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briefs

Johnson businessman sentenced

by SIDNEY JANE BAILEY
STAFF WRITER

ASHLAND — The owner of a Johnson County oxygen supply firm will be confined to his home after pleading guilty to defrauding Medicare.

John Shaw, 58, of Paintsville, was sentenced Monday in U.S. District Court in Ashland by U.S. District Judge David L. Bunning.

Shaw, who operates Med-Con, an oxygen supply business which receives payments from Medicare for furnishing oxygen to approved patients, pleaded guilty in September to 10 counts of making kickbacks totaling \$73,130 to Dr. Ray Deguzman and two of his associates for falsifying oxygen tests results on patients and for referring those same patients to Med-Con.

Shaw, who has been seriously ill for the past seven years, was sentenced to a period of six months home confinement and ordered to pay restitution in the sum of \$354,000 to Medicare.

Deguzman, who kept office in Martin, is no longer in practice.

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Hall enters blind plea to child abuse charges

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Ansel Hall, 31, of Branham's Creek, decided to enter a guilty plea Monday to 13 charges of first-degree criminal abuse and one charge of first-degree wanton endangerment rather than face a jury and his wife.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor was set to pick a jury when Hall decided to enter the plea before the jurors could be impaneled. The case would have been tough for a

jury to hear, as it involved brutal beatings administered to the foster child that Hall and his wife Georgia had taken in.

The story began in June 2002 when the Halls became foster parents. Ansel was impatient with the child and soon began to abuse the 12-year-old. He also employed various weapons for the abuse, often using a horse whip, a cattle prod and a specially designed paddle to beat the child for the slightest infraction.

The abuse came to a head

on Jan. 30, 2003, when the child accidentally damaged Hall's all-terrain vehicle. Georgia Hall, who also had allegedly suffered many beatings from Ansel Hall, warned the child to escape.

The youngster left the home at night and journeyed for miles without a winter coat and eventually stumbled upon a home. There a couple tried to help the child and eventually summoned a friend with medical experience. The friend won the

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Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn was awarded the Sheriff of the Year Award last Saturday in Owensboro by the Kentucky Sheriff's Association. Blackburn was honored for his commitment to the office as well as his efforts for the Kentucky Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranch Program which provides camping for at-risk youth. Pictured from left to right are KSA President Keith Cain, National Sheriff's Association President Aaron Kennard, Blackburn and FBI Special Agent Steve Gurley



photo by Tom Doty

Attorney General Greg Stumbo, right, opened the Eastern Kentucky Branch of his office on Monday while two staff members that will run the office, former Prestonsburg police Chief Stan Farler and Michelle Sode, looked on.

Stumbo says local office to tackle drug problems

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Attorney General Greg Stumbo came back to Floyd County on Monday to open the third extension of his office in the state following recent branch openings in Benton and Maysville.

Stumbo was on hand and spoke to the gathered crowd, saying, "The

opening of this office fulfills a promise made during our campaign."

Stumbo said the opening would help tackle the drug problem in Eastern Kentucky.

"We are going to fight, again, against drugs," Stumbo said. "We're going to attack the distribution system. This office will go after doctors and pharmaceutical companies. We

will also go after traffickers whenever we can."

Stumbo went on to note that the extension office will help prosecute the types of offenders he has already gone after across the state, adding, "Medicaid fraud and consumer fraud are also on our list. We can help solve whatever problems you may

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One more nabbed in roundup

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — Suspects are still being brought in on warrants issued for last week's drug roundup.

Sgt. Gary Tackett, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, got eight packets on the day of the round up and brought in seven that day. He managed to collar the last one on his list Friday, despite efforts from the suspect's friends to mislead him.

Rhonda Hall, 31, of Grethel, was picked up Friday at her new home in

Allen despite allegedly having associates try to mislead the department by informing Tackett that she was in Lexington and other locations which Tackett knew to be false.

"She knew we were looking for her, so it became necessary to put out the word," Tackett said.

Tackett received several calls Friday and eventually heard from an informant who directed him and Deputy G.D. Wolfe to Hall's new home in Allen where they surprised her.

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Miners allege discrimination

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Attorneys Wes Addington and Steve Sanders, of the Mine Safety Project at the Appalachian Citizens Law Center in Prestonsburg, have taken on the case of

two miners who claim they were fired because they raised questions about safety standards.

Wendell McClain, of Redfox, and Coy McClain of Whitesburg, allege that they were fired from the

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Jail implements mental health program

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Bluegrass Mental Health Center in Lexington has started a program to help jailers identify the special needs of the mentally ill who sometimes find themselves incarcerated.

The program, "The

Kentucky Jail Mental Health Crisis Network," aims to bring together jails and mental health professionals in order to better meet the needs of inmates who suffer from a mental illness.

Floyd County Jailier Roger Webb has become the first Eastern Kentucky jailier to utilize the pro-

gram, which in his words, "couldn't have come at a better time."

Currently the jail is overcrowded and cannot afford the specialized attention that mentally ill inmates have.

"Right now we can only house people who need strict monitoring in our front three holding cells,"

Webb said.

The program can also arrange site visits, which the jail can get from Mountain Comprehensive Care professionals through their contact for the program, Crisis Care Coordinator Tony Bentley.

"The jail has to deal

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Tony Bentley, of Mountain Comprehensive Care, and Jailier Roger Webb have joined forces to implement the Kentucky Jail Mental Health Crisis Network.

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Odds & Ends

■ **HARRISON, Ark.** — A man with plenty of time to spare as he awaited trial on drug charges sold Christmas cards he drew to raise enough extra money to help him post bond and get out of jail.

In October, authorities arrested Charlie Cook and his wife, Laurie, and charged them with making methamphetamine, drug possession, possession of drug paraphernalia and manufacturing meth in the presence of children.

Laurie Cook's bond was set at \$20,000, but she was released on a signature bond because she was five months' pregnant. Cook's bond was set at \$30,000; with help from some of his Christmas card money, he was able to post bond Dec. 7.

After visiting with prison missionaries, Charlie Cook became inspired to draw winter scenes as Christmas cards. Clarence Yoder, a Mennonite who had visited Cook in jail, liked the cards so much that he took them to his bakery and sold them for \$2 each.

Mrs. Cook also works at Yoder's bakery. "We're trying to stay away from the people and

circumstances that have contributed to some of the bad choices we've made in the past," she said.

State social workers have placed the Cooks' children in the temporary custody of a local family and the couple may only visit them under court-approved supervision.

"All we've got by worldly standards are the clothes on our backs, but we don't blame anyone but ourselves," said Cook, who has a pretrial hearing Jan. 7.

■ **ALGER, Wash.** — If you're going to settle that fiery football bar bet, at least be careful about who's around.

Three men who had been watching the Monday Night Football game earlier this month between Seattle and Dallas at the Alger Tavern in this Skagit County town stepped outside to settle up.

One of them had promised to burn his Seahawks' memorabilia if Seattle lost, which is exactly what happened.

True to his word, the man walked outside, stripped off his jersey and hat, and lit them afire on the tavern's walkway, the

Skagit Valley Herald reported.

But a State Patrol sergeant drove by just at that moment and cited the trio — ages 22, 25 and 32 — for reckless burning. If convicted, they could face maximum penalties of a \$1,000 fine and 90 days in jail.

■ **CHICAGO** — For three or four years, a homeless man achieved the impossible: He found a cheap place to live on pricey Lake Shore Drive.

Actually, Richard Dorsay lived under Lake Shore Drive, in a wooden shack built into the beams and girders of the drawbridge that crosses the Chicago River.

Dorsay was recently evicted after another man arrested in suburban Streamwood told police about the home under the bridge.

When authorities went inside, they found an elaborate setup that tapped into the bridge's electricity to power a television, microwave, space heater and PlayStation video game system. There, Dorsay could relax, turn on a Chicago Bears game, invite friends over and pop open some beers.

"I've never seen this," Tom

Powers, a deputy commissioner for the Chicago Transportation Department, told the Chicago Sun-Times. "Usually, it's somebody trying to get warm at night."

The home had it quirks. Whenever Dorsay heard the bells that signal the arms of the bridge would soon rise to let boats through, he held on as the bridge slowly pitched him forward.

"The first time it was scary," he said. "After that, it was almost like riding a Ferris wheel."

Two other people also moved to the same area of the bridge, and a number of wooden huts with sleeping quarters were built. Dorsay used blankets to camouflage the huts to make them harder to spot from the water below.

■ **POPLAR BLUFF, Mo.** — To catch two suspects, police needed only to follow the trail of stolen goods — literally.

In their haste to make off with stolen items Monday, the thieves dropped some of them along the way, creating a series of obvious clues for police to follow.

Police said the trail was about 100 yards long, and led from a burglarized store, DCC Enterprises, to a residence where the suspects were hiding with stolen merchandise.

Two juveniles were arrested on suspicion of second-degree burglary and stealing more than \$500.

According to a police report, officer Dave Sutton noticed an open front door and shattered glass at the business while on patrol. Sutton also noticed the merchandise leading to a residence where the suspects were found. Items in the home, worth about \$850, ranged from candy bars and key chains to stereos, tools and television sets.

■ **WEST COVINA, Calif.** — Always wanted to leave a lump of coal in some Scrooge's Christmas stocking? Then Alec Nystrom has a deal for you.

The 11-year-old boy is selling lumps of coal for 50 cents each in front of his West Covina home in this suburb 20 miles east of Los Angeles. So far, he says, he's raked in about \$100.

Alec got the idea after his father, Roy, told him how his parents always warned him he'd

receive a lump in his Christmas stocking if he wasn't good.

Turns out his father also knows a little something about coal. He is an artist who often uses it in his work, so Alec had a ready supply to sell.

As he worked at his stand Saturday, Alec said he hopes to sell enough lumps of coal this holiday season to buy a dirt bike.

"One person actually got 20 cause they are having a Christmas party," he said.

■ **BANGKOK, Thailand** — How much tapioca can a herd of wild elephants eat?

As much as they want to. A tapioca delivery truck had blown a tire Sunday night, and the driver, Somkuan Sirisat, went for help. But when he returned, he found five or six elephants at his truck, devouring its contents, according to local

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The Associated Press

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Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 15, 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller disappeared over the English Channel while en route to Paris.

On this date:
■ In 1791, the Bill of Rights went into effect following ratification by Virginia.

■ In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, S.D., during a fracas with Indian police.

■ In 1916, the French defeated the Germans in the World War I Battle of Verdun.

■ In 1938, groundbreaking ceremonies for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington, D.C.

■ In 1944, American forces invaded Mindoro Island in the Philippines.

■ In 1944, the Senate approved the promotions of Henry H. Arnold, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur and George C. Marshall to the five-star rank of General of the Army and the nominations of William D. Leahy, Ernest J. King and Chester W. Nimitz as Admirals of the Fleet.

■ In 1961, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death by an Israeli court.

■ In 1964, Canada's House of Commons approved dropping the "Red Ensign" flag in favor of a new design.

■ In 1965, two U.S. manned spacecraft, Gemini 6 and Gemini 7, maneuvered to within 10 feet of each other while in orbit.

■ In 1979, the deposed Shah of Iran left the United States for Panama, the same day the International Court of Justice in The Hague ruled that Iran should release all its American hostages.

Ten years ago: President Clinton, in a 12-minute prime-time address, presented a package of tax cuts for middle-income families raising children, and outlined deep reductions in government programs to help pay for them.

Five years ago: With President Clinton's close mediation, Syria reopened peace talks with Israel in Washington.

One year ago: Iraqi leaders exuberant over the capture of Saddam Hussein said they want-

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Jail

with all manner of mental health crises, like suicide watches, inmates with mental retardation and acquired brain injuries," Bentley said. "We are on call 24/7 and can offer advice."

Bentley sees the program as one step closer to what the region really needs, which is a facility specifically designed to house the mentally ill.

"Right now, we can offer advice, but no one is footing the bill for treatment," Bentley observed.

Webb noted that the jail's budget is already taxed from dealing with overcrowding and medical treatment. He is desperate for more space and felt the pinch when last week's roundup added 30 new inmates to his limited space.

Webb explained that the jail has a nurse in several days a week, but can't afford a fully staffed medical wing like larger facilities in Louisville and Lexington.

Currently only 10 jails have signed on with the program, but Bentley explained that all will eventually sign on. "The legislature is encouraging it strongly," he said.

The program only began in Floyd County on Dec. 7 and, as Bentley pointed out, "Things are going pretty

smoothly and we're identifying areas where we can make improvements in service with every call."

Currently the jail is housing a female inmate who attacked a police officer. She requires constant supervision and has been a challenge for staff at the facility. Bentley has been on-call during her stay and has consulted with jail staff on the case.

"This inmate is a danger to herself and needs constant care and supervision," Webb said. "This is exactly the kind of situation that we need these services for."

Even with the new program in place, a jail is not an adequate setting for treatment and Webb knows it full well.

"We know there is a need for mental health services and we haven't been able to provide for it," Webb said. "Right now we only have two suicide restraining devices at the jail. The problem is that no one wants to pick up the bill."

Webb and Bentley agree that the program is a good start. The slippery slope, however, is treatment. The current program only helps identify mental health issues but a facility that offers treatment after an inmate has been identified is not available.

Stumbo

have."

The Attorney General also made it a point to introduce the staff who will be charged with running the branch office. Stan Farler, former Prestonsburg police chief and agent of the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation, will be charged with going after drug offenders and will be working with KBI commissioner David James, formerly of Louisville. The pair will be going after prescription drug abuses as well as manufacturers of methamphetamine.

Michelle Sode, current executive director of Big Sandy Area CASA, will join the office in January to handle administrative assistance and coordinate complaints and services for residents. This will make the office a first place to contact with concerns about issues which have become an important part of the AG's agenda.

Citizens with concerns about abuses in institutionalized living

quarters and unfair and oppressive business practices in the region should contact Sode at (606) 889-1821 when the office officially opens on Jan. 4.

Stumbo made it a point to thank the Floyd County Fiscal Court and the Prestonsburg City Council for donating the use of the old tourism building at 361 North Lake Drive. He personally thanked Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson for "his efforts to make this possible." Stumbo also thanked Mayor Jerry Fannin and state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner who called it, "a great day for Eastern Kentucky." Turner also pledged to get things moving in Frankfort, saying, "We're gonna get you a budget."

Thompson was called upon to close the event and ended the ceremony on an optimistic note, saying, "We do have a tremendous problem here. I am sure that Greg and the staff he has put together will be able to get the job done."

Abuse

child over and heard the stories of abuse. They took the boy to McDowell ARH and doctors treated the wounds and took pictures of the victim's many abrasions, welts and scars.

Troopers arrived at the hospital and interviewed the child and saw the evidence that the doctors had collected. They summoned the foster parents to the hospital, but only Georgia Hall showed up. She was evasive about the wounds and was promptly arrested.

The Troopers got to the Halls' residence with a search warrant at 2:30 a.m. Ansel Hall explained that the child fell off the four-wheeler and got the injuries from the accident. The troopers noted that response and executed the warrant, finding all of the torture tools that the victim had described exactly where they were said to be.

When the troopers recovered the whip, Ansel Hall reportedly became anxious and stammered, "Please don't whip me."

The Halls posted bond within days of the charges and soon found lawyer Steve Owens to represent them. Later Georgia Hall found her own representation and went to the prosecutor to offer to testify in the case.

Wayne Taylor commended Georgia Hall, saying, "She did the

right thing by coming in. She had failed to protect the victim in the past, but she saved the victim from having to relive the events during testimony."

Taylor explained that Georgia Hall's reluctance to help the child was motivated by her own fear of Ansel Hall, saying, "She was totally terrified of him."

Running away from the home when the child did may have saved his life. Taylor also noted that the victim had been threatened by Ansel Hall at gunpoint the day before escaping, when Ansel Hall had disciplined the child by battering him with the gun and firing it into the air over the child's head.

Ansel Hall has entered a blind plea, which means that Judge Danny Caudill can sentence him as he sees fit.

Ansel Hall was originally offered a 10-year sentence by the commonwealth but rejected that offer and chose the trial route. Now he could face a longer sentence should Caudill decide to make any sentence consecutive.

Regardless of how sentencing goes, Taylor is happy with the plea for the present.

"Now we won't have to put the victim through the ordeal of testifying," Taylor said. "It was a good resolution."

Lawsuit

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jobs as well as back pay, lost benefits and any damages suffered as a result of being terminated.

The office is also seeking civil penalties in the amount of \$5,000 against the company's owner, Stanley Osborne, and its mine superintendent, Simon Ratliff.

Arrest

while she was cleaning her carpet. Hall didn't put up a struggle but cried copiously, telling the officers that she had health problems.

She was arraigned Monday in front of Judge John Caudill

and once again complained of health problems. She said that she had a doctor's appointment in Pikeville, which the judge assured her she could keep after she posted her bond.

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—Woodrow Wilson

Guest View

Consider all options for saving Social Security

A couple of weeks ago Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said "everything needs to be on the table" to save Social Security. Thursday President Bush took one item off prematurely — increasing payroll taxes. At the same time, he left vast new borrowing on; the Congressional Budget Office says transitioning to the partially privatized system the president advocates will cost \$2 trillion over the next decade.

Nobody should be enthusiastic about the possibility of raising the 6.2-percent tax workers (and employers similarly) pay to finance Social Security benefits, since for 75 percent of them it already is a larger tax burden than their income tax. In Washington, few are talking about it.

But what is getting attention — and justifiably so — is the idea of applying the tax to all earned income, now capped at \$87,900. Presidential spokesman Scott McClellan was noncommittal when asked if Bush intended to rule this out.

Another proposal deserves consideration, though it likely will be less popular: Quit exempting Social Security checks from federal taxes. Treat the payments as ordinary income. Retirees who live on Social Security alone will notice minimal impact at most, because their incomes are too small to pay federal income taxes. Those who live off investments and sizable pension checks will pay taxes on Social Security benefits at the same level as those who earn money on the job.

We bring these up because some of the commissions that have looked at the program over the last two decades have done so. In 1998, the Social Security Advisory Council suggested

doing both, along with raising the retirement age, tying cost-of-living increases to a cheaper index, expanding the years used to calculate benefits, and extending eligibility to state and local government employees. The council said such reforms, if embraced quickly, would cover 70 percent of the anticipated Social Security shortfall trustees now place at \$11 trillion to keep the program solvent for Baby Boomers and beyond. A means test applied to a portion of benefits is another idea worth looking at.

The president has indicated he will ask Congress to consider letting younger workers invest a portion of their checks in individual retirement plans, rather than in Social Security. For arguably bigger investment proceeds, they would agree to accept smaller checks when they retire. But in the meantime, there would be less money coming into Social Security to pay the same level of benefits. Hence, the \$2 trillion in unfunded transition costs. But the record deficits complicate a borrowing plan of that size, and the markets may say it's ill-advised.

Merits or demerits of privatization aside, the basic problem with Social Security is what six commissions over the last 23 years have said it was: Soon there will be too few workers paying in and too many baby boomers taking out. As the president's own Treasury Department advised him in 2001, privatization can't solve that problem. Only increasing revenues and decreasing benefits — or at least slowing their growth — can. The longer we wait to do that, the worse the problem will be. That's why all options should stay on the table.

— The Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star



Capitol Ideas

Historian says lawmakers need to save state from crisis

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky is at a critical point in its history, and Gov. Ernie Fletcher needs to help facilitate a state budget agreement between Democrats and Republicans, a state historian said.

As Fletcher enters his second year in office, Kentucky is facing a constitutional crisis, said Thomas D. Clark, Kentucky historian laureate. The balance of power in Kentucky's state government is being eroded because the General Assembly has again failed to pass a state budget, Clark said.

Despite political differences between House and Senate leadership, the Legislature must pass a budget anyway "to meet the constitutional obligations of government," Clark said.

"This is a time when partisanism should be staked outside the statehouse door and the General Assembly, the governor — all governing forces — should look the problem straight in the face and set Kentucky on a very positive course for the future," Clark said in a telephone interview last week. "That's

the way they're all going to make their reputations, is meeting the challenge of this moment."

State government has been operating on Fletcher's spending plan since July 1, because the legislature adjourned in April without passing a state budget. The governor's proposal to overhaul the state tax code became a political wedge that caused budget negotiations to stall.

The legislature's failure to pass a state budget has raised constitutional questions, Clark said. It is the General Assembly's responsibility to pass a budget, and Fletcher should facilitate that, he said.

"(Kentucky) needs strong, forceful leadership — I can almost say as never before — because so many fundamental changes have taken place and there's been a lack of clarity on the part of the General Assembly certainly not being able to pass a budget," Clark said.

Fletcher met last week with House Democratic leaders about the budget and the governor's tax proposal. After the meeting, the lawmakers claimed they were optimistic about the possibility of passing such proposals during the General Assembly's next session.

While they didn't agree on details, both Fletcher and House Speaker Jody Richard, of Bowling Green, promised improved cooperation.

So far, Fletcher has not yet shown the "rough, tough bare-knuckled leadership" as some of his gubernatorial predecessors have, Clark said.

"But the governor is the voice of the state, and he is in a position where he can speak loudly and forcefully," Clark said.

Fletcher said recently that he was "very optimistic" that the budget and tax plan would pass next session.

"As far as I'm concerned, I'm committed to staying here until we get a budget and a tax plan," Fletcher said.

When lawmakers return to Frankfort next year, the governor and legislative leaders "must capture the moment" and work together to do just that, he said. Otherwise, "irreparable harm" could be done, Clark said.

"If the General Assembly coming into session in January doesn't show more positive leadership than it has shown, then Kentucky doesn't have a lot to look forward to," Clark said.

Joe Biesk is a statehouse reporter for The Associated Press.

Letters

Soldier appreciates support

I am Petty Officer Mayfield, aboard

the USS Tarawa. I have been in the Navy for 19 years, served in both Gulf Wars, and numerous other campaigns.

I just wanted to write to say thank you. I have never seen the country rally around the troops the way they have recently. Ours is a very strenuous job. But the true heroes, in my opinion, are the wives and children that have supported us. Myself, I have a wife and four

wonderful children that I cannot thank enough.

I retire in eight months. In preparation, my wife and children have moved to Prestonsburg, where we will retire. Many of us would not be able to do what we do if it weren't for the love and support of our families.

Michael S. Mayfield
USS Tarawa

Criticism brought positive change

It is unfortunate when positive change must occur through negative response. I speak of Mr. Shubinski's Dec. 3 scathing reaction to my editorial that justifiably questioned the scientific and historical accuracy of the science center exhibit "Bible Times Tech."

Although it was heartening to know that Shubinski had corrected the sloppy dating of artifacts in the exhibit, it is

worrisome (and suspect) that the exhibit creators, who are presumed "experts," were unaware of the "errors." Perhaps if Shubinski himself were an archaeologist and/or historian, or had staff members who are, the mistakes would have been discovered before the public showing. It must have been a great embarrassment to him that I, who am admittedly not a scientist, noticed so many glaring errors and publicly voiced my concern.

My point is this: When a science center director and his/her staff have little or no knowledge about, or have no way to test the accuracy of an exhibit's subject matter, it is best not to present it to the public. Otherwise, the center's efforts to educate the community risk being under-

mined if inaccuracies are subsequently discovered. Surely Mr. Shubinski will see the truth in this once he calms down.

Furthermore, it is inconceivable that I should apologize for having questioned the ulterior motives of this exhibit's creators. I maintain that it is historically biased, either by omission, by misrepresentation, or both, which is far more insulting to our community than my critique of it. It is Mr. Shubinski who should apologize to the community for having made the mistake of bringing it here and realize that science and propaganda, be it religious or political, is a bad mix.

Elaine Shiber
Van Lear

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Health Extra

Navigating the holiday dessert table

by J.M. HIRSCH
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Does it seem as though the season of giving has become a two-month cycle of gaining?

Try blaming the sweets, that endless parade of holiday goodies that starts with left-over Halloween candy, slowly marches you through pumpkin and pecan pies, and winds up with the obligatory eggnog and fruitcake.

How successfully you navigate this terrain of sugar and fat helps determine whether you will be one of the millions of Americans promising yet again that the new year will bring about a new, slimmer you.

But be reasonable. It's the holidays, you will be surrounded by sweets, and you are bound to indulge.

If you are one of the lucky few who can be satisfied with just a bite of this or a nibble of that, great. The rest of us need concrete strategies for dealing with the deluge of delicacies.

Rule No. 1 for Jane Kirby, author of "Dieting for Dummies," is to give yourself permission to enjoy dessert.

"Looking at them and turning your back on them is not a very realistic expectation," she said. "You're only one bite away from failing. For a lot of people that means, 'I've already blown it, I might as well eat everything else in sight.'"

Finding the middle ground can be challenging. Though plenty of cookbooks offer diet-friendly dessert recipes, those only help when you play host or are headed to a potluck where you will be happy eating only what you bring.

It's better to plan for the worst and assume each day will present another banquet of fatty, sugary temptations.

First, the basics. It seems obvious, but leave room for dessert. But this doesn't mean starve yourself in anticipation of a brownie, says Lucy Beale, author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Weight Loss." It's simple math. Eat more

calories than you burn and you gain weight. If you want dessert, eat fewer calories at the meal.

When it is time for sweets, consider the options before grabbing just anything. Eat only your absolute favorite one or two items, and take only those special desserts you are unlikely to find other times of the year.

When you are eating them, sit down and focus on the food. Standing up and chatting, especially near the buffet table, makes it easier to lose track of what and how much you have consumed.

"Sometimes we think if we eat half a cookie standing up it won't count," Kirby said. "Then we go back and eat some more, and more and more, and before you know it you've eaten your weight in cookies."

The next step is to choose an approach. Will you cut carbs or fat? Few desserts that have not been specially prepared can satisfy both strategies, so pick your poison and avoid it.

Whichever way you go, know that these foods are loaded with calories. This is about damage control, not dieting. The goal is to find lower-carb and lower-fat choices that allow moderate indulgence.

If you opt for cutting carbs, avoid desserts with lots of sugar and flour, such as cakes and most cookies.

Beale says you instead want the fattier desserts, which can be more satiating. Good choices include rich ice creams, chocolate mousse, puddings, flourless chocolate cakes, cheesecake and fresh fruit with whipped cream.

Pies are another good

option, particularly pumpkin, so long as you skip the crust.

If you go the low-fat route, pass on most of those items. Instead head for angel food cake, which has no fat, very little sugar and only about 800 calories for the entire cake. Eating the whole cake still isn't a good idea.

Other good choices are fruitcake, spongecake and macaroons.

Crustless pies are good for you, too. Crusts are loaded with butter or shortening, to the tune of about 120 calories. Be sure to stick to fruit or pumpkin pies; avoid anything with cream on or in it.

Speed also is key. Ounce for ounce, desserts tend to be laden with many more calories than other foods. That makes it easy to overeat, and to do so quickly.

Kirby suggests using low- or no-calorie beverages, such as water, diet soda and coffee, to slow yourself down. Taking a sip between bites lets you enjoy the food longer and helps you feel full.

But beverages also can sabotage your efforts. Anything with alcohol or cream, such as many specialty coffees or holiday drinks, are packed with fat and sugar. Save those calories for the pie, which will be more satisfying.

Christine Senft, executive editor at Atkins Nutritionals, says the key is to savor whatever you choose.

"It's important for people to not look at all the things they can't have, but to look at all of things they can have," she said. "And there are so many things you can have in their traditional state."

DPH broadens flu shot guidelines to include ages 50-64

FRANKFORT — The Department for Public Health has notified health departments of the local option to expand the recommended groups to receive flu vaccine in Kentucky to include healthy people aged 50-64 years old.

The Centers for Disease Control issued guidance on priority groups at high risk for the complication from the flu in October when the nation's flu supply was cut in half due to a manufacturing problem. DPH's decision to expand the guidelines for Kentucky was based on reports from local health departments in most areas of the state that high-risk populations seeking to be vaccinated have been covered.

"Since the national flu vaccine shortage began, our number one priority in Kentucky has been to ensure that our most vulnerable citizens had access to our limited vaccine supply. We believe that our public health and private provider partners have or will soon be able to vaccinate most high-risk people that seek vaccination," said Dr. William Hacker, Commissioner of Public Health. "With our flu season now underway, we hope expanding these guidelines on who can receive the flu vaccine this year in Kentucky will allow us to prevent more cases of the flu and to use all flu vaccine available."

The group of people CDC has specified 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. Health departments and private providers in Kentucky now have the option of vaccinating those in the 50-64 age group as well.

Dr. Hacker also urged those in the high risk and expanded groups seeking vaccine to check with local health departments or other providers.

"Additional shipments of flu vaccine are still scheduled to arrive at some local health departments and health providers' offices throughout December and possibly into January — depending on demand — so people in these recommended groups should continue to try to get their flu shot as soon

as vaccine becomes available." Kentucky reported local flu activity to the CDC in its weekly surveillance report this week.

Dr. Hacker said, "Speaking as a physician, I'd also 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 protect others."

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 <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>.

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Perhaps a person ignores a subtle backache, thinking the problem will go away. However, the pain becomes increasingly worse. Had the condition been treated in its early stages, recovery would have been swift. Now it will take much longer for the chiropractor to determine the cause and eliminate the problem. If you are injured in an accident, or feel unusual aches and pains, do not wait for the situation to deteriorate. Make an appointment with your chiropractor sooner, rather than later.

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Big Sandy Community and Technical College holds winter commencement

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In a ceremony held in the Mayo Auditorium at the Mayo campus of BSCTC in Paintsville, graduates made that time honored march to shake the hand of President George D. Edwards and receive their degree, diploma or certificate. Family and friends gathered to witness the milestone that marked the transition from student to member of the workforce for many of the graduates and for others the transition to a four-year college or university where they will pursue a bachelor's degree in the field of their choice.

Dr. Michael B. McCall, presi-

dent of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System delivered the commencement address. In his speech he quoted Winston Churchill as he advised, "Never, ever, ever, ever give up."

Dr. McCall cited several examples of endurance, determination and success within the college and student body. Among those he recalled a former student, Jeanie Howard, who had returned to college as a single mother, earned four undergraduate degrees and a bachelor's degree while raising a family and working. Howard, an employee in the maintenance department at BSCTC, never stopped learning and set an example for her son, Christopher, who was a member to the 2004 graduating class.

Dr. McCall went on to note Linh Pham, an immigrant from Vietnam who had just achieved U.S. citizenship and graduated with high distinction and a double diploma in manufacturing systems technology and industrial electricity. He also mentioned Rosie Lee Music, the first in her family to graduate from BSCTC but a shining example of the value of education. She currently has three children enrolled in this college. He cited their determination and endurance.

Dr. McCall left the graduates with this advice: "When you leave this auditorium today, I would ask that you remember the words of Winston Churchill and Albert Einstein, who tell us to never, ever give up, and to continue to search for wisdom."

Blood Drive dedicated to memory of paramedic killed in crash

PRESTONSBURG — A blood drive scheduled for this week in Prestonsburg has been dedicated to the memory of a local emergency services worker killed in a car accident last month.



James "Jimbo" Conley

James "Jimbo" Conley, 35, of Oil Springs in Johnson County, died Nov. 12 in a crash in Magoffin County.

The blood drive will be held Thursday Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in a blood-mobile in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart store in Prestonsburg. The drive was arranged by Central Kentucky Blood Center out of its Pikeville Donor

Center. The drive chairman is Bobby Moore, who worked with Conley.

Conley was a paramedic supervisor for Respond A m b u l a n c e Service, First R e s p o n s e A m b u l a n c e Service, Martin County EMS and DHP Inc.

"Jimbo had dedicated 19 years of his life to emergency response services and we are pleased that his fellow emergency workers have asked that the upcoming blood drive be dedicated in his honor," said Dan Dickson, director of communications for Central Kentucky Blood Center. "It would be a nice tribute to this man who dedicated so much of his time to helping others if people donated

blood in his memory."

For more information about the Jimbo Conley Memorial Blood Drive Dec. 16, contact Russ Cassady at the Pikeville Donor Center at 606-432-4979.

Founded in 1968, Central Kentucky Blood Center is a non-profit community blood center providing blood to 67 hospitals and clinics serving 59 eastern and central Kentucky counties. On a typical day, CKBC has about 3,000 pints of blood available for distribution. CKBC operates four donor centers in Pikeville, Lexington, Somerset, and Prestonsburg and each day holds five to seven mobile blood drives across the region, collecting voluntary donations. Visit ckbc.org for times, dates and locations of the nearest mobile blood drive. Click "Donate Blood", then "Find a Mobile Blood Drive."

Treasury auctions unclaimed property online

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Jewelry, coins and silverware are among the items of unclaimed property the Kentucky treasurer's office is offering in its first online bidding experiment.

There are 20 items that went up for bids Monday on eBay, leaving anyone on the planet with access to the World Wide Web a chance to grab them.

The treasurer's office receives property that goes unclaimed from safety deposit boxes in Kentucky. The items have to be held by the treasurer for at least three years, and are then routinely placed at a public auction held periodically. This is the first time items will be put up for bid electronically.

The proceeds will go to the Kentucky Affordable Prepaid Tuition program.

The bidding ends Dec. 19. Winning bidders will be notified by e-mail.

Weeksbury residents create 'Sting Saver'

Randy Johnson, Michael Newsome and Vernon Johnson are accustomed to working outdoors. Their experience in landscaping, forestry and logging has inspired them to design a product intended to bring relief from a common outdoor predicament.

The Weeksbury residents have created the "Sting Saver" to protect outdoor enthusiasts from harmful stings. It shields the body from insect bites and eliminates the risks of allergies and other threatening conditions. The apparel is designed to promote safety and keep the body cool, preventing bee stings, snake bites and other annoying animal aggressions.

The original idea is now being made available for licensing to manufacturers interested in new product development, especially in

the special apparel industry. The three men are hoping to have the Sting Saver in full production and available to the public in the near future.

Additional information about the Sting Saver can be obtained by contacting the Publicity/Press Department of Invention Technologies Inc. at (800) 940-9020, ext. 285, or at products@invent-tech.com.

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Harlan County miners file suit claiming dust masks useless

The Associated Press

HARLAN — A group of sick Harlan County coal miners claim in a lawsuit that dust masks and respirators they used on the job were ineffective in preventing them from inhaling the airborne particles that cause black lung disease.

The 12 miners, all of whom suffer from black lung, filed suit Thursday against the manufacturers and distributors of dust masks and respirators, saying they were deceived about the

ability of the devices to keep them safe.

Similar lawsuits involving hundreds of miners have been filed in several other Kentucky counties, said Eric Jacobi, a Louisville attorney representing the plaintiffs.

The miners in the Harlan County lawsuit claim 3M of St. Paul, Minn., along with other manufacturers and distributors, knew or should have known the masks were ineffective.

Jackie Berry, a spokeswoman for 3M, declined to comment,

saying company representatives haven't yet seen the lawsuit.

Two local suppliers of the masks — Mountain Supply Co. and Kentucky Mining Supply Co. — are among those named in the complaint. C.V. Bennett III, general manager of Mountain Supply, and James Bushnell, chairman of Kentucky Mining Supply, declined to comment on the lawsuit.

The miners are asking for unspecified compensation and punitive damages.

Harlan County miner Joe

Day said he had to stop working earlier this year when he was diagnosed with black lung, a crippling and often fatal disease that kills 1,000 people annually. He worked some 30 years in Appalachian coal mines.

Day said the disease has made him so short of breath that he has trouble doing even household chores.

"I think we should be compensated, but that still doesn't help any," he said. "The money just won't buy health."

Baptist leaders sense division

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Leaders of the Kentucky Baptist Convention fear that the state's largest denomination is experiencing a growing divide.

"We were disconnecting left and right," said the Rev. Joe Phelps, pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Louisville said of the state convention last month. "We are completely polarized over what it means to be a Kentucky Baptist."

Phelps and other moderates say they are concerned that the organization, which represents nearly 2,500 churches with more than 780,000 members, is experiencing a conservative shift.

During the convention, Kentucky Baptists elected as president the Rev. Hershael York, former pastor of Lexington's Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, who some see as a polarizing figure.

York is a self-described theological conservative who has said he will exclusively appoint people to committees who affirm that the miracles of the Bible

and other biblical accounts are literally true, what Baptists often refer to as the inerrancy of the Bible.

"There ought to be room for various views about the Bible," said Greg Earwood, president of the moderate Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. "My take is that it will no longer be that way if people of Hershael York's viewpoint continue to be elected. It will leave out thousands of Kentucky Baptists."

York said he is simply ensuring that committee members represent what "the people in the pews" believe.

"You let me go to any church in the state, with a moderate pastor or not, and just ask those people in that church, 'Do you believe the Bible is true from cover to cover?' And the vast majority are going to say 'yes,'" York said.

The top three newly elected officers in the convention have affiliations with Louisville's Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. One of the officers, the Rev. Adam Dooley, 27, said he ran in hopes of encouraging other young

ministers to get involved in the convention.

"My reason for running wasn't to shift or take over or control anything," he said. "A lot of people have judged Hershael York who don't know him. ... As the year goes on, I think there's going to be less and less tension as people see what Hershael York's all about."

The Rev. Paul Badgett, pastor of First Baptist Church in Pikeville, who nominated York for the presidency, said York is "a man of integrity" who has earned the respect of his students.

"I certainly don't feel like we're headed toward a convention where people are excluded," Badgett said.

Another issue some Baptist ministers see as a sign that the convention is becoming more conservative is a decision not to study whether to have a relationship with the Baptist World Alliance, a fellowship of 211 Baptist organizations.

The Southern Baptist Convention withdrew its support from the organization last summer after mem-

bers complained that the BWA had taken liberal, "anti-American" stances and was condoning homosexuality. The BWA denied the allegations.

At the Kentucky convention, participants voted down a proposal to study how the state convention might relate to the alliance, even as the state convention is going.

Others aren't so sure.

"The fear that some of us have is that what happened in the Southern Baptist Convention beginning in 1979 could happen in our state convention," said the Rev. Bob Baker, pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington.

While Earwood said he doesn't think the Kentucky convention is headed for a split, he is concerned that if the next several conventions are like the last, a "splintering" may occur.

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Prestonsburg Woman's Club

The GFWC/KFWC Prestonsburg Woman's Club, the city of Prestonsburg and Archer Park will host Christmas in the Park on December 16, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. Christmas in the Park will be held at Archer Park Skating Rink. There will be activities for the children such as face painting, ornament making and a chance to visit with Santa Claus.

Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion

Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion being planned for February. Please contact Patricia Garrison at 606-874-6004, Cory Reitz at 859-338-6956 or John Stout at 859-433-3610.

S.N.O.O.P. Fundraiser

The S.N.O.O.P. 'Christmas Elves' will gift wrap gifts while you enjoy lunch at MomNona's Italian Restaurant, on Dec. 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Spay & Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg. MomNona's is located in downtown Prestonsburg, across from the Justice Center.

East Point Masonic Lodge
Will elect officers for 2005 on Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. Members are

urged to attend. All Master Masons welcome.

4-H looking for volunteers!

The Floyd County 4-H program is in need of volunteers to work with the following 2005 activities: 4-H Goat Project; 4-H Backpacking Club; 4-H Horse Club; and 4-H Shooting Sports. If you are interested, contact Chuck Stamper at 886-2668, or email to: cstamper@uky.edu by Jan. 3.

Live Drive-Thru Nativity

Christ United Methodist Church, Allen. Dec. 11 and 12, 6-9 p.m. Seven scenes. Come enjoy our Christmas gift to the community! For more info., call 874-2344.

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.

Freedom Bible Church

David Taylor will speak on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m. Church located on Lower John's Creek. Everyone welcome.

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.

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. 13, 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'

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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.

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Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

**Jan. 5 - Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild will meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Extension office. Lesson will include a slide show and hands-on demonstration on Color Coordination. Please bring: small swatches of varying colors of solid fabric, paper and fabric scissors, and a glue stick. Any interested quilters are invited to join. For more information, contact Theresa Scott at 886-2668.

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.

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Obituaries

Waltust Reynolds Sr.

Waltust Reynolds Sr., 88, of Grethel, died Saturday, December 11, 2004, at his residence.

Born March 15, 1916, in Beaver, he was the son of the late Dock Reynolds and Belle Reynolds. He was a retired construction worker, former employee of Floyd County Board of Education, and Road Department, a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church at Teaberry, a Kentucky Colonel, a World War II Army veteran, and a member of the Betsy Layne, D.A.V. Chapter 169. He enjoyed the sport of fox hunting.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Tackett Reynolds.

Other survivors include one son: Waltust Reynolds Jr., and wife, Bonnie of Grethel; daughter, Debra Lynn Reynolds Tackett, and husband, Luther of Grethel; brothers: Edgar Reynolds of Mentor, Ohio, Vernon Reynolds of Lorain, Ohio, Phillip Dale Reynolds of Louisa, Dock Reynolds Jr. of Grethel; a sister, Lou Ellen Frasure of Grethel; grandchildren: Amy Lynn Kimbler, and

husband, Dale, Mark Tackett, Trenton Tackett, Bradley Reynolds, Devon Reynolds; great-grandchildren: Bethany Kimbler and Cameron Kimbler.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step-mothers, Hattie Reynolds and Maggie Hamilton Mitchell Reynolds; son, Jimmy Joe Reynolds; brothers: Demmis Reynolds, Walter Reynolds, Walk Reynolds, Cecil Reynolds; and sisters: Edith and Aggie Isaacs.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Decembr 14, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

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

Active pallbearers: Vernon Reynolds, Phillip Dale Reynolds, Dock Reynolds Jr., Mark Tackett, Trenton Tackett, Bradley Reynolds, Dale Kimbler, and Luther Tackett.

(Paid obituary)

Jerry Wayne Robinette



Jerry Wayne Robinette, age 55, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, formerly of Floyd County, passed away on Friday, September 24, 2004, at a local hospital, following a brief illness.

He was the son of the late Glenn Dalton Robinette and Paulena Heddleson Robinette. He was born on December 23, 1948, in Portsmouth, Virginia, and was raised on Prater Creek in Floyd County.

He retired from the United States Navy after 23 years of service. He also served in the Vietnam War. While serving his country, he received two Purple Heart medals. He was an active officer of the Virginia Beach Auxiliary Police Department, and was presently working for Canon ITS, as a computer technician.

He is survived by his wife, Denise E. Ward Robinette; two sons, Jerry Wayne II, (Dayna) of Meridian, Mississippi, and Scott D. (Nikki), of Virginia Beach, Virginia; three daughters, Shawntel Leigh (Johnny) Ray of Wheelwright, Ky., Robin Lynn (Virgil Jr.) Slone of Hi Hat, Ky., and Paulena (Lee) Summer of Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico; one sister, Tina Goble of Pikeville, Ky.; eight grandchildren, Kyle Walker, Cody Wayne, Corey Brent, Meshana Lynn, Wesley Dalton, Jason, Lillie, and Jessie.

He was preceded in death by both parents, and his brother, Michael Curtis Robinette.

Visitation was at the Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home on Monday, September 27, and funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 28, at 11:00 a.m.

Final resting place was at Colonial Grove Memorial Park in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Full military honors were given at the graveside.

Active pallbearers: Jerry Wayne Robinette II, Scott D. Robinette, Johnny W. Ray, Virgil Slone Jr., Daniel Cox, and Scott Ray.

Honorary pallbearers: The U.S. Naval Honor Guard.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him and loved him.

Paul Mulkey

Paul Mulkey, 54, of Martin, died Monday, December 6, 2004, at his residence.

Born August 20, 1950, in Betsy Layne, he was the son of the late Roscoe Mulkey and Dora Meade Mulkey. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include one daughter, Shania Burks of Martin; one son, Ronnie Samons of Allen; two brothers: Henry Mulkey of California, and Arnold Lee Mulkey of Betsy Layne; two sisters: Emma Ratliff of Martin, and Martha Mulkey of Pikeville; and his grandchildren: Regina, Kenneth, Elizabeth, MaKayla, and Ronnie.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers: Julius, Johnny, Tommy, and Arnold Lee Mulkey; and a sister, Mary Conn.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 9, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Carrie (Edna) Rose

Carrie (Edna) Rose, 80, of Garrett, died Tuesday, December 7, 2004, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

Born March 4, 1924, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Mark Dempsey and Lilly (Elswick) Dempsey. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert R. Rose.

Survivors include two sons: Roger Rose of Garrett, and Rodney Rose of Langley; one daughter, Delana Rose of Lexington; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Jack, Chester, and John Dempsey.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 11, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Chester Varney officiating.

Burial was in the Elswick Cemetery, Island Creek, Pikeville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Edna Hall Sizemore

Edna Hall Sizemore, 81, of McDowell, died Friday, December 10, 2004, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born December 13, 1922, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Duran and Mary Spradlin Hall. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons: Ronnie Hall of Pikeville; and Robert (Bobby) Sizemore of Toledo, Ohio; a brother, Willie F. Hall of Mason, Ohio; a sister, Betty Valone of Columbus, Ohio; two grandchildren: Amy and Rebecca; two great-grandchildren: Nathan and Jarrod; and many special nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Verman Hall and Earl Hall; and four sisters: Virdie Stumbo, Maggie Newman, Annie Stumbo, and Jeannie Frisco.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 12, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Terry D. Hall officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Dewey Gene Collins

Dewey Gene Collins, 64, of Hi Hat, died Thursday, December 9, 2004, at his residence.

Born January 14, 1940, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Andy and Ida Gayheart Collins. He was a disabled coal miner, and a member of U.M.W.A. Local Union 5899, of Wheelwright.

He is survived by his wife, Daisy Marie Harris Collins.

Other survivors include two sons: Dewey Collins Jr., and John David Collins, both of Hi Hat; a daughter, April Elizabeth Lawson of Keokee, Virginia; two sisters: Judy Moore of Price, and Colletta Burchett, of Salyersville; grandchildren: Steven Lawson, Dustin, Alexander Collins, Justin Tyler Collins, John David Collins Jr., Amber Nicole Collins, Justin Prater, Rebecca Lynn Prater, Tyler Rutherford, and Ethan John Collins; and one great-grandchild, Bethany Carol Lawson.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 12, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Olin Andrew Elliott

Olin Andrew Elliott, age 79, of Martin, passed away, Monday, December 13, 2004.

He was born September 24, 1925, in Martin, the son of the late Wiley Vernon Elliott and Lona McClellan Elliott. He was owner and operator of Triangle Market, in Martin, a member of the First Baptist Church, in Allen, a U.S. Navy World War II veteran, a member of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, in Prestonsburg, the American Legion, AmVets, and the VFW.

Survivors include three sons: Wiley Herman Elliott and Robert O'Neal Elliott, both of Martin, Olin Andrew Elliott II, of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Lona Berniece "Loniece" Brewer of Lexington; one brother, Gus Godfrey Elliott of Dayton, Ohio; three half-brothers: Patrick Hayes of Tipp City, Ohio, and Vernon Harry Elliott and John Francis Elliott, both of Allen; one half-sister, Barbara Petersen of Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Kathryn Grace Porter Elliott, has second wife, Betty Jo Turner Elliott; one son, Olin Wayne Elliott; and one brother, Wiley Elliott.

Funeral services for Olin Andrew Elliott will be conducted Thursday, December 16, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Floyd Price of the First Baptist Church, and Pete Grigsby Jr., of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, officiating.

Burial will follow in the Porter-Webb Cemetery, at Allen, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Masonic services will be conducted at 7 p.m., Wednesday evening.

(Paid obituary)

Lloyd Brown

Lloyd Brown, age 68, of Louisa, husband of the late Dorothy Dixon Brown, passed away, Monday, December 13, 2004, at the Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa.

He was born December 25, 1935, in Hi Hat, the son of the late Evan Brown and Lillie Newman Brown. He was a retired coal miner.

Survivors include one son, Lloyd Brown Jr., of Louisa; one brother, Fred Brown of McArthur, Ohio; three half-brothers: Gary Brown, Charlie Brown, and Perry Brown, all of McDowell; one step-brother, Philmon Caudill of McDowell; four sisters: Virginia Gearheart and Joann Caudill, both of McDowell, Lorenne Stewart of Lexington, and Donna Willis of McMinnville, Ohio; one half-sister, Rebecca Harrier of Zanesville, Ohio; one step-sister, Earlene Caudill of Prestonsburg; and two grandchildren: Ashley Nicole Brown and Christopher Brown.

Funeral services for Lloyd Brown will be conducted Thursday, December 16, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergymen Jimmy Bevins and Kenneth Wright officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Clyde Prater

Clyde Prater, 86, of Olivet, Michigan, passed away, Saturday, December 11, 2004, at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall.

He was born February 15, 1918, in Floyd County, the son of the late Bob and Lula (Whittaker) Prater. On September 3, 1938, he married Clara Risner. She preceded him in death on October 24, 1999. Clyde was employed by Union Steel Products, Lonergan's, McGraw Edison, Albion Malleable Iron, and was self-employed in the Trucking Business. He enjoyed vegetable gardening, where he sold many of his vegetables, hunting, going for long rides and especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include: five daughters: Thelma and Charles Burkwalt of Springport, Jerlene Prater of Marshall, Lois Prater of Springport, Emma Damron of Olivet, and Janice Kay & Steve Jackson of Charlotte; one son, Bob Prater of Olivet; a daughter-in-law, Mary Prater of Marshall; one sister, Nancy Manuel of Prestonsburg; 11 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Clayton Prater; a daughter, Manda Prater; five brothers; one sister; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 15, at 1 p.m., at the J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, Michigan, with Reverend Winford Collins officiating.

Interment will follow at Hunt Cemetery.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to Oaklawn Hospital, or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

(Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Mae Bailey 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 Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

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Witnesses in election fraud case admit giving false testimony

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Several defense witnesses have recanted testimony they gave in an eastern Kentucky election fraud case, saying they actually were straw contributors not just to former state Sen. John Doug Hays but also to other high-profile political candidates.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth Taylor said in court papers that the witnesses changed their testimony after he notified them that he planned to push for perjury and obstruction of justice charges for giving alleged false testimony in federal election fraud trials earlier this year.

To avoid those charges, 12 people accepted a pretrial diversion deal that required them to correct the false testimony.

Those witnesses had previously said they were not straw contributors, denying prosecution assertions that they accepted cash from wealthy Pikeville businessman Ross Harris through one of his business associates, Glenn Turner, in exchange for writing checks to candidates that Harris supported.

Taylor said the defense wit-

nesses faced up to five years in prison if convicted of perjury and obstruction of justice. Under federal sentencing guidelines, the likely sentence would have ranged from 16 months to two years if they were convicted.

In affidavits filed Friday, each of the witnesses said they received cash to deposit in their bank accounts and then wrote checks to the Hays campaign and others.

"In each instance, the cash to cover the check was given to me by my son, Glen Turner," said Bobby Turner, one of the witnesses from rural Floyd County, in an affidavit filed Friday. "In each instance, it was my belief that the money came from Ross Harris."

In the highly publicized election fraud trials, the witnesses testified the money came from personal savings they kept at home, either in a sock drawer, a Pringles can, a shoe box or a safe.

In the affidavits, they told of additional campaigns in which they served as straw contributors. Among those they helped finance were the Kentucky Supreme Court race of Lexington attorney Larry Forgy in 2000 and the gubernatorial race of current U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler in 2002. They also said they served as straw con-

tributors for current state senators Ray Jones of Pikeville and Johnny Ray Turner of Drift.

Forgy said he didn't know every person who contributed to his unsuccessful race. "I don't know anything about any straw contributors," he said.

"Every contribution you accept you assume is a valid, legal contribution," Jones said. "If someone gave an illegal contribution, we would have no way of knowing that."

Neither Chandler nor Johnny Ray Turner could immediately be reached for comment.

Taylor won election fraud convictions in the cases against Hays and his wife, Brenda Hays, as well as Harris and Glenn Turner. The charges stemmed from Hays' campaign for Pike County district judge in 2002.

All four are scheduled for sentencing March 14 in Pikeville.

Taylor said in the trial that Hays conspired with others in Pike County, including Harris in an

unsuccessful attempt to sway the race for district judge.

The goal, Taylor said, was to buy enough votes to assure Hays would win. That was to be done with illegal contributions from Harris, who, according to the prosecutor, had a history of pumping money into campaigns in return for favors after his candidates are elected.

Taylor said the changed testimony offered by the witnesses has no bearing on the past trials but could be considered if a judge is asked to grant a new trial for the defendants.



The Floyd County Farm Bureau was recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement during the recent 85th annual Kentucky Farm Bureau Convention in Louisville. Here, Eddie Akers, center, accepts the award from David S. Beck, right, Kentucky Farm Bureau executive vice president, and Roger L. Simpson, executive vice president of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, during a Dec. 10 recognition and awards program.

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

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

Turner re-elected Caucus Chair

FRANKFORT — State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, has been re-elected Senate Caucus Chair by the Senate Democratic Caucus.

Turner thanked his colleagues for their support and said he looks forward to the 2005 legislative session.

"We have a lot of work to do, but the budget is at the top of my list," Turner said. "This state must have a budget so our spending priorities are clear."

Turner, who represents Letcher counties, has been a member of the state Senate



Johnny Ray Turner

since 2001. He was elected to a second term on Nov. 2.

An educator for 28 years, Turner taught and coached in Floyd, Johnson and Magoffin counties. He holds a bachelor's and a master's degree from Morehead State University.

The official leadership vote will be on Jan. 4, when the legislature convenes for a brief organizational session. Legislators will return back to Frankfort in February for the 2005 regular session.

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UK safety official suggests holiday safe travel tips

LEXINGTON — It's the most wonderful time of the year. The holidays bring special gatherings and parties. Many people will travel great distances to see family, friends and loved ones.

But traveling during the winter months also can be potentially dangerous, so a top UK safety official says it's important to remember there are many precautions travelers can take to ensure the best — and safest — trip possible.

Robert McCool, project manager of the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center at the University of Kentucky, advises people to start a trip the right way by taking the car to a mechanic for an inspection to confirm that everything is functioning properly. The inspection should include checking air pressure in the tires.

Next, McCool says families should put together a checklist

to ensure that they have everything they need, including:

■ Making sure you have directions and a map.

■ Watch the weather a few days prior to leaving, and make proper adjustments to the route to avoid a potential delay.

■ Stay well rested. "Driving while sleepy can be just as dangerous as driving while intoxicated," McCool says.

■ Only using cell phones for emergencies while driving. Be prepared that the phone may not work in some places, so don't rely on them to summon emergency assistance quickly.

■ Stock your vehicle with emergency and comfort supplies, like blankets. "Items such as a first aid kit or a nonperishable snack may be necessary should there be a traffic accident or if the vehicle breaks down," he cautions.

■ If problems do arise on the

road — such as a car breaking down — McCool says it's important for motorists to get off the roadway if possible. Bring along a battery-powered emergency light that can be attached to the top of the vehicle with a magnet so that emergency flashers, which can drain the car battery, don't have to be used for a long period of time.

■ In the event of an emergency, raise the hood and notify police.

TRAVELING BY AIR

When traveling out of the state or especially out of the country by air, it's a good idea to check the laws of your destination spot to make sure everything you plan to take along is legal to possess at your destination

and the stops along the way.

Also, check the airline regulations and Department of Homeland Security regulations carefully if you plan to fly. This will help ensure any items carried on or checked in your baggage are both legal and permitted on the aircraft.

McCool suggests not wrapping your holiday presents if you plan to fly.

"Presents which are wrapped may be opened by security screeners," McCool says.

"Instead, pack wrapping materials in your checked baggage, or purchase them at your destination and wrap your gifts there."

HEALTH

Regardless of the way you travel, if medication is taken regularly, it's important to take more with you than what might seem necessary, McCool says. "Should you find yourself delayed somewhere, it may not be easy to obtain more medication."

McCool suggests that if you are traveling by air, it is best to carry medications in a carry-on bag. Checked luggage may become lost, stolen or delayed.

Also, carry the name and contact information of a primary care physician. In an emergency, it can help health care providers who may need to contact your primary care physician. Finally, McCool suggests leaving an itinerary and contact informa-

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Two from Pikeville College complete Leadership East Kentucky

Twenty individuals from throughout Eastern Kentucky — including Lucy and John Holman from Pikeville College — have successfully completed the Leadership East Kentucky program for 2004.

Lucy Holman is Director of Public Affairs at Pikeville College. John Holman is director of the Pikeville Area Innovation Center.

The leadership program participants represent various communities from throughout east Kentucky. They come from all different walks of life, including education, health care, economic development, religion, higher education, private business & industry, government and non profit organizations.

The goals of Leadership East Kentucky are to provide an

opportunity for individuals to enhance their leadership skills, become more familiar with east Kentucky, and to build a network throughout the region. The program is sponsored by a consortium of community action agencies.

From May through December, the class comes together monthly and focuses on issues facing east Kentucky, such as education, economic development, the environment,

and governance. Individuals in the class have an opportunity to look at themselves and strengthen existing skills and develop new ones.

The Class of 2004 joins the 155 existing alumni of Leadership East Kentucky and becomes part of this important network of leaders. A graduation ceremony at the Mountain Arts Center recently celebrated the group's successful completion of the program.



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The state's eight electors met in the Kentucky Supreme Court chambers to officially cast their ballots for president and vice president. As expected, the results were the same as on Nov. 2, with the president and Vice

President Dick Cheney getting Kentucky's nod for a second term.

All eight electors cast their ballots for Bush, Secretary of State Trey Grayson, a Republican, said.

Kentucky went for Bush in 2000, during his first run for president. In 2000, Bush captured about 56.1 percent of the vote, to Al Gore's 41.4 percent.

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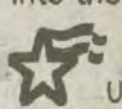
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Police said the incident happened in the Ta Takiab district of Chachoengsao province, 20 miles east of Bangkok.

Footage also showed signs in the area that warn drivers to be careful of wild elephants and not to feed them. Another sign read, "Beware of foraging wild elephants at night."

■ ARLINGTON, Va. — Michael Wardian knew he was going places, even if only on the treadmill.

The local runner beat a rather unusual world record by more than seven minutes Saturday, running a 26.2 mile marathon on the exercise machine.

It's hard enough to run that distance out in the open, but Wardian — who qualified for the Olympic trials this year — set a time of 2:23:58. The previous record was 2:31:04, according to "The Book of Alternative Records."

Wardian, 30, said he heard about runners staying on the treadmill for 24 hours, and he wanted to add a treadmill marathon to the dozens of others he has run.

"It's difficult just because you always know where you are so you can't trick yourself," Wardian said. "You just look down and you know where you are."

The run was part of the grand-opening of a new running store in Arlington called Pacers. Owner Christopher Farley said the marathon required intense

focus.

"The monotony of a treadmill — the idea that you have to stay balanced for almost two-and-a-half hours — is a lot harder," Farley said. "It really becomes claustrophobic."

■ ST. LOUIS — Organizers of a Christmas tree sale supporting youth hockey programs figured that a tree or two might get swiped from their outdoor lot after-hours.

What they hadn't counted on was someone stealing more than 90 Christmas trees or the random acts of kindness that followed.

Others in the area have step forward, dropping off additional trees or donating money since

last weekend's theft.

Tire tracks on a nearby field were the only clue about how the trees, worth about \$3,000, were taken.

"The kids don't deserve it," said Erica Parks, the fund-raising director for the Affton Athletic Association.

She said when she first saw the bare spots on the outdoor lot, she figured the group had a few good days for sales.

But, Parks soon realized someone — clearly not adhering to the spirit of St. Nick — had taken nearly a third of the 300-tree inventory.

Proceeds from the Christmas tree sale were supposed to pay for improvements at a community ice rink, she said.

Parks said the Brentwood Optimist Club donated 15 trees from their own sale, and some area residents have made \$10 or \$20 donations, even if they don't want to buy a tree.

Todd Schlereth, a volunteer with the group, said he and his 8-year-old son were upset when they learned of the thefts.

He worked Thanksgiving morning to unload the trees, and he was amazed that someone had made off with so many trees, some of them 8 feet tall. Schlereth said he was pleased to learn that others in the community were still donating to the cause.

"Hopefully," he said, "that's what the Christmas spirit is all about."

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ed to send the former leader to a quick trial with an eye toward executing him by summer. But U.S. officials signaled the Iraqis would probably have to wait. Former nurse Charles Cullen was charged with murder after telling prosecutors he had killed 30 to 40 severely ill patients in Pennsylvania and New Jersey since 1987 by injecting them with drugs. The late Sen. Strom Thurmond's family acknowledged Essie Mae Washington-Williams' claim that she was his illegitimate mixed-race daughter.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ernest Ashworth is 76. Actor-comedian Tim Conway is 71. Singer Cindy Birdsong (The Supremes) is 65. Rock musician Dave Clark (The Dave Clark Five) is 62. Rock musician Carmine Appice (Vanilla Fudge) is 58. Actor Don Johnson is 55. Movie director Alex Cox is 50. Actor Justin Ross is 50. Rock musician Paul Simonon (The Clash) is 49. Country singer Doug Phelps (Brother Phelps; Kentucky Headhunters) is 44. Movie director Reginald Hudlin is 43. Actress Helen Slater is 41. Actress Molly Price ("Third Watch") is 39. "Crowd-hyper" Kito Trawick (Ghostown DJs) is 27. Actor George O. Gore II is 23.

Thought for Today: "History is the record of an encounter between character and circumstances." - Donald Creighton, Canadian historian (1902-1979).

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Knott Central edges Hazard

HINDMAN - In a 14th Region game played Saturday night, it took the Knott County Central Lady Patriots an overtime to turn away visiting Hazard. Knott Central junior forward Heather Martin scored 12 of her game-high 35 points in overtime to lead the Lady Patriots to a 67-61 win. Martin also pulled down a game-high 19 rebounds. - Times Staff Report

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Betsy Layne girls start slow, finish fast, beat AC

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - In its second 58th District/Floyd County Conference game of the 2004-05 season - the second in three days - Betsy Layne shook off a slow start Friday night on the road and rolled to a 63-40 win over homestanding Allen Central.

Senior guard Kristen Smith led Betsy Layne in scoring with 17

points. Senior forward Breann Akers tossed in 16 points and Candice Meade added 11.

Betsy Layne led at the end of every quarter, but the win didn't come without a battle. Coach Cassandra Akers saw her team take a 23-21 lead into halftime after leading 13-8 at the end of the first quarter. The Betsy Layne team that took the floor in the third quarter, played inspired basketball, leading to a 16-4

third-period drubbing of the host Lady Rebels.

"I thought we had a lack of effort in the first half," said Akers. "The way we came out and played in the third quarter is what we have to have."

The first full week of the 2004-05 regular-season was a challenging stint for the Ladycats. The week included road games against Paintsville and district/conference

rivals Prestonsburg and Allen Central. But after a dozen quarters of basketball and one overtime, Betsy Layne stands with a perfect 3-0 record.

"It was a tough week for us," admitted Akers. "Anytime you go and play three games on the road, it's going to be tough."

Senior guard Kim Clark, out of practice for much of the week, due to

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne senior center Kristal Daniels defended against Allen Central senior center Becky Thomas.

East Ridge hosts Warrior Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LICK CREEK - Harlan, Cawood, Oak Hill Academy, Va. (Red), Shelby Valley, host East Ridge and Lexington Catholic all won games over the weekend in the Kentucky Farm Bureau Warrior Classic.

Harlan began the day with a 53-52 win over Paintsville. The Tigers enjoyed a lead for some of the game, but Harlan finished the strongest, outscoring Paintsville 18-12 in the final period.

Ryan Clem scored 14 points and John Smith added 13 as Harlan held on for the win. Paintsville freshman Landon Slone scored a game-high 28 points and Shane Grimm added 13.

Cawood got a game-high 22 points from Blake Hubbs in a 74-58 win over Betsy Layne. Brandon Kidd fired in 15 points and paced Betsy Layne.

South Floyd fell to the Oak Hill Academy (Va.) Red Team. Oak Hill prevailed, winning 66-62. Four different Raiders scored 10 or more points in the loss.

In the most intriguing matchup of the day, 15th Region favorite Shelby Valley beat 13th Region favorite Rockcastle 85-80. Seth Kiser led the Wildcats to the win, scoring a game-high 32 points. Adding to the Valley offense, Patrick Tackett flipped in 16 points.

Senior guard Aaron Cash scored 25 points for the Rockets.

Playing without senior guard Aaron Branham, who was still in New York for the Wendy's High School Heisman awards ceremony, host East Ridge beat George Rogers Clark 57-54.

Branham, one of six male finalists for the Wendy's High School Heisman, ranks as one of the 15th Region's top players.

Three different Warriors scored in double figures in Branham's absence, led by Jordan Coleman, who netted a game-high 18 points.

In a matchup of state title contenders, Lexington Catholic beat Male 83-78.

Paintsville, Johnson Central notch district wins

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Two 57th District boys' basketball teams - Paintsville and Johnson Central -

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BETSY LAYNE BOYS ROLL Bobcats claw district/conference rival Allen Central



photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne beat Allen Central on offense and defense, earning an all-important 58th District/Floyd County Conference win. Brandon Kidd (22) led Betsy Layne in scoring with a game-high 18 points.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Betsy Layne got a leg up Friday night on all other Floyd County high school boys' basketball teams. The Bobcats, playing on the road at 58th

District/Floyd County Conference rival Allen Central, came ready to play. Betsy Layne maintained a lead at the end of every quarter and rolled to a 72-55 win over the host

Rebels.

The win over Allen Central broke for Betsy Layne a two-game losing streak. The Bobcats had suffered losses to Greenup County and Johnson Central prior to Friday night's game against the rival Rebels.

In the win over Allen Central, junior forward Brandon Kidd led Betsy Layne in scoring with a game-high 18 points. Kidd hit on five field goal attempts and connected on eight-of-10 free throw tries.

Betsy Layne outscored Allen Central in three of the four quarters. The visiting Bobcats brought their outside-shooting game to the court early on Friday night as Nathan Lafferty, Brandon Thacker and Derek Case all hit a three-point

field goal apiece in the game's opening quarter. For the game, Betsy Layne hit 23 field goals and five three-pointers. The Bobcats shot 11-of-17 from the free throw line.

Lafferty, who came in off the Betsy Layne bench, scored 14 points. Case added 11. Nine different Bobcats scored. On defense, Betsy Layne applied fullcourt pressure for most

(See BOBCATS, page two)

Thompson ranked second in state

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Prestonsburg

High School senior wrestler Steven Thompson is currently ranked second in the state in the 145-pound weight class. Thompson, who has wrestled at different weights throughout his high school grappling career, predominantly in the 145- and 152-pound weight classes, qualified for the state tournament each of the past two years. Thompson is one of only three seniors grappling for the Prestonsburg High wrestling team. He brings both experience and leadership to the Blackcat wrestling team.

Thompson has improved in each of his varsity wrestling seasons and now wrestles - in his senior campaign in his respective weight class - as one of the state's top grapplers.

Earlier this month, Prestonsburg traveled to Wayne County for a duals event. Thompson led the way for the Blackcats, winning all four of the matches he took

(See STATE, page two)



Steven Thompson

South Floyd volleyball duo set to sign

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - In his time as head coach of the South Floyd High School volleyball program, Keith Smallwood has built a strong contender. This past season, South Floyd ranked as one of the top 15th Region volleyball teams for most of the season, finishing with a 20-5 record. On Friday, two South Floyd High volleyball players are scheduled to sign to play college volleyball. They'll become the first SFHS student-athletes to sign to play collegiate volleyball.

Christian Berger and Candice Hall are each set to sign to play volleyball for Kentucky Christian University. Kentucky Christian is located in Grayson.

Berger recently wrapped up her first season of volleyball. She ended the cam-

(See VOLLEYBALL, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg Lady Blackcat Amber Whitaker drove to the basket during Saturday's win over Wolfe County. More on the Wolfe County-Prestonsburg game will appear in Friday's edition.

Lady Hornets sting South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE - Magoffin County jumped out to a 27-11 lead through the first quarter and never looked back Monday night, beating visiting South Floyd 103-48.

The Lady Hornets won convincingly on their homefloor.

Eleven different players scored for the Lady Hornets. A trio of Howards helped to lead Magoffin County.

Ashley Howard paced the Lady Hornets with a game-high 28 points. Michaela Howard scored

16 points and Calloray Howard added 11.

Brittany Manns guided in 22 points to help push the Lady Hornets to the win.

Magoffin County outscored South Floyd 35-9 in the second quarter.

Tab Trammell and Miranda Gregory each had 15 points for the Lady Raiders (2-2). Heather Dean flipped in six points and Candice Hall added five.

On Saturday, in a home game, South Floyd beat Jackson City 69-

(See STING, page two)



South Floyd sophomore Heather Dean lofted a shot for South Floyd Saturday in its game against visiting Jackson City. The Lady Raiders beat Jackson City 68-39.

State

part in.
Drew Hilton, another state qualifier from last season, won two of four matches in the Wayne County event.
Prestonsburg High School Coach Jerry Butcher sees the Blackcat wrestling program still headed in the right direction. The program, less than two years ago, produced State Champion Nick Chaffin.
During the upcoming weekend, Saturday, Prestonsburg is scheduled to travel to Bourbon County for matches against a variety of opponents.

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING SCHEDULE

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UPCOMING EVENTS	
Dec. 18	at Bourbon County
Jan. 8	at Wayne County
Jan. 15	Josh Francis Tournament
Jan. 21-22	at WSAZ Tournament
Feb. 5	at Lafayette Duals
Feb. 10	Prestonsburg Duals
Feb. 19	Regional Tournament (at Johnson Central.)
Feb. 23-26	State Tournament (at Frankfort)

Editor's note: More on the wrestling team will appear in Prestonsburg High School Friday's edition.

Volleyball

paigned with 15 kills and 25 solo blocks. She has been an SFHS cheerleader for the past four years and carries a 3.5 grade-point-average.
Hall has played four years of

varsity volleyball and this past season had 35 kills, 30 aces, 65 assists, 70 digs and two blocks. Hall, who also plays basketball, was an all-district volleyball selection.

The signing is slated to be held Friday morning at 11:30 a.m.
Another South Floyd High volleyball player - Sabrina Reid - is expected to sign with a college later in the school year.

Sting

38. The win over visiting Jackson City was the second win of the season for the Lady Raiders.
GIRLS' BASKETBALL

GAMES ON TAP
Thursday's games
Allen Central at South Floyd; Belfry at Betsy Layne; June Buchanan at Buckhorn;

Raceland at Rose Hill Christian; Rowan County at West Carter.

Finish

being ill, did not start for the Ladycats. However, she came in off the Ladycat bench and scored eight points on four-of-four from the free throw line and two successful field goals.
Betsy Layne senior center Kristal Daniels, before fouling out, scored seven points. Kaitlin Lawson added two points for Betsy Layne and Megan Hamilton hit one-of-two free throw attempts.
Betsy Layne hit 21 field goals and connected on 20-of-29 free throw attempts.
Becky Thomas led Allen Central with a game-high 19 points. She was the only Lady Rebel to score in double figures. Allen Central got points

from six different players.
Alanna Cline and Amanda Mills each had six points. Yumekia Hunter scored four points and Mara Biliter added three. Lindsey Frasure rounded out the Allen Central scoring with two points.
Betsy Layne is scheduled to be back on the hardwood Thursday night in a home-opener against Belfry. Tip-off for the Belfry-Betsy Layne game is set for 7:30 p.m.
Allen Central was back in action last night on the road at Prestonsburg in a pivotal district/conference game. Results from the Allen Central-Prestonsburg game were unavailable at press time.



photo by Steve LeMaster
Allen Central's Yumekia Hunter (32) looked to pass around Betsy Layne senior guard Kristen Smith.

Garrett improves to 10-0

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR
CARR CREEK - In a game played Thursday night at the historic Carr Creek Gymnasium, Garrett Christian dismantled visiting Wise County (Va.) Christian 87-34. Garrett led 37-4 at the end of the first quarter and never looked back on its way to a blowout win.
Garrett outscored Wise in every quarter and shortly after the opening tip was never really challenged.
Garrett Christian senior Ryan Slone tossed in a game-high 17 points to lead the

Warriors. Robbie Vanderpool scored 12 points and center David Franklin tossed in 11. Brian Vanderpool scored 10.
Matthew Potter just missed double figures in the scoring department as he netted nine points. Potter, a starting guard for Garrett, pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds. Potter, who in his younger days played at Mountain Christian Academy, also dished out seven assists.
Adam Milam and Simeon Brace both had six points.
In all, 10 different players scored for host Garrett.
Eric Strowth paced Wise with 12 points. Matt Bagnell added 11 points.

Bobcats

of the game. The host Runnin' Rebels struggled to handle the Bobcat pressure.
Betsy Layne was able to turn many Allen Central turnovers into points.
Ryan Bryant scored seven points for Betsy Layne and Preston Simon added six. Also for Betsy Layne, Pat Stapleton scored five while Colbert Craft and Trai Witt each scored four. Brandon Thacker added three points for the Bobcats. Betsy Layne was able to not miss a beat with several five-player combinations enjoying successful minutes - together.
Ryan Collins was the high-scorer for Allen Central, netting 16 points. Ryan Hammonds added 15 points and Jason Paige came in off the Rebel bench and added seven points. Justin Jacobs scored six points while Tim Griffith and Wilfredo Dominguez added four each. Senior center

David Kilburn chipped in three points.
Allen Central (0-3) returned to play last night, playing on the road at Prestonsburg. Results from the Allen Central-Prestonsburg game were unavailable at press time.

Cawood 74, Betsy Layne 58

LICK CREEK - ACT Testing Day put a damper on Betsy Layne's appearance in this year's Kentucky Farm Bureau Warrior Classic. Three Bobcat starters - Preston Simon, Derek Case and Brandon Thacker - due to ACT testing, arrived late for Saturday's game against Cawood, a contest played as part of the Warrior Classic. Cawood took advantage of Betsy Layne playing without some of its starters for part of the game. The Trojans started fast and finished strong, beating Betsy

Layne 74-58.
For Cawood, Blake Hubbs hit for a game-high 22 points and Shawn Ely added 14. Travis Clem added 11 for the Trojans.
Nine different Cawood players scored. The Trojans led 25-17 at the end of the first quarter and 36-39 at halftime. Cawood held a 49-36 advantage at the end of the third quarter.
Brandon Kidd scored 15 points for Betsy Layne and Ryan Bryant hit four fourth-quarter three-pointers and added 12 points. Pat Stapleton added seven points for the Bobcats, while teammates Simon, Nathan Lafferty and Colbert Craft scored six apiece. Thacker flipped in four points and Case tossed in two.
Betsy Layne (2-3) is scheduled to be back in action next week at Belfry in the Appalachian Wireless Mountain Schoolboy Classic.

Classic

notched district wins Friday night. Johnson Central, playing at home, beat Sheldon Clark 56-44. Jamie McCarty scored a game-high 18 points, Tony Hatfield netted 15 and Josh

Stapleton flipped in 10 as the host Golden Eagles rolled. Jeremy Preece led Sheldon Clark with 17 points.
Paintsville traveled to Magoffin County and beat the

host Hornets 71-64.
Landon Slone scored 19. Shane Grimm tossed in 18 and Blake Bundy added 15 as the Tigers held on for the win. Paintsville led 35-25 at halftime.

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South Floyd edges Knott Central, 81-78

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Playing on its homefloor for the first time in the 2004-05 high school basketball season, South Floyd recorded a win Friday night, beating Knott County Central 81-78.

Knott Central got out to a quick, successful start, leading 29-20 at the end of the first quarter. The Patriots led 46-43 at halftime, but would ultimately be denied the win. The host Raiders outscored Knott

Central in both the second and third quarters.

In a very balanced scoring attack, five different Raiders scored in double figures. Burnett Little led South Floyd in scoring with 16 points. He also led the Raiders in rebounding with 14 boards. Ethan Johnson, Ryan Johnson and Steven Stanley all had 14 points apiece.

Stanley also pulled down nine rebounds and dished out four assists.

Ryan Little scored 11 points. Mason Hall and Justin

Slone each had six points.

In what was the game's most pivotal quarter - in the third period - South Floyd outscored Knott Central 20-13.

Josh Stacy paced Knott Central with a game-high 21 points. Adam Dials scored 15 points and Scott Mosley flipped in 10. Derrick Miller and Blake Williams each had eight points. Charles Pike scored seven and Justin Bates netted six. Justin Mosley checked in with three points.

Oak Hill Academy, Va. (Red) 66, South Floyd 62

LICK CREEK - In a game played as part of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Warrior Classic, Oak Hill's Red Team, held on for the win over South Floyd.

Nine different Oak Hill Academy (Va.) Red players scored in the winning effort.

Ryan Johnson led South

Floyd with a game-high 16. Steven Stanley scored 12 points and Mason Hall tossed in 11. Stanley also pulled down 12 rebounds. Burnett Little flipped in 10. Wes Hall scored five. Ethan Johnson and Justin Slone both had three points. Joe Osborne rounded out the South

Floyd scoring with two points.

Oak Hill led 22-10 at the end of the first period and 35-27 at halftime. South Floyd outscored the Virginia team in each of the last two quarters. Oak Hill took a 45-40 lead into the fourth quarter. - Times Staff Report

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2. Trinity
3. Scott County
4. Pleasure Ridge Park
5. Henderson County
6. Jeffersonton
7. South Laurel
8. Male
9. Dunbar
10. Henry Clay
11. Bishop Brossart
12. DeSales
13. Muhlenberg North
14. Bryan Station
15. Pendleton County
16. Owensboro Catholic
17. Rockcastle County
18. University Heights
19. Bullitt East
20. Lexington Catholic

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Monday's games

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Clay Co. 81, McCreary Central 48
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Villa Madonna 72, Dayton 40

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Warren Central 65, Russellville 45
Wayne Co. 64, Monticello 31
West Carter 67, Greenup Co. 44
Whitesburg 74, June Buchanan 26
Wolfe Co. 50, Perry Co. Central 46

Adams tops McDowell

TIMES STAFF REPORT

McDOWELL - The Adams Middle School C-team traveled to McDowell Friday night to play the home-standing McDowell Daredevils. The Blackcats jumped out to a 6-1 lead after one quarter on the strength of inside play from Joseph Jamerson and Seth Carter; however, Adams was then shutout in the second quarter and trailed 10-6 at the half. The Blackcats then dug an even deeper hole by trailing 20-10 midway through the third quarter when Adams put on a furious rally, outscoring McDowell 16-2 to win 26-22.

After halftime, Alex Griffith pumped in eight third quarter points while Caleb Petry scored all seven of his points in the fourth quarter to spark the come from behind win. Petry made three clutch shots down the stretch and with Adams trailing 20-19 in the fourth quarter, Wil Allen hit on a free throw then a baseline drive as Adams took the lead 22-20 and never trailed again.

Joseph Jamerson finished with three points and 11 rebounds, while Griffith finished with a team leading 10 points and added nine

rebounds. Petry and Nathaniel Fraley each had three rebounds. Allen finished with four points and Carter scored two points to round out the scoring for Adams. Warren Blackburn played excellent defense for Adams during his several minutes of second half action and Zach Spiggle provide a spark off the bench. Adams also netted six assists from five different players in the balanced scoring effort. Brandon Marson led McDowell with nine points, Courtney Conn added six points on two three-point field goals, Zach Howell scored five points and Jeremy Crisp added two points.

The Adams C-Team is 5-1 on the season and will face the very formidable Betsy Layne Bobcats Friday.

In the preliminary game, McDowell outscored Adams 15-12 as Austin Cook scored six points. Zach Fields scored four points, Courtney Conn scored three points and Blake Dean added two points to round out the scoring for McDowell. Joseph Jamerson scored six points in limited action to lead the Blackcats while Charlie Joseph added four points and Wesley Robinson scored two points.



Left: Seth Carter pulled in a rebound for Adams. Bottom: McDowell's McCay Tackett and Logan Burke looked on. Middle: McDowell guard Brandon Marson was fouled.



Covenant 88, Alice Lloyd 76

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

throw attempts. From beyond the arc, Covenant went seven-of-21.

Three different Covenant players scored in double figures. Randy Harris tossed in a game-high 22 points and Josh Suddath added 18. Jonathan McClellan added 10.

On defense, visiting Covenant recorded eight steals.

Covenant outrebounded Alice Lloyd 43-31. The visiting team controlled 30 defensive rebounds. Jeremy Daniels led Alice

Lloyd in scoring with 21 points. Jimmy Stumbo scored 13 points and Brent Prichard netted 11. Shawn Newsome tossed in 10, giving Alice Lloyd four players in double figures.

K.J. Waterman scored nine points for the Eagles and Chris Hurt chipped in seven. Shannon Akers scored four and Tim Parks added a single point and three assists.

Waterman pulled down a team-high seven rebounds to go along with his nine points. Daniels also blocked two shots.

Alice Lloyd (7-7) struggled some from the charity stripe, hitting just 17-of-31 free throw attempts.



Jeremy Daniels

PIPPA PASSE - Covenant took a 38-35 lead into halftime Saturday night and outscored Alice Lloyd in the second half to win going away, 88-76.

Each team hit seven three-pointers, but in the end, Covenant's play proved to be more efficient. Covenant hit 29-of-60 attempts from the floor and knocked down 23-of-30 free

throw attempts. From beyond the arc, Covenant went seven-of-21.

Eagles roll over Circleville Bible

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

CIRCLEVILLE, Ohio - The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team hit the road Thursday night, heading north to the Buckeye State of Ohio to take on Circleville Bible College. The host Crusaders were outscored by 11 points in the first half and Alice Lloyd controlled things to much of the same tune in the second half. The visiting Eagles led 52-41 at halftime and went on to win 103-80.

Alice Lloyd was a hot-shooting team, hitting 41-of-75 field goals and 12-of-25 three-point field goals. The visiting team attempted 11 free throws and hit nine of the attempts.

Tim Parks hit 10 field goals and scored a game-high 28 points to lead Alice Lloyd in scoring.

Jeremy Daniels hit for 16 points and pulled down eight rebounds. Daniels also had three blocks. Jimmy Stumbo and Shawn Newsome added 10 points apiece.

Alice Lloyd point guard Chris Hurt dished out a game-high nine assists.

Shannon Akers, Jeremy Jackson and Jordan Kidd each had eight points. Brent Prichard tossed in six points and Brad Pack flipped in four. Hurt and

Kyle Vulgamore each scored two. Winston Lee scored on a made free throw.

Alice Lloyd committed 27 turnovers, but still managed to win convincingly.

The Eagles did control the boards. Alice Lloyd won the rebounding battle, outrebounding Circleville Bible 47-32.

Josh Leonardi paced Circleville Bible in scoring with a team-high 25 points. Matt Hopkins scored 18 points and Steve Baker netted 11.

The host Crusaders hit 15-of-20 free throw attempts.



Jimmy Stumbo

Bears clip Barber-Scotia

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Senior Daniel

Price missed only twice on 10 field goal tries and finished with 19 points as Pikeville College knocked off Barber-Scotia College 63-47 Friday night.

The Bears (10-1) were somewhat

sluggish coming off Finals Week at the school, but road the back of their senior guard to the win.

Price added nine rebounds and had six steals in the win.

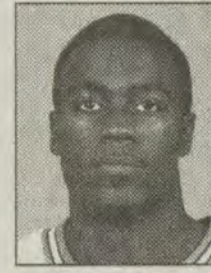
Price got solid support from senior Walter Harris, who came off the bench with 15 points thanks to 6-of-8 shooting. He also pulled down five

rebounds, had three steals and dished out two assists.

Elsewhere, the shooting wasn't as good. The rest of the team hit 26.5 percent (9-of-34).

The Sabers, a national quarterfinalist from a year ago, got 12 points apiece from Troy Pierson and LaVonte Jackson. Pierson added six rebounds and five assists.

Barber-Scotia also struggled from the floor, hitting only 41.7 percent for the game.



Daniel Price

Bears win fifth straight

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Senior Jarell Jones led four players in double figures with 20 points as Pikeville College knocked off Barber-Scotia 76-56 Saturday afternoon.

The win gave the Bears a sweep in the weekend double-header with the Sabers, a national quarterfinalist from a year ago.

The Bears are now 11-1 on the season with one game remaining before the Christmas

break, as they travel to Tennessee on Monday to play Knoxville College.

Jones hit 7-of-12 from the floor and added four assists in the win. Junior center Chris Carroll posted a double-double, hitting for 13 points on 5-of-6 shooting and pulling down 10 rebounds.

Junior guard Emanuel Tekie came off the bench to post 11 points, hitting 2-of-4 from the arc, while Daniel Price, a senior forward, finished with a solid stat line - 10 points, six boards,

five assists and four steals.

Pikeville forced 20 turnovers from the Sabers, while the Bears committed only 11.

Barber-Scotia (1-7) was paced by Troy Pierson, who scored all 22 of his points in the second half. He was followed by Karheem Glover, who matched Carroll with his own double-double - 13 points and 12 rebounds, as the Sabers won the battle of the boards 42-39.

Arthur McClellan followed with 11 points.

Poor shooting dooms Pikeville College women

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Morehead State University shot 54.1 percent from the field and had little trouble knocking off Pikeville College 80-52 Sunday afternoon.

While the Lady Eagles shot the lights out, the Lady Bears struggled from the floor, hitting only 22.5 percent on the day.

Surprisingly, Pikeville managed to keep it close, and when

freshman Kellie Jo Moore scored on a putback with 5:17 to play, the MSU lead was only 16 (65-49). But from there, it was all Lady Eagles, as they outscored the Lady Bears 15-3 to close out the game.

Moore led Pikeville with 19 off the bench, and was the only Lady Bear in double figures in the scoring column. Freshman Beth Patterson followed with eight and sophomore Tonya Amburgey followed with six. All three came off the bench, as Pikeville got only 16 points from its starters.

Senior Shelly Johnson had a solid night across the board, scoring 21 points thanks to 10-

of-13 shooting, and supported it with six rebounds, five blocks, two assists and two steals.

Freshman Anitha Smith-Williams followed with 14 and a team-high eight rebounds, while Junior Shermeca Howard chipped in with 11.

Surprisingly, the NCAA Div. I Lady Eagles only outrebounded Pikeville 44-43. Sophomore Heather Dillon had six boards for Pikeville.



Heather Dillon

Phillips: Improvement at Kentucky could come rapidly

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — New Kentucky offensive coordinator Joker Phillips said Friday that his system won't be predictable and will emphasize the strengths of the players in the system.

"The way I've always approached the job is to just relax and roll the dice and do what you do best," Phillips said in his first meeting with the media since being promoted this week by head coach Rich Brooks. "I'll find out what we do best."

There wasn't much of anything Kentucky did well offensively this season. The 2-9 Wildcats ranked 115th among 117 NCAA Division I-A teams in total offense (275.5 yards per game) and 114th in scoring offense (15.7 points per game).

Still, Phillips is positive about the Wildcats' future and said they could qualify for a bowl game as soon as next season.

"It could happen next year," Phillips said. "I think we've got some things in place and a lot of people returning. What we've got to do is add a good (recruiting) class this coming year."

Phillips, the Wildcats' recruiting coordinator and wide receivers coach the past two seasons, played for Kentucky from 1981 through 1984, dur-

ing which time the Wildcats went to the Peach Bowl and the Hall of Fame Bowl.

His first stint as a Kentucky assistant ran from 1988 to 1996, and he later served as an assistant at Cincinnati, Minnesota, Notre Dame and South Carolina.

Brooks said his decision to promote Phillips to replace Ron Hudson — who resigned under pressure last month — was an easy one.

"He's a bright young coach who has probably been overdue to be a coordinator," Brooks said. "I think this is a good situation to give him his first opportunity. Everybody has to get that first opportunity somewhere. I'm glad I'm able to do it for Joker."

Phillips is the first black coordinator in Kentucky football history.

"I don't think that's important," Phillips said. "I think it's important that we hired somebody at Kentucky that can do that job. I don't think me being black or white or green or purple, I don't think that's important."

Phillips was more focused on another color.

"There's people that say they bleed blue. I bleed blue."

Phillips said, talking about the prominent color in Kentucky's uniforms. "I really think that this is the best job in the country. I believe that this is a place where you can get it done."

Phillips said a major focus

of recruiting during the offseason will be the offensive line. Kentucky had only 10 offensive linemen on initial scholarship this season and started a walk-on at center for most of the season.

What will a Phillips offense look like? He said he'll take ideas from coaches he's worked with, but that his biggest coaching influence has been former Kentucky head coach Jerry Claiborne, who led the Wildcats from 1982 through 1989.

"Jerry Claiborne did it the right way," Phillips said. "All his teams were tough. That's one thing I'll stress to this offense. Whatever we do, we have to be a tough, physical football team to compete in this league."

Phillips said he's spoken every day since the season ended with quarterback Andr Woodson, who is the leading candidate to start at that position next season.

"I hope he wins the job, because he's got some experience," Phillips said. "Andr needs to learn how to become a big-time quarterback — doing everything right and carrying himself right so that it makes it easy for him to lead. Right now, he's got to be the leader of this football team."

Brooks said that he'll take his time in filling the two vacant positions on his staff. The second was created Wednesday when inside linebackers coach Ron McBride, a former head coach at Utah, returned to that state to be the head coach at Weber State.



Joker Phillips

No. 13 UofL Cards 74, Florida Gators 70

by MARK LONG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Taquan Dean scored 22 points, Francisco Garcia added 19 and No. 13 Louisville withstood a late rally to beat Florida 74-70 Saturday.

Rick Pitino improved to 20-1 against former assistant coaches and players and extended his record to 6-0 against Billy Donovan.

Dean and Garcia helped stake the Cardinals (5-1) to a 12-point lead in the second half, but the Gators came back and had several chances to move ahead late.

Florida (5-2), however, made poor shot selections and committed an intentional foul down the stretch that cost it a chance to win the game.

Freshman Taurean Green missed a running one-hander in the lane than bounced hard off the backboard. Forward David Lee, a senior who entered the game 0-2 from 3-point range,

shot an airball from beyond the arc with 35 seconds to play and the Gators down just three. He also missed another 3-pointer earlier in the second half.

But Adrian Moss may have had made the biggest mistake. He turned the ball over with a bad pass, then intentionally fouled Brandon Jenkins on the other end with a minute to play.

The Cards were 5-of-10 from the free throw line down the stretch, helping keep Florida in the game, until Juan Palacios sank two with 5 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

Dean and Garcia made several huge baskets in the second half but weren't factors in the closing minute. Dean was slowed by leg cramps, and Garcia fouled out with 1:40 to play.

Garcia's dunk to open the second half gave the Cards a 39-33 lead. He later made three key plays on consecutive possessions that gave Louisville its biggest lead.

He banked in a fall-away jumper, took a charge on the

ensuing drive and then drew a foul on a 3-pointer and made all three free throws. He kicked his right leg into Matt Walsh as he ran by, and the official called Walsh for a foul.

The series gave Louisville a 51-39 advantage.

But Florida clawed its way back into the game despite shooting 4-of-22 from 3-point range. The Gators cut the lead to 54-52 with about 10 minutes to play, then Garcia responded with an acrobatic reverse layup. The Cards extended the lead to 65-58 on Dean's 3-pointer.

After the Gators trimmed it to 65-61, Garcia drew a foul and sank both free throws.

Louisville made nine of its first 10 shots in the game and opened the game making its first four shots from behind the arc — two from Dean and two from Garcia.

Lee led Florida with 18 points and nine rebounds, Anthony Roberson added 15 points, and Walsh finished with 14 despite missing all four 3-pointers.

Garcia named C-USA, National Player of the Week

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — University of Louisville junior forward Francisco Garcia was named the national player of the week by ESPN.com as well as the Conference USA Player of the

Week for games ending Dec. 12.

Garcia produced a career high five steals, matched a career-best with eight rebounds and added 19 points and four assists as the Cardinals won 74-70 at Florida. It was only the third non-conference loss in the

last 49 games for the Gators at home over the last six seasons. Garcia has been a double-figure scorer in all six games this year and in 47 games for his career. He is 81 points short of becoming Louisville's 54th 1,000 point career scorer.

Steelers, Colts, Patriots and Falcons clinch division titles

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Four teams took the first big step toward the Super Bowl by clinching division titles, joining the Philadelphia Eagles, who already wrapped up the NFC East crown.

Defending NFL champion New England won the AFC East when it beat Cincinnati 35-28, and the New York Jets lost at Pittsburgh 17-6. Pittsburgh's win also gave the Steelers the AFC North title.

Indianapolis captured the AFC South with a 23-14 victory at Houston, and Atlanta took the NFC South when it beat Oakland 35-10.

"We are excited about that," Patriots safety Rodney Harrison said. "We will enjoy this victory for a day or two."

But they still have to keep winning because, at 12-1, they are tied with Pittsburgh atop the conference, and the Steelers beat the Patriots.

"Everybody keeps waiting for us to have a letdown, but each week someone steps up and makes big plays," Steelers receiver Hines Ward said.

Elsewhere, it was: Philadelphia 17, Washington 14; Seattle 27, Minnesota 23; Carolina 20, St. Louis 7; San Diego 31, Tampa Bay 24; Green Bay 16, Detroit 13; Baltimore 37, the New York Giants 14; Denver 20, Miami 17; Buffalo 37, Cleveland 7; Jacksonville 22, Chicago 7; New Orleans 27, Dallas 13; and San Francisco 31, Arizona 28 in overtime.

Patriots 35, Bengals 28
The victory was the 27th in 28 games for the Patriots. Asante Samuel had a 34-yard interception return for a touchdown for host New England, which forced three turnovers, and Tom Brady had two TD passes.

Carson Palmer threw for two TDs for the Bengals (6-7) before leaving with a sprained knee in the third quarter.

Steelers 17, Jets 6
Jerome Bettis' 10-yard TD pass to Jerame Tuman three plays after he passed the career 13,000-yard rushing barrier broke a 3-3 tie. Bettis also ran for a late touchdown, his career-high 12th this season, as Steelers tied a franchise record with their 11th successive win.

Curtis Martin also went over 13,000 yards for the Jets (9-4)

Colts 23, Texans 14
Peyton Manning broke one of Dan Marino's touchdown records with two TD throws, his 13th straight multi-TD game. He is within two of Marino's 20-year-old record of 48 touchdown passes in a season.

The Colts (10-3) got three field goals by Mike Vanderjagt (30, 43 and 40 yards) in the second half as they won their sixth straight.

Domanick Davis had 201 total yards for Houston (5-8): 128 yards and a touchdown rushing, and six catches for 73 yards.

Falcons 35, Raiders 10
At Atlanta, the Falcons (10-3) clinched just their third division title in franchise history as T.J. Duckett set a team record by rushing for four scores.

They took control with a 21-point second quarter. Oakland (4-9) had three turnovers, including an interception returned 39 yards for a touchdown by former Raiders defensive tackle Rod Coleman.

Eagles 17, Redskins 14
At Washington, the Eagles won their fifth straight and Andy Reid moved past Redskins coach Joe Gibbs into first place in winning percentage among active coaches.

The Eagles (12-1), who clinched the NFC East two weeks ago, secured a first-round bye when Atlanta beat Oakland. Reid's career record is 68-34 (.667), ahead of Hall of Fame coach Gibbs' 144-74 (.661).

The Redskins fell to 4-9, assuring Gibbs of his second losing season in his 13 years.

Seahawks 27, Vikings 23
At Minneapolis, Randy Moss' option pass with about 2 minutes remaining was picked off in the end zone by rookie Michael Boulware. Matt Hasselbeck had three first-half touchdown passes for Seattle (7-6), which leads the Rams by a game in the NFC West.

Minnesota (7-6) lost for the fifth time in seven games and dropped a game behind Green Bay in the NFC North. Moss caught four passes for 104 yards and a touchdown.

Panthers 20, Rams 7
A fifth consecutive win for the Panthers (6-7) moved them into a tie for the final NFC wild-card berth — unimaginable after they opened 1-7 and lost

several starters to season-ending injuries.

The defense set a franchise record with six interceptions against the visiting Rams (6-7), who had Chris Chandler at quarterback for the injured Marc Bulger.

Chargers 31, Buccaneers 24
At San Diego, Donnie Edwards returned his second interception 30 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with 4:09 left as the Chargers won their seventh straight. The Chargers (10-3) have won 10 games for the first time since their 1994 Super Bowl season.

Tampa Bay's Brian Griese threw for 392 yards and three TDs, two to Joey Galloway, but was intercepted three times. The Buccaneers (5-8) are guaranteed their second non-winning season since beating Oakland in the Super Bowl in San Diego in January 2003.

Packers 16, Lions 13
At Green Bay, Ryan Longwell capped a rally from a 13-0 halftime hole with a 23-yard field goal with 2 seconds left, moving the Packers (8-5) ahead of the Vikings into first place in the NFC North.

Gusts up to 35 mph wreaked havoc on passes, punts and long snaps and caused a slew of drops, but Brett Favre adjusted and the Lions (5-8) didn't. Favre was 3-of-15 for 28 yards in the first half, then an amazing 16-of-21 in the swirling winds for 160 yards and a touchdown in the second half.

Ravens 37, Giants 14
At Baltimore, Kyle Boller threw a career-high four touchdown passes, much better than what rookie Eli Manning managed for the reeling Giants (5-8), losers of six straight.

The Ravens (8-5) forced six turnovers and converted four of the turnovers into 20 points. Manning went 4-for-18 for 27 yards and two interceptions — a 0.0 quarterback rating.

Broncos 20, Dolphins 17
At Denver, backup running back Tatum Bell gained 123 yards before spraining a shoulder, and Jason Elam kicked a 50-yard field goal with 2:50 left. Bell replaced fumble-prone Reuben Droughns early in the game and ran for two scores.

Jake Plummer threw for 219

No. 10 Kentucky 73, Indiana 58

by MURRAY EVANS
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LOUISVILLE — Patrick Sparks scored 16 points and No. 10 Kentucky dominated Indiana inside in a 73-58 win over the Hoosiers on Saturday.

Chuck Hayes added 14 points and nine rebounds for Kentucky (6-1), which has won five straight games and 12 of the last 14 in its annual series against Indiana (2-4).

The Hoosiers have lost four straight games, the third time in as many seasons they've had a losing streak of at least four games. The current streak has come against heavyweights — North Carolina, Connecticut, Notre Dame and Kentucky.

Indiana entered the game shooting 34.8 percent for the season and wasn't much better against the Wildcats, shooting 38 percent. Junior guard Bracey Wright, the Hoosiers' leading scorer, kept them in the game with seven 3-pointers and 31 points.

Indiana trailed by nine points at halftime. The Hoosiers' first four baskets of the second half were 3-pointers — three of them by Wright — as Indiana pulled within 42-37 with 11:40 left.

Sparked by Kelenna Azubuike, Kentucky scored the next 11 points. Azubuike hit a 3-pointer to start the run, then capped it with a driving lay-in, a steal and an assist to Rajon Rondo, whose dunk put the Wildcats ahead 53-37 with 9:16 left.

Indiana came no closer than 13 points after that.

Kentucky continually took the ball inside, and it showed —

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL POLL			
	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Illinois (35)	9-0	1,748	1
2. Kansas (22)	6-0	1,709	2
3. Georgia Tech (12)	6-0	1,664	3
4. Oklahoma St. (3)	7-0	1,607	5
5. North Carolina	7-1	1,426	8
6. Wake Forest	6-1	1,397	6
7. Duke	6-0	1,360	9
8. Syracuse	8-1	1,339	4
9. Kentucky	6-1	1,152	10
10. Pittsburgh	7-0	1,102	11
11. Connecticut	4-1	1,016	7
12. N.C. State	7-0	1,007	12
13. Louisville	5-1	835	13
14. Texas	6-1	764	14
15. Arizona	6-2	688	15
16. Iowa	8-1	630	17
17. Alabama	8-1	576	18
18. Washington	7-1	543	16
19. George Washington	6-1	494	21
20. Mississippi St.	7-2	424	22
21. Michigan St.	5-2	370	20
22. Gonzaga	7-1	333	25
23. Maryland	5-2	317	23
24. Virginia	7-1	222	19
25. Cincinnati	6-0	215	

Others receiving votes: Marquette 175, Wisconsin 69, Boston College 64, Oklahoma 44, Notre Dame 30, Creighton 21, Florida 15, New Mexico 9, Hawaii 6, Arkansas 5, Oregon 4, Pacific 4, Miami 3, UAB 3, Wichita St. 3, Old Dominion 2, West Virginia 2, American U. 1, Iowa St. 1, Wis.-Milwaukee 1.

the Wildcats shot 49 percent from the field and outscored the Hoosiers 38-10 in the paint.

Center Randolph Morris scored 11 points for Kentucky, and his backup, 7-foot-3 Shagari Alleyne, had 10 points, five rebounds and four blocked shots.

Indiana hit five of its first seven shots — three of them 3-pointers — to jump to a 13-4 lead. But the Hoosiers then reverted to their shooting woes,

going without a basket for almost 8 minutes. After their initial spurt, the Hoosiers went 3-of-17 from the field the rest of the first half.

Sparks pulled the Wildcats even at 19-19 with two free throws 5:51 before halftime. That started a 16-5 Kentucky run to close the half, during which Sparks had 10 points and an assist. Kentucky led 33-24 at halftime.

Clear Channel announces broadcasting deal with UK

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky has reached an agreement with Clear Channel Communications that includes giving Wildcats sports priority over the University of Louisville on its WHAS-AM station, which is based in Louisville.



Mitch Barnhart

The deal, beginning in fall 2007, includes WHAS, WLAP-AM and WBUL-FM in Lexington

and WSAI-AM in Cincinnati, UK athletics director Mitch Barnhart said in a statement Saturday. The financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed in a statement from Clear Channel.

"We are delighted to establish this long-term partnership with Clear Channel's excellent stations in these three media markets," Barnhart said in a statement.

The University of Louisville has enjoyed priority status over UK since 1986.

UK and its broadcasting partner, Host Communications have been pushing to improve the Wildcats' secondary status at WHAS since the school and Host agreed to a 10-year, \$80.5 million broadcasting deal in September.

WHAS now holds the rights both UK and UofL, and Cardinals had priority over UK when both teams play at the same time.

The new deal announced Saturday includes all UK baseball and football games. Louisville and Lexington Clear Channel stations have also agreed to broadcast all Kentucky baseball and women's basketball games beginning next season.

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yards and had two interceptions as the Broncos (8-5) kept pace with Baltimore for the AFC's final wild-card spot. Miami fell to 2-11.

Bills 37, Browns 7
Back from injury and moved from cornerback to free safety, Troy Vincent had an interception, fumble recovery and sack as the Bills (7-6) won their fourth straight game and sixth in their last seven.

Host Buffalo held the blundering Browns to 17 yards, forcing five turnovers and adding eight sacks. Cleveland (3-10) had gained 2 yards with 9:34 left in the game, flirting with the NFL record of minus-7 yards, set by Seattle in 1979.

Willis McGahee had 105 yards rushing and scored on 6- and 13-yard runs.

Jaguars 22, Bears 3
At Jacksonville, the Jaguars (7-6) ended a three-game losing streak and remained a game back in the AFC wild-card race. The Bears (5-8) barely have playoff hopes in

the NFC.

Byron Leftwich threw two touchdown passes and rookie WR Reggie Williams had his most productive game with four receptions for 62 yards.

Saints 27, Cowboys 13
Dallas (5-8) had won consecutive games, but got little offense after leading 10-0 after the first quarter. Instead, it lost at home to a team that had lost three straight; the Saints (5-8) got their first road win over the Cowboys in 10 tries.

Deuce McAllister ran for two touchdowns and Joe Horn added a 31-yard TD catch.

49ers 31, Cardinals 28, OT
The 49ers (2-11) have only beaten the Cardinals (4-9) this season, both times in overtime by the same score. Todd Peterson's 31-yard field goal in overtime won it after San Francisco blew a 25-point lead. Neil Rackers' 22-yard field goal with 59 seconds to go sent the game into overtime.

Backup Maurice Hicks rushed for 139 yards for the Niners.

Eastern Kentucky 79, Robert Morris 69

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CORAOPOLIS, Pa. — Zach Ingles had a career-high 23 points, leading Eastern Kentucky to a 79-69 win over Robert Morris on Saturday night.

Ingles, a junior in his first season with Eastern Kentucky

after transferring from Pasco-Hernando (Fla.) JC, shot 8 for 13 from the field, including 3 for 7 from 3-point range. He also added seven rebounds.

The Colonels (6-1) won the battle of the boards, collecting 45 rebounds to the Colonials' 25. Eastern Kentucky nearly had as many offensive rebounds (16),

as Robert Morris did defensive rebounds (19). Michael Haney of Eastern Kentucky had a game-high 10 boards.

The Colonels went on a 19-7 run in the second half, extending their lead to as many as 18 with 10:45 to play. Robert Morris cut the deficit to seven on three different occasions but could get

no closer.

Mark Anderson led the Colonials (2-6) in scoring with 19 and in rebounds with seven. Chaz McCrommon had 15 points and four rebounds.

Jason McLeish had 17 points and Matt Witt 14 points and seven assists for Eastern Kentucky.

Morehead State 62, Md.-Eastern Shore 45

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PRINCESS ANNE, Md. — Chad McKnight scored 27 points to lead Morehead State University to a 62-45 against the University of Maryland, Eastern

Shore on Saturday.

McKnight also led the team in rebounds with 10. McKnight went 11-of-16 in field goals, and he was perfect from the free-throw line, going 5-of-5.

Ramon Kelly chipped in with

12 points and nine rebounds.

Morehead State (5-2) went 15-19 from the free-throw line.

Jason McKinnon led the scoring for the Hawks (1-5). McKinnon went 5-of-9 in field goals. Corey Brown scored nine points.

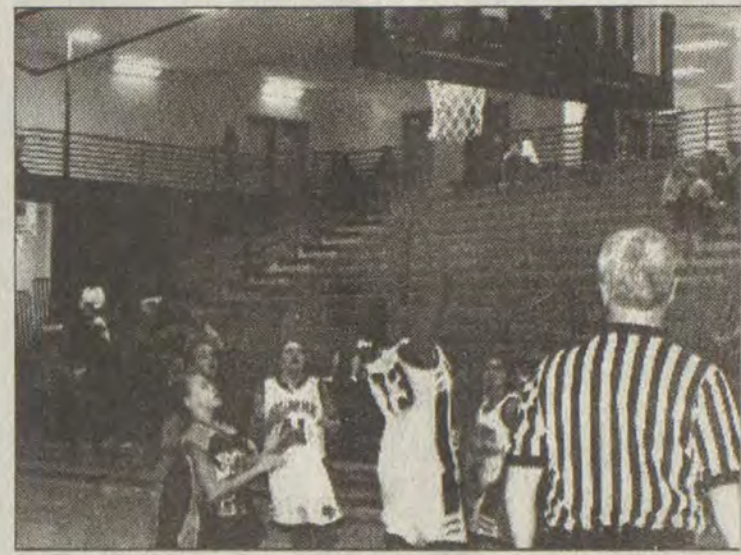
The Hawks shot a poorly, making on 32 percent of their field goal attempts. Morehead State shot 51 percent.

Morehead also was 15-of-19 from the free-throw line. Morehead led at halftime 30-15

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photo by Jamie Howell
 Prestonsburg senior Molly Burchett (10) drove to the basket Saturday night during a win over Wolfe County.



Right: South Floyd senior center Tab Trammell went up for a shot against the Jackson City defense. Left: Lady Raider guard Miranda Gregory tossed up a shot. South Floyd's win over Jackson City was its second victory of the 2004-05 season.



photo by Steve LeMaster
 Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose — in Friday night's win over Allen Central — talked to his team during a second-half timeout.

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POISON OAK

On winter prophecies and Rudolph

Nobody dislikes standing in line worse than I do, but as the saying goes, "If somebody gives you lemons, make lemonade."



Clyde Pack

Since I ended up gathering fodder for this column, guess that's what I was doing when the two women in front of me in the check-out line began talking about the hail storm that hit us last Friday morning. Now, before I get jumped on here, I wasn't eavesdropping. Had I been standing three aisles over, I still could have heard what these two women were saying.

Anyway, one of them was talking about the thunder we'd experienced and commented that her grandfather always said that thunder in wintertime meant "very cold weather" was on the way.

"On the way," of course, is a relative term and could mean within a day or two, or maybe several weeks. Regardless, though, the lady doing the talking was convinced that we'd have sub-zero weather before she could get "back home." Don't know where "back home" was, but her friend tried to assure her that we were still a cou-

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KIM'S KORNER

Teach the Children

There isn't a better time of year to share such a touching story sent to me via email from a dear friend by the name of Norm Marcum.



Kim Frasure

The story's author is unknown, yet its content could not be more appropriate for the season. May it touch each of you who read it, and May this Christmas be full of blessings as well.

TEACH THE CHILDREN

Just a week before Christmas I had a visitor. This is how it happened...

I just finished the household chores for the night and was preparing to go to bed, when I heard a noise in the front of the house. I opened the door to the front room, and to my surprise, Santa himself stepped out from behind the Christmas tree. He placed his finger over his mouth so I would not cry out. What are you doing? I started to ask him.

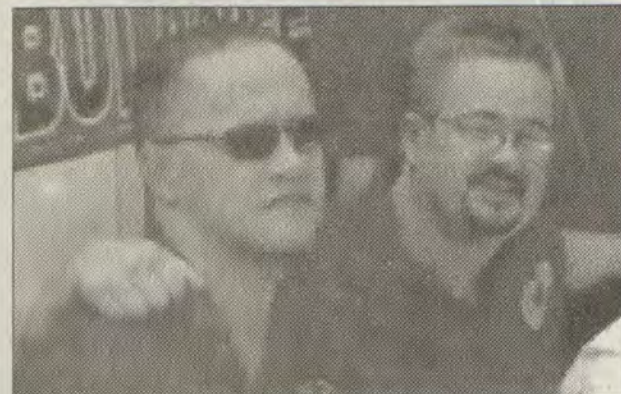
The words choked in my throat, as I saw he had tears in his eyes. His usual jolly manner was gone. Gone was the eager boisterous soul we all know. He then answered me with a simple statement, "TEACH THE CHILDREN!" I was puzzled: What did he mean? He anticipated my question, and with one quick movement brought forth a miniature toy bag from behind the tree. As I stood there bewildered, Santa said, "Teach the Children! Teach them the old meaning of Christmas. The meaning that a now-a-days Christmas has forgotten!"

Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a FIR TREE and placed it on the mantle. "Teach the Children that the pure green color of the stately

(See KORNER, page eight)

EMS Challenge Blood Drive to be held Thursday at Wal-Mart

The Central Kentucky Blood Center, Respond Ambulance and the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart will sponsor a memorial blood drive on Thursday, December 16, at the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart. The drive will be held to honor the memory of James Franklin "Jim Bo" Conley II. The Respond Ambulance team challenges all EMS units to support this drive.



photos by Kathy J. Prater

Lots of lace, satin, and shiny ribbon, along with a sprinkling of embroidery, gilded pine cones, poinsettia flowers, and tiny handcrafted Christmas stockings adorn Jenny Wiley's May Lodge Christmas tree.



The May Lodge Christmas tree is resplendent for the 2004 holiday season all dressed up in Victorian theme ornaments, handcrafted by the Floyd County Extension Homemakers organization.

Extension Homemakers 2004 May Lodge Holiday Tree

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

The members of the Floyd County Extension Homemakers organization have outdone themselves this 2004 holiday season with a gorgeous Victorian theme Christmas tree on display now in the lobby of the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park May Lodge.

Each year, the Homemakers take it upon themselves to decorate the Lodge Christmas tree with handcrafted ornaments they fashion themselves throughout the autumn season. This year, the members crafted ornaments using gauzy fabrics, embroidered lace, satin ribbon and a multitude of other mediums to create a one-of-a-

kind artistic delight for folks of all ages.

Miniature quilted satin stockings - "hung by the chimney with care" - tiny "mop-doll" angels with sweetly smiling faces, crimson red poinsettia flowers draped against a lace backdrop, crystal clear ornament spheres filled with gold tulle and topped off with glittering golden bows, and more, will delight, and melt, even the coldest "Grinch" heart.

Take a little time this holiday season to stop by one of our county's "crown jewel" attractions, Jenny Wiley State Park, and visit May Lodge for a taste of Victorian Christmas, courtesy of the Floyd County Extension Homemakers.



Among those involved in the 2004 holiday trimming of the May Lodge Christmas tree were, front row, left to right: Beth Jones, Jerry Castle, and Theresa Scott, Floyd County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Back row, left to right: Mike Fraley, Sherry Fraley, Donna Collins, Tiffany Fraley, Edith George, Patty Jones, Joyce S. Allen, Thelma Crider, and Dovie Dye.

CRITTER CORNER

Christmas Puppies - Part II

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Okay, so I know last week's article was about pets for Christmas, and here I go again. While I don't want to beat the subject to death, maybe I should. When I found this essay this week on one of my Internet humane groups, I thought it was worth reprinting. It took several e-mails to attempt to track down the author; no one seems to know exactly who wrote it.

So here it is, written by an unknown person who covered the subject in a different and a better way than I ever could:

Despite the warnings from experts, every year parents give in to the begging of their children and pop for a Christmas puppy. The attraction is understandable: Who doesn't love a puppy, and who wouldn't want to delight a child? But there are reasons why shelters, rescue groups and responsible breeders are uniform in their advice to think twice about a Christmas puppy.

Puppies are not toys. They are living, breathing (not to mention eating and urinating) beings who need a lot of attention. Who has time for a pup during the holidays? With a houseful of guests and a holiday dinner to prepare, who will



This is "Jake." Jake is a fun-loving, beautiful Golden Retriever owned by Erica, Caleb, and Kerrigan Campbell. Paula Campbell writes: "Jake is such a joy to us! He always meets the children when they get off the bus and sometimes he even meets our minivan near the mouth of our hollow - just so he can run 3/4 of a mile alongside us as we all cheer him on! We love him very much and think he deserves his picture in the newspaper!" Well, Paula, so do we! And what a great shot, too!

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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 and General Mills box tops to home room teachers!*

■ Dec. 12-14 - KYA trip to Frankfort.

■ Dec. 17 - Snowflake Ball.

**Science Olympiad practice every Tuesday and Thursday, until 4:30 p.m., throughout December.

■ 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, coordina-

tor, 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

■ 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

**School is participating in the "Apples for Students" program. Please turn in your Food City receipts to office or send with a student. Thanks!

■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

■ 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 Tristan 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

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

December 14 and 16, 1994

Deolores Woody's comments, Monday, at the funeral of Wilburn "Shorty" Jamerson are being echoed throughout Floyd County and particularly through the Wheelwright Community. Woody alluded to the fact that Jamerson's life was a yardstick that other individuals' lives could be measured by...A plan that could save more than a half million dollars in added construction costs on the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg got an official okay Monday from city council, which will own the facility when it is completed. Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, who will complete his first year in that post this month, told council, Monday, that the city had broken a financial tradition during the first six months of the 1994-95 fiscal year by making it through that period without borrowing money to pay bills...The Floyd County grand jury indicted Christopher Park, 28, of Hager Hill on two counts of first degree rape, and two counts of first degree sexual assault on December 8...This Sunday, marks the 18th year of an event that has become a Christmas tradition at Marlow's Country Palace. All month long the club, has been a drop-off point for donated toys, clothing and non-perishable food items that will be given away to the needy in Floyd and Pike counties during a party at the club...The Department of Justice announced, Tuesday, that Carl "Chris" Perkins, 40, a former Kentucky Congressman, has been charged with three federal felony charges in a U.S. District court in Washington, D.C. and that Perkins has agreed to plead guilty to the charges. Who will man the chairman's seat at PCC? That is the question, and one the attorney general has been asked the answer. The debate over the election of a chairman in September to the Prestonsburg Community College advisory Board continued Thursday night at the college...Police believe that a 30-year-old Floyd County woman died early Monday of carbon monoxide poisoning in her home at Water Gap. Tammy Ratliff Sammons was found dead in her home at approximately 3:15 a.m., Monday by her boyfriend, Steve Meadows...State officials approved a proposed \$14.4 million courthouse facility, Thursday, for Floyd County and now fiscal court members must decide if the county can meet its financial obligation for the project...A Floyd County Grand Jury will hear the case against a Hueysville man charged with four counts of first degree sexual abuse for allegedly fondling a 10-year-old. In a preliminary hearing, Wednesday, state police trooper Larry Woods testified that a juvenile said that Buford Thomas, 44, of Salt Lick, touched her in a sexual way on four occasions at Thomas' home last summer...Martin Mayor Raymond Grif-

fith has until the first of January to decide whether he will lease property to the city which is being used for a park. At Wednesday's Martin City Council meeting, councilman Everette Akers Jr., said if Griffith does not decide by the turn of the new year to lease the park property, council will begin removing city property from the lot...Santa's bag of goodies was too full for a sleigh, Wednesday. Instead, the Christmas treats came to Floyd County in two tractor trailers. Darrell Smith and Charlie Hammond, with Taylor Medical Inc., and H.&S. (Hammond-Smith) Medical Associates, brought two semis loaded with food, clothing, furniture and toys from Louisville and Bowling Green, to the Mud Creek Clinic's Prestonsburg office...A project that will spotlight the history, preservation and enhancement of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River at Prestonsburg, and a stream at Middle Creek, was recently selected by the Department of Local Government to receive a \$5,000 state grant. The City of Prestonsburg Main Street Program, Floyd County, and the Friends of May House combined, was one of 10 applicants that received the grant. A coal truck overturned, Thursday morning, on KY Rt. 80, near Maytown, and two people were injured in the accident. The driver of the coal truck had to be extricated from the vehicle in the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad. (No other details were available)...There died: Lilly May Hunter, 56, of Cow Creek, Saturday, December 10, at U.K. Medical Center; Freida Dyer, of Leburn, a retired teacher, who taught in the Knott County School System, Tuesday, December 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Elipha Jay Preston, 77, of Paintsville, Monday, December 5, at his residence; John Eldridge, 54, of Hager Hill, Wednesday, December 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Floyd Blackburn, 88, of Robnson Creek, December 12, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Coet Conley, 91, of Hindman, Monday, December 5, at the Knott County Nursing Home in Hindman; Anne Avakian Bruyere Bishop, 81, of Los Angeles, California, Wednesday, November 7, at Midway Hospital in Los Angeles; Patricia "Pat" Mills, 69, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, December 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ellis "Polecat" Gearheart, 85, of Hueysville, Monday, December 12, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Wilbur Ray "Shorty" Jamerson, 65, of Bypro, Friday, December 9, at his residence; Linda Johnson Marshall, 41, of Hopkinsville, Saturday, December 10; Betty Stephen Hunter, 80, of Muscatine, Iowa, formerly of Martin, Tuesday, December 6, at the Muscatine General Hospital; Lester H. Martin, 73, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, December 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Robert Rice, 81, of Bonanza, Friday, December 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Elsie June Calhoun, 65, of Prestonsburg, Friday, December 9, at U.K. Medical Center; Lexington; Libby J.

Hall, 67, of Frankfort, Wednesday, December 7; Ruth J. Wells, 70, of Kenton, Ohio, a Floyd County native, Sunday, December 11, at her residence; Lora L. Skeans, 91, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly of Martin December 3, at Cleveland; Columbus Shepherd, 81, of Blue River, Tuesday, December 13, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Danny Phillip Osborne, 46, of Hunter, was dead on arrival at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, Wednesday, December 14; Elza Newsome, 60, of Teaberry, Wednesday, December 14, at his residence; Charles Earnest Litteral, 71, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, December 14, at his residence; Howard Estill Allen, 79, a native of Right Beaver Creek, December 7, in Carter County.

Twenty Years Ago

December 19, 1984

Four county officials—including three magistrates on the fiscal court—and a former deputy judge-executive, were among 16 persons named in indictments handed down by a Floyd County Circuit Court jury. County officials indicted were Magistrate Kenneth Roberts, Magistrate Ed Caudill, Magistrate Lowell Samons, and former deputy judge-executive Thomas Lafferty Sr...Ricky Lee Perry, 22, and Clyde Perry Jr., 19, both of Middle Creek, were jailed on arson charges, following an early morning blaze, last Monday, that destroyed a Middle Creek furniture store...Distinguished speakers attended the re-dedication and renaming of the Prestonsburg Job Corps Center in honor of the late Congressman Carl D. Perkins. Perkins was a supporter of the Job Corps since its inception in 1965, and was a frequent visitor to the center...There died: James Wesley Jarrell, 41, of Sugar Loaf, December 12; John H. Case, 86, of Honaker, Saturday, at his home; Hent Newman, 70, of Hi Hat, Sunday, at his residence; Connie Hal Meade, 90, of Bevensville, Saturday, December 15, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mildred Scarberry Sexton, 51, of Martin, last Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Willa Mae Rice, 79, of East Point, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Lula Hayes Martin, 94, of Garrett, Saturday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home.

Thirty Years Ago

December 18, 1974

Those short, four-letter words formerly found mainly on outbuilding walls and the "frank" illustrations of the human anatomy are not in the textbooks used by Floyd County school children, and they will not be, county school officials said here last week...With the signing of a con-

tract between Meals On Wheels and the Department of Human Resources last week, the Meals On Wheels program received funding under Title VI for a fully operational program in Floyd and Johnson counties...Coal production has not returned, since the end of the UMWA strike, to its former frenetic activity, but rumors of a pronounced slump are unfounded, according to B. F. Reed, of the Turner Elkhorn Mining Company...A Japanese-made toy—Santa on a Seesaw—which was left running during the night, caused a fire at Abby's Gift Shop here early Sunday morning, which caused an estimated \$30,000 damage...The David Community Development Corporation expressed confidence, this week, that it will be able to buy the town of David from David Properties Inc...There died: Mrs. Leona Brewer, 90, of Wayland, Nov. 29, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Christopher "Buck" Goble, 90, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Mountain Manor; Hiram "Buddy" Johnson, 85, last Tuesday, at his home at Melvin; Mrs. Avenelle Hubbard Johnson, 71, formerly of this county, last Thursday, in Springfield, O.; Tom Salisbury, 84, of Drift, Dec. 9, at Martin; Mrs. Jeri F. Brank, 23, former Wheelwright resident, Friday, at Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Leona Tuttle, 66, of Bevensville, Dec. 7, at McDowell; Joney King, 63, of Bevensville, Dec. 8, at Mountain Manor; Lizzie Hurd DeRossett, 70, formerly of this county, Saturday, in Warsaw, Ind.; Manuel A. Enos, 67, of McDowell, last Thursday, at home; Mrs. Laura Hall, 78, of Weeksbury, Dec. 6, at Martin.

Forty Years Ago

December 24, 1964

The Merion Funeral Chapel opened this week at Martin in the former Ryan Funeral Home location, after having lost its Wheelwright Junction business in a fire, two months ago...Jimmy Ray, 28, of Prestonsburg, was severely injured, Wednesday morning, of last week, when struck by a steel rail while working on the yard here of the Mountain Metal Company...The Allen Company Inc., of Winchester, is the apparent low bidder on the Prestonsburg-Salyersville arm of the Mountain Parkway...The nation's war on poverty received, last Wednesday, 162 new projects costing \$82.6 million from President Johnson. Kentucky's share is nearly \$10.5 million...Lynn, Laura and Kay, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Forrest Brown, underwent tonsillectomies, Monday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Elder Hall, 41, of Printer, last Wednesday, at the University Medical Center, Lexington; James Martin, 46, formerly of Wayland, December 16, in Gallipolis, Ohio; Woodrow Tackett,

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Korner

fir tree remains green all year round, depicting the everlasting hope of mankind. All the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of man's thoughts turning toward heaven." He again reached into his bag and pulled out a brilliant STAR. "Teach the Children that the star was the heavenly sign of promises long ago. God promised a Savior for the world, and the star was the sign of fulfillment of that promise." He then reached into the bag and pulled out a CANDLE. "Teach the Children that the candle symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light we are reminded of He who displaces the darkness."

Once again he reached into

his bag and then removed a WREATH and placed it on the tree. "Teach the Children that the wreath symbolizes the eternal nature of love. Real love never ceases. Love is one continuous round of affection." He then pulled out from his bag an ornament of HIMSELF. "Teach the Children that Santa Claus symbolizes the generosity and good will we feel during the month of December." He reached in again and pulled out a HOLLY LEAF. "Teach the Children the holly plant represents immortality. It represents the crown of thorns worn by our Savior. The red holly berries represent blood shed by Him." Next he pulled out a GIFT from the bag and said, "Teach the Children that God so loved the

world that He gave His only begotten Son. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift. Teach the Children that the wise men bowed before the holy babe and presented Him with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We should give gifts in the same spirit as the wise men."

Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a CANDY CANE and hung it on the tree. "Teach the Children that the candy cane represents the shepherd's crook. The crook on the shepherd's staff helps bring back sheep strayed from the flock. The candy cane is the symbol that we are our brother's keeper." He reached in again and pulled out an ANGEL. "Teach the Children that it was the angels that heralded in the

glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest, on earth, peace and good will.'"

Suddenly I heard a soft twinkling sound, and from his bag he pulled out a BELL. "Teach the Children that as the lost sheep are found by the sound of a bell, it should ring people to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return." Santa looked at the tree and was pleased. He looked back at me and I saw the twinkle was back in his eyes. He said, "Remember, teach the children the true meaning of Christmas, and not to put me in the center, for I am but a humble servant of the One who is, and I bow down and worship Him, our Lord, our God."

Til Next Week...

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Organizations

Drift Woman's Club News

by Ruby Akers, secretary

Local GFWC-KFWC leaders attended the South Eastern Regional Conference to learn about programs and projects for 2004-2006. KFWC Conservation Chair, Ruby Akers, of the Drift Woman's Club, and KFWC Chair, Joyce Allen, of the Safety Program, and Burieta Gearheart, both of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club, were

among the 200 women who attended the South Eastern Conference of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, recently.

The women attended a series of workshops and presentations designed to help Federation leaders raise support within their clubs and states for a wide range of programs and projects that will fill specific needs with-

in their local communities.

GFWC International President Ernie Shriner talked about her special project which focuses on adult and youth literacy. She stressed the importance of encouraging more people to get involved in volunteer activities. "Every community needs more helping hands," she said. "Women who volunteer through a GFWC Club can reach out to those in need and at the same

time, find new friends and realize a great sense of accomplishment."

GFWC is an international organization of community-based volunteer Women's Clubs which have been working for 115 years to address the most pressing needs of their communities and the world. The GFWC/KFWC Drift Woman's Club has been active for 53 years.



Joyce Allen, first from left, Ruby Akers, second from left, and Burieta Gearheart, last on right, were three Woman's Club members who attended the South Eastern Conference as representatives of Floyd County.

Gifts from the Kitchen: A Southern Tradition

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sometimes the holiday spirit gets lost in the quest for the perfect gift. For some on your list, a batch of cookies, a loaf of bread or your famous cake may be the perfect solution. And, you might even enjoy an afternoon of baking more than a trip to the mall!

"In the South, we have reverence for food and the people who cook it," says Linda Carman, the Martha White® Southern baking expert, "so it only stands to reason that a gift from your kitchen will have special meaning. And the wonderful thing is that it doesn't have to be fancy or time consuming. One of your family's favorite recipes is significant when shared with a friend."

Something home baked is just the right gift for people you want to remember in a personal way — teachers, shut-ins or a friend who has been especially helpful. And, including a copy of your recipe adds the personal touch that keeps on giving long after the holidays are over.

Part of the fun of giving home-baked gifts comes in packing and wrapping your creations. The presentation can be as simple as wrapping with plastic wrap in a box, and adding festive ribbon.

If you have a little time, it's fun to look for compatible containers — like tins or jars for cookies, a plate or cover for a cake, or a cutting board and serrated knife to go with a loaf of bread. These little extras don't have to be expensive. Check discount stores, flea markets and grocery stores for items that would put the finishing touch on

your gift.

Of all the home baked gifts, cookies are probably one of the best choices since most varieties will stay fresh for several days without refrigeration. Dried cranberries and chopped almonds turn classic oatmeal cookies into a holiday treat that would be a welcome gift. Cranberry Almond Oatmeal Cookies are good keepers and travel well if they're destined for a loved one who's away from home. This recipe is also good made with dried cherries or apricots.

And you can never go wrong with a batch of brownies. They're year-round favorites. But for the holidays, it's fun to dress them up by adding special ingredients and baking them in mini muffin cups. Southern Peanut Butter Brownie Bites are fun, easy to pack for giving and provide that guiltless little bite of something sweet.

Quick bread loaves — like banana, pumpkin and zucchini — all make nice gifts because they keep well and can be enjoyed for several days after baking. If you have a friend that might prefer a savory loaf instead of the traditional sweet varieties, try quick and easy Rustic Parmesan Herb Bread. Made with a combination of biscuit and

cornbread mixes; this moist loaf has a delightful texture and flavor that complements soups and stews.

For other wonderful gift ideas, go to www.marthawhite.com <<http://www.marthawhite.com>> and click on the recipe section. You'll find plenty of other ideas

for sharing gifts from your kitchen.

Cranberry Almond Oatmeal Cookies

1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1 cup Martha White Self-Rising Flour
1 1/2 cup quick or old-fashioned oats
1 cup dried sweetened cranberries
1 cup chopped whole natural almonds

Heat oven to 350° F. Grease large baking sheet. Cream butter and sugar together in mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Add egg and almond extract; beat well. Add flour; blend well. Stir in oats, cranberries and almonds. Drop by heaping teaspoonfuls onto prepared baking sheet. Bake at 350° F for 10 to 12 minutes or until slightly puffed and brown around the edges. Remove from oven; cool on pan 3 or 4 minutes. Cookies will fall. Remove carefully to wire rack; cool completely. Makes about 36 cookies.

Southern Peanut Butter Brownie Bites

1 (22.5 oz.) package Martha White Chewy Fudge Brownie Mix
1/2 cup Crisco® oil
1/2 cup water
1 egg
1 (10 oz.) pkg. peanut butter chips
1/2 cup chopped peanuts

Heat oven to 350° F (325° F for dark coated pans). Spray miniature muffin pans with non-stick cooking spray. Line muffin cups with paper liners; spray

liners lightly with non-stick cooking spray.

Combine brownie mix, oil, water and egg in large bowl. Using spoon beat 50 strokes or until all dry mix is moistened. Stir in peanut butter chips and peanuts. Fill muffin cups 2/3 full of batter. Bake at 350° F for 12 to 15 minutes. Do not over bake. Remove from oven; cool in pan 3 to 4 minutes. Remove brownie bites to wire rack to cool completely.

Makes 48 brownie bites

Rustic Parmesan Herb Bread

1 (7 oz.) pkg. Martha White® Quick and Easy Extra Rich Buttermilk Biscuit Mix
1 (6.5 oz.) pkg. Martha White® Extra Rich Buttermilk Cornbread Creations
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill or rosemary*
1 cup (8 oz.) sour cream
1/2 cup milk
2 eggs, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 375° F (350° F for dark pans). Grease bottom of an 8" x 4" x 2" -inch loaf pan. In medium mixing bowl, combine biscuit mix, cornbread mix, Parmesan cheese and herbs. Add sour cream, milk and eggs; blend well. Spoon into prepared pan. Bake at 375° F 45 to 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes; remove from pan and cool on wire rack. Makes 1 loaf.

* 1 teaspoon dried dill or rosemary may be substituted for fresh.

Birthdays



Mallory is 2!

Mallory Evan Crum celebrated her second birthday on December 14, 2004. Mallory celebrated with family and friends with a "Dora the Explorer" theme birthday party. Mallory is the daughter of Mitch and Debbie Crum, of McDowell. She is the granddaughter of Mitchell and Teresa Crum, also of McDowell, and Arthur and Gaylena Fannin, of Price.



Aryn is 2!

Aryn Nicole Wells celebrated her second birthday on December 3, 2004, with a "Dora the Explorer" theme party, held at the Prestonsburg Pizza Hut. Many family members and friends attended to help Aryn celebrate her special day. Aryn is the daughter of Terri Wells and Kenny Ray Wells, both of Prestonsburg. She is the granddaughter of Amos Dotson, of Prestonsburg, Darlene Lewis, of Tucson, Arizona, and Kenny and Velma Wells, of Paintsville. She is the great-granddaughter of Eliza Dotson, of Middlecreek, and the late Greeley Dotson, and Polly Hall, of Prestonsburg, and the late William Hall. Aryn loved all of her gifts and thanks everyone for making her birthday grand!

Anniversaries



50th Wedding Anniversary

Thurston and Delcie Endicott, of Endicott, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 23, 2004, at the Ponderosa Steak House, in Paintsville, with family and friends.

Yesterdays

25, of Price, December 16, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital at McDowell; Robert Lee Ritchie, 64, of Wayland, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Lola Trusty, 69, of Lackey, December 11, at Golden Years Rest Home, there; Wilson Allen, 50, formerly of Printer, Friday, December 11, at the Ashtabula General Hospital; Emmitt (Embo) Roberts, 60, of Harold, Saturday, December 12, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Elizabeth Woods, 73, of Allen, last Wednesday, at Kings' Daughters Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

December 23, 1954

That Justice Bert T. Combs, of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, will oppose A. B. "Happy" Chandler for the Democratic nomination for Governor was regarded in Frankfort, this week, as a certainty. The Times learned Wednesday afternoon...Although the largest construction project planned at any Kentucky state park, next year, is a \$125,000 undertaking at Dewey Lake, lack of access roads to the proposed site will delay construction there of a lodge and vacation cottages...School teachers

in the Floyd County school district will be paid \$879,743.20 in annual salaries during the present school year, or an average salary of \$2,193.87, according to a salary schedule approved by the State Board of Education, recently...Floyd County is ending the year on an unhappy financial note, it was indicated, this week, when the fiscal court found two of its funds exhausted, and others nearly so...Born: to Pvt. and Mrs. Alex Patton, a daughter, December 21, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Mrs. Jane Spurlock, 72, of West Prestonsburg, Monday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Evan S. Jones, 80, last Friday, at his home at East McDowell; L. V. Goble, 63, of Lancer, Wednesday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Jack Gray, 89, of Allen, Wednesday, at the home of a daughter; Mrs. Fannie A. Jenkins, 49, Wednesday, at her home at Allen; Kenneth Wade Tipton, 15, Tuesday, at home, at Harold.

Sixty Years Ago

December 21, 1944

The week's casualty report: Killed, or died of wounds—Sgt. James F. Hyden,

31, of Prestonsburg, October 30, in Holland; James W. Hurd, 23, of Banner, of wounds received on Leyte, October 21; missing—Sgt. Sandy Martin Jr., of Hunter, and Pvt. George Webb, of Wayland, in Germany; the wounded—Pvt. Thomas D. Hackworth, of Bonanza, in Germany, December 2, and James Edward Collins, of Wayland, November 9, in the Pacific war theatre...Second Lt. Bermon Martin, of Allen, pilot with the 306th Bombardment Group, has been awarded his third Air Medal, the Air Force announces from England...Circuit Judge Henry Stephens was, this week, reported completing details of the purchase of the lot formerly occupied by the Baptist Church at the corner of Broadway and Court. Reported price is \$15,000 with Judge Stephens contributing an additional \$1,000 toward construction of another church structure on the Marris lot on First Avenue...Snow fell this week, plenty of it; schools were closed; more snow expected for Christmas—and at least the children were happy...There died: E. L. Hall, 62, Saturday, at McDowell; Mrs. Ruby Honeycutt, 31, at Auxier, December 11; Mrs. Exer Lackey, 39, of Weeksbury, last Thursday, at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Dora Shepherd Horn, 78, Wednesday, at West Prestonsburg; G. B. Newman Sr., 56, November 23, at Hi Hat.

Seventy Years Ago

December 21, 1934

Jody Adams, 34, brother of Sam Adams, victim in a celebrated Floyd murder case, was shot to death, Sunday at Burton...County Attorney Forrest D. Short, Oscar P. and J. D. Bond, are representing three Johnson county men in a \$75,000 damage suit in which the plaintiffs claim they were mistreated while prisoners in the Johnson County jail...Bob Ratliff, of Middle Creek, is near death in Dayton, Ohio, after losing an arm while working as a carpenter...Police Judge E. P. Arnold had a new experience, Sunday night, December 16. He officiated at a wedding. The contracting parties were Mrs. Mary Margaret Martin, of Paintsville, and Mr. William Huddleston, of Butler, Ky...Three Blackcat football players—Jim Dotson, Woodrow Branham, and Harkey Mayo—have been named to the all-conference grid team...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Mont Gibson, of Prestonsburg, a son, Charles Wilbur...There died: Mrs. Minnie Sizemore Blevins, 57, Friday, at her home; Miss Naomi Tomlin, 17, of Tram, December 11, a month following the death of her 14-year-old brother, Nathan; Miss Sylvia Collins, of Edgar, December 11, at a Pikeville hospital.

Oak

ple of weeks away from the official start of winter, that the temperature was still on the pleasant side, and that she had no reason to panic.

As far as the "lemonade" part, her remarks prompted me to do a little research regarding "signs" old Appalachian grandfathers used to predict "very cold weather," as the lady in line had put it.

Here are a few of the old weather prophecies I uncovered:

•If birds, any brand, gather together in great numbers on the ground, snow is on the way.

•The date of the month of the first snow indicates the number of snows that will fall during that particular winter.

•If hickory nuts and walnuts are plentiful, expect a very cold

winter.

•If it snows on the first day of March, there will be snow for 30 days.

•A heavy growth of mistletoe in the fall means a severe winter is on the way.

•If wild geese fly high when they go south, look for a bad winter.

Don't know how accurate any of these "signs" were, but in the days before TV and things like the Weather Channel, folks had to count on something to help them get ready for what lay ahead.

I know one thing for sure, though. My mom got ready for winter via the big, thick Montgomery Ward catalog. I'd bet a

nickel that until I was eight or ten years old, I had never had a stitch of store-bought clothes on my back that she hadn't either bought at the company store or ordered from Montgomery Ward. Since the variety of items was greater from the latter, I'd say 80 percent of the clothes I wore had come to our house through the mail.

I was reminded recently of another contribution that Montgomery Ward made to my young life when I read in the paper that the idea for Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer came from a promotion for Montgomery Ward back in 1939.

Since they more or less invented Rudolph, I guess Montgomery Ward has played a role in just about everybody else's winter season, too.

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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.

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Critter

make sure the puppy isn't being mauled by overly enthusiastic children and guests? Who has time to get his house-training started right?

Let's back up a little and look at another Christmas reality. Many reputable breeders and shelters flat-out won't cooperate with holiday puppy dreams. The sellers who have puppies for Christmas delivery are often motivated by money. Such breeders are less likely to cut into profits with pesky screening for genetic diseases and are less likely to know or care about the importance of early socialization. These attitudes may cost you in the long run, both in dollars and heartbreak.

But say you find the right puppy anyway. It's still a bad time to get a puppy. Try house-training a puppy when it's cold and stormy. Are you really so keen on the idea that you want to be out on winter nights, shivering while a puppy carefully contemplates whether he'd

rather sniff or pee?

What about the rest of the training? The first few months of a dog's life are crucial. Bad habits are far easier to prevent than they are to break later. Will you really feel like training your pup when the holidays are over, the days are short and the kids are back in school? And how will you socialize your young dog?

Dogs who grow up unmaneuvered, unsocialized and without house-training often never get a chance to grow up much at all. In the months after Christmas, I get many letters from people who are tearing out their hair over the now-adolescent Christmas puppy. Some people work with the dogs, but many just dump them. You want to find a Christmas puppy? Just check with shelters and rescue groups this summer and fall. You'll find plenty of them, half-grown and waiting for the second chance many will never get.

Dogs can be great for children, and children can be great

with dogs. But Christmas is not the best time to launch such a promising relationship. Somebody has to be the grown-up here, and if you're the parent, it should be you. Wait until late spring or early summer to find the perfect pup (or an adult dog, which is a better match for many families), so you can get your new pet off to a great start.

Well said!

P.S. Just a note to let everyone know that SNOOP volunteers will be available to wrap Christmas gifts next Saturday! They will be at MomNana's, the new Italian Restaurant in Prestonsburg, across from the Floyd County courthouse, from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Have a leisurely lunch while your gifts are being wrapped, take some stress off yourself, and help local animals at the same time! I'll look forward to seeing you there, as I've been drafted to help.

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Ask the CIS

Q: Is leukemia cancer?

A: Leukemia is cancer of the blood cells. It starts in the bone marrow (the soft, sponge-like center of bones), where healthy red and white blood cells are produced. When leukemia develops, the bone marrow makes large numbers of abnormal blood cells.

Leukemia affects white blood cells. Healthy white blood cells help the body fight infections. People with leukemia

often get infections because their white blood cells do not work properly.

Leukemia occurs in adults and children. It can be acute or chronic. In acute leukemia, symptoms appear suddenly and get worse quickly. In chronic leukemia, symptoms take a long time to appear and get worse slowly.

At this time, we do not know what causes leukemia. However, researchers continue to learn more about the disease through clinical trials (research studies with people). The chance of recovering from leukemia completely has tripled in the last 40

years. Symptoms of leukemia may include chills and other flu-like symptoms, weakness or fatigue, bone or joint pain, easy bleeding or bruising, swollen or bleeding gums, sweating (especially at night), loss of appetite and/or weight, slow healing of sores, and tiny red spots under the skin.

Any of these symptoms may be caused by leukemia or other, less serious conditions. Only your doctor can tell for sure.

For more information about leukemia and clinical trials in your area, call the Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER.

Q: How do scientists decide which substances to test as possible causes of cancer?

A: Scientists test substances to find out whether they can cause cancer in animals and humans. Thousands of substances could be tested. However, the tests are expensive and take a lot of time. For example, a study on whether a certain chemical can cause cancer in rats may cost several million dollars and take several years to complete. For this reason, not all substances can be tested.

Scientists consider certain factors when they make decisions about which substances to test. Substances likely to be

selected include those that affect a large number of people or those to which exposure levels have been very high. For example, pesticides fit both categories. They affect many people because they are used in and around the home and can be found in small amounts in foods. And people in farming communities are exposed to high levels of pesticides.

Naturally, scientists also rely on published reports. This could be a report from a laboratory study showing that a substance can cause human cells to become abnormal. Or it could be a report showing that people exposed to a certain chemical in a particular workplace or geographic area are getting cancer at higher rates than

expected.

For more information on substances that have been studied for their cancer-causing effects, read the Report on Carcinogens at the National Toxicology Program Web site at <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov> <<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>>.

The National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service (CIS) is one of the country's most trusted resources. "Ask the CIS" is distributed by the Mid South CIS, which serves Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Call the CIS toll-free at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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by Sandy Burden
8th grade, Johnson Central Middle School

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We've been through it all,
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But yet, we're both still here for each other.*

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Where would I be without you?
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You never leave my side,
Even if you totally disagree with what I'm doing.*

*When we're together,
We're always laughing and having fun,
Never a dull time.*

*You got my back - and I got yours.
I'll never let you down,
We can make it through everything.*

*You have my shoulder,
For whenever you need to cry,
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For whenever you need to talk.*

*I'll listen,
I'll always be here for you until the end,
Like I said,
I couldn't imagine life without you.*

You're my best friend.

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Capture the holidays, by including a photograph of your child/children and or grandchildren in a Holiday Special Section that will publish Wed. Dec. 22, 2004

Deadline for entries: December 15, 2004

Photographs may be sent by:

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Complete the form below by Dec. 15. Mail it, the photograph and your check for \$10 made payable to the Floyd County Times, to Santa's Little Angels, Floyd County Times, P. O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

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Include all of the information in the form below in your e-mail. Photographs must be in JPEG format. Email to: composing@floydcountytimes.com. Please include a daytime number to be contacted for billing information, or call (606) 886-8506 and pay by credit card.

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Deliver the form, your check in the appropriate amount (\$10 by Dec. 15) made payable to Floyd County Times and the photograph to the Floyd County Times, 263 South Central Ave. Prestonsburg, KY.

One form per child.
Please include a self-addressed envelope if you wish to have your photograph returned after publication.



Example:

Santa's Little Angel



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Jan 16, 2002
Daughter of Scott & Cheryl Little
Prestonsburg Ky

Santa's Little Angel's

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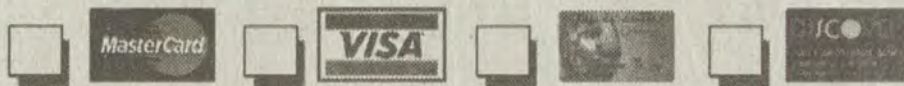
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December 2004



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Letters will be published in the Wednesday, Dec. 22 issue

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5327, Renewal In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousele, Kentucky 41839, has applied for a renewal for an underground coal mining operation, located 4.6 miles northwest of Bosco, in Floyd and Magoffin Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 11.4 surface acres and will underlie 3816.0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 3827.4 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.8 mile northwest from S.R. 7's junction with S.R. 2029, and located near the head of Raccoon Branch. The latitude is 37°30'50". The longitude is 82°53'40". The proposed operation is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7 1/2-minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by Sylvia Warrix. The operation will underlie land owned by Ellis Shepherd, Lindburg Hale, Artie Shepherd, Russell Shepherd, Elizabeth Howard Heirs, Reggie Shepherd, Opal Hale, Hayes Vanderpool, Silas Howard Heirs, Andy Osborne, Harold Wireman, Virgil Handshoe, Graydon Howard, Jr., Nora Howard, Della Shepherd, Haley Whitaker, Virgie Shepherd, Ethel Vanderpool, Delphia and Norman Hale, Randal Risner, Jay Handshoe, Monroe Vanderpool, Robie Shepherd, Fred Shepherd, Ell Howard, Delphia Hale, Harold Howard, Julia Howard Estate, Berlin Howard, Johnny E. Howard, Curtis Handshoe, Jr., Jack Warrix Estate, Clyde Howard Estate, Buck Patrick Estate, Lois Conley, Tressie Kalibachuk, James Howard, Jr., Ellis Bailey, John Oberst, Ellis Howard Heirs, Ella Allen

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Lola Faye Mosley. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Tar Paper Shack. The nature of the business will be Video & Game Rental. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application, has been convicted

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The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.060, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than January 20, 2005, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for January 20, 2005, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive, at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5427, Operator Change No. 3 in accordance with 405 KRS 8:010, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, intends to revise permit #836-5427 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is FCDC Coal, Inc. The new operator will be Mitac Mining Company, LLC, P.O. Box 4453, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502.

The operation is located 1.31 mile east of Drift, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.80 mile east of KY's 122 junction with the Simpson Branch County Road, and located 0.10 mile southeast of Simpson Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, 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.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
December 9, 2004
Residents of Auxier, Ky., and Stoney Brook Subd.

Paintsville Utilities will begin/or has already begun, billing the residents of Auxier and Stoney Brook Subdivision, for sanitary sewer service on December 12, 2004. You should receive your bill on or about January 2, 2005. They are due by the 15th of each month, and if not paid by the 15th, a 10% penalty will be added to balance each month.

Your sanitary sewer bill will be based on an average water usage of 5,000 gallons per month, which would compute a sewer bill of \$33.35 per month. We are offering the following three methods in order to better serve the customer:

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(2) You may request from your current water supplier a past 12 months of water usage printout and your sewer bill will be based on this average for upcoming year.

(3) If none of the above options are utilized you will be billed \$33.35 per month for sanitary sewer service.

This information must be submitted to the Paintsville Utilities Office, 137 Main Street, P.O. Box 630, Paintsville, KY 41240, no later than January 15, 2005.

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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 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

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 \$ 3 7 , 0 0 0 . 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.

THIS IS THE FINAL ADVERTISEMENT OF THE APPLICATION.

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 confer-

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.

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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 coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 269.6 acres and will underlie an additional 186.9 acres, located 4.5 miles northwest of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.8 mile 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 Howell, et al., G.M.O. Forestry Fund 3, LP, 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, Elsie Wright, Thelma and Lurie Hoover, and Knott Floyd Land Company Inc.

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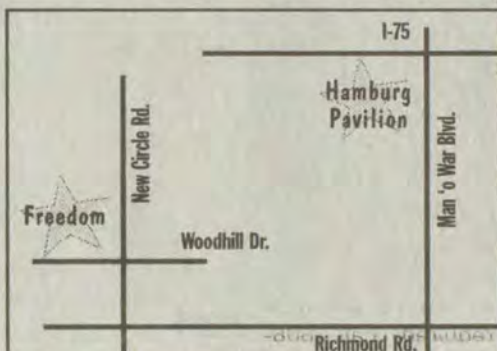


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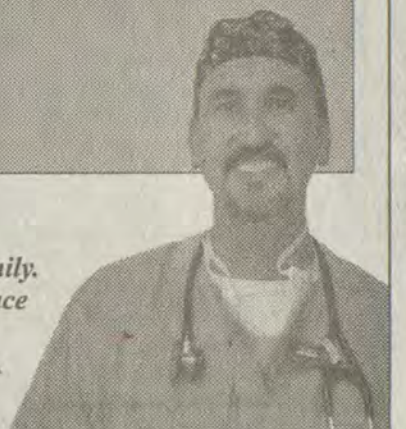
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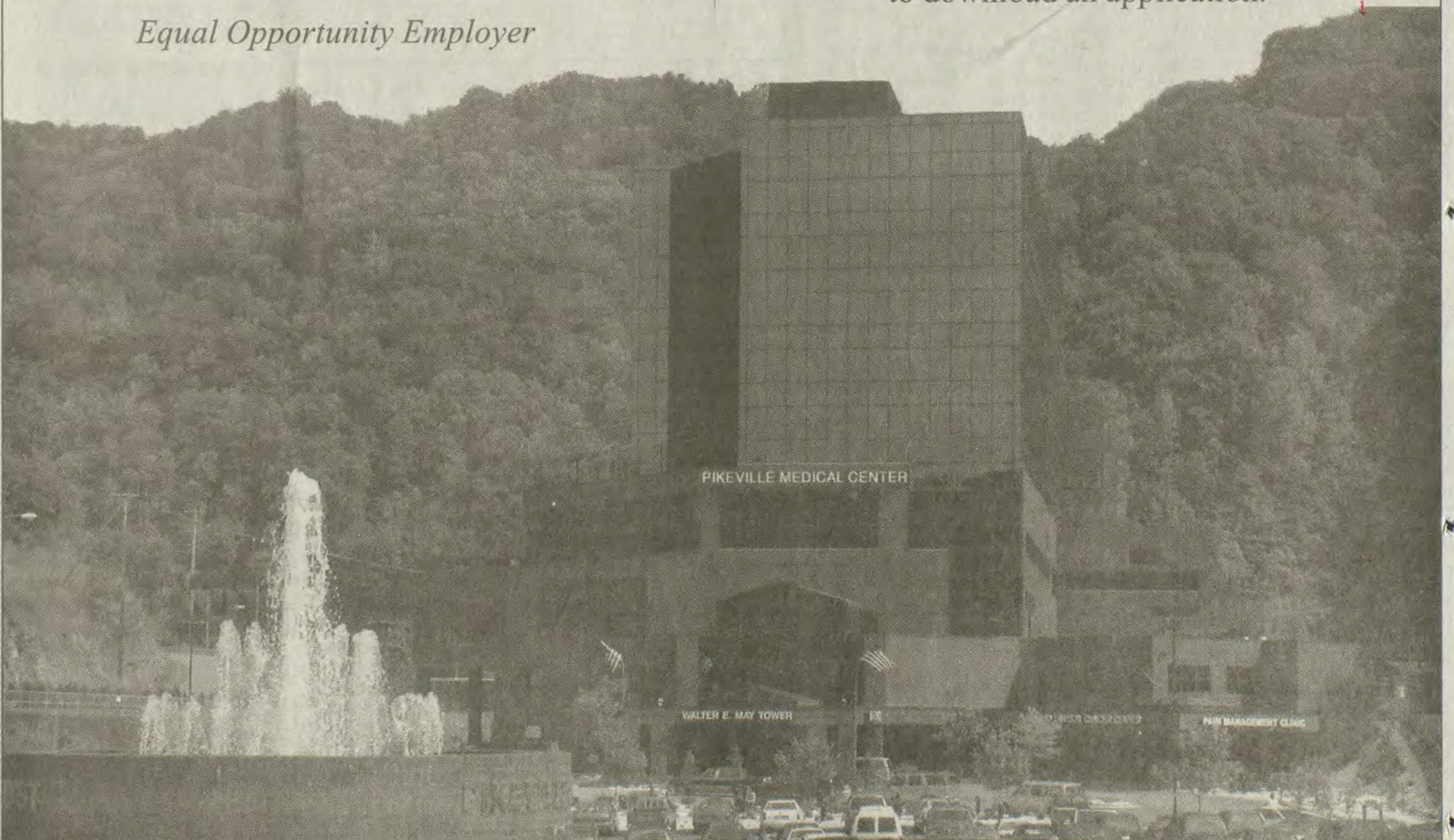
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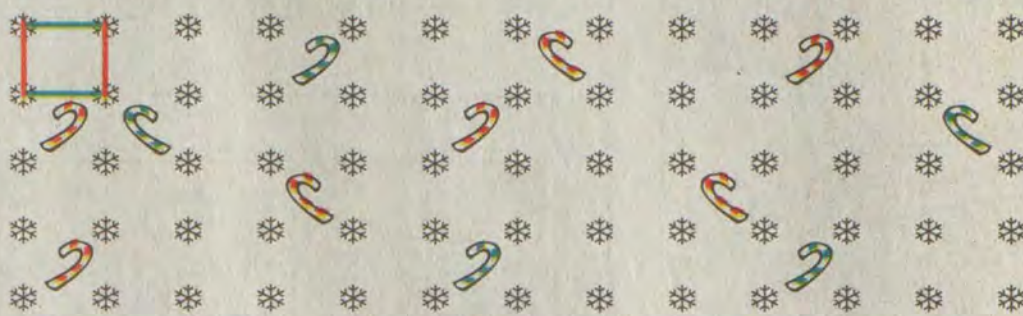
This Week: Christmas Celebrations

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Christmas Around the World

Froliche Weihnachten Merry Christmas from Austria

In Austria, some families celebrate Christmas with this sweet tradition. Each Christmas, tiny wrapped packages are hung on a small Christmas tree. Everyone who comes to visit can take one. Inside each package is a piece of candy.



Draw a vertical or horizontal line between two snowflakes. Then have a friend do it. Keep taking turns connecting the snowflakes. The person who completes each box scores 2 points. If the box contains a candy cane, that's worth 5 points.

Austria contributed something to the celebration of Christmas that is now part of traditions in many other parts of the world. Write the letter that comes after each letter alphabetically to discover this contribution.

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S G D R N M F " R H K D M S M H F G S "

Standards Link: Social Science: Students compare beliefs, customs, ceremonies, traditions and social practices of varied cultures.

Lystig Jul Merry Christmas from Norway

In Norway, families have a big dinner on Christmas Eve. After dinner, it is time for opening presents. Then all the brooms in the house are hidden.

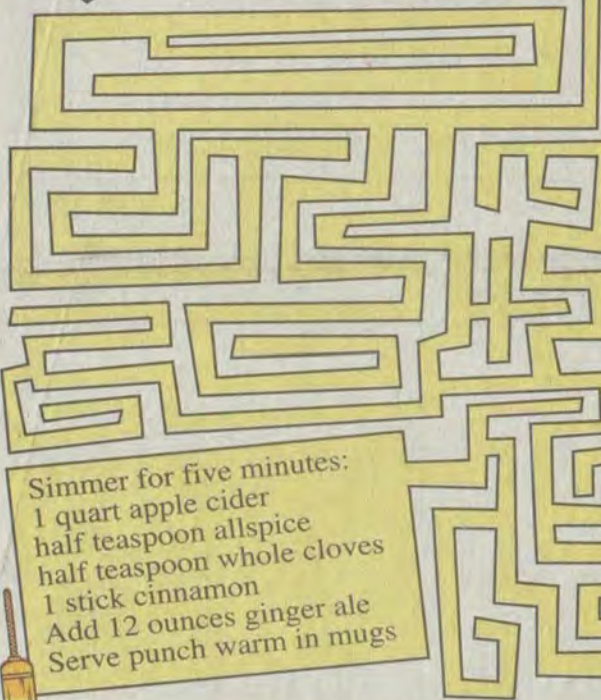
Long ago, Norwegians thought that bad spirits came out on Christmas Eve. It became a tradition to hide the brooms, fire shovel and tongs so that naughty spirits couldn't play with them.

How many brooms can you find on this page?

Wendy's Wassail Cup Merry Christmas from England

"At my home in Britain," says Wendy, "we like to go caroling. After a long walk singing in the cold, we come home for some warm wassail punch. You should try some!"

Follow the path to discover how to make wassail punch.



Simmer for five minutes:
1 quart apple cider
half teaspoon allspice
half teaspoon whole cloves
1 stick cinnamon
Add 12 ounces ginger ale
Serve punch warm in mugs



Sheng Dan Jieh Merry Christmas from China

In China, people who celebrate Christmas decorate their houses and Christmas trees with beautiful paper lanterns, paper chains and paper flowers. Santa Claus fills muslin stockings hung by the children with gifts.

Use the code to find out what children in China call Santa.

CODE	A = ▸	L = ▣
	C = ▾	N = ▤
	D = ▴	O = ▥
	E = ▹	R = ▦
	H = ▸	U = ▧

ANSWER: DUN CHE LAO REN

Extra! Extra! Holiday Fun

Look at the headlines in today's newspaper. Rewrite each headline so it means just the opposite.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Apply knowledge of antonyms.

Feliz Navidad Merry Christmas from Spain

In some small villages in Spain, people go to the village square on Christmas night. Everyone writes his or her name on a piece of paper and puts it into the "urn of fate." The names are drawn out, two at a time. Each pair will be best friends for the coming year.



Find an exact match for each of these ornaments.

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

- FROLICHE
- CHRISTMAS
- ENGLAND
- AUSTRIA
- MERRY
- SANTA
- BROOMS
- CANDY
- WASSAIL
- CHINA
- SYMBOLS
- COLD
- FIRE
- SPAIN
- MATCH

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.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Holiday Symbols

Look through the newspaper for pictures that symbolize Christmas and other holidays. Select two or more and find out the history of that symbol. Write a paragraph telling what the picture symbolizes and why.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write information reports that include facts and details for focus.



What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

ANSWER: Frosted flakes.

Weekly Writing Corner

Holiday Traditions

My family is Jewish, so I don't celebrate Christmas. Instead, I celebrate a different holiday. It is called Hanukkah. I get presents just like Christmas. It is lots of fun.

Ethan,
5th Grade

A holiday tradition in my family is every year at Christmas we have Slovakian food like chicken paprskosh (chicken and dumplings), perogies, lima bean soup with prunes, and haluski. Sometimes we follow the European tradition of opening presents on Christmas Eve and going to church after looking at the Christmas lights.

John,
4th Grade

My dad was born and raised in Italy. And in Italy on January 5th an old, good witch called Befana comes at night. If you hang up a stocking, she will stuff it to the top with your favorite toys and your favorite food. Now that's if you're good. If you're bad, then she will fill it with coal. I know it's a lot of fun to get presents, but coal, I couldn't tell you.

Delia,
5th Grade

A holiday tradition in my family is to listen to Christmas music way before Halloween. It sometimes "burns me out" on Christmas music. It's just one of my mom's quirky little things. A tradition I have is to bug my mom to give me a cookie fresh out of the oven before it's cooled. I think that one is my favorite.

Nicole,
8th Grade

My family's tradition is making special reindeer food. We make it by mixing oats, sugar and sprinkles, but it has to be a certain sprinkle, like pink or blue. We make it before Christmas so that we can sprinkle it all over the lawn. The food we make is for the reindeer. It gives them a break while Santa delivers gifts.

Ashley,
4th Grade

One of my family's traditions is buying live crab. Then we cook them and freeze them for about an hour. On New Year's Eve, we eat the crab while watching a movie.

Gianna
3rd Grade

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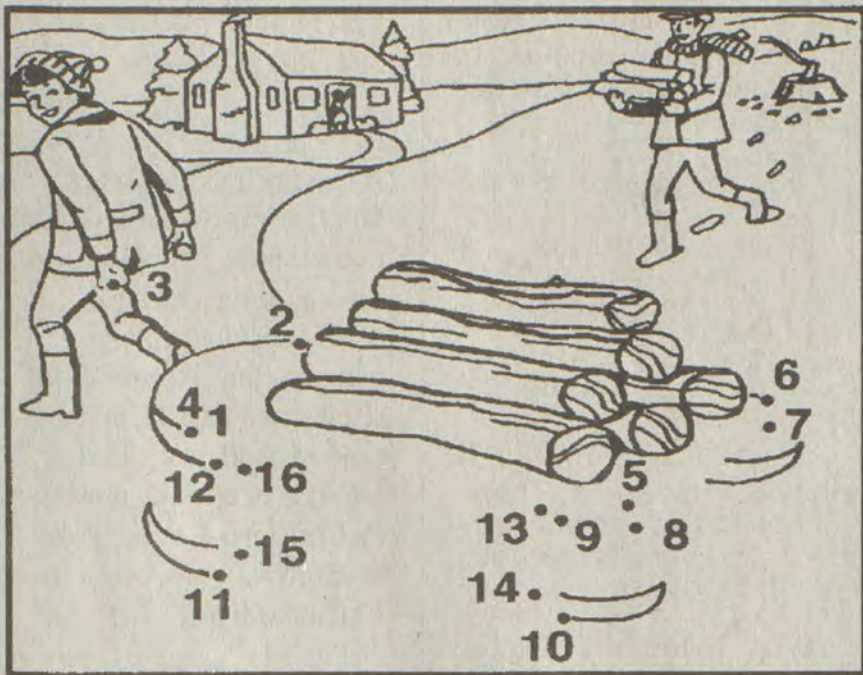


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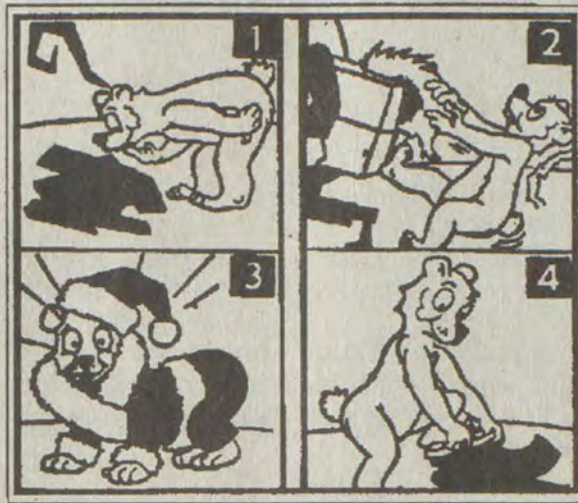
COLORING PAGE

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



WOOD WORKS! What can you draw to complete this old-time, wood-gathering scene? To find out, add lines dot to dot.



**SUIT-UP PANELS
LACK ORDER**

SEE how quickly you can put the four panels at left in order. That is to say, rearrange the panels so that the picture story makes sense.

Hint: Story begins with an audacious bear cub acquiring a readily identifiable jolly old fellow's suit.

Time limit: One minute.

Order: 2, 1, 4, 3.

HEALTH BEAT! Fill blanks: 1. A doctor uses a sphygmomanometer to test blood —. 2. The sphygmus, or pulse, generally beats — times per minute.

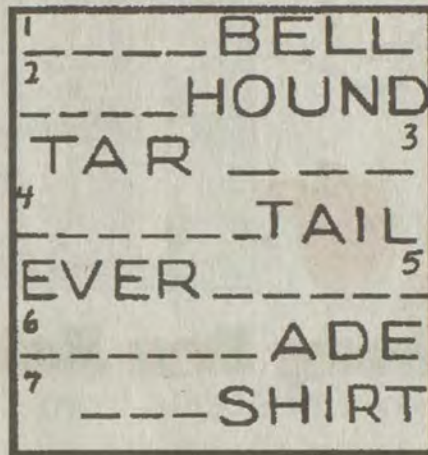
1. Pressure. 2. 72.

HUE NOSE! What color can you insert to complete each of the seven words at right? Each dash represents a letter. Clues:

1. Plant with a bell-shaped flower.
2. Fleet-footed dog.
3. To each his own, say Scotsmen.
4. Another name for an amberjack.
5. Christmas tree choice.
6. Kind of citrus drink.
7. Non-roster football practice player.

Time limit: Two minutes.

1. Blue. 2. Grey. 3. Tan. 4. Yellow. 5. Green. 6. Orange. 7. Red.



MAKE SENSE! Find each of the senses — taste, touch, hearing, sight and smell — by adding a letter and rearranging letters as necessary below:

1. SELL + M.
2. OUCH + T.
3. SATE + T.
4. THIS + G.
5. HERNIA + G.

No fair peeking below.

1. Smell. 2. Touch. 3. Taste. 4. Sight. 5. Hearing.



Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

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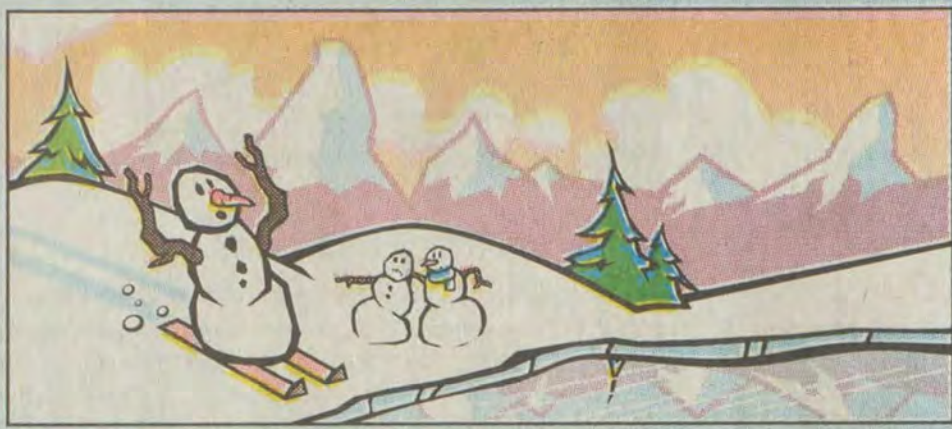
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My name: _____

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.

Up Close and Icy

Can you find where these icy pictures were taken? Draw a line from each of the smaller pictures to its place in the larger picture.

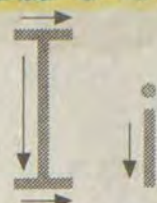


My Rhyme Time

Whenever I want to sleep,
And the weather is cold and icy,
Basket and rug are warm and snug
And the fire is nice-y pice-y.

My Letters

I is for Ice
i is for ice



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter I. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound that the letter I makes in the word ice?

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.



ICE IS _____



Sunday

Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter I in ice.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 1 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Land or Water?
Look at pictures of animals in the newspaper. Ask your child if each animal lives on land or in water.

Wednesday

Weather Watch
Look in the newspaper for the weather page. Talk about the weather prediction for the day. Watch the weather to see if the prediction is correct. Make weather watching a daily game!

Thursday

What to Wear?
Look at clothing that can be found in pictures and ads in the newspaper. Use a red crayon to circle clothes that can be worn in warm weather. Use a blue crayon to circle clothes that can be worn in cold weather.

Friday

Picture Puzzle
Cut a large picture out of the newspaper and glue it onto heavy paper. Cut the picture into puzzle pieces and give your child the chance to put the puzzle together! You can create a new puzzle every day!

Saturday

Deliver the Newspaper
Roll up your newspaper and have your child deliver the newspaper to different parts of the house. Practice tossing the paper to the back door, to the dog's bed, to a bedroom door, to the couch, etc.

Learning Buddies!

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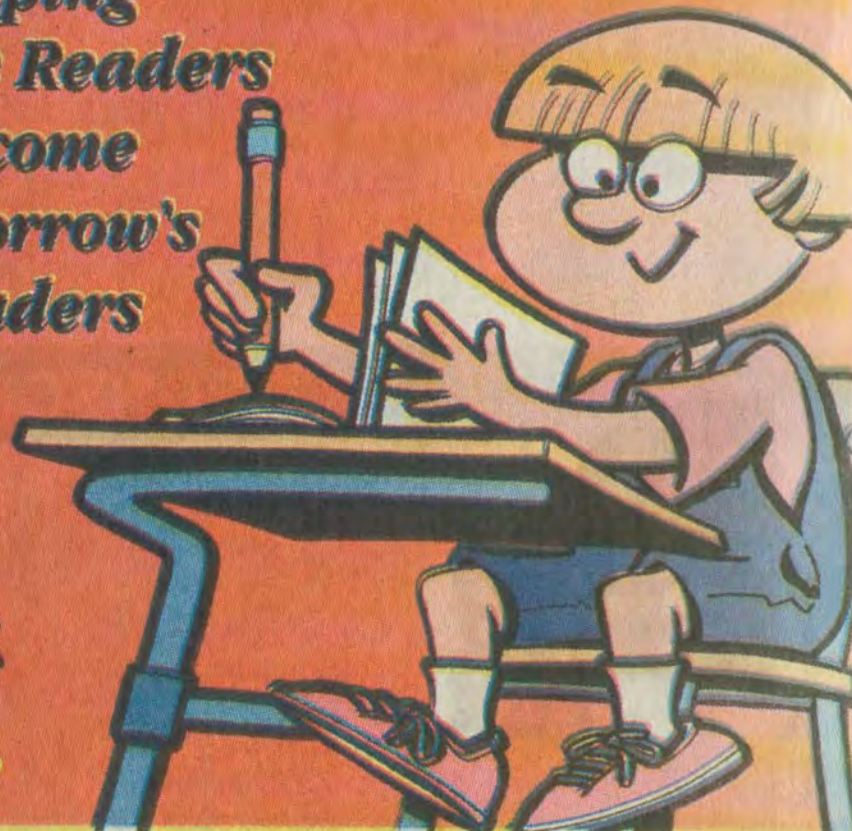
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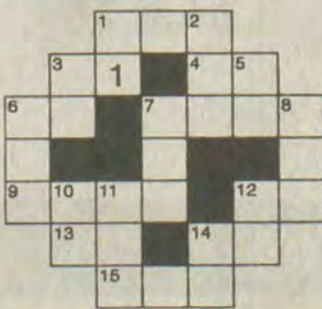
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Rational Numbers

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

- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- Four more than 5-Down
- One more than 13-Across
- One-half of 3-Down
- 1-Across plus 8-Down
- Consecutive digits rearranged
- One-third of 14-Across
- 12-Across minus 6-Across
- Five more than 14-Down
- Digits of 7-Down reversed

DOWN

- 6-Across plus 10-Down

Rational Numbers answers



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California GOLD RUSH

Western outpost

In the 1840s, California was an area of the United States that few American people had seen. San Francisco had few residents and was only a small port village. One wealthy regional resident was a Swiss immigrant named **John Sutter**. In 1847, he sent **James Marshall** and about 20 men northeast of his fort to the American River. He wanted to build a sawmill to provide lumber for expansion of his ranch. On Jan. 24, 1848, when the sawmill was nearly complete, Marshall's eye caught a glimmer in the river:



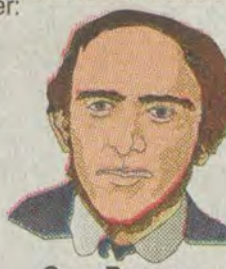
John Sutter



James Marshall

"I reached my hand down and picked it up; it made my heart thump, for I was certain it was gold. The piece was about half the size and shape of a pea. Then I saw another."

Soon enough, stories of gold leaked into the region, but there was still no rush to the American River. Few believed that the tales of gold were actually true.



Sam Brannan



President James Polk

The power of hype

Sam Brannan was the man who gave the Gold Rush its hype. He was a San Francisco merchant, skilled in inflated advertising claims; as a result, the Gold Rush would make him the richest man in California.

When news of the gold reached town, Brannan purchased every pick axe, pan, spade and shovel in the region. He waited for interest in the gold to peak. Back at his shop, pans that sold for 20 cents were marked up in price to \$15. When prospectors began to arrive in San Francisco in search of fortune, it took just nine weeks for Brannan to profit \$36,000 by supplying tools to them.

Crazy prices!

Inflation was high in San Francisco during gold fever. Here are typical prices for some common goods:

- Meals \$20 per week
- Room \$50 per month
- Coffee \$1 per pound
- Thumb tack \$10 each
- Flour 67 cents per pound

A gold nugget from Nevada County, California



In the early days of the rush, gold was easy to find. A knife, pick, shovel and pan were the only equipment needed. Dirt shoveled from creeks and rivers was swirled in shallow pans by **prospectors** searching for gold. Because gold is heavier than sand or gravel, the miner would swirl sediment and water in the pan. Sand and dirt would float and be poured off, leaving heavier rock, and hopefully gold.



The government gets involved

By the winter of 1848, news of the gold strike had traveled east. Although the press tried to discount the claims, the gold discovery received validation by **President James Polk** in early December 1848. Farmers, merchants and soldiers left family, farm and business, bound for California. By early 1849, gold fever had become an epidemic.

Thousands of adventurers went west with the same plan — spend a year of hard work to gain a lifetime's wealth. These men were called "49ers" because most left home in 1849.

Gold fever!

Some traveled by land on the Oregon-California Trail. Many took the sea route around the tip of South America. By the end of 1849, 80,000 had arrived in California. San Francisco swelled from a population of 800 to over 50,000 by 1855.

Most 49ers found nothing, and abandoned their claims and mining camps. But fortunes were made, and by 1900 an estimated \$1 billion worth of gold was mined in California.

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