower Drum Song" opened on

Broadway.

■ In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their homeland.

■ In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

■ In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

Ten years ago: The Senate gave final congressional approval to a world trade agreement, passing the 124-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 76-24. Former TV evangelist Jim Bakker spent his first full day of freedom after time in prison, a halfway house and house arrest for bilking followers of his PTL ministry.

Five years ago: President Clinton addressed a World Trade Organization conference in Seattle, where he defended his administration's policies in the face of sometimes violent street demonstrations. An international team of scientists announced it had mapped virtually an entire human chromosome. On World AIDS Days, United Nations officials released a report estimating that 11 million children worldwide had been orphaned by the pandemic.

One year ago: India and Pakistan agreed to restore airline overflight and landing rights by Jan. 1, 2004. Boeing Company chairman and chief executive Phil Condit resigned unexpectedly. U.S. Rep. Bill

Janklow went on trial in Flandreau, S.D., charged with manslaughter in the death of a motorcyclist who'd collided with his automobile. (Janklow was convicted and served 100 days in jail.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Paul Picerni is 82. Former CIA director Stansfield Turner is 81. Actor Robert Symonds is 78. Singer Billy Paul is 70. Actor-director Woody Allen is 69. Singer Lou Rawls is 69. Golfer Lee Trevino is 65. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 65. Comedian-actor Richard Pryor is 64. Country musician Casey Van Beek (The Tractors) is 62. Television producer David Salzman is 61. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 60. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 60. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 59. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 58. Actor Treat Williams is 53. Country singer Kim Richey is 48. Actress Charlene Tilton is 46. Actress-model Carol Alt is 44. Actor Jeremy Northam is 43. Actor Nestor Carbonell is 37. Actress Golden Brooks is 34. Actor Ron Melendez is 32. Singer Sarah Masen is 29. Rock musician Brad Delson (Linkin Park) is 27. Actress Ashley Monique Clark is 16.

Thought for Today: "No man knows his true character until he has run out of gas, purchased something on the installment plan and raised an adolescent." — Marcelene Cox, American writer.



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the line and let him know that he was going to be rescued shortly. Davis knew the caller and contacted his daughter, who was able to get her son and another sister to the residence. They arrived shortly before the ambulance and found Bradford bleeding profusely from a head wound. The daughter picked up the phone and was relieved to hear Howard, who let her know that an ambulance was on the way.

Bradford was hospitalized and is in stable condition, though tests are being conduct-

ed to determine if he suffered a stroke.

The staff at the Employment office got a boost from the experience, though they all expressed that they felt a little shaky afterwards. Howard expressed that it was true team effort.

"While several of us dealt with this, we had several people in the office and the rest of the staff managed their business for them while we were trying to get help for Mr. Bradford," Howard said.

Guilty

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a little longer to enter, as he had the whole procedure outlined for him by Judge John Caudill. The extra time was needed to insure that Mitchell, who noted he can't read or write, fully understood the rights he was giving up by entering the plea.

The Mitchells represent a growing trend in that they used their grocery store to sell drugs. Confidential informants made their buys from Foster, the father, and Paul, the son, at the family's grocery store.

"We have had three cases like this," said Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner. "Sometimes it happens when a store is losing money, but we've also seen a case where the store was set up as a front for drugs

from the beginning."

One other guilty plea was entered on Monday. In an unrelated case Christopher Lawson, 27, of Martin, pleaded guilty in a case of sexual assault. The victim's family was in court to see Lawson get two years in prison and a lengthy probation period for the case.

The commonwealth was pleased with the terms of the probation which implicitly states that Lawson is to have no contact with the victim in the case. The plea also meant that the victim won't have to contend with reliving the crime in front of a jury to get a conviction in the case which saw Lawson assault her at a strip mine site.

Charges

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allegedly give his brother's name and Social Security number to a policeman after a traffic stop. The ruse didn't hold up well when the paperwork was mailed to his brother, who went to see the Officer involved and was able to prove that it wasn't he who was stopped by the officer on April 1.

The other indictments included: Frank M. Childers, 59, of Blaine; two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance.

Wayne Hunt, 37, of Prestonsburg; three counts of wanton endangerment.

Sheila Akers, 29, of Teaberry; disorderly conduct, menacing, resisting arrest and assault.

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David Appalachian Craftsmen to visit Kentucky Artisan Center

BEREA — On Saturday, Dec. 4, two members of the 32-year-old craft co-op, David Appalachian Crafts will create gourd and quilted ornaments from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

David Appalachian Crafts is a non-profit organization located in the small coal town of David. In the early 1970s Mary Pineau, a Catholic nun from Michigan, came to the mountains of Eastern Kentucky to work with the women of laid-off coal miners. She began by carry-

ing a sewing machine to homes and teaching the women how to sew.

What began as a way to make clothing for their families evolved into an opportunity for the women to make and sell sewn items. In 1972 the group named themselves David Appalachian Crafts after the town where Mary's rented house stored the fabrics and sewing machines they used. Twelve women met in each others' homes until 1973, when a building was renovated for their use.

This building still houses the

100-plus member organization. David Appalachian Crafts produces over 140 items that are sold retail and wholesale across the nation. During times of economic hardship, the members of this small community come together to create crafts that reflect the beauty of their homeland and perpetuate the sense of community and self sufficiency that characterized their pioneer ancestors.

Demonstrating quilted ornaments on Dec. 4 will be current director of David Appalachian Crafts, Ruth Ann Iwanski. Ruth

Ann was born in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., one of six children in a second generation Polish-American family. She was taught to sew by her father on a foot-powered treadle sewing machine at the age of five, and her mother drew pictures on fabric and taught Ruth Ann how to embroidery. By the time she was in fifth grade Ruth Ann was sewing clothes and knitting sweaters and hats for the family. She has a M.A. degree from Texas Woman's University and is a registered Recreational

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—Woodrow Wilson

Guest View

Changeable science

What a great example of why so many people don't trust the pronouncements of government, scientists, researchers or other warning-mongers.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released a study that concluded obesity is a huge national health epidemic on the order of tobacco smoking, a threat that is growing at a frightening rate. Between 1990 and 2000, the number of deaths due to obesity climbed 33 percent, the CDC reported. Except it wasn't true. The study misinterpreted statistical findings so thoroughly that it inflated the annual death toll tied to obesity by tens of thousands. Rather than 33 percent, according to the Wall Street Journal, the increase may be more like 10 percent.

Not that that's OK. Obesity remains the nation's second-place preventable killer, right behind tobacco and ahead of alcohol. But the overhype and panic used to talk about the CDC's initial findings misled millions of people, many of whom will give even less credence to the next study.

But how should an ordinary person interpret the health reports, studies, advice and recommendations that flood the airwaves and the newspaper pages every week? Particularly when this month's study flatly contradicts last month's?

There are at least two different factors at work here. The first is illustrated by the CDC's obesity study: human error. Some careless researcher looked at the numbers crosswise and came up with a spectacular conclusion. Federal officials ran with it. The news media, seeing a great story, spread it around. The rest is poor history.

The second reason studies may contradict each other is the vigorous and competitive nature

of science.

Last year's finding - accurate, as far as it went - can be superseded by this year's study not because the first was wrong but because the second was done more comprehensively or better. It's called "progress."

A good illustration of that is vitamin E. For many years, vitamin E was touted, even by many doctors, as a wise precaution to help prevent heart disease. Studies supported the idea that the relatively inexpensive capsules were beneficial.

New findings, however, indicate not only that the supplement is not beneficial but also that higher dosages actually could be harmful. So thousands, perhaps millions, of Americans have been taking something that was ineffective at best, deleterious at worst.

And those thousands or millions of Americans may feel betrayed. They shouldn't. They were misled not by science - the decision to use the supplement was made using the best science available at the time - but by the march of knowledge. Little would happen if everyone waited for the absolutely final word on everything before making any decisions.

Nevertheless, the average person can be left feeling confused, even angry, at the seemingly endless string of contradictory health advice streaming from the medical community, researchers and the government. Which, unfortunately, probably won't change. Mistakes happen. Each person can only make the best decision possible at the moment, using the best medical advice available. But each person also has to understand that good science is never static. And that can cause what may appear to be contradictions. It's called "progress."

— Omaha World-Herald



Guest Column

AIDS surrounded by myths

by JOHN G. SHIBER

World AIDS Day is Dec. 1, and we will likely experience another bombardment of awful figures that make us feel HIV/AIDS is lurking around every corner just waiting to infect us all. Despite what you hear, AIDS is not pandemic, nor epidemic, and it never was. To be "epidemic," a disease must be widely prevalent and spread rapidly and extensively. Similarly, only a disease that affects the majority of people in a country, or countries, is "pandemic."

The 2002 Centers for Disease Control Surveillance Report says the total number of AIDS cases in the 20 years they've been counting is less than 900,000 in the U.S. With an average population of 260 million in that time, this means less than one-half of 1 percent of Americans have gotten AIDS, and most are either homosexual men, people who inject hard drugs, or both.

Thousands of scientists, including scores of respected virologists (virus experts) and Nobel Laureates, seriously question the "HIV causes AIDS" hypothesis. However, we will assume, as most people do, that HIV definitely causes AIDS. If we add the known number of HIV-positive Americans to the number of AIDS cases, the resultant figure is still well below 2 million, and less than 1 percent of our population who have been "infected."

In sub-Saharan Africa, AIDS is reported to be rampant among its 650 million people. The figure for total AIDS deaths there is 2.4 million and for HIV "infection," 29.4 million, adding up to about 32 million - less than 5 percent of the entire sub-Saharan population. Although these figures are highest in the world,

they do not qualify as "epidemic," let alone "pandemic."

Of the world's 6.6 billion people, 40 million are "infected" with HIV. Add to that the 3.1 million deaths from AIDS, HIV/AIDS has so far affected about six-tenths of 1 percent of the world population.

Auto-Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a condition in which natural defense/immunity against disease gets so low that a person becomes very vulnerable to several infections, one of which can eventually cause death. Over two dozen illnesses are classified as AIDS, when they are accompanied by a very low blood count and a HIV-positive blood test. They include tuberculosis and certain pneumonias, invasive cervical and other cancers, chronic ulcers, bronchitis or esophagitis, and even dementia, each caused by a different organism or factor. This is one reason why the HIV/AIDS hypothesis is questioned by some scientists. To them, it just doesn't make sense that so many illnesses, caused by such varied agents (bacteria, viruses, fungi), are collectively considered as one disease just because the patient is HIV-positive. If you have tuberculosis and a low blood count and you die, you're said to have died of tuberculosis. If, however, you have tuberculosis, a low blood count AND are HIV-positive and die, you're said to have died of AIDS.

Healthy American heterosexuals who eat well, practice good hygiene, don't take a lot of antibiotics or other drugs, and are not sexually promiscuous, are at very low risk for AIDS. The CDC annual figures for HIV/AIDS occurrence support this. So, if HIV/AIDS is not epidemic here, what do we do? We look to

Africa, of course, where people have been dying in large numbers for years.

What the media and many health professionals do not say about the causes of AIDS in Africa is very important. They don't emphasize, for instance, that the vast majority of Sub-Saharan Africans live in such terrible conditions that they are prone to contract and die of any disease, with or without the presence of HIV. Years ago, we used to hear that the extensive malnutrition and disease in Africa and the squalor its people live in causes their high death rate. Now, all we hear is how these people are transmitting HIV to one another and their children through sexual contact and that is why they're so sick. No one suggests that their governments and the world are ultimately responsible because they allow them to remain in such appalling conditions.

If all the money being spent on HIV/AIDS research, vaccines, and costly advertising was instead used to improve sanitation and drinking water quality, provide healthier, more abundant food, and meaningfully educate people in the poorest, most densely populated regions of the world, the magnitude of death and disease, from whatever cause, would be enormously reduced. Right now, these regions are multi-billion dollar markets and experimental testing grounds for drug companies, whose progress towards a cure for AIDS is just as elusive now as it ever was.

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Letters

Dinner train coming

The dinner train is coming to Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt counties. Think of the advantages a dinner train would give this area.

We, as citizens of these counties,

have a duty to support such a venture. It will bring jobs to our counties. It will create income from tourists and help our communities grow.

It would be of particular interest to the property owners who deeded right-of-ways to the C&O Railroad, as there will be no trashing of land or trespassing on your property. The dinner train will be run as a business and will respect your rights.

In any of this appeals to you, please be at the Magoffin County Community Center on Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. to hear the specifics of Mr. Steve Allen's plan for a dinner train in this area.

We seek input from all the citizens of Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt counties.

Mary Minix
Salyersville

Hurricane, death and theft

All in the span of one month, 30 days, one could not have imagined the infinite possibilities that one family could experi-

ence, until now. Sept. 15 presented us with an adventurous 13 hours of furious and powerful winds from Hurricane Ivan. We spoke with veterans of past storms and discussed the pros and cons of enduring a hurricane. Based on given information, we felt safer to "hunker down" at our house than risk the chance of getting stranded on highways that were becom-

ing clogged with a large majority of evacuees.

It seemed during the night that many of our troubles seemed insignificant and trivial compared to the situation at hand. Survival and the threat of loss of life were of vital importance at this stage of

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Health Extra

You blew your diet on Thanksgiving, so now what?

Some advice for rest of the holidays

by J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

It happened again, didn't it? Despite your promises to cut the carbs, trim the fat and count the calories, Thanksgiving came and the turkey wasn't the only thing that ended up stuffed.

At least you're not alone. Overeating at Thanksgiving is about as traditional as pumpkin pie. Now it's just a question of whether you take control or slip into that seasonal binge you promise will stop when the ball drops in Times Square.

If it was just one day a year, it might not matter. Many Americans consume hundreds or thousands of extra calories during the coming weeks and end up as much as five pounds heavier.

So what's the solution? Start by sorting out why you overeat, then figure out a holiday survival strategy.

Dr. Robert Kushner, medical director of the weight-loss Web site Diet.com and a professor at Northwestern University School of Medicine, groups holiday overeaters into three categories: mindless munchers, heavy portioners and emotional eaters.

Munchers need to avoid buffet tables, bowls of nuts and candy, plates of sweets at the office, and any other situation where it's easy to absentmindedly snack. Stand on the other side of the room, or substitute low-cal snacks.

If quantity is your problem, start by using smaller plates. Also slow down, focus on your food so you recognize when you're full, and don't preload your fork with the next bite while still chewing the last one.

"Remind yourself that the food will not disappear if you don't eat it," Kushner said.

If emotion is your trigger, create a list of things other than food that make you feel good. When you are on the verge of a breakdown binge, use that list to find another way to soothe yourself.

Regardless of what sets you off, never do anything on an empty stomach. Being hungry at a party or while sitting at your desk makes the buffet table or stack of treats in the break room all the more tempting.

Kushner also suggests a food diary. It's more difficult to overeat when you are forced to confront each bite in writing.

What if you are suffering from that day-after depressed, bloated feeling? Harness it to set yourself on the right path.

Susan Learner Barr, a dietitian and program director for Weight Watchers, says this is the perfect time to get in the kitchen and divvy up the leftovers. Freeze them in individual servings or give them away.

"Bring them into work, bring them to a thin neighbor," she said. "The idea is out of sight, out of mouth."

Next, make a grocery list of all the healthy foods you should be eating during the coming week. Go shopping now while your still-full stomach makes those discounted pumpkin pies and eggnog samples less appealing.

When you get back from shopping, get active. Go for a walk or to the gym. You won't be the only sluggish one. And try to do it with a friend; support is key to success in dieting.

Even if you don't follow through, you probably know what you need to cut from your diet. How about what to keep in?

Ninety-six percent of people who lose weight and keep it off eat breakfast every day, says

Ann Yelmokas McDermott, a nutrition scientist at the Tufts University U.S. Department of Agriculture Nutrition Research Center.

So if you have a bad night, day or week, don't punish yourself the next morning by skipping breakfast. That sets you up for failure later in the day when your blood sugar drops and fatigue and cravings hit hard.

It's good to snack, too. Fruits and veggies may not be as appealing as your co-worker's sugar cookies, but they will leave you with less guilt. Plus, the natural fiber fills you up more than sweets will.

Most importantly, don't be too hard on yourself. Guilt can lead to depression that leads to more overeating.

"You can't be festering over it the next three days," Yelmokas McDermott said. "Start over, and start with breakfast. You can't beat yourself too much over what you've done, but maybe stop and give yourself some time to think."

Kentucky reports first flu activity; Department for Public Health urges preventive steps

FRANKFORT — A Northern Kentucky lab reported the first positive influenza culture to the Department for Public Health this week, indicating the presence of flu in the state.

The Department for Public Health reported the results to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as part of statewide flu surveillance efforts. Kentucky's flu activity is currently classified as "sporadic," the lowest level indicating flu activity. The flu season can begin as early as October and last through April. Most other states are also reporting sporadic activity. Surveillance efforts serve as a tracking system to follow the patterns and types of flu each year; they are not meant to reflect a full count of all flu cases.

Public Health Commissioner Dr. William Hacker said, "Speaking as a physician, I'd like to remind people that there are simple steps that can be taken to prevent flu and other illnesses that normally circulate at this time of year. You should follow the advice your mother gave you — wash your hands frequently, cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze and staying home when you're sick — in order to stay healthy."

Dr. Hacker also urged those in the groups at high risk for complications related to the flu that have not received vaccine to check with local health departments or other providers. "Although slow in coming, additional shipments of flu vaccine are still arriving at some local health departments and health providers' offices, so high risk people should con-

tinue to try to get their flu shot as soon as vaccine becomes available," said Dr. Hacker.

The group of people at the highest risk for flu complications includes: all children ages 6 to 23 months, adults 65 and older; persons age 2 to 64 with chronic medical conditions, women who will be pregnant during flu season, residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities, children 6 months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy, health care workers involved in direct patient care, and out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children less than 6 months old. The nasal-spray flu vaccine is an acceptable alternative to the flu shot for healthy persons ages 5-49.

For more information about the flu, see the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/flu/.

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day must be filed for inmate's scheduled execution to proceed

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Barring any last-minute court action, a state execution scheduled for Tuesday night likely won't take place as planned.

Thomas Clyde Bowling was scheduled to be executed by lethal injection at 7 p.m. CST Tuesday. However, two courts moved last week to at least temporarily block the execution of Bowling's death sentence until pending cases can be decided.

"Everyone that I know of who's concerned with this issue is assuming that the execution is off, and we did get a notice from the prison that they've stopped all preparations" Susan Balliet, one of Bowling's attorneys, said Monday. "It's not happening tomorrow."

Bowling was convicted of the 1990 murders of Edward and Tina Earley, who were shot to death outside the couple's Lexington dry-cleaning business. Their then-2-year-old son was also shot but survived.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher set Bowling's execution date for Tuesday. However, the Kentucky Supreme Court and a Franklin County Circuit Court judge last week both moved to at least postpone Bowling's execution.

The Supreme Court issued a stay of execution, while the Franklin County court issued a temporary injunction on Bowling's execution.

Kentucky's high court is considering a claim by Bowling's lawyers that he should not face the death penal-

ty because they believe he is mentally retarded. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled it is illegal to execute a mentally retarded person.

The case in Franklin County Circuit Court questions whether Kentucky's method of administering lethal injections is constitutional.

As of Monday night, the Kentucky attorney general's office had not appealed either court's execution postponement, a spokeswoman for the agency said.

It would take late court action Tuesday for the execution to proceed as originally planned.

Balliet said such court action was "very unlikely" to occur Tuesday. As of late Monday, Balliet said she had not received any notices of appeals to either stay.

"The Kentucky Supreme Court said that it was staying the proceedings to allow that court to decide the mental retardation appeal" Balliet said. "I've never seen them decide a case of that magnitude in anything less than six months."

The Supreme Court did not offer a timetable for making a decision.

Fletcher had an unplanned meeting on Sunday with Bowling's mother, Iva Lee Bowling, during an anti-death penalty rally at the Capitol. Bowling's mother told the governor her son was innocent and that he should "give this a lot of consideration."

Fletcher said he appreciated and respected her concerns.

Report: Kentucky public defenders carrying high caseloads

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE

Kentucky's 300 public defenders are carrying caseloads that hit 131,000 in the last fiscal year, up 12 percent from last year, according to the state Department of Public Advocacy.

Each public defender opens an average of 489 cases a year, more than the number recommended by the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, said Ernie Lewis, head of the Department of Public Advocacy.

Kentucky public defenders handle a mix of misdemeanors, felonies and juvenile cases. The association recommends public defenders open no more than 400 misdemeanor cases a year, the simplest to represent, or no more than 150 felony or 200 juvenile cases per year.

Public defenders represent 85 percent of the people charged with felonies in Kentucky, including most of

those charged in potential death penalty cases, Lewis said.

"The higher the caseload goes, the more the public defender's office resembles a MASH unit," Lewis said.

Lewis and other public defenders said the growth in drug arrests has boosted caseloads, and the economy has left defendants unable to afford private legal representation.

Lewis said his agency needs \$4.4 million more in state money to hire 64 more lawyers. Without it, his lawyers may have to begin refusing cases, he said.

That would mean the agency could be held in contempt, or a judge could order defendants represented by private lawyers for free.

Skeptics, including Kentucky Senate President David Williams, question whether judges grant defendants a public defender too easily. Or perhaps the courts could check claims of poverty more

closely, he said.

"I go to court many times and see people that take advantage of the public defender when I know I have similarly situated clients that borrow money or get help from family," said Williams, R-Burkesville, a trial lawyer.

Some lawmakers, including House budget committee Chairman Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, a former public defender, said they will look at trying to boost funding.

"I understand very well their needs," Moberly said. "They're an important part of the system. We'll do all we can to help them."

State Sen. Gerald Neal, D-Louisville, a lawyer and member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he doesn't see any way to solve the problem without more money.

"The fact is that if we don't meet that challenge, justice is going to suffer," he said.

Private lawyers said that if

public defenders begin refusing cases and judges turn to them for free or pro bono work, that wouldn't be enough to correct the problem.

"No matter how much pro bono work you do, if you look at the numbers you couldn't get it done," said lawyer Robert Ewald, chairman of the Public Advocacy Commission, the public defender department's board.

Jefferson District Judge Toni Stringer said public defenders are among the best lawyers in her courtroom.

"The best representation you can get is from the folks who are in the trenches every day," she said. But Mount Vernon lawyer Jerry Cox, a member of the Public Advocacy Commission, said heavy caseloads increase the potential disparity between how affluent and impoverished clients are treated in court.

"Rich people can afford to hire attorneys and get a little better shot of justice," he said.

Judge defers to legislature in case of overweight truck

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE

A judge is letting the General Assembly have first crack at deciding whether other trucks should be allowed to haul as much weight as coal trucks on Kentucky highways.

Last week, Pike County

Circuit Judge Eddy Coleman deferred ruling on a request to stop officials from enforcing a 40-ton weight limit on trucks hauling gravel and sand.

The issue was raised by a Pike County trucker who claims the state's weight limits unconstitutionally favor coal haulers, who can transport loads more

than 20 tons heavier.

"This court will avoid activism if possible," Coleman said in an order Thursday. "A pre-filed bill addresses this question and the General Assembly should be given an opportunity to address it without interference by the court."

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he worked in the coal mines. He continues to make charcoal drawings and pastels and his subject matter includes mining, horses, old Kentucky scenes and commissioned images from photographs. A few years ago Lewis began to paint on gourds. He paints each gourd with acrylic paint and uses a clear finish to seal and protect them.
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Center currently features works by more than 460 artisans from all across the Commonwealth. For more information call 859-985-5448 or visit the Center's web site at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov
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Think about safety while shopping for toys and holiday decorations

FRANKFORT — Traditionally the day after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year for Americans purchasing presents such as toys and holiday decorations. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services urges shoppers to take a few minutes during this busy time to think about safety for themselves and their loved ones.
According to the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the holidays are safer and happier if people take time to follow some simple safety guidelines about toys, trees, and lights.

Toy Safety

- Follow recommended age ranges on toy packages. Toys that are too advanced could be a safety hazard for younger children.
- Read instructions carefully before buying a toy or allowing your child to play with a toy received as a gift. If the toy is appropriate for your child, show him or her how to use it properly.
- Be careful with holiday gift-wrapping, like bags, paper, ribbons and bows. These items can pose suffocation and choking hazards to a small child.
- Be aware that children age 3 and under can choke on small

parts contained in toys or games and balls with a diameter of one and three-quarters of an inch or less.
Remove strings and ribbons from toys before giving them to young children. Children under age 8 can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Watch for pull toys with strings that are more than 12 inches in length, which is a strangulation hazard for babies.
In 2003, about 206,000 toy-related injuries were treated in hospital emergency rooms. Nationally, there were 11 recorded toy-related fatalities in calendar year 2003, down from 13 in 2002. Five of these were as a result of choking and asphyxia on toy balls. Three were related to balloons and one each as a result of a game piece, toy bead and stuffed toy.

While no deaths were attributed to riding vehicles such as scooters, bicycles, skateboards, big wheels and tricycles, these toys still account for more injuries than any other toy. These toys continue to be popular holiday gifts along with all terrain vehicles.
"So, this is a good time to remind people that children should be closely supervised and properly instructed when using bicycles, scooters and riding toys," said Dr. William Hacker, Acting Commissioner of Kentucky's Department for Public Health. "A helmet makes

a great gift for riders of any age. There is nothing as tragic as life-long damage from a head injury that could have been prevented by owning and wearing a relatively inexpensive helmet."

If considering the purchase of an ATV remember to inquire about age and recommended engine sizes measured in cubic centimeters. For example, children under age 6 should never ride an ATV; ages 6-12 should only ride those with engine sizes under 70cc; ages 12-16 can use engines between 70-90cc; and those over 16 can ride ATVs with engine sizes over 90cc.

Trees

Look for "Fire Resistant" labels when purchasing an artificial tree. Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.

Check live trees for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.

Place trees away from fireplaces, radiators or portable heaters. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure

to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.

Cut a few inches off the trunk of your tree to expose the fresh wood. This allows for better water absorption and will help to keep your tree from drying out and becoming a fire hazard.

Lights

Use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory, which indicates conformance with safety standards. Use only lights that have fused plugs.

Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets. Always replace burned-out bulbs promptly with the same wattage bulbs.

Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord. Make sure the extension cord is rated for the intended use.

Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.

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Community Calendar

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J.W. Hall Lodge 950 Christmas program
John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, Martin, will conduct its Christmas program, on Sunday, December 5, at 4 p.m., at the lodge hall. Santa Claus will be present, and dinner will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

Open House
Sunday, December 12, 6-7 p.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Wittensville (6 mi. north of Paintsville, on Rt. 1559, across from Tom's Creek FWB Church). Featured speaker: Lisle Brown, Patriarch, Huntington, WV stake. Topic: "Eternal Families." Special music, refreshments. Community cordially invited to attend. For more info: Bonnie Howell, 297-6668, Mary Jo Kirk, 298-3180, or Sheila Burden, 789-8657.

Maytown Center Friday Night Live, Nov. 26, 7 p.m. Talent show with featured guest Tommy Webb (gospel).
Also, "A Christmas Spirit

Event," to be held Saturday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. Fitness & Fashion Show, live entertainment, buffet dinner. Presented by Progressive Fitness.

D.A.V. Chap. 18
The Big Sandy Chapter 18, Disabled American Veterans, of Auxier, is looking for honorably discharged veterans to join the Chapter, which meets at the Auxier Fire Dept., on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, at 6 p.m. Those interested may bring their DD214 and join the Chapter and receive a D.A.V. ball cap.

Floyd County Democratic Women's Club
Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Brenda's Restaurant, in McDowell. All invited to attend.

Christmas Auction
Saturday, December 4, at Minnie, Fire Station #3, at 6 p.m. Items to be auctioned include furniture, toys, computer equipment, appliances, hardware, gift certificates and more. Call Tina at 377-6342 or 377-9296 for more information.

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Van Lear Coal Miner's Museum. Pancakes and sausage. Call 789-8540 for more information.

Holiday Memorial Service
To be held Monday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, in Paintsville. Hosted by Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. for all those who like to remember a loved one at this special holiday time. Candle lighting & refreshments.

Prater Creek Baptist
"The Greens" in concert, Dec. 11, 7 p.m. Free Admission. More info., call Pastor J.B. Hall at 874-3222.

FCCD Meeting
The Floyd County Conservation District will hold a meeting on Dec. 14, at 10 a.m., at the District office. Office located 1/2 mile from Lancer-Watergap intersection, traveling toward Jenny Wiley State Park. Open meeting - public invited. For more info., call 889-9800 or email to: conserve@mikrotec.com.

HRMC Community Calendar
•Dec. 16 - Laryngectomy Support Group, 5-7 p.m., Medical Office Bldg., Meeting Rooms A & B.
•Dec. 18 - Child Birth classes, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Medical Office Bldg., Meeting Place A & B.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center
•GED classes - Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Later times may be arranged - call office to make arrangements.
•Craft/Sewing Club - Mondays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
•Creative Sewing - Mondays, 6-8 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
For more information about these activities and class fees, call 886-0709.

Free Body Recall classes
Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered

by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

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

PARENTS!
Are you in need of child care services? If so, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. The office is partnering with Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition. For more information on how we can help you, call Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or toll free at 888-872-7227.

Also, if your child is currently enrolled in a child care program, find out if your provider is a member of the STARS for KIDS NOW voluntary program for exceeding licensing standards.
And, learn about how you can stay home with your own children and still earn an income by caring for other children. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church
Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.
David: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Thursday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
Newbee (Beginner) Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office, Prestonsburg.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office, Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

"Looking For a Support Group?"

•**Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group** - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

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

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

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

•**US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group** - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

•**Community Weight Loss**

Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

•**Domestic Violence Hotline** - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

•**Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children** - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

•**Disabled?** - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

•**A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)** - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

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

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

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Obituaries

Adult ed program earns incentive money

PAINTSVILLE — Johnson County's adult education program coordinator, Jennifer Leedy, is very pleased that the education program earned \$12,780 in performance incentive funding from Kentucky Adult Education (KYAE), Council on Postsecondary Education, for meeting its fiscal year in 2004 enrollment and performance goals.



Jennifer Leedy

In addition, Johnson County was named a "Top 40" county by KYAE for earning performance incentive funding for the four years it has been available.

In physical year 2004, 822 adult students enrolled in Johnson County's adult education program to earn a GED, upgrade basic academic or workforce skills, improve their English or learn as a family.

Statewide, a record high 120,051 Kentuckians enrolled in adult education.

"Kentucky has made a significant investment in adult education, which has led to an 135 percent increase in enrollment since 2000," said Cheryl King, vice-president for adult education. "But the most important return on this investment is educated Kentuckians who are more self-sufficient, more involved in their communities, more engaged as citizens, better role models for their children

and better employees."

Council President Tom Layzell praised the county programs for what he called remarkable success.

"This significant achievement for our state and remarkable success for the county providers who endeavor everyday to meet the needs of their communities," he said.

The foundation for this success was the Adult Education Act of 2000 that created a partnership between Kentucky Adult Education and the Council on Postsecondary Education. The partnership was strengthened in July 2003 by the organizational transition of Kentucky Adult Education from the Cabinet for Workforce Development to the Council of Postsecondary Education.

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Raymond Hall

Raymond Hall, age 79, of Topmost, the husband of Helen B. Hall, passed away, Wednesday, November 24, 2004, in the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville.

He was born May 4, 1925, in Raven, the son of the late John B. Hall. He was a disabled WWII Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; one son, Raymond (Linda) Hall Jr., of Topmost; two daughters: Deborah (Lyn) Gayheart of Jackson, and Delilah K. Hall of Topmost; one sister, Holly B. Martin of Dema; five grandchildren: Tyler Hall, Jared Hall, Christy Hollon, Rebecca Gayheart, and Sarah Gayheart; six great-grandchildren: Christopher Trent, Bradley Trent, Zachary Gayheart, Jodi Gayheart, Hannah Gayheart, and Cayleigh Gillin.

He was preceded in death by four brothers: Gleva Hall, David Hall, Junior Hall, and Olive Hall; and four sisters: Faye Newsome, Anna Hall, Dinah Hall and Elizabeth Chaffins.

Funeral services for Raymond Hall were conducted Saturday, November 27, at noon, in the Providence Regular Baptist Church at Topmost, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Family Cemetery, Roaring Branch, at Topmost, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was Thursday, at the funeral home, and afterward, at the church. (Paid obituary)

Goldie Bailey

Goldie Bailey, age 83, of Louisville, formerly of Garrett, widow of Kenneth Bailey, passed away, Sunday, November 28, 2004, at Nazareth Home, Louisville.

She was born February 26, 1921, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late French Bolen and Mattie Sizemore Bolen. She was a retired General Electric Corporation employee, and a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church.

Survivors include two brothers: Earl Bolen of Garrett, and Coyet Bolen of Greensboro, North Carolina; and three sisters: Sophie Vanderpool of Garrett, and Kathleen Hofelich and Evelean Caudill, both of Louisville.

In addition, to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Bolen; and three sisters: Olga Richmond, Ethel Coburn, and Mae Turner.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 3, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with the Rev. Ryan Fullerton officiating.

Burial will follow in the French and Mattie Bolen Cemetery, at Garrett, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Louisville. (Paid obituary)

Rev. William Robert Spradlin Jr.

Rev. William Robert Spradlin Jr., 78, of Spradlin Branch Road, Prestonsburg, died Thursday, November 25, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Born May 1, 1926, in Estill, he was the son of the late Willie R. Spradlin and Hazel Eunice Music Spradlin. He was a former Baptist minister for 40 years; a former federal mine inspector for the U.S. Government; and a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. He was a minister at West Van Lear Missionary Baptist Church for 24 years.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Fraley Spradlin.

Other survivors include two sons: William Thomas Spradlin of Prestonsburg, and Kenneth Spradlin of Auxier; one daughter, Deborah (Debbie) Fortney of Bremen; one brother, Clay M. Spradlin of Prestonsburg; 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Micah Benjamin Spradlin, who died September 15, 1967.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 28, at 2 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Paul Schmitt officiating.

Interment was at Spradlin Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

Military graveside rites were conducted by Big Sandy Chapter No. 18, D.A.V.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Sylvia Sellards Hall

Sylvia Sellards Hall, age 84, of Stanville, wife of the late Fred C. Hall, passed away, Thursday, November 25, 2004, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

She was born November 15, 1920, in Banner, the daughter of the late Jack Sellards and Nancy Akers Sellards. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist.

Survivors include two daughters: Karen Hall Hamilton, and Holly Denise Hall, both of Stanville; one brother, Jack Buford Sellards of Corbin; three sisters: Aileen Hall of Betsy Layne, Jewel Conn of Harold, and Georgean Cecil of Stanville; and three grandchildren: Amanda Hamilton, Paige Duncan, and Drew Duncan.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Edward Graham Sellards, and David Estill Sellards; and one sister, Essie Estep.

Funeral services for Sylvia Sellards Hall were conducted Sunday, November 28, at 12:30 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with the clergymen, Arnold Turner Jr., and Doug Lewis, officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers list:

Active: Brett Gibson, Kyle Potter, Mike Potter, Jack Gibson, Shawn Hamilton, Mike Napier, Dean Cecil and Ryan Porter.

Honorary: Hillard Cecil Jr., Steve Cordial, Dean Conn and Doug Kretzer. (Paid obituary)

Don Fraley Sr.

Don Fraley Sr., 81, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, November 24, 2004, at his residence.

Born February 6, 1923, in Ligon, he was the son of the late John D. and Virgie M. Reynolds Fraley. He was a retired coal miner and a World War II veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Viola Juanita Ricker Fraley.

Survivors include one son, Don Fraley Jr. and wife, Priscilla, of Hi Hat; two daughters, Sheri Fraley, and Kimberly Fraley, both of Hi Hat, and Kimberly's boyfriend, (Ronnie Little); grandchildren: Robbie, Jennifer, Edmand, Jessica, and Michael; and great-grandchildren: Stephanie, Stacy, Jacob, and Jaden.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 28, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Bobby Lawson, Louis Ferrari, and Dr. Denver Tackett officiating.

Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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THE FAMILY OF ROSETTA SAMONS

Card of Thanks

The family of Tynan Layne Spears would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors, who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to the Betsy Layne Church of Christ for all the love and support that was shown to our family, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

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State taking unclaimed property auction online

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Below the state Capitol Annex is a massive metal vault filled with Kentucky's long-forgotten treasures abandoned by its owners.

The jewelry, pocket watches and antique currency hail from every corner of Kentucky.

Starting this week, loot from 20 forgotten safe-deposit boxes is scheduled to tour the state before being put up for auction Dec. 13 on eBay.

"I love the idea of it," state Treasurer Jonathan Miller said in an interview last week after a tour of the unclaimed-property vault, which he oversees. "In theory, it achieves so many objectives in terms of getting the word out and in terms of getting more money into the hoppers."

The proceeds will help support the state's prepaid tuition program, which allows families to avoid more expensive college costs in the future by locking in current tuition rates and paying them in advance.

The tour begins Monday in Lexington and Tuesday in Louisville, and will criss-

cross the state Wednesday through Dec. 9.

Appraised at a combined \$25,000, the valuables are a small segment of the state's unclaimed-property fund, which grows by 70 percent per year. Fewer than a third of property owners ever claim their belongings.

The fund contains 12,000 items worth a total of \$138.5 million, mostly in abandoned bank accounts, lost tax refunds, misplaced insurance policies, forgotten utility reimbursements and final paychecks that were never picked up. Their owners sometimes die without leaving a will or heirs.

Also boosting the value of the fund is a law passed last year that requires insurance companies to forward their unclaimed property holdings to the treasury, too. By law, the treasury can auction property held more than three years.

At the agency's first auction in 1999, it took in \$69,195.50 through the sale of 1,237 items. The week-long eBay auction will mark the second abandoned-property auction, and the first time the agency has experimented with online sales.

Banks must turn property

over to the state after the account that holds it is inactive for seven years, and the state then holds it for three years. State law requires the agency to publish a list annually of all unclaimed-property owners in newspapers statewide.

An abandoned-property search feature has also been added to the agency's Web site, Miller said.

"We didn't want to sell anything until we've given people a chance to claim what's rightfully theirs," Miller said.

Kentucky joins Texas, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Colorado and other states in using online auctions, according to the National Association of State Treasurers.

Information from: The Courier-Journal, <http://www.courier-journal.com>

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The Community Choir members pictured are, front row, Anna Lou Lavender, Lynne Ramey, Bridget Baker, Tamralee Frazier, Judy Yunker, Karla Ramey, Betty Hunt and Amanda Stepp; middle row, Director Laura Ford Hall, Bertha Daniels, Tiffany Rogers, Susan Chafin, Deborah Castle, David Keene, Nellie Baldwin, Kay Wingham, Garnet Fairchild and accompanist Candace Nall; back row, Kaney Goble, Doug Herman, Tereshia Keene, and Francis Branham. Not pictured are Pam Parker, Brandon Maynard and James Eason.

College to present an 'Evening of Christmas'

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College is inviting all local residents to attend its first annual "Evening of Christmas" Christmas concert presented by the BSCTC

Community Choir and the Big Sandy Singers, the college's auditioned student ensemble.

The event will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., in the Prestonsburg Campus Student

Center atrium.

The concert will feature a variety of Christmas music that will include choral, solo, and ensemble selections. "Let it Snow," "Home for the Holidays," "Jesus Oh What A Wonderful Child," and "O Holy Night" are among the selections for the evening. Solos will be presented by members of the community as well as BSCTC students, faculty, and staff.

The choirs are directed by BSCTC instructor and Kentucky Opry member Laura Ford Hall. Candace Nall serves as the accompanist for the groups.

The event is free and open to people of all ages.



The Big Sandy Singers include, front row, Tamralee Frazier, Director Laura Ford Hall, Samantha Horn and Amanda Stepp; back row, Troy Burchett, James Eason, Brandon Maynard and Alison Nelson.



The timeless classic "The Nutcracker" is returning to the stage at Pikeville College for the first time in 10 years. Generations of audiences have enjoyed this perennial Christmas favorite, a charming tale of holiday adventure that follows a little girl's journey through a fantasy world of fairies, princes, toy soldiers, and an army of mice. The Nutcracker's cast includes over 80 local artists from age 7 to adult. The two-act ballet includes the beloved music "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" and "Waltz of the Snowflakes." Performances will be held Tues., Dec. 14 and Wed., Dec. 15 at 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for area schools with a \$1 admission. An evening performance will be held on Sat., Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m., and an afternoon performance on Sun., Dec. 19 at 2:30 p.m. Admission for those performances is \$3 for ages 12 and under and \$5 for adults. For more information, contact Peggy Davis at (606) 218-5005 or Carole Ward at (606) 218-5224.

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Truck

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bill that would allow all trucks carrying natural resources to carry up to 63 tons. Cornett said he pre-filed the bill for the 2005 session of the General Assembly because he says the current law is unfair.

D.R.T. Trucking, owned by Dennis Thacker of Pikeville, filed suit against the state Justice and Public Safety Cabinet because Kentucky law allows coal trucks to carry heavier loads than all other trucks.

In September, lawyers for the company asked Coleman for an order to temporarily stop Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officers from ticketing trucks carrying between 40 and 63 tons of sand, gravel, rock or any other natural resource.

Coleman's decision not to intervene means that weight enforcement officers can continue ticketing the overweight sand and gravel trucks.

Jon Woodall, attorney for D.R.T. Trucking, said he was content with Coleman's order.

"It makes perfect sense to let the General Assembly work this thing out and go from there," he said.

Coleman said D.R.T. Trucking had raised a substantial question about the constitutionality of the weight limit law as it now exists. Although he stopped short of an order, he said the state should consider allowing all truckers hauling natural resources to carry 63 tons.

"Short of him issuing an injunction, this is the best result we could have obtained," Woodall said.

Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officials also said they think it is an issue for lawmakers to decide.

"We will enforce the law as it's written, and we agree with the court that this is a matter the General Assembly needs to address," said Chris Gilligan, a spokesman for the agency.

Information from Appalachian News-Express.

Judge offers alternative sentences to keep jail crowd down

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — Rebekah Chapman sat in front of the Town and Country Food City for six hours with a sign proclaiming to passers-by that she is a shoplifter.

The 29-year-old from Matewan, W.Va., chose that as her punishment instead of 30 days in jail.

Since July, Pike County District Judge Kelsey Friend Jr. has sentenced 10 convicted shoplifters to the alternative punishment, which he said is more effective than jail in preventing offenders from becoming repeat shoplifters.

"This is such a problem here in our community that we have to try

all means to lessen the recidivism," Friend said.

Chapman said the punishment is humiliating.

"I'd take the jail first before I'd be humiliated like that again," she said.

Kentucky State Police arrested Chapman Nov. 8 at the South Williamson Food City for stealing merchandise valued at \$8.66. She pleaded guilty and took the alternative sentence.

Chapman's sign read, "I have been convicted of shoplifting at Food City. 30 days jail. Fine \$445."

Assistant County Attorney Roger Varney said his office uses the sign sentence as a bargaining


tool in plea negotiations, but ultimately it is the judge that chooses the sentence.

"We hope it deters other would-be shoplifters from committing that crime in that store," Varney said. "It's a deterrent factor."

Friend said making someone pay a fine or serve jail time doesn't have the impact of holding a sign in front of a store for six hours.

"I've seen people in this court with three or four shoplifting convictions that basically have never really mended their ways," Friend said. "Those I've seen with this practice I have never seen again."

Information from Appalachian News-Express.

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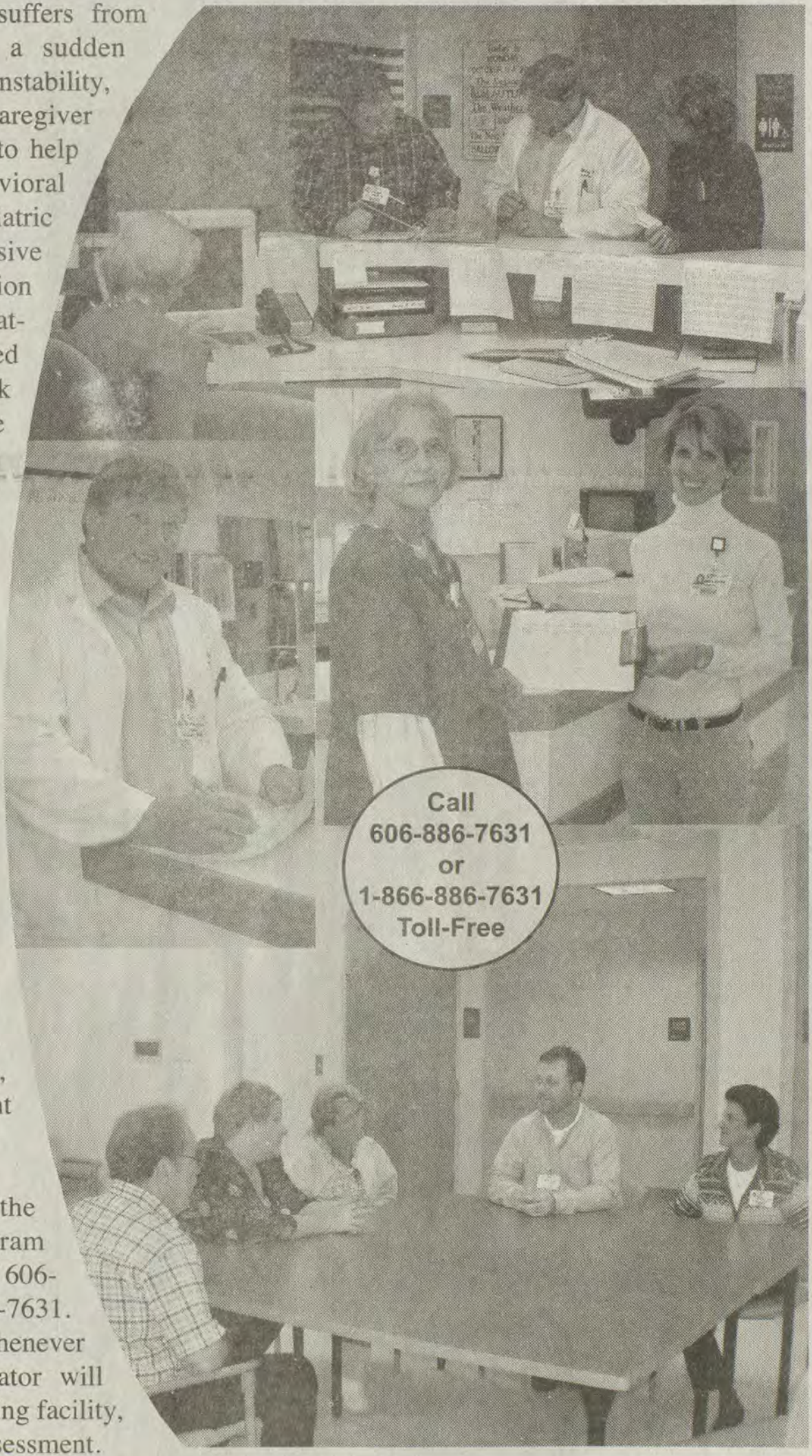
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of her."

Despite her surprise, Thaut had an inkling some weeks earlier he was close to popping the question.

"I had a dream about it," said Thaut, 26.

Larson kept his plan from all but a trusted few, but their affections were no secret.

"It's been blossoming for a while," artistic director and choreographer Damaris Caughlan said. "They've been dating for at least two or three years."

And, there was a special chemistry at work on stage, Caughlan said.

"They've both danced that role separately but with different partners," she said. "This is the first time they've done it together. Everybody was really excited about that."

■ VILLACH, Austria — Someone was stealing cash from a shop, but thanks to a videocamera, authorities got their man — and it was a mouse.

A security camera set up inside the shop in Villach in the southwestern Austrian province of Carinthia helped the owner figure out who was making off with bank notes from the cash register. It turned out to be a mouse looking for nesting material, officials said Monday.

The critter was caught on camera with its paw in the till, Austrian television reported.

The shop owner, whose name was not released, became suspicious after a few bills worth \$65 went missing.

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Southerners buck retirement work trend

Allstate survey shows they want to focus on travel and leisure

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Americans increasingly see retirement as a time to continue working for the fun of it, not out of financial necessity. But Southern Americans are the most likely to say "no thanks" to that trend, according to a new Allstate survey.

Most working Americans surveyed concede that they may work for pay after retirement, with only 8 percent saying that's "not at all likely," according to the fourth annual Allstate "Retirement Reality Check" survey. The Allstate survey tracks Americans' attitudes toward, and savings for, retirement.

Among Southerners(1), 11 percent of respondents are adamant that they will not work for pay after retirement, more than any other region of the U.S. surveyed (Midwest(2), 8 percent; West(3), 5 percent; and Northeast(4), 7 percent).

In fact, 42 percent of Southerners surveyed said that a major advantage of retirement is "not having to deal with people at work." Nationally, 38 percent of Americans surveyed agreed with that statement.

According to the survey, that expectation reflects the reality of current retirees. Nationally, 72 percent of retirees surveyed said they have not worked for pay since leaving the job, but in the South the figure is a whopping 80 percent-more than in any other part of the U.S.

On average, Southerners sur-

veyed said they expect to retire at age 61.8, younger than the national mean of almost 63.

Southerners mirror the nation in the number that actively plans to work after retirement-31 percent surveyed, compared with 32 percent surveyed overall. And for those who expect to work, their reasons also mirror national sentiments: to stay mentally active (94 percent), because they enjoy the social interaction (86 percent) and to work at something they feel passionate about (85 percent).

"We have consistently seen that Americans enjoy many aspects of working and find a sense of identity in their jobs," said Ron Corbin, field vice president, southern region, Allstate Insurance Co. "Perhaps the biggest shift we've seen from generation to generation is the realization among a majority of Americans that 'work' is not inherently negative."

While most Americans surveyed cited positive reasons for continuing to work, people from the South (71 percent) and Northeast (75 percent) were most likely to say they'll work to earn money to buy extras. Southern respondents also were most likely (71 percent) to say they'll work because they will need to occupy their time.

Only 40 percent of Southerners said they would work to make ends meet, and 42 percent surveyed said they'll need the health insurance.

Southern respondents were most likely to say travel and leisure will be their top retirement expense-28 percent, compared with a low of 23 percent among respondents from the Northeast.

In general, Southerners feel at least "somewhat prepared" financially for retirement (78 percent surveyed), although 10 percent called themselves "very unprepared."

The most common reason Southern respondents gave for not being prepared was that they didn't earn enough money to save, cited by 27 percent, second only to 29 percent in the Northeast. And 23 percent of survey respondents in the South said their company doesn't offer an adequate retirement plan.

Twenty percent of Southerners surveyed admitted they don't understand investments. Not surprisingly, 66 percent of respondents said they want to be more educated about options for retirement-more than in any other region of the country.

On the other hand, only 36 percent of survey respondents in the South said they plan to use Social Security as a large portion of retirement income, tied with the Midwest for lowest.

"The best cure for uncertainty is financial preparedness, and that comes only with disciplined preparation and saving," Corbin said. "In the end, individuals have to take control of their own retirements."

In the South, almost a quar-

ter of respondents (23 percent) said they expect health care costs to be their top retirement expense, second only to respondents from the Midwest (30 percent). And 19 percent expect prescription drugs to be their top expense, more than in any other region.

Southerners surveyed are more likely to admit they look to retirement with some apprehension-46 percent, compared with 44 percent in the Northeast and 43 percent in the Midwest and West.

"We find that Americans are growing more pessimistic about the long-term strength of government programs like Social Security and Medicare," said Mathew Greenwald, Ph.D., president of Mathew Greenwald & Associates, the firm that conducted the "Retirement Reality Check" survey. "As people look ahead to longer and healthier retirements, they need to shoulder the responsibility for their financial health."

Allstate created the fourth annual Allstate "Retirement Reality Check" survey in conjunction with Mathew Greenwald & Associates. Using a random digit dialing methodology, Greenwald & Associates polled 1,604 people

born between 1946 and 1978, with household incomes of \$35,000 or more. Retirees were accepted with incomes of at least \$20,000. The margin of error (at the 95 percent confidence level) for the total num-

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5455 AMENDMENT #1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Consol of Kentucky, Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining operation located 2.7 miles Northeast of Handshoe, Kentucky in Floyd, Knott and Magoffin Counties. The amendment will add 1.4 acres of surface mining a total of 3,360.00 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.3 miles Northwest from KY 2029's junction KY 7 and located on Plummer Branch of Raccoon Branch. The latitude is 37°29'46"N. The longitude is 82°52'55"N.

The proposed amendment is located on the Handshoe, David and Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute Quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Dallas Sparkman and Consol of Kentucky, Inc. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road State Route 7. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or request for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0308

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface mining and reclamation operation, affecting 269.6 acres and will underlie an additional 116.9 acres, located 4.5 miles northwest of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.8 miles northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Plummer Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour strip, area mining, and high-wall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Ollie Jack Howard, et al., G.M.O. Forestry Fund 3, L. P., Effie Crager, Kenneth Wallace, Patrick Brian Ousley, Lowell Dean Shepherd, Glen Shepherd, Clinton Handshoe, Sylvia Warrix, Billy Tussey, Annie Handshoe, Elsie Wright, Thelma and Lurie Hoover and Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Ollie Jack Howard, et al., G.M.O. Forestry Fund 3, LP, Effie Crager, Kenneth Wallace, Lowell Dean Shepherd, Glen Shepherd, Clinton Handshoe, Sylvia Warrix, Annie Handshoe, Thelma and Lurie Hoover, and Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc.

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

This is the final advertisement of this application, all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5461, AMENDMENT NO. 2

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky, 41839, has applied for an amendment for an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.5 mile northeast of Hippo, in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 0.0 acres of surface disturbance and an additional 1,609.3 acres of underground acres, making the total area within the permit boundary, 2178.7 acres.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.5 mile northwest from State Route 850's junction with Brush Creek County Road, and located north of Hicks Fork of Brush Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the underground method of mining. The amendment area will underlie lands owned by William E. & Peggy Stephens, Harvey Watson, John Paul & Lou Ellen Pitts, Eva & George Thornsby, John Paul Pitts, Shade Pitts, Floyd & Edna Davis, Jeffrey & Zelma M. Watson, John T. & Anna Lea Thornsby, Kenneth & Phyllis Reffitt, Betty Conn, Dolores Smith, Billy E. & Susan Reffitt, Ina Thornsby, Polly Elizabeth Pitts, Sandra Sue Thacker, Floyd Allen, William P. Runnels, et al., Madge Allen Casey, Effie Lois Bond, Pamela Frasure, Phil Ray Frasure, Effie Lois Bond, Thomas Sherman Ratliff, Mary Margaret Baldrige, Rondel R. & Priscilla Prater, Danny Ousley, Josephine Ousley, Effie Hughes, Mont Ousley - Heirs, Danny Lee Ousley, Virginia Hicks & David Reffitt, AEP Kentucky Coal, LLC, Bobby Matthew & Reta Akers, Alice D. Isaac, Roger & Joyce Slone, Steven Reed, David & Billy Marie Smith, Allen Ratliff - Estate, Myrtle, Bertha & Sydney Ratliff, Jack & Mary Ratliff - Estate, Henry & Ellen Ratliff, Billy M. & Dora Allen, and Tamara K. & Mary Christina Hicks.

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

This is the final advertisement of this application, all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0310, Transfer

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Henson Branch Coal, Inc., 512 KY Route 680, McDowell, Kentucky 41647, intends to transfer permit number 836-0285 to Henson Branch Coal, Inc., 512 KY Route 680, McDowell, Kentucky 41647. The new number will be 836-0310. The operation disturbs 5.42 acres and underlies 3.09 acres. No new acreage is affected by this transfer.

The operation is located 0.25 mile east of Drift in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.13 mile east from KY 122's junction with Simpson Branch County Road and located 0.03 mile east of Left Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the Wayland/McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37°28'57" and longitude 82°45'05".

The transfer 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. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

the game.

While sitting on the edge of our couch watching the plywood-covered French doors bulge inward towards us from the fierce winds outside, we were quietly comforted by God's amazing grace. My husband told my brother-in-law Frankie the day of the storm that God didn't bring us this far to kill us with a hurricane.

The next morning, while still in shock from what seemed like time standing still, the winds died down to about 40-to-50 miles an hour. We opened the only door that led to the outside and it looked like a third world country. Pine trees as wide as sidewalks were twisted like dish rags and uprooted. The devastation that surrounded our community was indescribable. Neighborhoods on the water that were beautifully arranged had some barren areas where it appeared as though there were never houses there.

The only explanation that

we can give people is that God had his hand on our family. The large trees that went down at our house fell away from our house and spared tremendous damage. What we thought was the end of the storm was the beginning of a soul-searching and faith-driven quest.

On Oct. 9, my family and I had to return to Floyd County for an event that shocked our lives. My brother-in-law, Frankie Martin, had been senselessly murdered. Our stay for that few days was filled with plans that had to be arranged, decisions that had to be agreed upon and a reality of loss that would now visit our everyday conversation.

We embraced this dreadful moment with the only kind of healing medicine that the Martin family knows, which is laughter, love and God's abundant grace. We shared with friends and family all of the great and unique memories that each of us had with Frankie.

Our family fared exceptionally well during this trying time by knowing that we were all held safely in the palm of God's hand.

Our nephew, Wilfredo Dominguez, had requested that we come and watch him play football on Friday, Oct. 15. He plays for Allen Central and the game would be at South Floyd. We wanted to show our support for his talent and this would be one of the highlights to a week full of miracles that we all witnessed.

We saw many friends and more family at the game, but experienced yet another loss. Our van had been broken into and my purse had been stolen. We have been working closely with the county and state police since the episode. I had been entrusted to make copies of some of the last pictures that had been taken of Frankie and they were in my purse.

I know in all reality that I won't get money or items of

real value back. I am begging of the people that took my purse if you could at least please set it somewhere my family or the police could find it. I and the Martin family will be forever grateful. Please, if you have any human emotion left in you, do the right thing and give a family back something that can be replaced by you. If you feel that you can't because it's too late, I want you to know that it's never too late for anyone or anything.

Despite the trials and adversity that life has to offer, there is a gift that's ever-present for the taking — salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. He will fill the void that you and so many others are searching. Our prayers are with you and your family. Let this experience be the one that changes your life. God is so good and He loves you. Let Him bless your life with His unfailing grace.

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Little League meeting set for Dec. 6

Prestonsburg Little League will hold a meeting for officials, coaches and the general public on Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Johnny McKinney at 886-8602.

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Floyd County native authors book on basketball

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE – Floyd County native Kevin Keathley has authored a book on basketball. Coaching basketball, that is. Keathley, formerly of Harold, penned *Hardwood Constitution – A Blueprint To Coaching Success*. The Floyd County native now serves as an

assistant coach on the staff of the Kentucky Colonels, a new professional basketball franchise located in Louisville.

The foreword of Keathley's book is written by Anthony Epps, the starting point guard for the 1996 University of Kentucky men's basketball national championship team, and one of the 50 greatest UK players of all-time.

The book can currently be purchased online at both the Amazon (www.amazon.com) and Barnes & Noble (www.barnesandnoble.com) websites. The book should be available in bookstores by late-December. The author can provide signed copies as well. For more information on a signed copy, email the author at coachkeathley@yahoo.com.

Keathley wanted to extend his

basketball teachings into print with the book he authored.

He hopes coaches on all levels will take the time to look at his finished product.

"The inspiration to writing this book probably came about two years ago when another coach and I talked about being young coaches and how much more difficult the learning

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Floyd County native Kevin Keathley is set to begin his third season as a professional basketball coach. Keathley has a new book out on the subject of coaching basketball.

State Football Championship matchups set

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – Excitement in Pike County and other parts of the state continues to build as the match-ups are in place for the 46th KHSAA State Football Finals set for this weekend at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville. Six of the eight teams are making return trips to the State Finals, including Boyle County which is making its sixth consecutive trip to a state championship.

Following is the schedule for this week's state football finals:

- Friday, Dec. 3
Class A Championship
Danville (10-4) vs. Beechwood (13-1), 12 p.m. (ET)
- Class AA Championship**
Owensboro Catholic (10-4) vs. Belfry (13-1), 3:30 p.m. (ET)
Saturday, Dec. 4
- Class AAA Championship**
Boyle County (12-2) vs. Highlands (13-1), 11:30 a.m. (ET)
- Class AAAA Championship**
St. Xavier (13-1) vs. Scott County (12-2), 3:30 p.m. (ET)

■ Gates to Papa John's Cardinal Stadium will open one hour prior to kickoff, 11 a.m. (ET) on Friday and 10:30 a.m. (ET) for Saturday. General admission tickets are on sale at any of the eight participating schools for an advance purchase price of \$7. Tickets are also available (credit card orders only) through the KHSAA for \$7 through today.

At the gate, general admission single session tickets will be \$9 each or an all-session ticket (one ticket to each of the four games) will be available on Friday for \$25. A limited number of reserved seating for the four games remains in the Brown & Williamson Club Level for \$40 each (sold as a package only).

Parking lots will open 3 hours prior to kickoff. There will be a parking charge of \$5 per car.

■ For the first time in the history of the Association, all four championship games will be broadcast live across the Commonwealth through Insight Communications.

In addition, Comcast Sports Southeast will air Friday's games live and the Saturday's games on a tape-delayed basis (due to a prior scheduling conflict) outside of the Commonwealth. Games will be seen throughout the southeast in

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P'burg outlasts Allen County-Scottsville



photos by Jamie Howell

Below: The Prestonsburg High School boys' basketball team took to the Rupp Arena hardwood Saturday in the KBA (Kentucky Basketball Academy) pre-season event. Above: Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp talked with his team.



Blackcats win on Rupp Arena floor

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

LEXINGTON – After two years of planning, the Prestonsburg Blackcats finally got the chance to play on the home floor of the Kentucky Wildcats – Rupp Arena.

Prestonsburg assistant coach Bobby Hackworth had spent two years attempting to get the Blackcats a chance to play at Rupp Arena. After waiting for an entire sea-

son, the Blackcats finally got the call this year and were invited to take part in the KBA Preseason Shootout, which was held Saturday. Prestonsburg was paired with one of the top three teams in Region 4 in Allen County-Scottsville. Allen County-Scottsville returned four starters from a team that finished 20-9 in 2003-2004.

Prestonsburg was expected to be the underdog in the matchup, but the Blackcats also returned four

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Lady Hawks defend home floor, level Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK – Allen Central girls' basketball fans hoping for a victory over the defending 15th Region champion saw their hopes dashed Monday night. In the opening game of the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic, host Pike County Central, the defending 15th Region champ, won easy, beating visiting Allen Central 85-50.

Pike Central (1-0) got another stellar performance from Haley Ratliff. The sophomore guard, who has already scored over 1,000 points in her high school career, tossed in a game-high 32 markers and put an exclamation point on the season-opener.

The Pike Central defense also came ready to play, holding Allen Central to no made field goals in the first quarter.

The host team outscored the visiting team in every quarter en route to the victory.

Pike Central led 37-7 with just over four minutes remaining in the first half.

Sara Johnson hit a shot and broke the scoring drought for Allen Central, but it wasn't nearly enough to combat the tenacious Pike Central attack.

Allen Central (0-1) scored the first two points of the game on a field goal and then

(See HAWKS, page six)

Airdates announced for dirt track races

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – NARA DirtCar Series, ESPN2 and Cornerstone Multi-media Group recently announced airdates for the 2004 NARA DirtCar Series by Lucas Oil on ESPN 2.

The NARA race that took place at Bluegrass Speedway on August 7 will air at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12. The August race featured a fifth-place finish for Brandon Kinzer and the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team. The Bluegrass Speedway race will be the second NARA race on ESPN2 in 2004. Florence Speedway, located in Union, hosted a race that was broadcast in May.

The Bluegrass Speedway race set to be telecast less than two weeks from now was won by Shannon Babb.

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Raiders beat defending All 'A' state champ

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – South Floyd had three players score in double figures, led by a double-double from senior forward Burnett Little in a 67-64 win last Wednesday night over defending All "A" State Champion Hazard. The Raiders beat Hazard 67-64 in the final game of the 2004 installment of the annual night-before-Thanksgiving panorama held at Allen Central High School.

Several different Raiders saw playing time as seven different players scored. The Hazard offensive attack also featured seven different scorers.

In helping to lead South Floyd, Little, a

senior, scored a game-high 18 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. Junior guard Ryan Johnson scored 17 points, jerked down six rebounds and dished out three assists. Steven Stanley scored 14 points and hauled in seven rebounds.

Mason Hall, another South Floyd junior guard, scored seven points and handed out a game-high four assists. Sophomore Ethan Johnson added four points. Jordan Johnson and Wes Hall rounded out the South Floyd scoring with three and two points, respectively.

South Floyd Coach Barry Hall took the good with the bad in regards to the scrim-

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photo by Jamie Howell
Junior guard Mason Hall scored nine points in South Floyd's pre-season win over Hazard.

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Kentucky ends another difficult season with hope for the future

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Few expected much success this season for Kentucky's NCAA-sanctioned program, but coach Rich Brooks saw some good in a second straight losing season.

"This has not been an easy season in any way, shape or form," Brooks said last week. "But the resilience the players have shown is outstanding."

The Wildcats finished 2-9 overall — the third time in five seasons they've closed with that record — and 1-7 in Southeastern Conference play, but this time,

those numbers seemed worse than usual.

Even with a solid performance in a season-ending loss to No. 15 Tennessee, Kentucky's offense ranked 115th out of 117 NCAA Division I-A teams, a statistic that led to the resignation of offensive coordinator Ron Hudson. The Wildcats' leading rusher, quarterback Shane Boyd, had just 297 yards, and as a team, Kentucky had just 1,185 rushing yards.

The defense wasn't much better, ranking 112th against the run and 102nd overall.

By season's end, 20 players who appeared at some point on the team's two-deep depth chart had missed a total of 77 games because of injury. The injuries proved particularly devastating to a team that already had depth issues because of NCAA sanctions in 2002, which included the loss of 19 scholarships over a three-year span.

Kentucky opened the season with an embarrassing 28-0 loss to Louisville — although, in retrospect, holding the high-scoring Cardinals to 28 points might have been quite an accomplishment. After enduring two weeks of criticism for that loss, Kentucky put together its best performance of the season in a 51-32 win over Indiana.

A 20-3 loss to Florida wasn't unexpected, but a 28-16 loss to unheralded Ohio — at Commonwealth Stadium, no less — sent the season spiraling out of control. In terms of perception, it was the Wildcats' worst loss in at least 10 years.

"That's the game that goes as the lightning rod for the demise of the season," Brooks said, but added, "I'm not sure that if we had won the game that we would have had a significant difference in our results beyond that."

Alabama used a third-string quarterback to beat Kentucky in the Wildcats' next game, and a week later, South Carolina's fourth-string quarterback led a late touchdown drive as the Gamecocks rallied for a 12-7 win.

Kentucky's losing streak reached seven games before a 14-13 win over Vanderbilt. The Wildcats trailed 13-0 after three quarters but posted their largest fourth-quarter comeback since at least 1949.

"I think adversity builds character. It builds resolve," Brooks said.

That resolve showed in a 37-31 loss to Tennessee, a game the outmanned Wildcats led until the final minute. Kentucky hasn't beaten Tennessee since 1984.

"We came in here and were this close to doing something no Kentucky team had done in 20 years," Brooks said.

One encouraging note for the

Wildcats was the development of their freshmen, many of whom were forced into key roles.

Quarterback Andre Woodson saw significant playing time. Tailbacks Tony Dixon and Rafael Little each showed promise when healthy, combining for 706 yards from scrimmage. Aaron Miller held down the starting job at left tackle for most of the season. Wesley Woodyard played solidly at linebacker, as did Marcus McClinton at safety.

Receiver Lonnell DeWalt shined on special teams, with a school-record seven blocked kicks, including two against Tennessee. Jacob Tamme, moved from receiver to tight end for the Tennessee game, caught two touchdown passes against the Volunteers.

From all indications, the recruiting process also seems to be going well, said Brooks, who

is 6-18 in two seasons with the Wildcats.

Recruits "believe that this staff can get it done at Kentucky, and they see the opportunity to play early," Brooks said. "They're smart enough to understand that when this school is off probation and you get back the normal scholarship numbers, there should be a pretty good chance of improving quite a bit in the next two years."

"Next year, the program will be better, but it still will take another year because we still have a lot of young players."



Lonnell DeWalt



Jacob Tamme

Petrino, LeFors differ on BCS

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville coach Bobby Petrino and quarterback Stefan LeFors have communicated seamlessly all season, engineering the nation's No. 1 offense.

But they respectfully disagree when it comes to whether college football should have a playoff.

The No. 7 Cardinals (9-1, 7-0 Conference USA) are ninth in the latest Bowl Championship Series rankings — locked out of any chance at a national championship or a top-tier postseason game.

Louisville took the Conference USA champion's automatic bid to the Liberty Bowl after Saturday's 70-7 thrashing of Cincinnati.

Petrino said Monday he opposes a playoff that might've earned his team a national-title shot it can't get under the current system.

"The season is really long. It puts a tremendous amount of stress and fatigue on our players," Petrino said. "Everybody needs to relax a little bit and understand the players are here to get their education. Let's make the conference championships a big deal and make the bowl games a reward."

"I hope that we never do see a playoff."

LeFors, however, would relish the opportunity to face USC, Oklahoma or Auburn and prove Louisville belongs among the nation's elite.

"You always wish there was

a playoff," said LeFors, the nation's most efficient passer. "It would give us a chance to show how good we really are. I'm sure there are doubters out there. It would be nice to settle it on the field and not through a computer ranking and all that."

Petrino isn't an advocate of the BCS, either, but said teams should accept it.

"There are certainly things that aren't working out with it," Petrino said. "But, personally, when coaches complain about it, they're wrong. If you're teaching your players to follow the rules, give all your effort on the field, when the rules are set by the BCS, then we should all live by them and go by what they say."

"If you want to change them the next year, change them. But it doesn't do any good to complain about them now."

Next year, the Cardinals will be in the Big East and eligible for an automatic BCS berth. On Saturday, though, Petrino sensed some his players were disappointed by the Liberty Bowl announcement.

"Our players still had that thought in their minds that, 'Hey, we're a darn good football team and the BCS was out there,'" Petrino said.

LeFors said the team has come to terms with its postseason fate.

"We're happy with how our season's gone," LeFors said. "Of course, we wish we could get to that BCS game but we're excited about going to the Liberty Bowl. We're looking forward to the opportunity to go

down there and playing in the Conference USA championship bowl. That's what we are, Conference USA champions."

The Cardinals end the regular season Saturday at Tulane (5-5, 3-4), a game postponed in September because of Hurricane Ivan.

With nothing much left to accomplish, Petrino is concerned the Cardinals may come out flat.

"I'll certainly worry about it, just like I do every week," Petrino said. "We just have to prepare like we always do. It's going to be hard to have the same emotional peak we had last Saturday, but we've faced that a couple of times throughout the year and that's where the maturity has to kick in."

LeFors said the Cardinals still have too much at stake to overlook the Green Wave.

"We don't want to come this far and then lose, ruin a ranking," said LeFors. "Everything is in place, not only for this year, but for next year and the years to come. We don't want to waste an opportunity. We're going to be ready to play."

The game is personal for LeFors, who grew up in nearby Baton Rouge. He'll have plenty of family members at the Superdome as he closes in on the single-season NCAA record for completion percentage. LeFors is 152 of 204 this season (74.5 percent), still ahead of Daunte Culpepper's record 73.6 percent, set in 1998.

"It's going to be fun," LeFors said. "This game might be a little more emotional."

No. 7 Louisville 70, Cincinnati 7

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Montrell Jones caught two touchdown passes and returned a punt for a score, and No. 7 Louisville clinched its third Conference USA championship since 2000 with a 70-7 rout of Cincinnati on Saturday.

Brandon Johnson returned a blocked punt for a touchdown and Tiger Jones recovered another blocked punt in the end zone for Louisville (9-1, 7-0), which reached 70 points for the first time since a 72-0 win over Wayne State in 1955.

The Cardinals' top-ranked offense was unfazed by gusty winds and steady rain, piling up 357 rushing yards and 491 total yards. Eric Shelton rushed for 158 yards and Kolby Smith had three short touchdown runs in Louisville's fifth game with at least 50 points this season.

Cincinnati (6-5, 5-3), which had a four-game winning streak snapped, mustered only 186 yards without senior quarterback Gino Guidugli, who sat out

after breaking a bone in his throwing hand last weekend.

Louisville commenced the blowout immediately.

On the first play from scrimmage, Shelton broke a tackle and outran three defenders for an 80-yard touchdown run, Louisville's longest scoring play of the season.

Cincinnati backup quarterback Collin Carey, who had thrown only one pass this season, failed to move the Bearcats beyond their own 34 on their first three possessions.

Louisville cornerback Antoine Harris intercepted Carey's pass near midfield and LeFors threw a 43-yard TD pass to Montrell Jones a minute later. It was LeFors' 17th TD pass of the season and Jones' first TD reception since he transferred from Tennessee two years ago.

In the final seconds of the first quarter, Johnson blocked Chet Ervin's punt, scooped up the loose ball and scored from 7 yards out.

Louisville coach Bobby Petrino replaced LeFors with freshman Brian Brohm early in

the second quarter, a move he's made in all but two games.

Brohm finished two crisp drives with TD passes to J.R. Russell and Jones. The seldom-used Smith tacked on a 3-yard touchdown run with 2:48 left in the half.

The Bearcats had four turnovers and 50 total yards at halftime.

Shelton had a 54-yard run in the third quarter to set up another short TD by Smith.

Following another sputtering Cincinnati possession, Jones fielded a punt, found a seam and sprinted down the sideline for a 72-yard touchdown.

Less than two minutes later, Louisville linebacker Chad Rimpsey blocked another punt and Tiger Jones fell on the loose ball in the end zone.

Butler Benton spoiled Louisville's shutout bid with a 1-yard run for Cincinnati with 9:02 left in the game.

Louisville defeated their regional rival for the sixth time in seven meetings.

After the game, the Cardinals accepted the league champion's automatic bid to the Liberty Bowl.

BCS standings unchanged with Auburn stuck behind USC, Oklahoma

by RALPH D. RUSSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Auburn needs an upset. The Tigers are still stuck behind first-place Southern California and second-place Oklahoma in the Bowl Championship Series standings, heading into the final weekend before the national title game is decided.

Third-place Auburn needs to beat Tennessee in the Southeastern Conference title game Saturday and hope for USC to lose at UCLA or Oklahoma to fall in the Big 12 title game against Colorado to earn a spot in the Orange Bowl and play for the BCS championship.

USC improved its BCS grade in the standings released Monday to .9834, and padded its lead over the Sooners (.9611). The Tigers have a grade of .9342.

While Oklahoma and Auburn were idle last week, the Trojans

beat Notre Dame 41-10 to regain some support in The Associated Press Top 25 and coaches poll.

The polls each count for a third of a team's BCS grade. A compilation of six computer rankings are used to determine the other third.

USC holds a big lead in both polls, ahead of No. 2 Oklahoma and No. 3 Auburn. The Sooners and Tigers are separated by a total of only 17 points in the two polls, but the BCS computers have pegged Oklahoma as the No. 1 team in the country with USC second and Auburn third.

California (.8431) barely held on to the fourth spot, ahead of Texas (.8418), after the Longhorns ended the season with a 26-13 victory over Texas A&M last week.

The Golden Bears will lock up a spot in the BCS by beating Southern Mississippi on Saturday. The Bears would play in the Rose Bowl for the first time in 45 years if USC ends up in the Orange Bowl.

Texas is again on the verge of being left out of the BCS, despite being ranked among the top teams.

Sixth-place Utah (.8224) is guaranteed an at-large bid as a team from a non-BCS conference with a top-six finish in the BCS standings. The Utes (11-0), from the Mountain West Conference, finished their season two weeks ago and are sure to become the first team from a mid-major conference to play in the BCS.

Last season, Texas was bumped from an at-large BCS bid when Kansas State upset Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game to give the Wildcats an automatic berth and make the Sooners an at-large team.

Boise State (.6510) dropped from seventh to eighth in the BCS standings behind Georgia (.6948). The Broncos (11-0) from the Western Athletic Conference were trying to join Utah in the top six and grab a spot in one of the four bowl games worth more than \$14 million.

Georgetown back in title picture

by JASON DANNELLY
NAIAFOOTBALL.NET

Georgetown College has been one of the most storied NAIA programs of recent history. They have spent 13 seasons in the playoffs compiling a 21-9 record. Over those 13 seasons the Tigers have won 3 national championships and been named runner up twice. Current head coach Bill Cronin holds two of those national championships to his record as the Tigers as 5-0 in semifinal games.

However, the first of those three national championships took place in 1991 under a different head coach. The success of Georgetown in the late eighties and early nineties can be credited to a man who won 75 games over an eleven season span and had Bill Cronin on his staff.

That man is Kevin Donley, the current head coach at St. Francis and opponent for the Tigers in the semifinals. Donley was responsible for the Tigers first national championship in 1991 and was inducted into the Georgetown College Hall of Fame last spring. He also was head coach of five of Georgetown's assistant coaches.

When Donley came to

Georgetown in 1982 from Anderson College in Indiana he hired Bill Cronin as an assistant coach. They would have never dreamed that 22 years later they would be coaching from opposite sidelines for a chance at a national championship.

"The first time we met as head coaches on opposite staffs was in 1999," said Donley. "That was a very difficult game, but since then we have tried to shut things off for a day and just play football."

Something easier said than done. Donley and Cronin are very close. Their families have spent countless hours together and Cronin's oldest son is named after Donley.

"The game is always a little different, but you have to keep things in perspective," Cronin said. "We'll compete, our kids will play hard and after the game Kevin and I will shake hands, hug and go on with our seasons."

St. Francis and Georgetown are both undefeated and conference champions. Both teams have won their playoff games with relative ease as St. Francis put down Morningside and Hastings while Georgetown has defeated Trinity

International and MidAmerica Nazarene. That has left USF and Georgetown as the only remaining undefeated teams in the playoffs. While some have felt the undefeated teams should have been split up in the final round to play other opponents, Cronin feels differently.

"There are four really good teams left," said Cronin. "We have to take care of business this week before we can think of a game in Savannah. It would have been nice for this game to be a national championship, but we expected to play St. Francis after we won last weekend."

The mutual respect and friendship between these two coaches is one to be talked about. In total they have combined for over 250 wins but perhaps the biggest win is the way they turn out quality people. Georgetown College and the University of St. Francis have been successful because of the approach they take on and off the field. Both teams pride themselves as being respectful, showing honor, and playing hard the entire time. Cronin and Donley may have different programs, but the end result has always been champions.

Blackcats

starters from last season, with Nick Jamerson being the only departed senior. After struggling through the 2003-04 regular-season, Prestonsburg put together a remarkable run in postseason play. The Blackcats not only came away with a district title, but also stunned defending 15th Region champ Shelby Valley in the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament.

Prestonsburg is ranked as a top-five pre-season contender in most polls, and on Saturday evening the senior-dominated

Cats showed why they are so highly regarded.

Lewis Barnette led the Blackcats in scoring on the night with eight points and six rebounds. Michael Stephens and Trevor Compton each tossed in six points in the 44-43 win. Allen County- Scottsville led 15-12 after one quarter of play, but Prestonsburg took a 25-23 into halftime. Prestonsburg had 10 players dent the scoring column in the win. The Blackcats opened the 2004-05 regular-season last night at home against 16th

Region power Boyd County with the game ending after press time.

Results from the Prestonsburg-Boyd County game will appear in Friday's edition.

Blackcat Coach Jackie Day Crisp expects his team to be an up-tempo style squad this season, and with the likes of Compton and Stephens at the guard slots, the Cats should be just that. Kyle Ousley, Joe Blackburn, Sean Leslie and other returning Blackcats could make the 2004-2005 season one to remember.

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Bengals 58, Browns 48

by **JOE KAY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Kelly Holcomb threw for 400 yards and five touchdowns — and lost.

Strange? Not as strange as those other numbers glowing on the scoreboard as Holcomb trudged off the field with his head down and more misery ahead.

Cincinnati 58, Cleveland 48.

The intrastate rivals played the wildest game in their history Sunday, one that defied logic and wound up as the second-highest scoring game in NFL history.

"You just can't explain the second half, and there's no need to try to," Bengals linebacker Brian Simmons said. "It was a great game for the fans, I guess."

It started as a referendum on the two head coaches, and quickly turned into a rewrite of the record books. The points came so fast that it seemed a recount might be needed to determine who won Ohio's bragging rights.

"It was crazy," said the Bengals' Rudi Johnson, who ran for 202 yards and two touchdowns. "Just crazy."

The 106 combined points were the second most in an NFL game, trailing only the Redskins' 72-41 victory over the Giants on Nov. 27, 1966. Until Sunday, the most points in a game since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970 was 99 — Seattle beat Kansas City 51-48 in overtime on Nov. 27, 1983.

In the end, the Browns (3-8) had the ball and a chance to send this one to overtime, as well. Deltha O'Neal's interception and 31-yard return for a touchdown finally decided it with 1:43 left.

"We kept putting them away, and they kept coming back," said Cincinnati's Carson Palmer, who threw a career-high four touchdown passes. "We kept expecting them to slacken up, but they

never did."

No one expected anything like it.

The Browns' defense has been the only dependable thing during their losing streak, now up to five. The Bengals (4-5) have been watching their young defense grow up fast, allowing only two touchdowns in the three previous games.

On Sunday, it looked like they were playing two-hand touch. Two previously struggling offenses combined for 49 first downs and 966 yards, gaudy numbers set up by innumerable missed tackles and broken coverages.

The first five possessions of the second half resulted in touchdowns, many of them as easy as they get because of defensive breakdowns.

"It is what it is," Browns defensive back Robert Griffith said glumly. "We gave up too many big plays — deep balls, long runs. It's just frustrating. When it rains it pours, and right now we've got to turn off the sprinkler."

Holcomb, who took the Browns to the playoffs under coach Butch Davis in 2002, nearly got him a desperately needed victory. Holcomb threw four touchdown passes in the second half, including a 1-yard toss to Steve Heiden that put Cleveland up 48-44 with 10:22 to play.

Holcomb knew it wouldn't be enough.

"The way the game was going, I felt like we needed to score two more times," said Holcomb, who has thrown for 400 yards twice in his career and lost both games.

The Browns put up their most points since a 51-0 victory over Pittsburgh in the 1989 opener. This one surely will turn up the heat on Davis, who has been assured of finishing the season and nothing more.

"I'd be lying if I didn't tell you it was demoralizing," Davis said. "There's not a lot of joy in losing."

Bengals coach Marvin

Lewis also had a lot riding on the game. He screamed at his team following a loss to Pittsburgh last week, turning this game into a test of his credibility.

His credibility survived better than his defense.

"I don't know if I've ever been in a situation where the defense had a game like that, but we'll take it," said Lewis, whose defense in Baltimore gave up only 165 points during the 2000 regular season.

Palmer, who has struggled in his first season running the offense, threw touchdown passes of 18 yards to Kelley Washington, 46 to Chad Johnson and 3 yards to T.J. Houshmandzadeh as the Bengals went up 27-13 at halftime — more points than they'd scored in any game all season.

Holcomb was only getting started.

Filling in for the injured Jeff Garcia, Holcomb led the Browns to touchdowns on their first five possessions in the second half. Holcomb had one of his best games — 30-for-39 for 412 yards, the second-most yards in his career.

Palmer, who missed practice last week with back spasms, was 22-of-29 for 251 yards with three interceptions that helped the Browns keep up.

"It wasn't pretty but when you win, you get to wash it out the window," Palmer said.

And right into history.

Notes: Heiden had seven catches for 82 yards and three touchdowns, all career highs. ... Holcomb threw for 348 yards in the second half. His career high is 429 yards in the playoff loss to Pittsburgh in 2002. ... Johnson tied his career high with 10 catches, and Houshmandzadeh had his first two-TD game. ... Rudi Johnson's 202 yards were a season high. He topped 1,000 yards for the season. ... The Bengals wore their orange jerseys for the second and final time of the season.

Butch Davis resigns as Browns coach

by **TOM WITHERS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Beleaguered Cleveland Browns coach Butch Davis resigned Tuesday, leaving a last-place team with five games left in a season filled with costly injuries.

The Browns (3-8) lost their fifth straight game on Sunday, 58-48 at Cincinnati. The team went 24-36 and made the playoffs just once in Davis' four seasons as head coach.

Davis left with three years remaining on a contract worth about \$12 million. It wasn't immediately clear if he agreed to a buyout.

Browns president John Collins was to speak about the move at an afternoon news conference, team spokeswoman Lisa Levine said.

Offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie or defensive coordinator Dave Campo is expected to take over as interim coach for the Browns, who host the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots on Sunday.

Pressure had been mounting on Davis for weeks as the Browns' season crumbled with a score of injuries to key players and a handful of close losses. The Browns have 13 players on injured reserve, including six starters.

Amid speculation last week that Davis was about to be fired, Collins said the coach would remain in place for the rest of the season — unless he resigned.

Davis, who helped restore the University of Miami's program before joining the Browns in 2001, could be a candidate for the job opening at Florida.

In January, Browns owner Randy Lerner gave Davis a two-year contract extension through 2007 and the added title of executive vice president, despite the club's 5-11 record in 2003.

Lerner felt pressured to keep Davis, thinking the coach was being courted by several college programs.

Davis took the Browns to the playoffs in 2002, their only postseason appearance since returning to the NFL in 1999. But the team suffered more than its share of hard-luck losses; sustained an array of costly injuries; underwent a roster-cleaning salary-cap purge in 2003 and a yearlong quarterback controversy last season; and mourned the death of owner Al Lerner.

Davis was on Cleveland's sideline when Browns fans rioted by throwing thousands of bottles on the field in 2001

and when linebacker Dwayne Rudd threw his helmet in the 2002 opener, costing the Browns a victory.

On Monday, Davis recounted some of those moments.

"In four years," he said, "I have seen some of the most bizarre things."

Asked if he planned to stay with the Browns, Davis said, "Sure. Absolutely."

When he joined the Browns in 2001, Davis promised to lead Cleveland to the Super Bowl. But after a tenure marked by some poor drafting, he leaves far short of that goal, and the team doesn't seem any closer to a title than when Davis arrived.

Davis had total control of all football decisions with Cleveland. His power inside the organization grew when Dwight Clark, the team's director of football operations, resigned in 2002.

Some felt Davis pushed Clark out the door. After Cleveland's disappointing 2003 season, Lerner hired former Green Bay general manager Ron Wolf to assist Davis in assessing the team's roster and preparing for drafts. But Wolf, who rebuilt the Packers into Super Bowl champions, quit after just a few months.

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Raiders bounce ACMS, 53-37

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN – The South Floyd Middle School Raiders took to the road Monday night and in the process won another ballgame, improving to a perfect 6-0 in conference play. South Floyd, coached by Dwayne Johnson, beat host Allen Central Middle 53-37 Monday night and

improved to 7-1 overall.

Chad Patrick led South Floyd in the win over Allen Central, scoring a game-high 18 points.

Patrick's 18 points came on six-three-pointers.

Deven Adams and Adam Slone scored eight points apiece and Morgan Mullins flipped in seven.

South Floyd led 11-9 through the first period of play and enjoyed a 31-21 lead at halftime. The Raiders outscored host Allen Central in the third period and led 40-29 at the end of the third quarter.

Kyle Howell added five points for South Floyd and Matt Tackett chipped in three. Brandon Tackett and Jonathan

Cochran each had two points.

Blake Meade hit seven-of-10 free-throw attempts and led Allen Central in scoring with 12 points. Josh Prater and Chris Stumbo each had seven points. Zach Hall scored four points for Allen Central in the loss and Logan Crowder netted three.

Chad Nelson and Corey Conn each had two points.

South Floyd 54, Allen 34

HI HAT – South Floyd took to its home hardwood on Tuesday, Nov. 23. The Raiders made the most of the home appearance, beating Allen 54-34.

Brandon Tackett led South Floyd in scoring with a game-high 12 points. Adam Slone

scored 10 points and Matt Tackett flipped in seven. In all, 12 different Raiders scored.

Matt Tackett added seven points.

Allen's B. Tibbs scored a game-high 18 points. Kenny Mullins scored 12 and Nick

Yonts and Greg Dawson added two each.

B-TEAM: South Floyd 41, Allen 19 – Shannon Turner fired in a game-high 14 points to lead South Floyd to a 41-19 win over Allen in the B-team game. Tommy Joe Hall scored four points and Dakota Hall

chipped in five. Craig Shepherd scored four points and Steven Johnson flipped in three.

Four different South Floyd players had two points apiece.

Five different players scored for Allen. B.J. Spurlock netted a team-high eight points to lead Allen. – Times Staff Report

South Floyd 55, Herald-Whitaker 46

PAINTSVILLE – South Floyd got a balanced scoring effort, led by a team-high 10 points from Adam Slone and Shannon Turner in a 55-46 win over Magoffin County. The Raiders led 22-19 at halftime in a game hosted by Johnson County Middle School.

Raymond Jones added nine points for the Raiders.

Raymond Jones netted nine points. Deven Adams and Chad Patrick scored seven points apiece. Brandon Tackett pushed in four points, while teammates

Kyle Howell and Tyler Mitchell netted three each.

Jordan Moore's two points rounded out the South Floyd scoring.

Herald-Whitaker's C. Conley scored a game-high 13 points. – Times Staff Report

Bears top Strayer

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Six Pikeville College Bears reached double figures as the team remained perfect on the season with a 104-74 win over Strayer University Friday night.

No. 22 Pikeville (6-0), hosting its annual Thanksgiving Classic, will be back in action Saturday at 6 p.m. against Brevard (N.C.) College. The Tornados lost to Georgetown in the opener by a count of 77-61 Friday.

The Bears blistered the nets to the tune of 58.2 percent shooting (39-of-67), and hit 9-of-23 (39.1 percent) from the arc in the game. Eleven different Bears played at least 13 minutes

on the night and all 13 players got at least eight minutes.

Meanwhile, it was a different story on the other sideline, as the Tigers from Washington D.C. hit for only 38.4 percent from the floor and were crushed on the glass 54-32.

Senior guard Daniel Price led the balanced attack with 14 markers for the Bears. He also led the way with six assists and grabbed four rebounds in only 16 minutes of play.

Three Bears – seniors Walt Harris and Jarell Jones and junior Emanuel Tekie – tossed in 12 points each. Jones hit three three-pointers on the night. Freshman Asen Marchev came off the bench with 11 while senior David Hamilton

added 10.

Hamilton, the Mid-South Conference player of the week, also grabbed 10 rebounds to post his fourth double-double on the season. He also swatted away four shots.

Strayer (1-5) was led by Warren Jefferson, who paced all players with 27 markers. Alphonso Lee, who had a team-best six rebounds, added 16 points, while Brandon Fox chipped in 11.

Georgetown 77, Brevard 61: Eighth-ranked Georgetown pulled away in the final 10 minutes to win an entertaining game from Brevard.

Sophomore Brian Silverhorn had a phenomenal night, scoring 30 points on 10-

of-14 from the field and three-of-four from the arc. He was joined in double figures by sophomore Mark Surgalski with 14 off the bench and senior guard Ivan Jenkins with 11.

The Tigers hit 55.6 percent from the field (25-of-45) and 6-of-14 (42.9 percent) from the arc. They made hay from the line, hitting 21-of-26 (80.8 percent).

Brevard (5-3) got 14 points from freshman Monteles Burden. Seniors Brian Grier and Steve Heggins added a dozen apiece. Grier led the team with seven rebounds and four assists in the game.

Georgetown (6-1) will play Strayer on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Pikeville 77, Spalding 60

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – After falling to visiting Brevard College Friday night, Pikeville College rallied back to its winning ways Monday. The Bears led Spalding University 36-22 through one half Monday and went on to beat the visiting team 77-60.

Eleven different Pikeville players scored in the victory.

Jarell Jones paced Pikeville with a game-high 17 points. Three different Bears scored in double figures.



Jarell Jones

Daniel Price netted 11 points and David Hamilton flipped in 10. Emanuel Tekie and Ben Valentine each had nine points.

For Spalding, Daniel Viehmann and Demetrius Fuqua scored 13 points each.

The Bears forced Spalding into 20 turnovers. Spalding edged hosted Pikeville in the

rebounding battle, outrebounding the Bears 30-29.

Chris Carroll added six points for Pikeville, while teammates Walter Harris and Laneare Anderson netted four each. South Floyd High School graduate Mike Hall played eight minutes and scored three points.



Mike Hall

Martin Gerlero, in 13 minutes, rounded out the Pikeville scoring with two points.

Pikeville connected on nine-

of-22 three-point field goals. Jones was a perfect four-of-four beyond the arc and Tekie hit on three-of-four three-pointers.

Pikeville will hit the road Friday, traveling to Georgetown College to take on Walsh College. The Bears will then be back in action Saturday, again playing at Georgetown against Strayer University.

Belfry rolls over Russell, wins way back into State Finals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BELFRY – In the end Friday night, Belfry's running game proved to be too much for visiting Russell. The host Pirates (13-1), playing their final game inside Vipperman Stadium, churned out 525 rushing yards and steamrolled Russell, winning 39-17.

Russell (13-1) came into the game undefeated.

Belfry senior running back David Jones, playing in his second season as a Pirate following a transfer in from nearby West Virginia, scored on four touchdowns and ran for 201 yards on 19 carries. Doug Howard scored on 40- and 80-yard runs, respectively,

while rushing for 123 yards.

Running back Josh Gross scored both or Russell's touchdowns, which came on the ground.

Beechwood 40, Pikeville 7: Host Pikeville had its season come to end Friday night, falling to familiar rival Beechwood. After making the trip in from Northern Kentucky, Beechwood didn't miss much of a beat when it got onto the Pikeville turf. The Tigers dominated host Pikeville (11-3).

Senior running back Dustin Menetrey led Beechwood with 152 rushing yards and three touchdowns.

Beechwood, which scored all of its touchdowns on the ground, rushed for 262 yards.

Union 67, Pikeville 63

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Union College traveled to Pikeville College on Saturday to face the Lady Bears and pulled out a 67-63 win, improving to 7-1 overall on the season.

The Lady Bulldogs went into the half leading 33-25 after shooting 45.2 percent (14-of-31) from the field while

for with 13 points. She also dished out five assists. Senior Jennifer Cornett chipped in 11 points, while junior Andrea



Tony Amburgey



Selena Williams

Pikeville was held to 35.7 percent (10-of-28) shooting. Union cooled

Whitehead and freshman Allison Fowler helped out, scoring 10 points apiece.

For the Lady Bears (3-5 overall), Tonya Amburgey came off the bench to post a game-high 19 points. Johnson Central High School grad Selena Williams helping out with 17.

Amelia Cody, who was held to four points, led all players with 10 rebounds and also had four steals.

Pikeville had 18 steals off 28 Lady Bulldog turnovers, but they coughed it up 26 times themselves as Union chalked up 19 steals, led by Fowler's five.

Pikeville will return to action on Friday, playing in a tournament at Cumberland College.

iHigh.com pre-season all-state basketball teams

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Preseason girls' basketball all-state team: Carly Ormerod, Sacred Heart; Arnika Brown, Christian County; Ashley Hawkins, Henderson County; Taylor Kopple, Sacred Heart; Johnna Abney, Rockcastle County; Destiny Mattingly, Woodford County; Shannon Novosel, Lexington Catholic; Paige Guffey, Clinton County; Anaris Sickles, Lexington Catholic; Kasi Galloway, Knott County Central.

Honorable Mention: Chelsia Lymon, Scott County; Jenne Jackson, North Hardin; Tara Rowe, Rockcastle County; Amber Norton, Assumption; Amber Guffey, Clinton County; Robyn Jennings, Elizabethtown; Julie Leach, Ohio County; Ashley Bell, Wayne County; Brooke Faulkner, Harrison County; Nikki Davis, Lexington Catholic.

Preseason boys' basketball all-state team: Curtis Pulley, Hopkinsville; Aaron Cash, Rockcastle County; Maurice Grinter, Fairdale; JaJuan Spillman, PRP; Brennan Votel, Covington Catholic; Dominic Tilford, Jeffersontown; Tory Robertson, Frankfort; Derek Adams, Muhlenberg North; Aaron Dunaway, Henry Clay; Rodney Mitchell, Clay County.

Honorable Mention: Daniel Alcorn, Bullitt East; Zach Berry, Trinity; Keaton Belcher, Pendleton County; Ra'von Lee, Ballard; Steve Sexton, Wayne County; Jared Carter, Scott County; Troy McFarland, Warren Central; Blake Hubbs, Cawood; Albert Jackson, Hopkins County Central.

iHigh.com Boys' Basketball Preseason Poll

1. Pleasure Ridge Park
2. Ballard
3. South Laurel
4. Male
5. Trinity
6. Scott County
7. Henry Clay
8. Jeffersontown
9. Muhlenberg North
10. Rockcastle County
11. Pendleton County
12. Owensboro Catholic
13. Covington Catholic
14. Lexington Catholic
15. Bullitt East
16. University Heights
17. Henderson County
18. Fairdale
19. Bryan Station
20. Hopkinsville
21. Central
22. North Hardin
23. DeSales
24. Clay County
25. Shelby County

iHigh.com Girls' Basketball Preseason Poll

1. Sacred Heart
2. Lexington Catholic
3. Rockcastle County
4. Henderson County
5. Christian County
6. Clinton County
7. Scott County
8. Louisville Christian
9. Tates Creek
10. Assumption
11. Elizabethtown
12. Mercy
13. Covington Holy Cross
14. Russell
15. Pike County Central
16. Ohio County
17. Paris
18. South Laurel
19. Woodford County
20. Whitesburg
21. Greenwood
22. Mercer County
23. Butler
24. Rockcastle County
25. Perry County Central

HEROESPORTZ.COM HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL RANKINGS

BOYS' TEAM RANKINGS –

1. SHELBY VALLE;
2. EAST RIDGE
3. SOUTH FLOYD
4. PRESTONSBURG
5. JOHNSON CENTRAL
6. SHELDON CLARK
7. PAINTSVILLE
8. PIKEVILLE
9. BELFRY
10. PIKE CENTRAL

TOP 10 PLAYERS –

1. Brandon May, Sheldon Clark
2. Aaron Branham, East Ridge
3. Patrick Tackett, Shelby Valley
4. Kelsey Friend, Shelby Valley
5. Seth Kiser, Shelby Valley
6. Burnett Little, South Floyd
7. Jesse Parrish, Pikeville
8. Nick Music, Johnson Central
9. Josh Stapleton, Johnson Cent.
10. Trevor Compton, P'burg

GIRLS' TEAM RANKINGS –

1. PIKE CENTRAL
2. MAGOFFIN COUNTY
3. BETSY LAYNE
4. PIKEVILLE
5. JOHNSON CENTRAL
6. PAINTSVILLE
7. PRESTONSBURG
8. BELFRY
9. EAST RIDGE
10. ALLEN CENTRAL

TOP 10 PLAYERS –

1. Kim Clark, Betsy Layne
2. Haley Ratliff, Pike Central
3. Shawna Howard, Pikeville
4. Becky Thomas, Allen Central
5. Molly Burchett, Prestonsburg
6. Alice Daniel, Johnson Central
7. Samantha Howard, Pikeville
8. Ashley J. Howard, Magoffin Co.
9. Ashley Hall, Paintsville
10. Mishay Weddington, Pike Cent.

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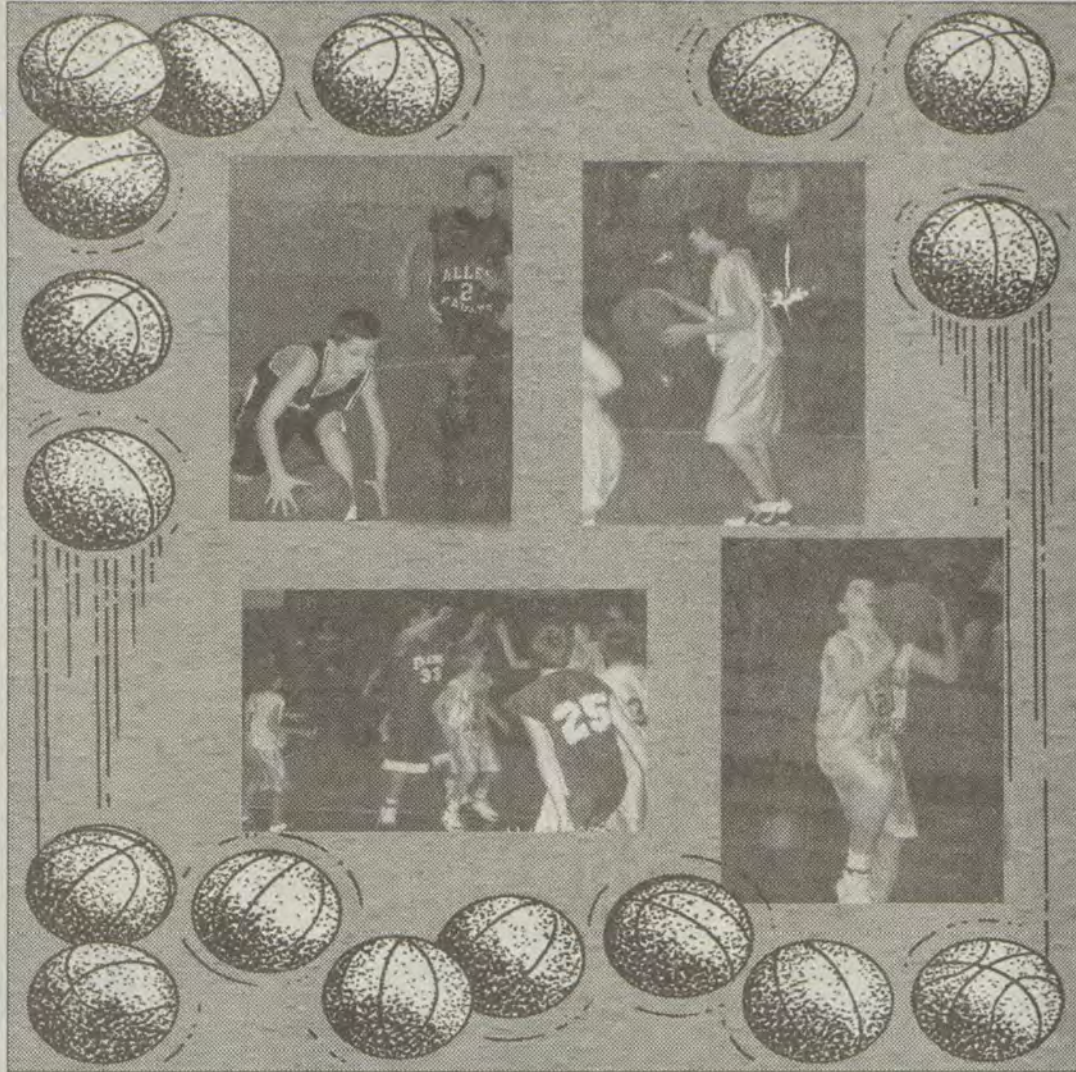
GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Boyd County 62, Rose Hill Christian 44
Breathitt County 63, Pikeville 53 (Lady Hawk Tip-off Classic)
Bryan Station 57, Ashland Blazer 34
East Ridge 61, Grundy 45
Elliott County 69, Morgan County 67
Fleming County 56, St. Patrick 47
Fleming-Neon 45, Cordia 26
Jackson County 43, Estill County 42
Nicholas County 39, Menifee County 30
North Laurel 52, Cawood 35
Perry Central 91, Buckhorn 12
Pike Central 85, Allen Central 50 (Lady Hawk Tip-off Classic)
Powell County 58, Madison Southern 52
Rockcastle County 70, Corbin 41
Scott County 104, Rowan County 54
Wolfe County 54, Hazard 44

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Cordia 62, Red Bird 45
June Buchanan 75, Piarist School 29
Oneida Baptist Institute 74, Riverside Christian 31

McDowell 40, MCA 17



Above, right: McDowell's Blake Dean drove the lane during Monday night's game against MCA (Mountain Christian Academy). Below, right: Brandon Marson, the leading scorer for McDowell, went in for a lay-up. Below, left: Mountain Christian Academy's Joseph Kidd worked for position. Above, left: A John M. Stumbo player scrambled for a loose basketball in Monday's game against Allen. More information on the tournament games will appear in Friday's edition.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

McDOWELL - In the opening round of the Karen Pack & Brenda Hamilton Memorial Tournament held at McDowell Elementary School Monday night, host McDowell rolled to a win, beating Mountain Christian Academy 40-17.

Brandon Marson led the host

team to the win, scoring a game-high 16 points. Zach Howell scored eight points and Cartney Conn flipped in five.

Logan Burke added three points for the winning team.

Blake Dean, Austin Cook, Cameron Hamilton and Dustin Tackett all scored two points apiece.

McDowell led 14-1 at the end of the first quarter and 29-3

at halftime.

Ian Hall paced MCA with a team-high six points. Matthew Ison scored five points for the Falcons. Joseph Kidd, John Gullett and James Allen all had two points apiece.

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KDFWR Commission to meet; deer season update

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - The next quarterly meeting of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission will be Friday in Frankfort.

The Commission is expected to discuss several issues, including the 2005

Kentucky deer seasons and the spring 2006 wild turkey season.

Meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Commission are open to the public, and held at the central offices of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR), located at 1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, Kentucky. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m.

The KDFWR Commission is a nine-member board which recommends all hunting, fishing and boating-related laws for passage by the Kentucky General Assembly. It also oversees all expenditures of the agency, and represents local district interests in wildlife conservation, enforcement and education efforts throughout the commonwealth.

Update on Modern Gun Deer Season Kentucky modern gun

deer hunters reported harvesting just over 89,000 whitetails after the close of the 16-day season in Zone 1 and 2 counties

Sunday. This figure compared to the harvest by modern gun at the conclusion of the 2003 season indicates about a 1,400 animal increase this season already, with some limited modern gun hunting still to come for youth deer gun hunters in December.

According to figures from the KDFWR website, approximately 109,500 deer have been taken in the Bluegrass State since the fall deer season began in early September. The Kentucky archery deer season continues through January 17, and the second of two muzzle-loading deer seasons will run December 11-19.

Hunters using blackpowder firearms will have two more weekends of deer hunting, thanks to additional days on the December muzzle-loading season this year, and youth hunters 15 years old and younger will have a final opportunity to gun deer hunt January 1-2, 2005.

At this point in the season, 45 counties in Kentucky have had individual harvests of more than 1,000 deer. The statewide har-

vest has been almost perfectly split between males and females, at 50.4 percent bucks and 49.6 percent does.

"We are pleased with the harvest so far, and encourage hunters to take some additional does during the latter parts of the season," said KDFWR Big Game Program Coordinator Jonathan Day.

"There is still a lot of good hunting opportunity left for bow and muzzleloader hunters, and the additional harvest we can achieve between now and the end of the season is important to the health and management of the herd as a whole.

"We'd like to see the harvest get on up in the 120,000 range, and hunters take advantage of the opportunities to hunt, and to re-stock their freezers with one of the best kinds of meat that can be put on the table," said Day.

For complete deer hunting information, please obtain and read the Fall 2004 & Spring 2005 Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide. This booklet is available from license outlets, over the web at fw.ky.gov., and by calling 1-800-858-1549 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern.

Ohio River Cooperative Fish Tagging Study underway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - Fisheries biologists from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR), West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois have begun a two-year study of sauger and walleye movement and angler catch rates on the Ohio River.

This group of cooperating biologists, known as the Ohio River Fisheries Management Team (ORFMT), was formed in 1990 to work together in managing fisheries resources in the Ohio River where several states have jurisdiction.

Biologists began collecting the two target species and placing colored tags at the base of each fish's dorsal fin in mid-November. Tags are numbered and include the address for West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, which will

coordinate summarizing tag return data. If one of the test fish is taken, anglers are asked to provide the tag or tag number, when the fish was caught, the exact location of the fish's capture, and report if the fish was kept or released.

Information can be mailed to the WVDNR, 2311 Ohio Ave., Parkersburg, W.Va. 26101. e-mailed to <mailto:fishtags@wvdnr.gov> fishtags@wvdnr.gov or by calling 304/420-4550.

According to Doug Henley, project leader for the KDFWR, information collected in this river-wide study will provide Ohio River biologists with extensive understanding of movement patterns and the passage of these important sport fish species through locks and dams along the waterway.

Learning this information is valuable in regulating the har-

vest of these fish, as well as providing angler's with information that may improve their success.

"We hope our anglers will report tagged fish they catch, and help us collect the information we need to learn more about sauger and walleye in the Ohio River," said Henley.

"The more we know, the better chance we have to improve fishing for these species, and care for these resources in a responsible manner," Henley added.

Additional information on this joint project can be obtained from Doug Henley, by calling 1 800-858-1549, or phoning Chris O'bara at 304/420-4550 in West Virginia. Money to pay for this study is being provided by the Federal Aid for Sport Fish Restoration Fund, which is derived from excise taxes on the sale of fishing-related equipment.

No. 15 Tennessee 37, Kentucky 31

by ELIZABETH A. DAVIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer was - in a word - relieved.

With an appearance in the Southeastern Conference title game already wrapped up, the No. 15 Volunteers rallied with two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to avoid an embarrassing loss and beat Kentucky 37-31 on Saturday.

And while a field goal would have given Tennessee the lead in the final minute, the Vols didn't want to risk it after Kentucky had already blocked two kicks.

Gerald Riggs finally put Tennessee ahead to stay with a 12-yard touchdown run with 38 seconds remaining.

"Really relieved," Fulmer said. "I love each and every one of these guys, but they are making an old man out of me and the rest of the staff."

Kentucky (2-9, 1-7) lost its 20th straight game to Tennessee, though the Vols' defense had another lackluster effort in its regular-season finale.

On a cold rainy day, the Vols (9-2, 7-1) found themselves down 31-22 in the fourth quarter to one of the worst offenses in the country.

A trick play helped start the comeback. Rick Clausen tossed the ball to C.J. Fayton, who completed a 53-yard pass to Robert Meachem at the Kentucky 12. Tony Brown scored on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Clausen

two plays later.

Clausen was intercepted on Tennessee's next possession, but Kentucky could not take advantage and had to punt.

The Vols got the ball back at their 40 with about 4 1/2 minutes left and trailing 31-29.

They marched into field-goal range, but with Kentucky's Lonnell Dewalt having blocked an extra-point kick and a field goal earlier in the game, Tennessee passed up a chance to let the kicker try to win it.

Dewalt finished the season with seven blocked kicks, a school record.

Riggs ran straight through the line on third down for the touchdown, and Cedric Houston added another run for the 2-point conversion.

Tennessee's Corey Campbell intercepted Shane Boyd's pass with 6 seconds left to seal the win.

"We were able to overcome some of our mistakes in the first half," Kentucky coach Rich Brooks. "In the fourth quarter, the offense went into hibernation."

The Vols said they believed they would win.

"It seems like we've been down a lot in the fourth this season so it wasn't too bad. We were confident we could do what we needed to win," Tennessee offensive guard Rob Smith said.

Clausen, playing for injured freshmen Erik Ainge and Brent Schaeffer, was 26-of-41 for 349 yards with two touch-

downs and two interceptions. Houston had 127 yards rushing on 24 carries, and Meachem had five catches for 145 yards and a touchdown.

The Vols rolled up 606 yards of total offense in Clausen's second start.

Boyd threw two touchdowns to freshman Jacob Tamme and finished 20-of-32 for 218 yards.

The Vols were looking to build some momentum going into their rematch with No. 3 Auburn for the SEC title, and clearly the defense will have to play better next week.

The defense also struggled last week in a 38-33 win at Vanderbilt.

"Coming in, I thought we might be strong on defense and weak on offense, but it was just the opposite," Fulmer said. "I just don't think we played as passionately as we should have."

Kentucky was playing without its offensive coordinator Ron Hudson, who resigned on Monday with his team ranked last in the SEC in total offense.

But the Wildcats controlled most of the game even with their leading receiver, Glenn Holt, injuring his hamstring in the game.

Kentucky led after the first quarter for the first time this season.

The Wildcats started to pull away after Ricky Abren returned an interception 6 yards for a touchdown at the beginning of the second quarter to make it 17-7.

No. 8 Kentucky 77, Georgia State 59

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Kentucky is promoting Chuck Hayes as an All-America candidate, using the slogan "All He Does Is Win."

In his inimitable fashion, Hayes ensured the eighth-ranked Wildcats of yet another victory Friday night. He scored 12 of Kentucky's first 15 points to help the Wildcats breeze past Georgia State 77-59.

Hayes finished with 16 points and nine rebounds - matching Kelenna Azubuike for team highs in both categories and narrowly missing his third double-double of the young season.

"He's the epitome of what a total player is all about," Smith said. "You want him on the floor for everything he does."

Hayes scored six points in a 12-2 run that erased a brief Georgia State lead and put the Wildcats (3-0) ahead for good. Kentucky's 38-23 halftime lead was constructed largely on

Hayes' back - he went 6-of-8 from the field while his teammates went a combined 6-of-20.

Hayes capped a 24-3 run to open the second half with a put-back that gave the Wildcats their biggest lead at 62-26 with 14 minutes left.

Georgia State (1-2) made nine second-half 3-pointers, but they came too late to make much difference, with the Panthers of the Atlantic Sun Conference never cutting its deficit to lower than 18 points.

"I don't think our guys thought the game was over," Smith said. "They changed some things and we didn't handle it right. We had a group in that just seemed to not get out and protect the 3-point line."

The Panthers made 12 3-pointers - more than any Kentucky opponent last season - led by Marcus Brown, who went 4-of-5 from long range and scored 16 points. Georgia State shot only 37.7 percent.

Kentucky enjoyed a considerable size advantage and made

it a point of emphasis to take the ball to the basket. As a result, the Wildcats had nine dunks and went 19-of-24 from the free-throw line. Georgia State took mostly jump shots and went just 1-of-4 from the line.

"That was a huge plus for them," Georgia State coach Michael Perry said.

Kentucky won despite a 2-of-15 3-point shooting effort.

Thanks to Hayes, Azubuike and Randolph Morris, who had 14 points and nine rebounds, Kentucky enjoyed a 44-31 edge on the boards.

"Their frontline was a bit overwhelming for us," Perry said.

Kentucky is 68-12 with Hayes in the starting lineup, giving him the best current individual winning percentage (.850) in games started - among players with at least 60 starts - in NCAA Division I.

"That's a very good basketball team - one that will challenge for a national championship," Perry said of Kentucky.

Sam Houston State 54, Western Kentucky 24

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTSVILLE, Texas - Former Texas A&M quarterback Dustin Long threw for 323 yards and four touchdowns, leading Sam Houston State to a 54-24 win over Western Kentucky in an NCAA Division I-AA first round playoff game Saturday.

Robert Garmon added three touchdowns from short range for the Southland Conference Co-Champion Bearkats (10-2).

Sam Houston advances to the quarterfinals to play Eastern Washington (9-3), a 35-31 winner over Southern Illinois.

Justin Haddix was 14-of-26 for 242 yards with two touchdowns and an interception for Western Kentucky (9-3). Maurice Perkins and Earl Clayton each had more than 100 yards receiving for the Hilltoppers, who were the Gateway Conference runner-up. Sam Houston was in control

from the start, leading 23-7 after the first quarter and 37-10 at halftime. Garmon scored from 2, 3 and 4 yards out in the first half. He finished with five yards on nine carries.

Long was 30-of-43 passing and had no interceptions. He had TD passes of 6, 2, 6 and 4 yards.

His favorite receivers included Jarrod Fuller, who had eight catches for 77 yards and a score. Jason Mathenia had six grabs for 86 yards.

Finals

Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, West Virginia, Virginia, Arkansas and Mississippi.
 Earl Browning and Gary Gupton will handle play-by-play and color commentary.
 ■ Extra Sports 1580-AM of Lexington will serve as the flagship station of the

Rawlings/KHSAA Football Radio Network. Gary Ball, Rick Shaw, Bill Ransdell and Louis Stout will be calling all the action. In addition the radio broadcasts of the games will be streamed on the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org) in partnership with iHigh.com and the IBN Radio Network.

Airdates

The KC 100 that was taped on September 25 at KC Raceway in Chillicothe, Ohio will be aired at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 16. Knott County native Eddie Carrier Jr. picked up the biggest win of his career in taking the KC 100 checkers.
 The final event taped in 2004 for ESPN2 was Night 2 of the Dixie Shootout from Speedway in Woodstock, Ga. The Dixie

race will air at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23. Babb collected the win in the Dixie race, making a strong run from a 12th-place starting position.
 James Essex, Ted Jones and Army Armstrong will host the coverage of the televised dirt track events. ESPN 2 is currently available to 82 and one-half million homes.

Raiders

mage game win.
 "We've got a lot of stuff that we need to work on," said Hall. "We've got a nice mix of big guys that can play inside and our guards can play, but we need to cut down on the turnovers."
 South Floyd led 18-13 at the end of the first quarter, but played from behind to start the third quarter as Hazard took a lead into the break. The Raiders regained the lead and led at the end of the third period.

Hazard also had three players score in double figures, led by two players with 17 points each.
 In other panorama games played last Wednesday night at Allen Central, Betsy Layne scored a win over Portsmouth Clay (Ohio) and Prestonsburg fell short against Tug Valley.
 South Floyd will see its first regular-season action Friday night on the road at Johnson Central. Tip-off for the South Floyd-Johnson Central game is set for 7:30.



photo by Jamie Howell
Junior Brandon Peters is a newcomer to the Blackcat boys' basketball program.

Hawks

went cold as host Pike Central reeled off 30 unanswered points.
 Pike Central led 24-2 at the end of the first quarter and 50-17 at halftime.
 "Our guards set the tone on both sides of the basket," Pike Central Coach Tammy Tussey said. "On offense, they shot the ball extremely well."

Paige Lowe added 13 points for the Lady Hawks. Besides Ratliff, she was the only other Pike Central player to reach double figures. Kayla Lowe added nine points and Mishay Weddington flipped in seven.
 Taylor Brown and Ashley Vanko each had six points. Elizabeth Birchfield added

three points and Kayla Pennington netted two.
 Pike Central connected on seven three-point field goals. The Lady Hawks went 15-of-22 from the free-throw line.
 Senior center Becky Thomas led Allen Central with 13 points. As a team, Allen Central went to the charity

stripe 35 times and hit on 21 of those tries.
 For Allen Central, Allana Cline added nine points and Elizabeth Dingus added seven. Amanda Mills scored six and Kim Bilterer chipped in five. Sara Johnson scored three points and Yumekia Hunter tossed in two.

Native

process was than what we had expected it would be," said Keathley.
 "I began to realize, there wasn't many books or material out there targeting young coaches who aspire to coach on the collegiate or professional levels as well as high school.
 "Many people believe that coaching only requires a strong knowledge of the game itself, but in reality, if you're going to coach on the collegiate, pro levels, it's going to require much more."

time assistant basketball coaches in the country. Keathley served as both top assistant and interim head coach during his two-year stint at Lees.
 In 2000, Lees College, which is located in Jackson, made the decision to suspend operations of its athletic programs until further notice. Keathley then took a coaching position with Saint Catharine College, another Kentucky college. During his two years with the Saint Catharine program, Keathley

wants to continue coaching players in the game he loves.
 "The most satisfaction I receive on the court is teaching the game," said Keathley. "Seeing the progress a player will make throughout the season is very gratifying. Off-the-court, I probably enjoy seeing players graduate and do well socially. Overall, I enjoy the practice aspect of the game the most."
 Although he is happy coaching in the pro ranks, Keathley admits he

what I'm best suited for and what I enjoy the most. I really enjoy the college atmosphere and the opportunity I have as a coach to help mold and shape student-athletes," Keathley added. "I will say though, I've been very surprised about the amount of fun I've had coaching on the pro level. I've coached guys that have played for the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, North Carolina, Duke, and Syracuse to name a few, and I thought these guys might have huge ego, but the very opposite is what I got, these guys are some of the most professional and respectful individuals you could ever meet. They sometimes listen better than college athletes."
 Keathley is married to the former Jacklyn Miller. They have two children and reside in Louisville.
 No doubt, Kevin Keathley is on his way to even greater coaching success. Whether it comes in the professional or college ranks has yet to be determined.

MOVIN' ON UP... KEVIN KEATHLEY, COACHING

1998-2000: Top Assistant Coach, Interim Head Coach, Lees College
 2001-03: Top Assistant Coach, Saint Catharine College
 2003-04: Associate Head Coach, Louisville Eagles, United Pro Basketball League
 Present: Kentucky Colonels

helped guide the Patriot men's basketball team to back-to-back 20-win seasons.

After his stay at Saint Catharine, Keathley began working as associate head coach for a professional expansion team located in Louisville, the Louisville Eagles.

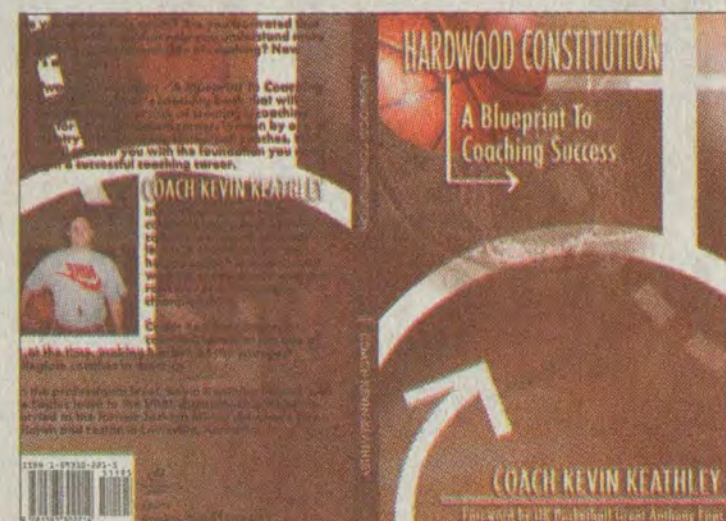
In 2003, Keathley helped guide his team to the UPBL (United Pro Basketball League) Championship.

Keathley is now in his third season as a professional basketball coach and has made a significant impact at each of the coaching stops. After his playing days were over, he knew he wanted to make a move into the coaching ranks.

"I've always been involved with the game of basketball, I knew once I stopped playing, I wanted to coach the game and help lead and mentor student-athletes," said Keathley.

The current pro basketball coach enjoys what he does and

most admires the college game. Could a college coaching stop at one of the national men's college basketball powers be in his future?
 "Without question, college is



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POISON OAK

On blackberry cobbler

I'll be the first to admit that blackberries is a rather odd topic for a column at this time of year, but blackberries and Mom's blackberry cobbler came to mind over the Thanksgiving holiday when I overheard a lady at the grocery store tell another shopper that she had made two cobbler for Thanksgiving dinner. She didn't say what kind of cobbler she'd made, but my memory kicked in and I automatically thought blackberry.

As I stood in line to pay for what few items I planned to purchase, I momentarily revisited my youth, and since blackberries were plentiful in those days, and canning was something practically every woman in Society Row did, I decided there's just no telling how many quarts of blackberries my mother canned every summer. And of course, the good news to that was that most of them ended up victims of her cobbler.

I recalled that Dad (who, by the way, had picked about eighty percent of the berries himself, either high on the hill in the head of Well Hollow, or maybe even over on Teays Branch) enjoyed his cobbler hot, right out of the oven with fresh milk poured over it. Personally, I preferred mine to sit and cool awhile before I ate it. I'm sure Mom made cobbler from fresh-picked berries as well as from canned ones, but I can only

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Clyde Pack

Country ham biscuits alive and well

NASHVILLE — Ask any savvy host in the South what the most popular special occasion menu item is and you'll likely get one answer—the country ham biscuit. Take notice this holiday season and you'll find them everywhere. They'll show up at tailgating and around the television football parties, on the holiday cocktail

circuit, with breakfast, on the brunch buffet, for New Year's Eve and again on New Year's Day.

"Country ham biscuits have maintained an extraordinary importance on the Southern table simply because they taste great and they're easy to make. No matter what the occasion, casual or elegant, they fit right in and

folks just don't get tired of them," said Linda Carman, the Martha White Southern baking expert.

Historically, the ham biscuit was probably the South's first sandwich, rising in popularity with the increasing availability of wheat flour just before the turn of the 20th century and even more so with the advent of self-

rising flour by the early 20th century. "Rural families were curing their own hams and enjoying a new prosperity represented by wheat flour. It just stands to reason that the two would find themselves together as country ham biscuits," explained Carman.

(See COUNTRY HAM, page four)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

From left to right, Mandy Stumbo, Executive Director, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, Misha Curnutte, Floyd County Tourism, and Ken Carriere, Goodyme Productions, enjoy an entertaining afternoon playing a spirited game of Floydopoly.

KIM'S KORNER

A trip down Memory Lane

Last Friday, while waiting to proof some ads, I decided to thumb through one of our hardbound copies of The Times dated Oct. -Dec. of 1990.

As I flipped the pages, there before me was none other than our Editor- Ralph Davis, himself.

Okay, so he had a lot more hair, and that baby face, but then he was, after all, still a babe in training, for he was in college at the time, making such wonderful marks it warranted a spot in the paper.

As I turned on over a few pages, there was this column. As I began to read, the ages of my daughters were included. Ashleigh had just turned double-digits hitting 10 years old, and Tiff was seven.

Talk about being taken aback, it was as if I had been hit with a sledge-hammer!

"Lord, I am old!" I thought as I continued reading. Seeing Ralph in his youth sure was a wake up call to the age difference, one that goes unnoticed as co-workers really.

I mean I'd never thought of being "old" or that much older anyway.

And then there it was REALITY! In Print! What was really funny was when another co-worker walked by and took a look at the pages, and saw this column and then commented, "Wow, fourteen years you've been writing, huh? Geez, that's a long time."

The longer I read, the more I traveled down memory lane.

Quite an emotional roller coaster, too! There was my grandmother's diagnosis

(See KORNER, page three)

'Floydopoly' making history in Floyd County

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

"Mr. Monopoly," or "Rich Uncle Pennybags," as some call him, the little fella sporting a suit and top hat featured on the "Monopoly" game gameboard for all these years past, had better be moving over, folks, because he's got a little competition coming his way in the guise of Munroe, the Mountain Arts Center, and area businesses in the form of a brand new game aptly titled "Floydopoly" by the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce.

We can see it now - Munroe and his little birdie shoeing Mr.

Monopoly all the way back to Park Place as they take their rightful position among Floyd County's star attractions. And if Munroe can't, for some reason, do it alone, he's always got Keith and "Fairy Belle" to back him up!

"We think this is a great board game," said Mandy Stumbo, Executive Director, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. "Many of our area businesses and attractions are highlighted, and it's really a lot of fun to play."

Floydopoly is played in the same way as favorite family board game, Monopoly, with the difference being that the game board

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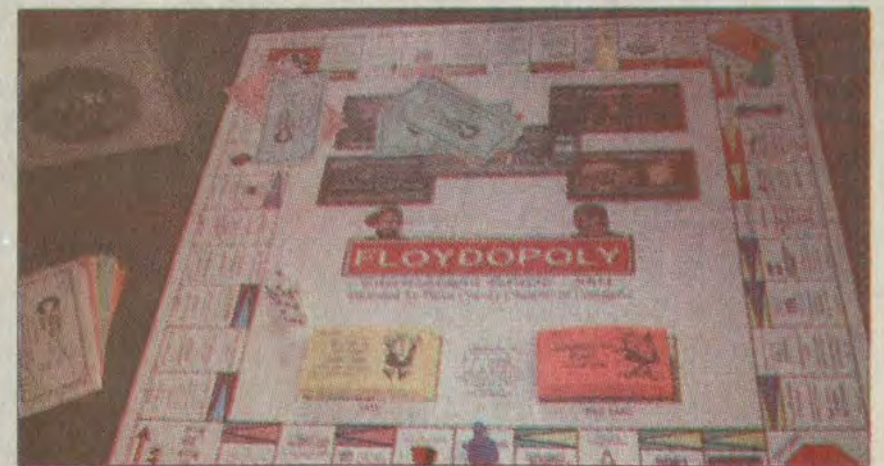


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Area businesses are spotlighted all along "the streets and avenues" of Floyd County on the Floydopoly gameboard. And yes, that's Munroe and "straight man," Keith Caudill, from the Kentucky Opry, headlining the fun.

CRITTER CORNER

A Shelter Dog's Christmas Poem

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

'Tis the night before Christmas and all through the town,
every shelter is full—we are lost but not found.
Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare;
We hope every minute that someone will care.

They'll come to adopt us and give us the call,
"Come here, Max and Sparkie—come fetch your new ball!"
But now we sit here and think of the days...
We were treated so fondly—we had cute, baby ways.

Once we were little, then we grew and grew—
Now we're no longer young and we're no longer new.

(See CRITTER, page three)



This is "Ember." Ember, a Chihuahua, is owned by Nancy H. Howard, of Abbott. Nancy informs us that Ember was a "runt-of-the-litter pup." She writes: "Ember looked like a large mouse at birth, but now weighs in at 4 pounds. He is very loud! I used to carry him in my handbag, but got tired of being called 'the lady with the barking purse!'" Ember turned seven years old on September 1, 2004. Ember has a companion Chihuahua, "Jimmy," that lives with he and Nancy. Nancy says that the two "are lost without each other" and "love to ride in my car." "They go almost everywhere I go and are good company for me. I am more than fond of them," she says.

School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

**Anyone interested in helping with the school's annual "Adopt-A-Child" Christmas program, please contact the school at 886-1297.

■ If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation.

■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School

**Turn in Food City receipts to home room teachers! **

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's

Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

■ 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 again this year! Receipts must be dated Sept. 12, 2004 - March 12, 2005.

■ Family Resource Center is looking for people who would like to sponsor a child for Christmas through the "Christmas for a Needy Child" program. If you would like to be a sponsor, please call the center at 358-9878 and ask to speak with Judy Handshoe or Ruby Bailey.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Dec. 7 - "Tobacco Prevention" program presented by Carole Jo May, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, for 6th grade.

■ Dec. 13 - Parent Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., in FRC library. Topic: "Cultural Divide." Examine some of the issues that kids, and their parents, grapple with as they move beyond their "comfort zones" to embrace those who are different.

■ 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

■ Please collect Food City receipts! School goal is \$500,000 in receipts. Anyone in

the community may mail receipts, in care of PES, to 236 North Lake Drive, or drop them off at the school office.

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Walking track open to public.

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

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

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

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

■ FRC monthly Advisory

Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

■ "Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If items not picked up within 2 weeks, they become the property of the resource center.

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

Wesley Christian School

■ Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

Nov. 30 and Dec. 2, 1994

Belinda Ann Hall, three-year-old daughter of Rebecca and Jimmy Hall of McDowell, was killed in a house fire which apparently was started by the girl who was playing with a cigarette lighter. She was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson...A state Division of Water official said Tuesday that an apparent runoff of acid mine drainage into the Big Sandy River posed no health hazard. Residents in the West Prestonsburg area, Tuesday, reported to the Prestonsburg Fire Department that the river water had an orange tint...In less than 24-hours, two Pike County residents were killed in separate accidents in Floyd County and, over the holiday weekend, law enforcement officials responded to a number of traffic accidents. On Tuesday morning, 21-year-old Lisa Hurley of Phelps, was killed in a single vehicle accident on KY 114 at Middle Creek; Donna M. Walters, 59, of Pikeville, was killed, Monday, in a two-vehicle accident at Maytown. Walters apparently pulled into the path of a coal truck driven by Lawrence Caudill of Topmost...Big wheels are rolling through Prestonsburg this week. This morning, Wednesday, the first of five tractor trailer loads of merchandise is expected to arrive at the Prestonsburg Sears Store in preparation of the store's opening December 5. Owner Jim Blackburn of Chattaroy, West Virginia, made deliveries in the Prestonsburg area years ago for the Williamson Sears Store...Floyd County could have a new district judge as early as next week, and former District Judge Danny Caudill was sworn in as the Division I circuit judge, Monday. Members of the state's Judicial Nominating Committee will meet in Prestonsburg on December 6 to select the names of applicants to be submitted to Governor Brereton Jones, who will make the appointment for district judge. Prestonsburg attorney James Allen has applied for the seat...A memorial built to honor the victims and survivors of a 1958 school bus accident will be dedicated, Sunday, December 4, at Jenny Wiley State Park. The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m., at the memorial which is located between the Wilkinson/Stumbo Convention Center and May Lodge...Prestonsburg's City Council emerged from a 30-minute executive session, Monday, without taking action on closed door discussions concerning the top job in the city's police department. Mayor Jerry Fannin, said Tuesday, though, that he expected acting police chief Darrell Conley to officially assume the chief's role in January...Property tax bills in Floyd County will be sent out late for 1994, but officials hope to get them out a month earlier than first expected. Initial estimates had property tax bills being mailed to property owners in March, but Proper-

ty Valuation Administrator Lovel Hall said Thursday that "hopefully" tax bills can be mailed in February...Floyd Countians can tell the government what works or doesn't work in the public defender's system at a meeting of the gubernatorial Task Force on the Delivery & Funding of Quality Public Defender Services on Monday, December 5, at Prestonsburg Community College...Accounting procedures have improved, but Prestonsburg city officials need to keep a closer watch on the budget. Certified Public Accountant Flo Bartrum met with the city's finance committee, Wednesday, to discuss the findings of the 1993-94 audit of city books...It looks as if acting Prestonsburg police chief Darrell Conley will get the job and the pay as city police chief. In a personnel committee meeting of the Prestonsburg council, Wednesday, members all agreed to recommend raising Conley's salary to \$25,000 per year, and to back up and pay Conley for the time he has served as acting chief...Three area residents are \$100,000 richer, and one of them doesn't even know it yet. Bradford Handshoe of Salt Lick, and Kelly Fraley of McDowell, won \$100,000 each in Powerball drawings during the past week. The third \$100,000 prize had not been claimed. The ticket was sold at Martin Liquors...There died: Elmer Crum, 53, of Martin, Sunday, November 27, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Donna Sue May Walters, 59, of Pikeville, Monday, November 28, at Maytown, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident; Lema A. Cooley, 70, of Wayland, Monday, November 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Bert Ratliff, 62, of Ivel, Sunday, November 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Bill Moore, 74, of Grethel, Saturday, November 26, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Essie Hager, 81, of Melvin, Monday, November 28, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Belve Hall, 70, of Harold, Monday, November 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Michael Ray Dixon, 38, of Silver Point, Tennessee, formerly of Wayland, Sunday, November 27, at Cookeville General Hospital, Cookeville, Tennessee; Mary Mae Rose Wiley, 83, of Paintsville, Sunday, November 27, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center; Belinda Kay Hall, 3, of McDowell, Sunday, November 27, in a house fire at the residence of her uncle, Danny Hall, of McDowell; Josephine Skiles, 84, of Weeksbury, Thursday, November 24, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Warnie Collins, 74, of Minnie, Sunday, November 27, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Carlos Crager, 56, of Gunlock, Saturday, November 26, at VA Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia; Vester James Fraley, 89, of Isonville, formerly of Prestonsburg, Sunday, November 13, at St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead; Goldia Lou Spencer Morris, 36, of East Point, Monday, November 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Cora Mae Stratton,

78, of Ivel, Tuesday, November 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Charlie Shepherd, 80, of Greenup, former Floyd Countian, Thursday, December 1, at the J. J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa; Phyllis Ann Hall, 56, of Bonanza, Tuesday, November 29, at her residence; Dolly Short Bentley, 89, of Mallie, November 23, at the East Kentucky Health Care Center, Hindman; Rosa Belcher, 85, of Teaberry, Tuesday, November 29, at Sturgis Hospital in Sturgis, Michigan; Jessie Dean Combs, 51, of Hazard, Wednesday, November 30, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Leo Osborne, 62, Floyd native, of Louisville, Monday, November 28, at the Baptist East Hospital; Douglas Wayne Nickell, 25, of Harold, Tuesday, November 29, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Ruth Goble Stumbo, 71, native of Lancer, November 28, in Bradenton, Florida.

Twenty Years Ago

December 5, 1984

Members of the Prestonsburg Volunteer Fire Department will provide a free "valet parking" service this Christmas season for downtown shoppers...Attorneys for a Carter County coal operator were startled to learn of their client's nine-year dispute with a Prestonsburg bank was apparently settled in the bank's favor, without their even having an opportunity to be heard. It was all a mistake, said Circuit Judge Hollie Conley...Eastern Kentucky Credit Exchange has been hired by the Floyd County Fiscal Court to collect what it can of the county's delinquent taxes on tangible property...According to an order passed down by Circuit Judge Hollie Conley, the Floyd County Fiscal Court must operate an animal shelter, or contract with someone to operate it...There died: Melvin McCown, 79, of Melvin, November 24, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Draxie June Hancock, 62, of Printer, November 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Maryland Slone, 71, of Topmost, Friday, at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Wanda Howell, 31, of Cliffside, Sunday, at St. Josephs Hospital in Lexington; Troy Hamilton, 84, of Galveston, last Thursday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Joe Johnson, 71, of Melvin, November 27, at his home.

Thirty Years Ago

December 4, 1974

The season's first snowfall was recorded Monday...An estimated 14,000 persons in Floyd and Johnson counties were affected by loss of natural gas, last Tuesday night, and until Wednesday afternoon, as the result of an explosion affecting the Dwale compressor station

pipelines...A gathering of miners and union representatives, here heard, last Saturday, the proposed coal contract read and explained prior to the beginning the next day of miners' balloting on acceptance or rejection of the pact...The Christmas season will officially get underway here, Saturday, with a parade, the lighting of the community tree, and the street lights...A two-car wreck on the Mountain Parkway near the Floyd-Magoffin county line, Saturday morning, claimed the lives of Mrs. Drucilla Boleyn, 22, wife of State Trooper Roy Boleyn, of Salyersville, and Mrs. Olive Justice, 65, of Covington...Jerry Tackett, of Melvin, is one of 50 Eastern Kentucky University seniors who have been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges"...Phillip Lindsey Smiley, of Prestonsburg, has been selected as recipient of a Texas Christian University Scholarship...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Martin, of Minnie, a son, Neal Kevin, November 30, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville...There died: Troy Bolen, 69, of Hueysville, last Tuesday, November 26, at his home; Russell L. Owsley, 57, of Sullivan, O., formerly of Floyd County, November 19, in a hospital in Ohio; Norman Shepherd, 65, of David, November 27, at a hospital, here; Josie M. Lafferty, 79, of Allen, Monday morning, at a nursing home, here.

Forty Years Ago

December 10, 1964

A highway program involving the expenditure of \$231,000 in rural secondary road funds allotted the county was adopted at a meeting which was attended by District Engineer Wendell Bays, of the Department of Highways...The Floyd County Board of Education, Saturday, adopted an order authorizing the purchase of properties at Eastern as a possible site for the location of a Right Beaver Creek senior high school, when, and if, construction funds become available...Congressman Carl D. Perkins said Sunday, in an address before the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, in Louisville, that Floyd and eight other Eastern Kentucky counties will share in \$7.5 million within the next 10 days under the federal antipoverty program...The Turkey Creek residence of Clem Martin was levelled by fire, Saturday night, with all its contents, and on Monday, the home of Dennis Jackson of Estill, was also destroyed by fire...Wallace Cisco Hayes, 48, Garrett native, was killed, last Tuesday night, by an automobile at Portsmouth, Ohio...The Martin Purple Flash, led by John Mayo's 20 points, won easily over Prestonsburg, Saturday night, to capture the title in the Floyd County pre-season tournament here, 59-44...There died: Mrs. Connie

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Yesterdays

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Johnson, 54, of Melvin, Friday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Rev. Sherman Slone, 69, Thursday, at his home at Dema; Helen Gene Elliott, 35, of Harold, Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Mandy Turner, 73, of Eastern, Monday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; James E. Miller, 62, Nov. 30, at his home on Abbott Creek; Juanita Adams, 24, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, at Marshall, Michigan; Shirlene Potter, 29, of McDowell, Sunday, at the Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital; Robert Strain Friend, 73, of Hunter, Friday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Laura Hayes, 76, (further information unavailable); Martin V. Allen, 82, native Floyd man, Dec. 5, at his home at Warnock, Greenup County.

Fifty Years Ago

December 9, 1954

An insane man, who had escaped shortly before noon today, (Thursday), from the circuit courtroom here, when Jailer Prock Hayes attempted to handcuff him, prior to his removal to the Eastern State Hospital, Lexington, was shot and killed a few minutes later by a Floyd deputy sheriff...Twenty-seven cases of beer, all done up in Christmas colors, about three cases of whiskey, and three automobiles which held a part of the alcoholic haul, were confiscated, here, Tuesday afternoon, by Floyd officials...A Floyd Countian, one of two men to escape from a Pike County road gang at Chlo Creek last Friday, is still sought by authorities, it was said, here Tuesday...Lowell Hughes, Prestonsburg's versatile junior quarterback, was named captain of the 1954 all-state high school football team, it was announced in last Sunday's Louisville Courier-Journal...Mayor Curtis Clark, of Prestonsburg, has been recommended by Senator John Sherman Cooper for appointment by President Eisenhower as U.S. Marshall for the Eastern District of Kentucky...Born: to Mr and Mrs. John G. Heinze, of Prestonsburg, a son, John Jr., December 7, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Snavely of Abingdon, Va., a daughter, Karen Jean, December 3, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...The Black Devils of Garrett High School won the Floyd County Pre-Season tournament, Saturday night, over Maytown, 90-68...There died: Henry Ward, 84, last Thursday, at his home at Woods; Mrs. Columbia Johnson Roberts, 73, of Harold, Saturday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Andrew Jackson Frasure, 88, Monday, at his home at Bonanza; Mrs. Hazel Adkins, 39, of Beaver, last Sunday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Dock Ratliff, 73, of Alphoretta, Tuesday, at his home; Pvt. L. Helton, 18, of Little Paint, last Saturday, in France; William F. Hall, 70, last Saturday, at his home at Mare Creek; Mrs. Ernestine Smith, 37, of Hi Hat, Monday, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington.

Sixty Years Ago

December 7, 1944

Following a dispute over the use of instrumental music in worship in the Church of Christ, original trustees of two churches in the county filed civil suits in the Floyd Circuit Court, seeking to regain the use of buildings they claim to have built with the aid of members of the original church congregations...Floyd County's casualty list of the past week: Killed in action—S2-C Herbert Whitaker, of Whitaker, Kentucky; wounded—First Sgt. Mont Gibson Jr., of Prestonsburg; T-Sgt. John S. Delaney, of Hueysville; Pfc. George Poe, of Myrtle; Pfc. Clarence Adkins, of Risner; Pfc. Alex Boyd, of Dana; Pfc. Claybourne E. Halbert, of Printer...Mrs. Rosannah Harris, 85, was burned to death in her home on the head of Brandy Keg Creek, Wednesday afternoon...Ex-Magistrate Daniel Akers, of Amba, has been appointed state highway foreman in this county, replacing Lewis Dingus, of Martin, who resigned, November 20...Miss Leni Mae Tussey, of Dock, was accidentally wounded last week, on Town Branch, by a shotgun charge fired by a five-year-old boy...Mrs. Ben Norris, Floyd County registrar, Bureau of Vital Statistics, and former county coroner, is recovering at the Martin General Hospital of burns sustained at the family apartment in Martin, Sunday...Bill Nelson, of Cliff, Princess Elkhorn Coal Company miner at David, was seriously injured, Tuesday night, when caught by a coal-cutting machine...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Olva Rice, of Banner, a daughter, Olva Manella, November 28; to Mr. and Mrs. Darb Stephens, of Risner, a son, Charles Edward, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Price Bailey, a son, Price Jr., December 1...There died: Jack M. Patton, 72, at home at Lackey, Friday; Mrs. Gertrude Patrick, 48, of Garrett, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital; Hazel Joseph, 14, at home at Prestonsburg, Tuesday; Bona Thomas, 52, of Lackey, of complications from a carbuncle, at the home of a daughter, at Martin, Monday; Mrs. Hawley Scott, 37, and infant, of Garrett, following the birth of a child, at the Martin General Hospital, Monday; Lee Rader, 75, Monday, at the Martin General Hospital; George Lee Lewis, 4, at the Lewis home on Daniels Creek, November 30.

Seventy Years Ago

December 7, 1934

Roland Wells, 24, of Auxier, was struck and instantly killed by a train, Friday, between Auxier and East Point...Rush Harris, of Prestonsburg, and Bennie Adams, of Betsy Layne, were both seriously injured, last week, in separate accidents, when both were struck by autos driven by hit and run drivers. While he and John R. Baldridge were giving pursuit to the hit and run auto, which had just struck Rush Harris, Claude Pennington, of Prestonsburg, was injured, Friday night, and the pursuit cut short when Baldridge's car collided with that of Mrs. B. L. Sturgill...Defeating Paintsville, 8-6, Thanksgiving Day, the Prestonsburg Blackcats became one of only three grid teams in the state to post an undefeated season...J.O. Green, of Ashland, has assumed management of the City Drug Store here, succeeding Dr. R. A. Belt...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Allen, of Allen, a daughter, December 6...There died: Catherine Shepherd, two years old, of West Prestonsburg, Thanksgiving day.

Floydopoly

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consists of business properties that are found within the boundaries of Floyd County. All "money" carries the name of local financial institution, Citizens National Bank, and, along with the featured business properties, area entertainment centers such as the Mountain Arts Center, Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre, and Thunder Ridge Racing, are also featured.

Each game comes encased within its own custom printed box with its own custom printed game board. Deed cards, fate cards, tokens, play money and dice are all included. The beautiful design work featured is the handiwork of local fiddler and talented performer, Angie Carriere, of Goodytime Productions and the Kentucky Opry.

"If you don't know what to buy someone for Christmas this year," said Ken Carriere, Angie's husband and co-owner of Goodytime Productions, "buy them a keepsake in the form of a Floydopoly game. It'll make a great family heirloom."

Only a limited number of Floydopoly games were commissioned for sale in honor of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce's 40th anniversary, and they're going fast, so stop by, or call, the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce office today to purchase your own game. The games will make especially good gifts for family members and friends who now live outside the Floyd County area but who treasure their Floyd County roots, as well as those who live here, work here, and play here.

To place your order, call Mandy Stumbo, Chamber director, at (606) 886-0364, or write to: Mandy Stumbo, Executive Director, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, 113 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Each Floydopoly Entertainment Edition 2004 game is being sold for the price of \$25.

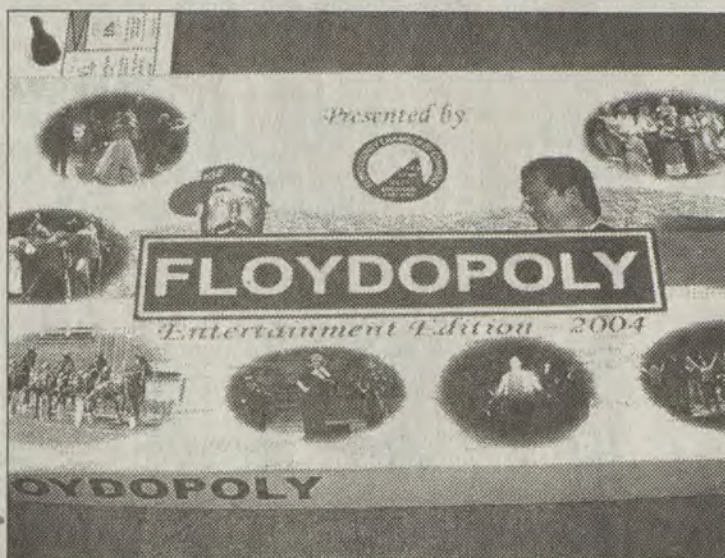


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Floydopoly - Entertainment Edition, 2004 - will make a great gift for all those with Floyd County roots.

Korner

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of cancer, a shock for all of us as she was a picture of health. Lines of text about battle she endured and the hurt having to experience it.

Then there were the lighter ones, such as the one about one of our moves during which Spouse dropped our pet parakeets' birdcage and ol' Pete flew the coop to the wild blue yonder - to never be seen again!

But reading in print of your firstborn's tuning 10, just as she is now turning 24, was pretty amazing!

Yes, Ashleigh celebrated her 24th birthday just this past Monday. And here it is again in print!

As Spouse and I traveled over the Thanksgiving holiday to his dad's home, in Winchester, we were discussing all the things we are thankful for.

Of course, our daughters, each other, and our families were tops, but one thing I forgot was the opportunity to share life, and most importantly, God, in this space.

Sometimes in our busy, busy lives we do forget those things that are so dear to our hearts. We forget, in all our haste, to be thankful for them.

This column has always been the icing on the cake for me here at the Times.

I'm thankful to Marty Backus, now Publisher of the News-Express, who gave me the very first opportunity - way back in 1989 - to begin this journey.

And I cannot forget Gene Iradale for naming it, nor those of you who have continued to read it.

Yes, what a blessing! And I am truly Thankful!

Happy 24th Birthday, Ashleigh! I love you so much, you and your sister have given me a wealth of material for this space over the years!

May God's Blessings be yours,

Til Next Week..

Critter

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So out the back door we were thrown like the trash; They reacted so quickly—why were they so rash?

We "jump on the children", "don't come when they call", We "bark when they leave us", "climb over the wall". We should have been neutered, we should have been spayed, Now we suffer the consequence of the errors THEY made.

If only they'd trained us, if only we knew... We'd have done what they asked us and worshiped them, too. We were left in the backyard, or worse—let to roam— Now we're tired and lonely and out of a home.

They dropped us off here and they kissed us good-bye... "Maybe someone else will give you a try." So now here we are, all confused and alone... In a shelter with others who long for a home.

The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat, With so many to care for, they can't stay to chat. They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer... We know that they wonder how long we'll be here.

We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads, Of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds. Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears— Our friends filled with emptiness, worry, and fear.

If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the Inn— Could you help with the bills and fill our food bin? We count on your kindness each day of the year— Can you give more than hope to everyone here?

Please make a donation to pay for the heat... And help get us something special to eat. The shelter that cares for us wants us to live, And more of us will, if more people will give.

—Unknown

Weddings

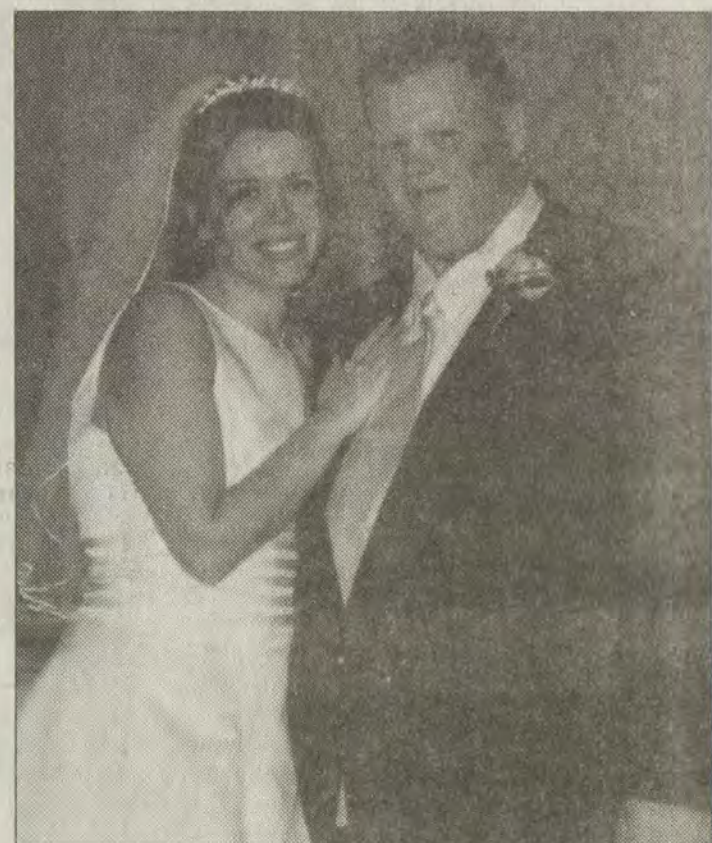


Ream-Vaughan

Mr. and Mrs. Willard and Edith Dotson, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Shauna Ream, to Kevin Vaughan, the son of Frank Jr. and Leva Vaughan, also of Prestonsburg. Shauna, a 1995 graduate of Betsy Layne High School, is the granddaughter of the late Bill and Maggie Dotson, formerly of Prestonsburg, and the late Harry and Geraldine Hager, formerly of Auxier.

Kevin, a 1994 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, is the grandson of the late Frank Sr. and Martha Vaughan, formerly of Prestonsburg, and Maryland and Helen Seals, of Prestonsburg.

The couple will wed in a private ceremony that will be held on December 19, 2004.



Brock-Walton

Photo by Alys Fraley Photography

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell and Rita Brock, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Contessa Sheena Brock, to Mr. Gary Lane Walton, the son of Don and Brenda Knuckles, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The couple were joined in holy matrimony on Saturday, November 13, 2004, at Vineyard Community Church, in Cincinnati.

Members of the wedding party included: Ms. Bambi Belden, serving as the bride's Maid of Honor; Ms. Amy Sullivan, serving as Bridesmaid; and Miss Haley Fitzpatrick, serving as Flowergirl. Mr. Sandy Phelps served as the groom's Best Man; Mr. Roy Walton served as Groomsman; and, Mr. Lowell Brock Jr., Mr. Kevin Knuckles, and Mr. Chris Knuckles served as Ushers.

The newlyweds reside in Cincinnati.

Birthdays



Lesley turns 1!

Lesley Hughes will celebrate her first birthday on December 2, 2004. She is the daughter of Randall and Chayla Hughes, of Banner. She is the granddaughter of Chris and Joanna Reid, also of Banner, and Arlene and Ronnie Goble, of Harold. Friends and family members will gather on December 5, at Lesley's house, to celebrate this wonderful occasion.

Country Ham

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"They were a convenient lunch pail take-along for field workers and school children and a frequent light supper. Genteel hostesses elevated them to the status of a sophisticated appetizer that's still going strong today."

In the late 1970s, the fast food industry latched on to the country ham biscuit's popularity, convenience and great taste, creating the "biscuit breakfast sandwich." Restaurants began offering a variety of biscuits filled with combinations of breakfast meats and eggs, bringing what began as the humble country ham biscuit a new popularity beyond the South.

There are rules for making truly exceptional country ham biscuits. In fact, the folks in the Martha White Kitchen have spent a good amount of time researching and debating the issue. They suggest that the finest country ham biscuits come in two distinct styles.

One is a flaky, thin, crisp biscuit that splits easily, but doesn't crumble as you bite into the chewy cured ham. The ingredients are the same, but the proportions are varied slightly. To make a thin, crisp biscuit, the shortening that is cut into the self-rising flour must be left in larger pea-sized pieces and the dough rolled out thinner.

The second popular biscuit for country ham is what some call "bride's" or "angel" biscuits. These biscuits have a softer crumb and crust. And this time, the self-rising flour is combined with a little yeast for flavoring and to lighten the dough.

The origin of the yeast biscuit is unknown but seems to have surfaced in Southern cookbooks and in newspaper food sections during the 1950s. Alice Jarman, the founder of the Martha White Kitchen, developed a version for the company that was publicized across the South called "Riz" Biscuits. These biscuits became preferred carriers for country ham because of their light texture and good keeping qualities.

The 21st century brings a third variation to the evolution of the Country Ham Biscuit. Country Ham Biscuit Bites are all-in-one drop biscuits made with the same traditional ingredients. Bits of country ham are stirred right into the soft dough. These crisp bite-size snacks are as versatile as any traditional ham biscuit, but offer added convenience. Just stir up the batter, dollop the dough onto a baking sheet and bake. You can even add a cup of Cheddar cheese for a rich tangy variation. They taste great served warm from the oven or made ahead and served at room temperature.

For more wonderful recipes for traditional Southern favorites, visit the website at www.marthawhite.com.

Perfect Biscuits for Country Ham

2 cups Martha White® Self-Rising Flour

3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons buttermilk

1/3 cup shortening

2 tablespoon butter, melted

Thinly sliced cooked country ham

Heat oven to 450°F. Grease large cookie sheet. Place flour in large bowl. With pastry blender or fork, cut in shortening until small pea-sized shortening pieces form. Add milk; stir with fork until soft, moist dough forms.

On well-floured surface, knead dough gently until smooth. Roll out dough to 1/3-inch thick-

ness. Cut with floured 2-inch round cutter. Place on greased cookie sheet.

Bake at 450°F. for 10 to 12 minutes or until light golden brown. Brush hot biscuits with melted butter. Fill split biscuits with ham slices. 32 appetizers

TIP: For biscuits that will pull apart easily, roll dough to form 1/4-inch-thick rectangle. Fold dough in half crosswise; roll to 1/3-inch thickness. Cut and bake as directed above.

Riz Biscuits

1 pkg. active dry yeast

1/4 cup warm water (105 to 115° F.)

2 1/2 cups Martha White® Self-Rising Flour

3 tablespoon sugar

1/3 cup shortening

3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons buttermilk

2 tablespoons butter, melted

Grease large cookie sheet. In small bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water (105 to 115°F).

In large bowl, combine flour and sugar; mix well. With pastry blender or fork, cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add yeast mixture and buttermilk; stir until soft dough forms.

On well-floured surface, knead dough gently for 30 to 45 seconds. Roll out dough to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut with floured 2-inch round cutter. Place on greased cookie sheet. Cover; let rise in warm place (80 to 85°F) until almost doubled in size, about 1 hour.

Heat oven to 375°F. Uncover dough; bake 12 to 15 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown. Brush hot biscuits with melted butter. 32 biscuits

Country Ham Biscuit Bites

2 cups Martha White® Self-Rising Flour

1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)

1/4 cup shortening

1 cup finely chopped cooked country ham

3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons milk

2 tablespoons butter, melted

Heat oven to 450°F. Grease large cookie sheet. In large bowl, combine flour and ground red pepper; mix well. With pastry blender or fork, cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in ham. Add milk; stir with fork until soft, moist dough forms. Drop dough by heaping teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet.

Bake at 450°F. for 12 to 15 minutes or until light golden brown. Brush hot biscuits bites with melted butter. 40 biscuit bites

VARIATION: Cheesy Country Ham Biscuit Bites: Prepare biscuits as directed above, except stir in 4 oz. (1 cup) shredded sharp Cheddar cheese with the ham.

School

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■ For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

■ BSCTC, Prestonsburg campus: Mon., Wed., Fri. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tue., Thur. - 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jason Cassell - 886-3863, ext. 67219. Room m207

(second floor, Library).

■ Auxier Lifetime Learning Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Lucille Fuchs - 886-0709.

■ Martin Extended Education Service Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Vanessa Tackett - 285-5111.

■ Wayland EESC: Mon., Wed. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact Vanessa Tackett - 358-3400.

■ Wheelwright: Mon., Wed. - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Penny Fell - 452-4324.

■ McDowell: Tue., 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

■ For more information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.

Lifestyle changes key to lowering blood pressure

(NUE) - With few early symptoms, high blood pressure can easily go undetected. When it is not properly controlled, high blood pressure often is a precursor to the No. 1 killer in the United States - heart disease.

The heart must work overtime when the blood vessels become clogged due to a plaque buildup of cholesterol and fat. This is what causes blood pressure to rise.

To stay healthy, you must adopt a healthy lifestyle. The following tips will help you prevent or even lower high blood pressure, also known as hypertension.

■ Maintain a healthy weight. Blood pressure rises as body weight increases. Therefore, obesity can increase your risk of developing high blood pressure. If you are overweight, losing just 10 pounds can make a difference.

■ Reduce salt in your diet. Your body needs salt to function properly. Most Americans,

however, consume more salt than they need. You should consume about 1 tablespoon of table salt a day. Also, read nutrition labels on packaged foods to see how much sodium is in one serving.

■ Increase potassium in your diet. Though most Americans eat too much salt, many don't get enough potassium in their diets. Since potassium helps balance the amount of sodium in cell fluids, not consuming enough of this mineral can lead to excess sodium. Eating foods such as fruits and vegetables is the best way to increase your potassium intake.

■ Limit alcohol consumption. Alcohol has been shown to raise blood pressure by interfering with the flow of blood to and from the heart. It also can harm the liver and brain. If you drink alcoholic beverages, have only a moderate amount.

■ Take a natural antioxidant. A recent study of individuals taking medication to control high blood pressure found

that they were able to cut their dosages nearly in half by adding a natural antioxidant alternative. One such antioxidant that has proven effective in lowering high blood pressure is Pycnogenol, which is derived from the bark of the French maritime pine tree.

In a study conducted by researchers at the University of Arizona's College of Public Health, subjects with moderate hypertension showed significant decreases in their systolic blood pressure after taking Pycnogenol.

The most impressive results were found in patients with the highest blood pressure, at around 150 mmHg. (Experts recommend that you maintain a blood pressure lower than 140 mmHg.) The patients using Pycnogenol were able to reduce their blood pressure to 135 mmHg, right on target.

For more information about blood pressure and Pycnogenol, visit www.vitaminfactory.com or call (800) 619-1199.

Oak

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remember eating cobbler in the fall and winter. Maybe that's because I was likely indoors while they were being baked, and was able to enjoy the full aromatic pleasures that only a baking cobbler can emit. One thing's for sure, unlike the smell of brewing coffee, cobbler did indeed taste as good as it smelled.

Any now, the lady's comment in the grocery store is the reason you're now reading about blackberries and desserts.

Of course, Mom also made jams and jellies from blackberries, but cobbler, jams and jel-

lies are not the blackberry's only useful purpose. Old-timers, and as far as I know, even new-timers, used (or maybe even still use) blackberry vinegar and blackberry wine for various medical ailments. One lady sent me a letter one time saying that sipping blackberry wine on a regular basis would tighten loose teeth. Another elderly reader said he sipped blackberry vinegar to help his rheumatism.

But, like a lot of other Appalachian folk ways, blackberry picking, and even canning, are quickly becoming lost arts. I

know for a fact that I was once a big-time blackberry picker, and it's been nearly half a century since I've been blackberry picking, and probably that long since I've seen anybody else come strolling out of the woods carrying a big water bucket heaped full of blackberries.

As I tossed my groceries into the back seat of the car, I couldn't keep from wondering if the lady in the store had indeed made blackberry cobbler, and if she had, did she get the berries from her own pantry, or from aisle eight of the supermarket?

Be the 'Belle of the Ball' at your next party

(NUE) - Yet another party has made its way onto your calendar and as you stare blankly into your closet, the irritating question plagues you once again: What to wear?

Judy Gordon, fashion guru and founder of TheTrendReport.com, has the latest information on the hottest fashion and beauty trends.

"First and foremost, it's very important for women to wear something that makes them comfortable in their own skin," Gordon says. "Women must feel confident because when you feel good about yourself, you look even better and your inner radiant beauty cannot help but shine through."

Gordon offers the following tips for looking your very best at the next party.

Fabric and Fit

Selecting the right fabric and fit is important in making sure you look your best. If your outfit is made out of a body-hugging fabric, make sure you wear the right undergarment, especially if you are full-figured.

Playtex Secrets Slimmers, for instance, offer full-figured women slimming yet stylish intimates to complete any outfit, whether it's a clingy black dress or a lacy top. With Playtex Secrets Slimmers, you'll look slimmer instantly, as the bras eliminate bulges and gaping blouse fronts. They are available at department stores nationwide.

Accessories

■ Make the perfect transi-

tion from work to nighttime party with a few simple accessories. Ditch the conservative flats for a fun pair of colored heels. Replace your chandelier earrings for long, linear earrings. And leave the big bag at the office; a fancy clutch adds just the right amount of sizzle to your look.

■ Your little black dress is right for any occasion. Make the most of it by adding a faux fur capelet or stole with a satin ribbon tie. Pearls and fancy pattern pantyhose also will transform your black dress from plain to all-dressed-up in less than a minute!

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805-Announcements

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0300 Amendment No. 1 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville, in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 240.7 acres of surface disturbance and add an additional 81.8 acres of underground acres, making the total area within the permit boundary, 847.27 acres. The amendment area is approximately 1.5 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Salyers Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek, and Mudlick Branch and Shepherd Branch of Brush Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the Martin and David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the contour, area mining and auger methods of mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc., et al., Johnnie Sparkman, et al., Nelson Prater, Winifred and Stella Hale-Heirs, Lawrence Patton, et al., Carl and Mary Hayes, Shelby Jean Sparkman, et al., Tramble Shepherd, Randell Shepherd, Arnold Prater, John Henry Hale, Adrian Ousley, Taylor Prater, Margie Watson, Lucy Castle, Jerry Banks, Ronnie Castle, and CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc. It will underlie lands owned by Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc. et al., Johnnie Sparkman, et al., Nelson Prater, Winifred and Stella Hale-Heirs, Lawrence Patton, et al., Carl and Mary Hayes, Tramble Shepherd, Randell Shepherd, John Henry Hale, Jerry Banks, and CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road, Mudlick Branch County Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 14, 2005.

AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE!

The bond now in effect for 836-0296, Increments 13 is \$17,700, Increment 21 is \$7,700, Increment 26 is \$17,300. Remainder of these bonds is being requested. Reclamation work performed includes, grading and seeding completed on Increment 13 is 10 / 2 5 / 9 5 , Increment 21 is 1 0 / 1 4 / 8 8 , Increment 26 is 11/12/96. This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informed conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 14, 2005. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., January 18, 2005, at the Department for Natural Resources, Floyd County Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5396 Amendment #3 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that McCoy Elkhorn Corporation, 1148 Long Fork Road, Kimper, Kentucky 41539-9703, has filed for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 1.00 mile north of Broad Bottom, and approximately 1.00 mile east of Betsy Layne, in Floyd and Pike Counties. This amendment will add an additional 4.86 acres of surface disturbance, but will not add any acres of underground mine area, making a total area of 3,750.25 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is located approximately 3,700 feet due east of Pike/Floyd Hollow County Road's junction with U.S. Route 23 and/or U.S. Route 460, and located in Pike/Floyd Hollow. The proposed amendment is located on the Broad Bottom and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by East Kentucky Energy Corporation. The currently approved operation will use the underground method of mining. This Amendment Application proposes to add Ventilation Access Roads "7" and "8" and the associated ventilation areas. This Amendment Application also proposes to bring under permit an area that was shown as a no mining zone that has been mined, and also to address underground pillared areas through a subsidence protection zone. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-9331. Written comments, objections, (or requests for a permit conference), must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-4321.

805-Announcements

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#2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5396 Amendment #3 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that McCoy Elkhorn Corporation, 1148 Long Fork Road, Kimper, Kentucky 41539-9703, has filed for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 1.00 mile north of Broad Bottom, and approximately 1.00 mile east of Betsy Layne, in Floyd and Pike Counties. This amendment will add an additional 4.86 acres of surface disturbance, but will not add any acres of underground mine area, making a total area of 3,750.25 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is located approximately 3,700 feet due east of Pike/Floyd Hollow County Road's junction with U.S. Route 23 and/or U.S. Route 460, and located in Pike/Floyd Hollow. The proposed amendment is located on the Broad Bottom and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by East Kentucky Energy Corporation. The currently approved operation will use the underground method of mining. This Amendment Application proposes to add Ventilation Access Roads "7" and "8" and the associated ventilation areas. This Amendment Application also proposes to bring under permit an area that was shown as a no mining zone that has been mined, and also to address underground pillared areas through a subsidence protection zone. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-9331. Written comments, objections, (or requests for a permit conference), must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-4321.

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The bond now in effect for 836-5432, Increments 1 is \$12,600, Increment 2 is \$18,600 and Increment 3 is \$17,400. Remainder of the bond is being requested.

Reclamation work performed includes, grading and seeding completed on Increment 1 11/10/94, Increment 2 is 11/10/94 and Increment 3 is 11/10/94.

Written comments, objections and requests for public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by December 20, 2004.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on December 21, 2004. The Department for Natural Resources, Floyd County Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by December 20, 2004.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 350.093, notice is hereby given that AEP Kentucky Coal, L.L.C., P.O. Box 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for Phase II release on Permit Number 836-5433, which was last issued on 12/2/02. The application covers an area of approximately 4 acres, located 1 mile south of Estill, in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 0.5 mile northwest from Rt. 7 junction with KY Rt. 1086, and located 0.2 mile southwest of Right Fork of Beaver Creek.

The original bond in effect for 836-5433 is \$37,000. Approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$37,000 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes, grading and seeding completed on 1/22/03.

Written comments, objections and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 14, 2005.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m., January 18, 2005, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Floyd County Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6,

Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 14, 2005.

The final advertisement in the series, the following sentence should be inserted as the first sentence of paragraph (5):

COMMONWEALTH 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 on the 3rd floor, and/or the Auditorium located on the 1st floor, of the Transportation Cabinet Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky, until 10 a.m., EASTERN STANDARD TIME, on the 17th day of December, 2004, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of:

FLOYD COUNTY FD05 036 0114 0 0 0 - 0 0 5 : Salyersville - Prestonsburg Road (KY 114) from Magoffin County Line (MP 0.000) extending East to Adams Cemetery Road (MP 4.160), a distance of 4.16 miles. Asphalt resurfacing.

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

NOTICE OF BOND SALE

The Floyd County (Kentucky) School District Finance Corporation, will until 11 a.m., E.S.T., on December 8, 2004, receive in the office of Dr. Robert E. Tarvin, Executive Director of the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission, 229 West Main Street, Suite 102, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-1879, competitive bids for its \$2,500,000 School Building Revenue Bonds, Series of 2004, dated December 1, 2004; maturing December 1, 2005 through 2024. Bids must be on Official Bid Form contained in the

Preliminary Official Statement deemed near final under SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) available from Ross, Sinclaire & Associates, Inc., 400 Democrat Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, or electronically at www.rsamuni.com. Bids may be submitted manually, by facsimile or electronically via Parity.

The Bonds will utilize the DTC Book-Entry-Only-System. Sale on tax-exempt basis, subject to approving legal opinion of Henry M. Reed III, Bond Counsel. The Bonds are "bank eligible" and Term Bonds are permitted.

FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION By/ Dr. Paul Fanning, Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Motts Branch Coal Incorporated 836-0289 issued 04/10/07. FCDC Coal Inc. 836-5427 issued 04/10/27. The Elk Horn Coal Company Limited Liability Company 836-5438 issued 04/10/18. Matt/Co. Inc. 836-5458, issued 04/10/28. Czar Coal Corp. 880-7010 issued 04/10/08.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0308 in accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface mining and reclamation operation, affecting 269.6 acres and will underlie an additional 116.9 acres, located 4.5 miles northwest of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.8 miles northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Plummer Branch and Raccoon Branch of Salflick Creek. The proposed operation is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour strip, area mining, and high-wall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Ollie

Jack Howard, et al., G.M.O. Forestry Fund 3, L.P., Effie Crager, Kenneth Wallace, Patrick Brian Ousley, Lowell Dean Shepherd, Glen Shepherd, Clinton Handshoe, Sylvia Warrix, Billy Tussey, Annie Handshoe, Elsie Wright, Thelma and Lurie Hoover and Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Ollie Jack Howard, et al., G.M.O. Forestry Fund 3, LP, Effie Crager, Kenneth Wallace, Lowell Dean Shepherd, Glen Shepherd, Clinton Handshoe, Sylvia Warrix, Annie Handshoe, Thelma and Lurie Hoover, and Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc.

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

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Permit No. 836-5429 Increment No. 10. In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P. O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for Phase 1 bond release on permit number 836-5429, Increment No. 10, which was last issued on 10/09/91. The application covers an area of approximately 866.39 acres, located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.5 mile northwest from Ky. Rte. 2029's junction with KY Rte. 7, and located in Salyers Branch. The latitude is 37°30'45", the longitude is 82°53'06". The bond now in effect for Increment No. 10 is a certificate of deposit and a bond pool type in the amount of \$34,500.00. Approximately sixty (60) percent of the original bond amount in the amount of \$34,500.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, and seeding to achieve the approved post mining land use, which was completed in October 2004. Results thus far achieved are; area is stable and the post mining land use has been established. Written comments, objections, and requests for a

public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 10, 2005.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 11, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 10, 2005.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5447 1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Powell Branch Energy, LLC, P.O. Box 1514, Martin, Kentucky 41649, has applied for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation. This application proposes 4.10 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 242.0 acres, for a total proposed permit acreage of 246.10 acres, located 0.4 mile southwest of Tram, in Floyd County.

2) The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the underground method of mining. The surface area is owned by ACIN LLC, and will underlie land owned by ACIN LLC, Stallard Martin, Clyde Blevins, Barbara Joann Campbell, Beulah Sloane, William Sloane, William Sloane & Barbara Campbell, Sherrie Renae Blevins, Ivellee Taylor, Marvin & Marie W. Lewis, James Ellis Blevins, George Robert Gardner, G.C. Blair, Clay Justice Estate, Pete Wilson Estate, Jessie Honaker Estate, Grady C. & Irene Tackett, Eugene & Julia Lawson and James A. & Archer B. Dale. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road, Powell Branch County Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

3) The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the underground method of mining. The surface area is owned by ACIN LLC, and will underlie land owned by ACIN LLC, Stallard Martin, Clyde Blevins, Barbara Joann Campbell, Beulah Sloane, William Sloane, William Sloane & Barbara Campbell, Sherrie Renae Blevins, Ivellee Taylor, Marvin & Marie W. Lewis, James Ellis Blevins, George Robert Gardner, G.C. Blair, Clay Justice Estate, Pete Wilson Estate, Jessie Honaker Estate, Grady C. & Irene Tackett, Eugene & Julia Lawson and James A. & Archer B. Dale. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road, Powell Branch County Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

4) 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, KY 41653 - 1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5461, Amendment No. 2 in accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky, 41839, has applied for an amendment for an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.5 mile northeast of Hippo, in Floyd County.

The amendment will add an additional 0.0 acres of surface disturbance and an additional 1,609.3 acres of underground acres, making the total area within the permit boundary, 2178.7 acres. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.5 mile northwest from State Route 850's junction with Brush Creek County Road, and located north of Hicks Fork of Brush Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the underground method of mining. The amendment area will underlie lands owned by William E. & Peggy Stephens, Harvey Watson, John Paul & Lou Ellen Pitts, Eva & George Thornsby, John Paul Pitts, Shade Pitts, Floyd & Edna Davis, Jeffrey & Zelma M. Watson, John T. & Anna Lea Thornsby, Kenneth & Phyllis Reffitt, Betty Conn, Dolores Smith, Billy E. & Susan Reffitt, Ina Thornsby, Polly Elizabeth Pitts, Sandra Sue Thacker, Floyd Allen, William P. Runnels, et al., Madge Allen Casey, Effie Lois Bond, Pamela Frasure, Phil Ray Frasure, Effie Lois Bond, Thomas Sherman Ratliff, Mary Margaret

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 898-5937, Amendment #3 in accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby

given that Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.5 mile south of Beaver, and situated in both Pike and Floyd County. The amendment will add 6.35 acres of surface disturbance, and 391.46 acres of underground area, making a total area of 397.81 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment is located approximately 1.1 mile south from the intersection of KY 979 and Tackett Fork Road, and located on Tackett Fork Road of Mud Creek of the Big Sandy River. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell and Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be affected by the amendment is owned by ACIN LLC, Ellen K. Hall, Eva June Vance, Johnson Family Trust, Polly Howell, Jacqueline Harrison, Willie B. Harrison, and Anna Lou

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Mitchell, Polly Howell, Nicky W. Taylor, Donald E. and Betty Brown, Gracie Brown, Trenia Brown Cecil, Russell C. Walker, Geneva Henson, Anthony Cerullo, Fred Henson Estate, Edith Henson Marvin E. Flannery, Millie Tackett Estate, Amanda and Mildred Osborne, Oley Hall Estate, Lulu M. Newsome, Robert and Amanda Everage, Brad Newsome, Denny Newsome, Lonnie and Effie Bentley, Amos and Francis Little, ACIN LLC, Clark Heirs, Doris Newsome, Johnny and Dinah Bentley, and Leon Short.

The operation will affect an area within 100 feet a public road, Robinson Creek Road. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.

The amendment proposes to add treatment facility areas.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, 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.

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 Audrey Stanley, Ricky Charles Stanley, unknown defendant, spouse of Audrey Stanley; unknown defendant, spouse of Ricky Charles Stanley; unknown defendant, spouse of Ricky Charles Stanley; on January 13, 1995; Central Financial Services, Inc.; Commonwealth of Kentucky Defendants
 Re-Notice of Commissioner's Sale

following described real estate, located at 350 Right Fork Rice Branch, Banner, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
 Beginning on an iron stake in John Burchett's line; thence with said Burchett line 108 feet in a northern direction to an iron stake; thence in a westerly direction a straight line 94 feet to an iron stake; thence in a southern direction 108 feet to a stake; thence in an easterly direction 94 feet to the beginning, being a lot 94 feet by 108 feet.
 Being the same property conveyed to Ricky Charles Stanley and Audrey Stanley by deed dated January 13,

1995, and recorded in Deed Book 397, Page 591.
TERMS OF SALE:
 (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
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 or
 email your letter to: santa@floydcountytimes.com

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This Week: Hanukkah

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HAPPY HANUKKAH!



Draw and color the other half of this Menorah.

The Menorah

The menorah is one of the most ancient _____ of the Jewish people. The first menorah was described in the Bible as having six branches, _____ on each side of a central stem. The stem and the branches were carved with _____, including flowers. Oil was put in the carved flowers and burned for light.

The special lamp lit during Hanukkah is also called a menorah. It is different from the six-branched menorah that stood in the ancient Temple of _____ because it has eight branches and a stem.

Today, many people burn candles instead of oil in the menorah. The _____ candle is called the **shammash**, or "helper" candle. It is lit every night of Hanukkah and is used to light the other candles. By the last night of Hanukkah, the menorah is _____ with nine bright candles.

This year, the last night of Hanukkah is December 15. What night did Hanukkah begin?

ablaze designs three Find the missing words to complete the above story.
Jerusalem symbols center

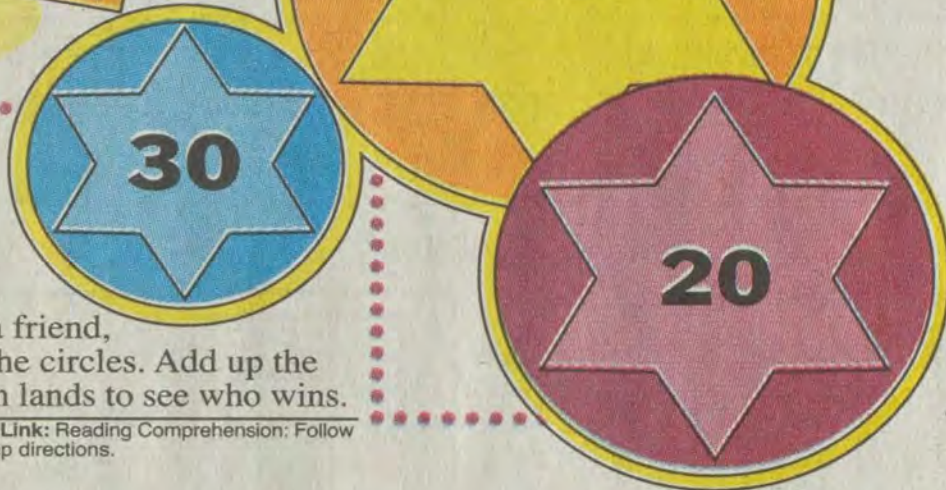


Gelt Game

A traditional Hanukkah gift for kids is a pouch of chocolate coins called gelt.

Lay this page on the floor. With a friend, take turns tossing three coins onto the circles. Add up the numbers in the circles where each coin lands to see who wins.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple step directions.



A Festival of Lights

Ding! Dong!

"Yay! Grandma and Grandpa are here!" yelled Jacob.

As soon as her grandparents were in the door, Sarah started to ask for a story.

"Grandma, will you tell us the story of the lights?"

"Yes!" said Jacob. "Tell us why we celebrate Hanukkah by lighting candles for eight nights."

"Well, children, a long, long time ago ..."

"More than two thousand years ago," piped up Jacob.

Grandma smiled. "That's right. More than two thousand years ago, the Jewish people

were ruled by King Antiochus who wanted them to change their religion."

"After many years of fighting, the Jewish people won the freedom to worship their own way and returned to Jerusalem."

"But why do we light the candles?" asked Grandpa as his eyes twinkled at the children.

"I know!" said Sarah.

"After winning their freedom to worship in their own way, the Jews rededicated

their Temple to their own God. This was the first Hanukkah. The word means 'dedication.'"

"The priests wanted to celebrate for eight days," said Grandma. "But they only had enough oil for the Temple lamp to burn for one day. Then, a miracle happened. That little bit of oil burned for eight days."

"And now, we still celebrate Hanukkah, the miracle of the lights!" Jacob finished.



Standards Link: Social Studies: Students understand the traditions of varied cultures.

Extra! Extra!

Find Eight

Look through the newspaper and find eight of each of the following:

- contractions
- common nouns
- verbs
- adjectives
- abbreviations

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify parts of speech, contractions and abbreviations in text.

Hanukkah Soup

Unscramble the words to find out what is in the soup Jacob and Sarah's mother made for dinner.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade level appropriate words correctly.



ANSWERS: Pepper, chicken, potato, salt, onion, carrot, broth.

Double Double Word Search

- HANUKKAH
- CANDLES
- ANCIENT
- LIGHTS
- JEWISH
- SOUP
- BRANCHES
- GELT
- EIGHT
- MENORAH
- BURNED
- SHAMMASH
- STEM
- LAMP
- KIDS

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

A Gift Money Can't Buy

What would be a wonderful gift you could give each member of your family—a gift that would not cost money?

I can do things for them, like giving them dinner. I would give them salad, steak, pasta, water and soda. I would give them breakfast in bed. I would let them relax a lot and wash the dishes for them. I'd do all the work for Dad. I'd help my brother on his computer. That is what I will do without buying.

Miranda, 3rd Grade

Money can't buy love. Money can't buy family time. Money can't buy friends. Money can't buy friendship. Money can't buy loyalty.

Dominic, 5th Grade

The thing money can't buy is love. Love is an important thing that comes from your heart, not money. If it's your mom's, dad's, brother's, or sister's birthday, give them the gift of love.

Kazia, 4th Grade

If I gave a gift to my family it would be thanks for taking care of me. I would say thank you to each one of them.

Jesse, 5th Grade

I would give my sister space on the all too small bed, because she is always pushing me off. I could give Mom a big, tight, and squeazy hug. I could help Dad by making breakfast.

Kaitlyn, 3rd Grade

What I want to give to my dad is getting good grades. I'll just put them into an envelope and put it on top of his bed. Then he'll be proud of me. That's what I'll do.

Eric, 6th Grade

If I could give my family one thing, I would give them more time to spend with each other.

Mac, 6th Grade

I would make a cake for my mom. The cake would be chocolate flavor. I would make the cake because I love my mom.

Matthew, 3rd Grade

Write On!

A Gift Money Can't Buy

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Please include your school and grade.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Decorate your house with the wonderful words that you know. Find and cut out words you know from the newspaper. Glue these words onto strips of paper to make a construction paper garland. The more words you know, the longer your garland.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Read grade level appropriate words.



What did the little candle say to the big candle?

ANSWER: "I'm going out tonight!"

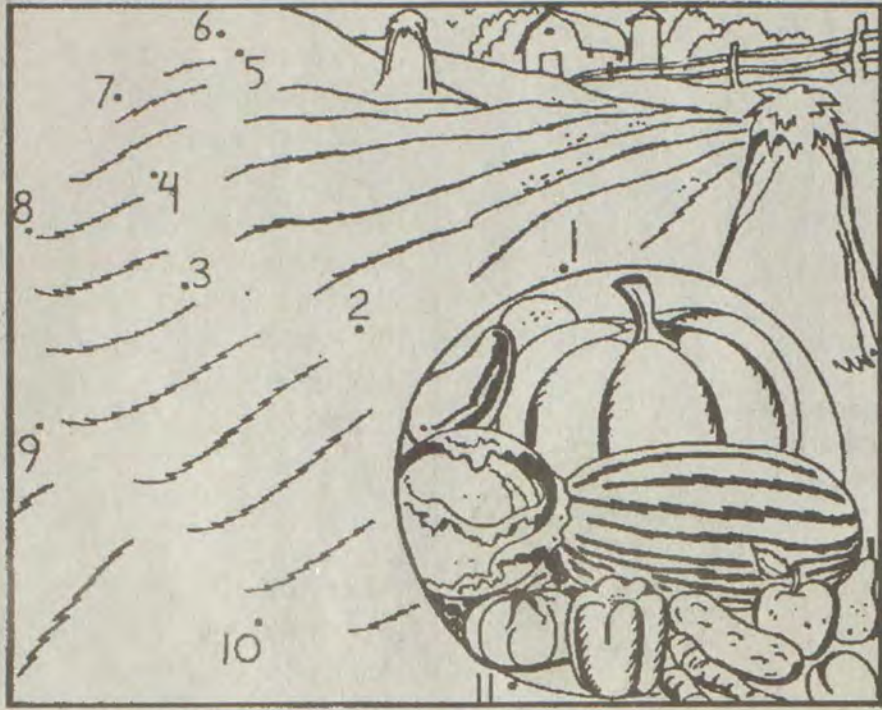
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FIELD DAY! What can you draw to complete the bountiful harvest scene above? Insert lines dot to dot to find out.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



CHEF'S SOUPED-UP LETTER MAZE

OUR chef pal, at left, sure knows his stuff when it comes to cooking up a puzzling batch of alphabet soup.

You are challenged to find a chain of letters from A to Z among horizontal, vertical or diagonal adjacent letters, and are also asked to similarly trace the following five-letter words:

- CIDER START TRADE
- STONE STAIN WEIGH
- ASIDE ABATE TRACT
- STRAW FEINT FOIST
- STARE SNIDE CRUST
- STINT CRUDE THIGH

See how quickly you can trace out the A-Z letters, and then tackle the words.

FOOT WORK! Jot down the letter equivalent of 1000; add one-half of two. To this add 50, and throw in the final letter of perseverance. Now, how many feet does that represent?

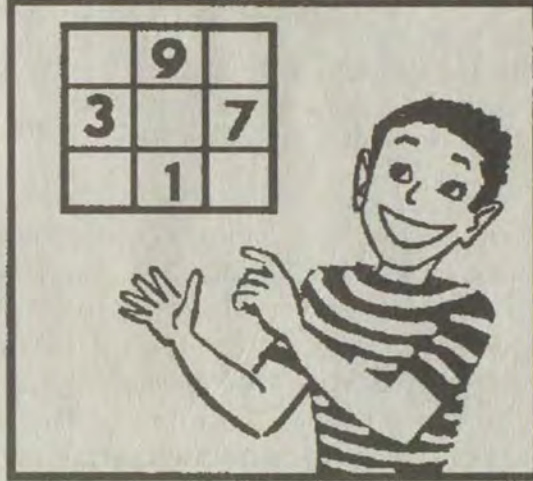
5,280 (a MILE, formed by M, I, L and E).

SUM TEST! Object of this test is to fill blanks of diagram, right, with missing digits 1-9 so that the total of each three-square row across, vertically and diagonally is 15.

Missing number at center, obviously, must be a five. That leaves 2, 4, 6 and 8 to go, with four corner blanks to be filled.

Remember, all three-square rows are to total 15. See how quickly you can puzzle it out.

Time limit: Three minutes.



Top row across—4,9,2; middle row—3,5,7; bottom row—8,1,6. Will do it.

A-Z chain starts with A in third row up from bottom.

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Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

My Kid Scoop™

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My name: _____

Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Elf Laundry

Help the elves sort their laundry! Draw a line from each item of laundry to the correct basket.



My Rhyme Time

Three little kittens,
They washed their mittens,
And hung them out to dry.

My Letters

E is for Elf
e is for elf



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter E. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound that the letter E makes in the word elf?

My Numbers

How many ?

How many ?

How many ?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



The elf rings the



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter E in elf.	Math Play Point to the number 3 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	Sort the News Draw three baskets – the Sports Basket, the People Basket, and the Toy Basket. Have your child look through the newspaper and find pictures for each of the three imaginary baskets. Then, try three new themes and search again.	It All Adds Up Count the pictures on one page of the newspaper. Count the pictures on another page of the newspaper. Write the numbers on another sheet of paper as an addition problem. Count how many pictures in all.	E is for Elbow Cut out lots of examples of upper and lower case Es. Have your child glue these to a blank piece of paper. Then find pictures of elbows. Glue these onto the piece of paper.	Holiday Shopping The pages of the newspaper can take you and your child on a pretend gift shopping trip. Look through the newspaper and pick out a pretend gift for your child's loved ones.	Mystery Wrap Find some objects in your house and wrap them in newspaper. Ask your child to figure out what is inside by feeling the package. Ask what clues your child used. Unwrapping solves the mystery!

Learning Buddies!

My Kid Scoop comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning-readiness skill.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



- ACROSS**
- Two less than 18-Down
 - Ten less than 19-Across
 - Two more than 5-Down
 - The last digit is three times the first digit
 - Consecutive digits in descending order
 - Seven more than 7-Across
 - One-half of 13-Across
 - Five more than 20-Across
 - Same digit repeated
 - 15-Across times 16-Down
 - Five times 1-Across
 - Consecutive digits in descending order

- DOWN**
- Three times 3-Down
 - Two times 8-Down
 - Consecutive digits in ascending order
 - Same digit repeated
 - Digits of 3-Across reversed
 - Twenty less than 9-Across
 - 4-Down minus 5-Across
 - Five more than 10-Down
 - Digits of 2-Down rearranged
 - 18-Down minus 13-Across
 - 8-Down minus 15-Across

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Rational Numbers answers

6	1	2	9	5
5	9	4	3	9
9	8	7	9	4
2	4	4	8	0
1	1	1	6	5
3	0	5	4	3

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The national bird is the turpial and the national flower is the orchid.



The national flag was created by de Miranda in the early 1800s.



Francisco de Miranda served in the Spanish army and fought in the American and French Revolutions. But he failed to gain support for Venezuelan independence.



Venezuela enjoys a tropical climate, vast and diverse ecosystems, modern cities, beautiful beaches and quaint towns. Once one of the poorest South American countries, Venezuela's fortune changed with the discovery of oil in the early 20th century. Until the 1970s, Venezuela was the largest producer of petroleum in the world. It continues to be a major exporter of petroleum. The country has been plagued with social and political unrest for years.

The first people

Before the Spanish arrived in the 1500s, a diverse group of native tribes inhabited what is now Venezuela. Each of the tribes developed unique religious and cultural identities. The people of the Andean region were farmers, while the coastal tribes were fierce warriors and skilled sailors. When the Spanish arrived they brought disease, famine and war, which took a huge toll on the natives. Today the indigenous peoples make up about 1 percent of the country's population.

What's in a name?

Venezuela got its name in the 15th century when Alonso de Ojeda and Amerigo Vespucci discovered the Indians of Guajira. These people lived in houses built on piles over the water, which caused the explorers to call the region Venezuela ("Little Venice").

Did you know?

- Venezuela has had 27 constitutions since 1811. Its present constitution was adopted in 1999.
- Venezuela has 1,700 miles of Caribbean coastline (2,735 km.). For this reason, fishing, swimming, sailing and scuba diving are popular pastimes.
- Venezuela has protected 15 percent of its natural environment, more than 54,000 sq. miles (140,000 sq. km.). This area is equivalent to the size of Illinois and is larger than England.
- Cloud forests form at higher altitudes when the condensation of water in the air creates an almost constant layer of clouds over the mountains.

Land regions

Venezuela is divided into four main regions: the Maracaibo Basin, the Andean Highlands, the Llanos and the Guiana Highlands.



Angel Falls drops 3,212 feet (979 meters)



The arrow-poison frog can be found in the tropical forests of Venezuela.



Bird of paradise flowers grow on the slopes of coastal mountains.



The tiny pigmy owl is known as Pavita in Venezuela and its call is associated with bad luck.



Frigate birds are marine birds that are frequently seen flying above beaches.

The Maracaibo Basin is home to the largest lake in South America, Lake Maracaibo (5,217 sq. miles, 13,512 sq. km.). This region is also home to huge petroleum deposits.

The Andean Highlands is the most populated area. It consists of mountain ranges and fertile valleys.

The Llanos region is known for its large cattle ranges.

The Guiana Highlands is the largest of the four regions and boasts the world's highest waterfall, Angel Falls. Tropical forests cover much of the south. The region also has rich deposits of bauxite, iron ore and gold.

A brief history

1498 Christopher Columbus lands in Venezuela on his third voyage. The Carib, Arawak and Chibcha are some of the native tribes inhabiting the land.

1528-1546 To pay off huge debts, King Charles of Spain leases Venezuela to a German banking group.



Simón Bolívar (also known as Bolívar El Libertador) played a vital role in the fight for independence.

1700s Venezuela is one of Spain's poorest South American colonies.

1810 Venezuelan patriots seize the opportunity of Napoleon Bonaparte's invasion of Spain to declare independence.

1811 Independence act is signed.

1829-1830 Venezuela secedes from Gran Colombia, becomes an independent republic and drafts a constitution.

1908-1935 Dictator Juan Vicente Gómez is in power. Venezuela becomes the world's largest exporter of oil.

1998 Hugo Chavez is elected President.

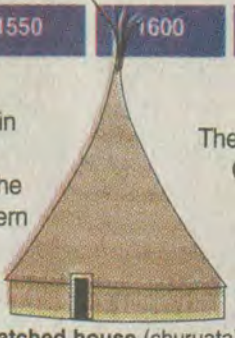
1947-1948 Rómulo Gallegos, first democratic leader, is elected.

2000-2004 Strikes and political unrest continue to plague the country.



Christopher Columbus

1521 Spain begins to colonize the northeastern coast.



Thatched house (churuata)

1730 The Royal Guipuzcoana Company controls all trade in Venezuela.

1749 The first rebellion against Spanish colonial rule occurs.

1819 Simón Bolívar creates Gran Colombia, which includes Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Panama.

1870s Antonio Guzmán Blanco helps rebuild the country after years of civil war and political unrest.

1917 Commercial production of petroleum begins and expands throughout the 1920s.

1999 Current constitution adopted. Severe flooding causes the death of 20,000.

Just the facts

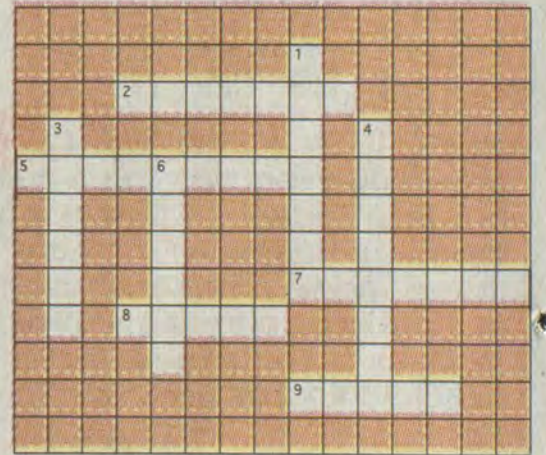
Capital city	Caracas
Official language	Spanish
Area	352,145 sq. miles (912,050 sq. km.)
2004 population	23,950,000 (estimated)
Agricultural products	Bananas, beef cattle, chickens, eggs, coffee, milk
Manufactured goods	Aluminum, petrochemicals, pig iron, processed foods, refined petroleum, steel
Mining	Aluminum, coal, iron ore, natural gas, petroleum
Money	Basic unit: Bolívar



Spectacle caiman This small crocodile lives in freshwater lakes and can be found in the Orinoco River and estuaries.

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- National bird of Venezuela
 - Venezuela is a major exporter of this.
 - Official language of Venezuela
 - Tiny owl known as Pavita
 - Kind of forest made of condensed water
- DOWN**
- The indigenous people of the Andean region were this.
 - Venezuela means "little _____."
 - This basin is home to the largest lake in South America.
 - National flower of Venezuela



ANSWERS
ACROSS
 2. TURPIAL
 5. PETROLEUM
 7. SPANISH
 8. PIGMY
 9. CLOUD
DOWN
 1. FARMERS
 3. VENICE
 4. MARACAIBO
 6. ORCHID

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