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## Alternative floodwall offered

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — County officials said Thursday that they will meet sometime next week with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives for further dis-

cussions about a floodwall proposal for the city of Prestonsburg that could result in some significant changes in plans.

The proposal, which is one part of an extensive, regional study first approached following legislation in 1977 and the flooding that year that devastated a large

part of the county and could constitute a floodwall reaching across the city of Prestonsburg, was met with resistance in early December when city residents showed up at Prestonsburg's city council meeting to air concerns about the effects of such a project.

Floyd Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said Thursday that a followup meeting would take place sometime in the upcoming week to discuss options for the proposal, options that could possibly help

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#### briefs

### Coal waste spills into lake again

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — For the fourth time in a month, coal waste leaked from a Virginia mining operation into the headwaters of the Big Sandy River, authorities said.

Rodney Holbrook, manager of Fishtrap Lake for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said he received complaints Tuesday evening about black water flowing into the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River upstream from the flood-control reservoir.

"We haven't noticed any negative effects on the lake," Holbrook said. "We don't have a plume on the lake, no fish kill." Authorities haven't determined who was responsible for the leak.



photo by Sheldon Compton



Two people, who police have not identified, were hospitalized when these vehicles collided at a gas station entrance along U.S. 23 near Watergap Tuesday afternoon. The section of interstate has been the location of an increasing number of accidents in the past several months.

photo by Justin Holbrook

## Representative election to be held Feb. 17

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — A little more than a month from today the mystery and anticipation surrounding the vacant seat left in the House of Representatives by Attorney General Greg Stumbo will be solved, following an order Tuesday from Gov. Ernie Fletcher calling a date for a special election.

Fletcher penned an order Tuesday asking that a special election be held Feb. 17 to fill the vacancy.

The order was certified by Secretary of State Trey Grayson and later mailed to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office and, according to state law, Democrats and

Republicans have until Jan. 19 to make official their nominations for candidates in the upcoming election.

As of yet, there have been several Floyd Countians file to run in May for the seat in 2005, but the Democratic Party has not named a candidate for the special election.

The county has not seen a Republican file to run in May, but the Republican Party has gathered a list of individuals, including party chairman Bobby Stumbo and Magistrate Alan Williams, to choose from as a representative on Feb. 17.

On the Democratic side, although the party has seen half a dozen hopefuls file to

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## Two fugitives to be sent away

by **MARY MUSIC**  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two fugitives arrested by deputies with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department will be extradited, following hearings this week in district court.

Judge James R. Allen signed waivers of extradition Tuesday for Douglas Wayne Collins, 26, of Betsy Layne, formerly of Hillsborough county, Fla., and Thomas E. Shepherd, 29, of Winona Lake, Ind.

Collins, who was arrested in November by the Deputy Sheriff B.J. Caudill on Route 321 in Auxier, allegedly skipped out on the conditions of his probation two years ago in Florida, where he's currently wanted on a probation violation charge.

During his arraignment, held on

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Douglas Collins



Thomas Shepherd

## Violation sentence suspended

by **MARY MUSIC**  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd county man who was granted a pre-trial diversion in 2002 for a fraud charge against him was resented this week, but still will not be incarcerated, according to documents on file in circuit court.

Michael Dewayne Hoover,

charged with fraudulent insurance acts over \$300, pleaded guilty in September in Judge Danny Caudill's courtroom to violating the terms of his probation.

Hoover was indicted in December 2001 for presenting a workman's compensation claim in April of that year with AIG Claim Services Inc., seeking benefits while knowing it contained false,

incomplete or misleading information.

According to his circuit court file, Hoover appeared in court with his attorney, public advocate Harolyn Howard, in June 2002 and pleaded guilty to the fraudulent insurance acts charge after accepting a plea bargain offer from the

(See **VIOLATION**, page three)

## Judge denies lower bond for murder suspect

by **MARY MUSIC**  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A motion for the bond reduction of a Floyd County woman charged in the shooting death of her boyfriend was denied, according to an order filed this week in circuit court.

Velma Miller, 43, who turned

herself into authorities following the shooting of her boyfriend, Ronnie Curnutte, in early December, appeared in court Dec. 29 with attorney Nathan Collins, asking for the reduction and conversion of the \$100,000 cash bond placed against her following her arrest.

During that hearing, Collins requested the reduction of Miller's

bond because she could not financially meet the bond previously set in district court.

In the motion, which also asked that Miller's bond be converted from the current cash bond to a more accessible property bond, Collins stipulated that Miller had been incarcerated for 25 days without being indicted by a grand jury.

Collins, noting that Miller voluntarily turned herself in, also stated in the motion that she is "willing to abide" by any bond conditions imposed by the court.

Caudill, who took the motion into consideration following the Dec. 29 hearing, entered an order denying it the following day. His decision overruling the motion was filed by circuit court on Jan. 7.

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, the difficulty in bringing an indictment against Miller for the murder charge lies with the ongoing Kentucky State Police investigation.

"The difficulty is not so much on our part as it is the state

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# Odds & Ends

■ **SHEBOYGAN, Wis.** — The joystick-operated toy crane used to snare a prize in this supermarket game could've nabbed more than just a cheap stuffed animal - how about a shot at Timmy Novotny?

Authorities said the 7-year-old boy somehow crawled into the glass enclosure and got stuck.

Sheboygan Fire shift commander Mark Zittel said the call came in Saturday from a Piggly Wiggly as a "child stuck in a toy machine." The boy had to be rescued with the help of a locksmith.

"You expect to see an arm or a finger. But here's a 7-year-old boy sitting with the stuffed animals," Zittel said.

He said the boy crawled through about an 8-inch-by-10-inch chute where the toys come out. When he tried to get back out his way was blocked.

"His dad was three feet away at a pay phone," Zittel said. "He was talking on the phone and he said the next thing he turned

around and the kid was in the thing."

Zittel said the boy stayed calm as firefighters moved the game machine to the back of the store and a locksmith opened the main loading door. The process took about an hour.

"There was no panic," Zittel said. "We could have broke the glass if there was an emergency."

Rescuers haven't figured out how the boy was able to crawl into the game.

■ **CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas** — When Chuck Richison received a water bill in the mail last week, he had a hunch it wouldn't float.

Richison's bill normally runs about \$55, but the new one was for \$7,714,510.21.

"It was the 21 cents that got me," he said. "You're not too worried about it because you know even if it is real, you can't afford to pay it."

Richison, whose meter had been recently replaced, called

the Utility Business Office for help - only to be told the meter hadn't been misread. The city later adjusted the bill, acknowledging he was overcharged.

"It was just a timing issue," office manager Michelle Workman said. "It caused it to overbill."

Richison, who kept the misprinted bill, hadn't yet received a new invoice by mail.

■ **KEY WEST, Fla.** — Hens and roosters normally allowed to roam freely on the streets of Key West may be heading north.

More than 1,000 roosters and hens have been shipped in recent months to farms in central Florida. Now city officials have begun negotiations with a man offering to catch some of the fowl and relocate them to a farm outside of Tampa.

"Our goal is not to rid the island of chickens. They are part of our island charm," Commissioner Carmen Turner said. "Too much of a good thing has become too much."

It has not been determined how the chickens will be caught, but Armando Para Sr. will charge \$20,000 for the work, City Manager Julio Avael said.

It has been estimated that more than 2,000 chickens live on Key West's streets. An ordinance bars the public from killing them, but the city will remove chickens from neighborhoods and yards if residents complain.

■ **ZILWAUKEE, Mich.** — Zilwaukee's men can shave at will.

The Zilwaukee City Council has voted to make beard-growing a voluntary way to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the town just north of Saginaw.

Some council members had proposed a proclamation that would have required more than 650 men from the city and

Zilwaukee Township to grow beards as part of the anniversary celebration - or buy a \$10 shaving permit.

The proclamation would have mirrored one that was passed for Zilwaukee's centennial in 1954 - except then the permit cost \$3.

But now the shaving permit

is optional.

"We can't emphasize enough that this is a fun thing," Councilman Eugene Jolin Jr. said. "We don't want anyone to get mad or move out of town."

Dorey said he still has a permit his grandfather bought for \$3 during the centennial celebration 50 years ago.

"I wouldn't take \$300 for it now," Dorey said. "Years from now, my grandchildren can look back and say, 'Look, Grandpa had to buy a permit to shave.'"

The celebrations are set for June and, besides a beard-growing contest, are to include amusement rides, a dance, a parade and car and boat shows.

## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2004. There are 357 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 9, 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif.

### On this date:

■ In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

■ In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, N.J.

■ In 1861, Mississippi seceded from the Union.

■ In 1861, the Star of the West, a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, S.C., retreated after being fired on by a battery in the harbor.

■ In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines.

■ In 1957, Anthony Eden resigned as British prime minister.

■ In 1964, anti-U.S. rioting

broke out in the Panama Canal Zone, resulting in the deaths of 21 Panamanians and three U.S. soldiers.

■ In 1968, the Surveyor VII space probe made a soft landing on the moon, marking the end of the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

■ In 1993, seven people were found shot to death at a restaurant in Palatine, Ill. (Two suspects were arrested in May 2002.)

■ In 1997, a Comair commuter plane crashed 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing all 29 people on board.

### Ten years ago:

President Clinton began the first European trip of his administration in Belgium, where — on the eve of a NATO summit — he warned of a rising mood of nationalism in Russia that he said threatened the march of democracy in Eastern Europe.

### Five years ago:

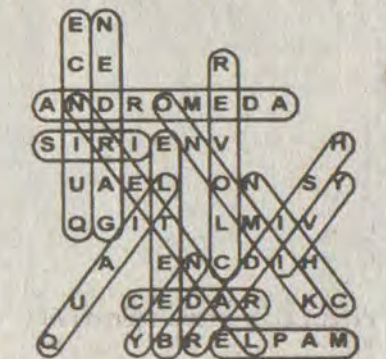
At the White House, presidential advisers prepared a public and legal defense in President Clinton's impeachment trial on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice; Senate Majority Leader Trent

Lott, meanwhile, pledged "above all, fairness" to the president.

### One year ago:

U.N. weapons inspectors said there was no "smoking gun" to prove Iraq had nuclear, chemical or biological weapons but they

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residents rest easier and cut possible project costs.

"There are certain places that can be raised out of the floodplain and others that might can be flood-proofed," Thompson said. "We're just going to look and see what might be done."

According to Thompson, the preliminary proposal, which details a floodwall running alongside the river from the campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College to near Billy Ray's Restaurant, could be reeval-

uated to concentrate on protecting the downtown areas most susceptible to flooding through use of a flood gate just off the Bert T. Combs bridge along North Arnold Avenue.

The flood gates would serve to prevent floodwaters from reaching downtown, considering that the majority of the flooding reaches the city from its more northern end.

This option would also eliminate the majority of the original floodwall proposed earlier. Rather

than having a floodwall run from the college to Billy Ray's Restaurant, the floodwall would begin at the Bert T. Combs bridge and run the much shorter length to downtown. What is being called the "shortwall" option would cut the size of the first proposed floodwall dramatically.

"This would be the most cost-effective way to protect the downtown areas," Thompson said. "The buildings in the area where the floodwall wouldn't be, could be flood-proofed or raised."

The move might also defuse fears of residents along North Arnold Avenue, fears that have been fed, perhaps, by casual conversation between Corps surveyors.

"I think maybe some of the surveyors have been talking to some of the residents and saying things like, 'This house is going to have to go, and so is that building, you know, that sort of thing,'" said Deputy Judge-Executive Brett Davis. "So people have thought that this thing was concrete, when it's just a proposal."

Some have also shown resistance based on the effects such a floodwall could have on the appearance of the city, but Floyd County Disaster Emergency Service Director Lon May says the floodwall would be comparatively smaller than those in counties such as neighboring Pike, where a floodwall proposal calls for an average overall height of 20 feet.

"The longwall would be, at its highest point there near the college, between 5 and 8 feet," May said Thursday. "The shortwall, there near the bridge, would be no

more than 2 feet at the most because it connects to high ground."

Officials say that several options are still on the table, but expect, after the upcoming meeting, to have narrowed the field to the two most viable — a longwall or a shortwall.

County officials met in mid-

December with residents such as Eunice Shepherd and Juanita Adams, who both voiced concern during the city council meeting concerning the proposal, gaining some ground in getting residents to realize that there exists a difference in a project and a proposal.

"This is just a proposal," Davis said Thursday. "The letter that has

been signed says specifically that nothing is legally binding at this point."

Officials say that certainly one option is to abandon thoughts of a floodwall, but have said, with the amount spent on studies upwards of \$6 million already, retreating from a project altogether would be a very unlikely possibility.

## Floyd man netted in alleged burglary ring

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — State police conducted a roundup Thursday of eight suspects, including one from Floyd County, believed to have been participants in a burglary ring responsible for a three-month long burglary spree at over 10 Pike County schools.

Police arrested Matthew Francis, of Turkey Creek, along with Hardy residents Billy Varney, Billy Hensley, David Haskins and Chris Kirk Jr., Phelps residents Johnny Casey and Brian Casey, and suspect Donnie Smith, for whom police gave no known address.

The eight men are charged in burglaries, thefts and vandalism at over 10 Pike County schools from September through December of last year, according to police.

The investigation that led to the arrests carried over into West Virginia and is currently being continued by authorities in that

state, as well.

In addition to the charges brought against them in connection to the school-related incidents, some of the suspects are being looked to as suspects in the burglary of Robinette's Surplus and more than 10 vehicle thefts, police said.

The vandalism and robbery of several vending machines was also taken into account during the past three months, according to Kentucky State Police spokesman Scott Hopkins.

In all, the men will be charged with over 100 crimes, ranging from criminal mischief to burglary.

The incidents remain under investigation by KSP Trooper Mitch Adkins, who will be assisted by Det. Mike Goble and several other officers from KSP Post 9 in Pikeville.

Police have asked anyone with information regarding these burglaries or thefts to contact them at (800) 222-5555. Callers may remain anonymous.

## Violation

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Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

He was granted a pretrial diversion by circuit court on July 5, 2002, but according to his file, violated his probation in September 2003 when he failed to pass required drug screenings.

Judge Danny P. Caudill signed an order voiding Hoover's pretrial diversion on Sept. 8, stipulating that he violated his probation by using marijuana, benzodiazepines and hydrocodone in May and July of last year.

Hoover testified that he was guilty of the probation violation, his file says.

On Sept. 19, Hoover appeared again in court with Howard and was resentenced to the maximum of two years in a state penitentiary, as stipulated in the 2002 plea agreement with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

The following month, he was released from custody to attend a

substance abuse program.

After finishing that program, Hoover returned to court once again with public advocate Leta Bahrestan on Dec. 19, where he was found guilty of the class D felony.

Caudill re-sentenced Hoover on Tuesday, placing, once again, the same two-year suspended sentence that he received for the charge in September.

Instead of incarceration, Caudill ordered that Hoover be placed under state supervised probation for three years and credited him with 80 days as time already served for the fraud charge.

A \$10,000 surety bond posted by Hoover in November was released, according to Caudill's sentencing order.

As a term of his probation Hoover was ordered to repay \$2,771.34 to AIG Claim Services, the 2002 plea agreement says.

## Stocking stuffer shoplifter gets no jail time

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman charged last month with shoplifting pleaded guilty during her arraignment this week in district court.

Sharon L. Coleman, 25, charged with theft by unlawful taking for shoplifting merchandise from the Family Dollar Store on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, was arrested by Prestonsburg Police Officer Ralph Frasure on Dec. 19.

Coleman waived her right to a trial by jury on Tuesday, when she pleaded guilty to the charge in Judge Eric Hall's courtroom.

According to her district court file, Coleman was given a 90-day suspended sentence following the hearing.

Hall probated the 90-day sentence for Coleman on the condition that she stay out of the store and have no violations for 12

months, the document said.

According to store manager Melinda Doderer, the Family Dollar store has dealt with several shoplifting incidents within recent months.

"We have a lot of shoplifting," she said. "And I don't know if it's that people think we don't prosecute or what, but the company likes to enforce it. They will prosecute shoplifting."

Doderer said during an interview yesterday that Coleman, along with another female, lifted "stocking stuffer items" for her children on Dec. 19.

"They cried so the police got sympathetic with them," she said. "They took three keychain dolls and other stocking stuffer items for their children. With it being so close to Christmas, they only issued them a citation."

The store, which is equipped with surveillance equipment, has had no shoplifting violation since Coleman's arrest, according to Doderer.

## Bond

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police," he said. "They have to compile evidence and complete the investigation."

State laws stipulate that the grand jury must take some type of action within 60 days of incarceration in any criminal case. Otherwise, the case can be dismissed without prejudice.

Miller, arrested Dec. 5, has

spent 34 days in jail.

Turner, who noted that a new grand jury will be seated this month, says he expects an indictment before the end of January.

Allegedly, Miller shot Curnutte in the face with a .32 caliber handgun at her home in Cane Fork, in Martin.

## Election

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run in May to fill the House seat for the term beginning in January 2005, the party has not named a candidate for the special election.

Floyd Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, the county's top Democrat, has said only that "the Democrats will prevail", but has not mentioned names of possible candidates.

The winner of the special election will assume the seat for the remainder of what would have been Stumbo's full term, ending in January of next year.

## Fugitives

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Nov. 12, Collins pleaded not guilty in district court and was ordered by Allen to be transported back to Florida, where he will appear in circuit court to answer to the charge against him.

According to the arrest warrant issued by Jeffrey King, of the Florida Department of Corrections, Collins was placed on probation after being found guilty of two counts of grand theft auto, one count of criminal mischief and one count of burglary of a conveyance.

Following that judgment, Collins was sentenced to 26 months in the state prison for each criminal count.

Those sentences were probated concurrently for two years.

According to the arrest warrant, Collins violated several conditions of that probation when he failed to report to the probation and parole office in Tampa, Fla. during the months of July through October, 2001.

Additionally, the warrant says, Collins failed to submit required monthly reports and financial obligations stipulated as conditions of his probation.

During court proceedings Tuesday, Allen also signed waivers of extradition for two cases against Thomas E. Shepherd.

Wanted on two counts of mischief burglary, Shepherd, arrested Tuesday by Deputy Sheriff Terry Chaffins, will be extradited to Warsaw, Ind., where he fled after being indicted on those

charges, his arrest warrant says.

According to the citation, Shepherd was found guilty of burglary in January 1996.

He fled Indiana on Jan. 2, the warrant says.

Both Hoover and Shepherd remain incarcerated at the Floyd County Detention Center, where they await their extradition.

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First Commonwealth Bank President and CEO Greg A. Wilson, left, and Burl Wells Spurlock, chairman of the bank's board of directors.

## FDIC data reflects that First Commonwealth remains market leader

PRESTONSBURG - As of the June 30 release of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation data, First Commonwealth Bank once again sat at the top of the Floyd County market with total bank deposits of \$126 million.

The same data also reflected that First Commonwealth's market share had risen to 29.5 percent, up from 27.4 percent as of June 30, 2002.

"We are thrilled our market share increase and we remain the Floyd County market leader," said Greg A. Wilson, bank president and CEO.

Wilson also spoke of the bank's 100th anniversary, which is being celebrated this year.

"Our 100th anniversary is a very important milestone for all of us at First Commonwealth Bank," Wilson said. "Our bank enjoys a long tradition of pro-

viding our customers with excellent products and outstanding service. We attribute our history of success to our customers and also to the diligence of our employees. We are very proud to serve our customers and communities and it is because of them and their faith and trust in us that we remain the Floyd County market leader."

First Commonwealth has two full-service locations in Prestonsburg, as well as full-service branches in Martin and Betsy Layne. In addition, First Commonwealth has loan offices in Pikeville and Morehead.

The mission of First Commonwealth Bank is to be a locally-owned, community bank, committed to exceeding the expectations of customers, employees, shareholders and communities.



# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Among mortals second thoughts are the wisest."

— Euripides

**Amendment 1**

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Guest View

## Getting darker before the dawn

New state Budget Director Brad Cowgill used the word pain to describe Frankfort's budget crisis on Tuesday. And he predicted things will get worse before they get better.

"There is a significant disparity of pain between this year and next year," Cowgill said. "The pain gets worse — it gets significantly worse — because there is no recurring revenue."

We're shocked!

After all, Gov. Ernie Fletcher assured us repeatedly during his campaign that he could clean up the mess in Frankfort, grow the state economy, get more money into the classrooms, and increase teacher pay, all without removing seniors from nursing homes, releasing felons from prison, or raising taxes.

Oh, there were a few warning that the budget crisis is so severe that only increased revenues or dramatically reduced services could solve the problem. Never mind, said Fletcher and his Democratic opponent Ben Chandler. They both contended they could work miracles.

Never mind, said the voters who in poll after poll and letters-to-editors said the problem could be solved by eliminating waste and corruption.

Well, the bills are about to come due. Fletcher is preparing his first budget to submit to the politically divided General Assembly. It likely will contain a good deal of pain.

Until Fletcher submits his budget, he should be given the benefit of doubt. He is a capable and intelligent man, and thus far, he seems to have installed capable and intelligent people in his administration. So perhaps he really can pull off a miracle.

We honestly hope so.

But if he can't, we urge Gov. Fletcher to engage the public in a real dialogue about the state of Kentucky's tax structure, its fiscal situation, and the hard choices Kentucky must make to solve the problem.

Part of that debate should be tax reform, or tax modernization as Gov. Fletcher prefers to call it. Such reform should incorporate most of Gov. Fletcher's ideas — to lessen the burden on the low income and to be responsive to our modern economy to produce growing revenues as the economy increases. But the debate should drop the nonsense about revenue neutrality and get on with solving the problem.

Otherwise, Cowgill's pain will become the pain of Kentucky students, of seniors forced to leave nursing homes, of more potholes, of more prison problems, and of dreams deferred. None of which would constitute a restoration of hope for Kentucky.

— The Glasgow Daily Times



Guest Column

## Federally induced poverty

by JIM HIGHTOWER

Here's a novel concept: If you work full time and do a good job, you shouldn't be paid so poorly that you live in poverty.

Try to tell that to the federal government, though. An independent study released by ACORN, the grassroots advocate for the working poor, finds that corporations enjoying fat, tax-paid contracts from the feds are paying poverty wages to the people actually doing the contract work. The same federal government that sets precise standards for, say the tensile strength of screws that it

buys, sets no standards for the fair pay of people working under its contracts.

The study, conducted by the Economic Policy Institute, revealed that 11 percent of federal contract employees receive less than a "living wage," which is to say their paychecks are too low to lift them and their families above the poverty level. In this period when Congress annually raises its own pay, in this period when federal contracts routinely cover the million-dollar paychecks of the corporate CEOs getting the contracts, it's absurd that our tax dollars would be used to subsidize sub-poverty pay.

Ironically, while the companies profit on the backs of these workers, many of the workers themselves have to turn to food stamps, housing assistance, and other federal poverty programs just to make ends meet. This means that we

taxpayers are hit with a double whammy: First, we're subsidizing low-wage companies, then we have to provide services to assuage the poverty of their workers.

Better that the contractors themselves be required to pay fair wages from the start, which is why the Living Wage Responsibility Act has been introduced in Congress, sponsored by Representative Luis Guitierrez of Illinois. It requires big businesses that get federal contracts to pay their employees a wage no less than the federal poverty level. For more information, contact ACORN: 202-547-2500.

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

Letters

### Motorcycle club thanks donors

The Brothers of the Wheel Motorcycle Club-Eastern Kentucky Chapter has just completed a successful year of working in Prestonsburg, Paintsville, Louisa, and Fort Gay, W.Va.

Each year the club purchases shoes, clothing and toys for local needy children. This year the club was able to help 300 area kids.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make all this possible for the third year in a row.

For more information about the Brothers of the Wheel Motorcycle Club-Eastern KY Chapter, call 789-3431 or 673-3241.

Signed,  
Todd Caudill  
Vice president  
Paintsville

### Likes new website

This is to say a heartfelt thank you for the new Floyd County Times online. As a retired person with ever diminishing income due to the rising costs of health insurance, I am grateful for the privilege of being able to read news from home online by means of sneaking and using my son's computer. I am sure he doesn't mind.

I want to say that I like the new format much, much better than the older one. Today being the second time I have been able to see the new format, I was surprised to see a

reader's letter from right here in my adopted hometown, Mansfield, Ohio. I don't know the person who sent it, but sure felt good to see that someone else has an interest in my old home country.

James G. Hall  
Mansfield, Ohio

### 'Santa' thanks toy donors

I would like to express my deep-felt appreciation to all the families and individuals who donated new toys to the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center's 2003 Toys for Tots campaign. With the help of the United States Marine Corps, First Commonwealth Banks, The Floyd County Times, Hi-Tech Signs, Glenda's Little Nook,

Add a Touch Florist and the community, we helped brighten the Christmas season for over 150 children from the local area.

I sincerely wish that each of you could have been here to see the joy in their eyes and the smiles on their faces as I gave them their presents, and the look on one little girl's face as she opened her gift while sitting on my knee because she couldn't wait until she got back to Mommy.

From one jolly, old fat man, let me thank you all for making my Christmas and brightening the holiday of over 150 children from our community. Let's make it bigger and better for Christmas 2004.

Again, thank you all, and God bless all you wonderful and caring people.

"Santa Claus"  
(sent via the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center)

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# 'At the Movies: Peter Pan'

by DAVID GERMAIN  
AP MOVIE WRITER

In a movie world so overrun by dazzling visual effects that they've started to become ho-hum, director P.J. Hogan's "Peter Pan" stands out as a vibrant, refreshing fantasy-landscape.

Rather than angling for the faux realism of computer-generated epics such as the "Lord of the Rings" and "Matrix" franchises, Hogan ("My Best Friend's Wedding") aims for over-the-rainbow whimsy, creating a Neverland that's off-kilter and occasionally wondrous to behold.

It's a world where children rest on clouds to spy on those below, the heavens are crowded with a galaxy of fanciful planets, and tiny fairies light up a forest like high-voltage fireflies.



Imagery aside, viewers' enjoyment of "Peter Pan" depends heavily on their tolerance for excessively cute ragamuffin children in full prancing mode.

Peter is played by 14-year-old Jeremy Sumpter, a welcome

"Peter Pan," a Universal release, is rated PG for adventure action sequences and peril. Running time: 113 minutes.

Three stars out of four.

departure from casting petite women in stage versions, but he and his Lost Boys are so preciously mischievous, their antics become an emotional drain on the story.

While the live-action version remains virtually as family-

friendly as Disney's 1953 animated musical adaptation, Hogan's take adheres more closely to J.M. Barrie's text. So grown-ups can look a little beyond the "Second Star to the Right" sentiment at Barrie's darker themes of Edwardian repression, seduction and awakening sexuality among adolescents.

Those elements center on Wendy Darling (13-year-old Rachel Hurd-Wood in a delightful acting debut), a brash London girl whose spunk is at odds with the proper household her father (Jason Isaacs), a toady bank clerk, seeks to maintain with his loving wife (Olivia Williams).

Peter — the boy who won't grow up, whose perpetually happy thoughts allow him to fly — sniffs around Wendy's bedroom window at night, reveling in the fairy tales she shares with her younger brothers John (Harry Newell) and Michael (Freddie Popplewell).

One night, Peter whisks the Darling kids off to his home in Neverland, where Wendy becomes "Mother" to the rambunctious Lost Boys and rival for Peter's attentions to winged fairy Tinkerbell (Ludivine Sagnier).

When not-so-dread pirate Captain Hook (also played by Isaacs) makes his latest sortie against archnemesis Peter, Wendy becomes the object in a tug of war between a figure of eternal youth and hopefulness and one of adult disillusionment and sourness.

Isaacs, best known for villainous roles that include the malignant wizard Lucius Malfoy in "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" and Mel Gibson's vile British foe in "The Patriot," injects a rousing mix of comedy and menace in Hook.

Hogan coaxes more smarm than necessary out of Sumpter, whose Peter occasionally irritates with his cheeky insolence. Likewise, Sagnier's Tinkerbell

(See MOVIE, page six)

# Anne Heche plays neglectful mom in Lifetime's 'Gracie's Choice'

by BRIDGET BYRNE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Anne Heche says growing up in an abusive family gave her a special appreciation for the issues surrounding her role as a drug-addicted mother who neglects her children in the Lifetime movie "Gracie's Choice."

"One of the things I've learned," Heche says, "is my story is one of millions ... children who are neglected, abused, treated badly."

In her 2001 autobiography, "Call Me Crazy," Heche revealed that she had been molested as a child by her father, a secretly gay strict Baptist who died of AIDS in 1983.

She says she knows firsthand that children have difficulty talking about the abuses they endure, often because they think nobody will believe them. A movie like this, she says, "adds to the pool of consciousness ... the hope that we can change the cycle of abuse."

For its part, the Lifetime network will provide hot-line

information during "Gracie's Choice," which airs Monday (8 p.m. Eastern), about abuse prevention groups such as Childhelp USA and From Darkness to Light.

Kristen Bell plays the title character, teenager Gracie Thompson, who fights her mother, Rowena Larson (Heche), for the right to adopt her three younger brothers and give them a stable home.

Executive producer Robert M. Sertner says a "delicate balance" was needed to portray Rowena — "a woman who you know should not have her children, yet a woman who you understand and relate to — so are in some measure horrified when they actually take the children from her."

He says Heche was "brilliant" at pinning down that complexity, and thoroughly professional.

"In this business, people get thrown into spotlights that aren't necessarily the correct color and you get preconceived notions about people that aren't always accurate," he comments.

Heche, of course, grabbed the spotlight with her very public relationship with Ellen DeGeneres, her mental breakdown following the split, and her confessions of craziness — which she blamed on her abuse — in her autobiography.

But the 34-year-old actress has also earned plaudits for her work. She won a daytime Emmy for twin parts in the soap opera "Another World" and was honored by the National Board of Review for her role as the White House aide in the political satire "Wag the Dog."

She's also settled down with a husband, movie cameraman Coleman Laffoon, and their 2-year-old son, Homer.

Does she ever regret any choices she made, or worry she's revealed too much about herself?

"My choice was to say it, or die, really," she says. "My goal was family. Now I have the most incredible family. I have what I set out to accomplish. Other people have different priorities. I was constantly being told to make different choices because of my career and it just never computed because my career was never my first choice ... My goals were to find love and find family."

She hopes those she's had relationships with — not just the publicized ones like DeGeneres and comedian Steve Martin — have no "bitterness."

"I had relationships with incredibly brilliant, wonderful, talented, loving, fabulous people. Nobody I wanted to marry, but God, lucky me, lucky me!"

Now that the Ohio-born actress believes she's got the relationship and family stuff right, she's refocusing on her career.

Heche first acted as a 12-year-old when living in New Jersey. "My family needed money. I was baby-sitting for people who owned a dinner theater. They were doing 'The Music Man.' I auditioned and got the part of Amaryliss."

She went on to appear in such films as "Donnie Brasco" opposite Johnny Depp, "Six Days Seven Nights" with Harrison Ford, the remake of "Psycho," and "John Q" with Denzel Washington.

Upcoming she co-stars with Nicole Kidman in "Birth" and is part of the ensemble cast of the independent feature "Sexual Lives." In February, she appears on Broadway in the revival of "Twentieth Century," opposite Alec Baldwin.

"I'm just happy that anyone thinks I can do a part that Carole Lombard could do," Heche says, referring to the unconventional, free-spirited actress who played Hollywood star Lily Garland in the 1934 film version of the screwball comedy.

"I wanted to be in more comedies. I wanted to embrace a bigger, bolder, broader, more beautiful self," says Heche, explaining she's always considered herself "a character actress," but is now "at the point where I want to be a leading lady."

## History

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demanding that Baghdad provide private access to scientists and fresh evidence to back its claim that it had destroyed its weapons of mass destruction. Thousands of Venezuelan bank workers stayed home to support a nationwide strike seeking new presidential elections.

### Today's Birthdays:

Actor Herbert Lom is 87. Author Judith Krantz is 76. Football Hall-of-Famer Bart Starr is 70. Sportscaster Dick Enberg is 69. Actor Bob Denver is 69. Actress K. Callan is 68. Country singer Big Al Downing is 64. Actor-singer Jimmy Boyd ("I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus") is 64. Folk singer Joan

Baez is 63. Actress Susannah York is 63. Rock musician Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) is 60. Pop singer Bill Cowsill is 56. Singer David Johansen (aka Buster Poindexter) is 54. Singer Crystal Gayle is 53. Rock musician Eric Erlandson is 41. Actress Joely Richardson is 39. Rock musician Carl Bell (Fuel) is 37. Rock singer Steve Harwell (Smash Mouth) is 37. Rock singer-musician Dave Matthews is 37. Singer A.J. McLean (Backstreet Boys) is 26.

### Thought for Today:

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Lorraine Stumbo, 33, to Shannon T. Hall, 17, both of McDowell.  
Tammy Michelle Williams, 34, to Paul Lee Williams, 42, both of Harold.  
Traci Renee Hicks, 29, to Rodney D. Rose, 30, both of Eastern.

## Civil Suits Filed

Ramonia Spurlock vs. Earl Spurlock; divorce.

Mary Dias vs. Roddy Dias; petition for health care insurance.  
Ruby Jones vs. Jessie Jones; petition for health care insurance.  
Margaret Clark vs. Tracy Lyon; petition for health care insurance.  
Patricia Ellis vs. Tiffany Lowe; petition for health care insurance.  
Patti Bellamy vs. Jeremy Bellamy; petition for health care insurance.  
Margie Hill vs. Crystal Hill; petition for health care insurance.  
Margie Hill vs. Jack Hill; petition for health care insurance.  
Lesa Hughes vs. Alex Hughes; petition for health care

insurance.  
Joyce Lafferty vs. Racheal Hamilton; petition for health care insurance.  
Melissa Hall vs. Charles Hall, Jr.; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
Jeremy Tackett and Angela Tackett vs. Fraziers Creek Mining and Virginia Drilling; complaint.  
Danny Newsome vs. Eugene Hamilton and Julinia Hamilton; complaint.  
Brenda Hall and Alexander Hamilton vs. Eugene Hamilton and Julinia Hamilton; complaint.  
Ralph Akers and Shella Akers vs. Eugene Hamilton and Julinia Hamilton; complaint.  
Leroy Hamilton, Abilene Hamilton, Heather Nicole Hamilton and Leroy Hamilton vs. Eugene Hamilton and Julinia Hamilton; complaint.  
Ralph Hamilton and Charolette Hamilton vs. Eugene Hamilton and Julinia Hamilton; complaint.  
Ford Motor Credit Company vs. Candace Stanley; complaint.  
Countrywide Home Loans Inc. vs. John D. Rose; com-

plaint.  
Legal Recoveries vs. Dorothy Derossett; complaint.  
James M. Thornsberry vs. Kentucky Power Company; complaint.  
Bombardier Capital Inc. vs. Shawn Conn and Sheila Hackworth Conn; complaint.  
Susan R. Musick vs. Larry M. Shepherd; petition for health care insurance.  
Anna Shepherd vs. Lendon Shepherd; divorce.  
David Bowens vs. Bill G. Carroll, Jr.; verified complaint.

## Small Claims Filings

Coalfields Telephone vs. Shawn Murphy; debt collection.  
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Coalfields Telephone vs. Michael Cuttings; debt collec-

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Coalfields Telephone vs. Claude Sammons; debt collection.

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Sabrina J. Bates, 26, Blue River, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.  
Jennifer Conn, age unlisted, Pikeville, theft by deception.  
Megan Royce Horn, 27, Hueysville, unlawful transaction with a minor.  
Phillip J. Holbrook, 23, Martin, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription in an improper container, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.  
Joseph L. Wells Jr., 43, Pikeville, theft by deception.  
Jimmy Hall, 40, Banner, first-degree wanton endangerment.  
Luther Ray Turner, 21, Martin, criminal mischief.  
Theresa Ritchie, 37, Mousie, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, third-degree assault,

terroristic threatening.  
Jamey M. Tomlinson, 27, Betsy Layne, hunting or fishing without a license.  
Randy G. Bentley, 36, Allen, criminal trespassing.  
Brahdy Conley, 23, Morning View, alcohol intoxication.  
Robert Lyle Stumbo, 21, Lexington, alcohol intoxication.  
Teddy W. Stanley, 37, Wheelwright, alcohol intoxication.  
Kamilla A. Daniel, 23, Thelma, alcohol intoxication.  
William J. Shreve, 31, Spencer, W.Va., alcohol intoxication.  
Michael R. Frasure, 28, Wellington, falsely reporting an incident, alcohol intoxication.  
Amy N. Combs, 18, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.  
Michael Alan Puckett, 30, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.  
John G. Jude, 37, Pilgrim, public intoxication.  
Johnny D. Caudill, 47, Hi Hat, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.

(See RECORD, page eight)

## Card of Thanks

The family of Dorothy Dixon Brown would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors who helped to comfort us during our time of grief. A special thanks to Clergyman Jimmy Dye for his comforting words; the Drift Pentecostal Church singers for the beautiful songs; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. Your love and support will never be forgotten. We greatly appreciate you all.

THE FAMILY OF DOROTHY DIXON BROWN

## Card of Thanks

The family of Hershel Shell wishes to express their gratitude, and extend to all those who shared in the sorrow we felt with the loss of our loved one.  
We would like to acknowledge and thank all our relatives, friends and neighbors, who expressed their sympathy through prayers, flowers, food, and the many kind words. A special thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, and the Auxier D.A.V. Chapter 18.

The Family of Hershel Shell

## Card of Thanks

We, the family of Elder Delmas R. Johnson, would like to take this time to thank everyone who helped us in our hour of sorrow, whether it was a prayer, a kind word that touched our hearts, flowers, food, or donations. We would like to thank the Little Rock Church and all of the members, where Brother Delmas was a member for over twenty-eight years. Also we want to thank the Old Regular Baptist ministers of the New Salem Association. We want to thank the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for all of the love and kindness that they showed us throughout the funeral and afterwards. Our thanks go out to Gary and Loretta Tackett of Roadies Restaurant, who fixed a special meal and brought it to the church. We would like to give a special thanks to the Floyd County Sheriff, John K. Blackburn and his deputies, Gary Tackett, Glen Wolfe, Kenneth Potter, Vernon Bradley, Terry Chaffins, Tivis Johnson, Steven Little, Jeremy Shepherd and Warren Halbert; Mike Fitzpatrick of the Justice Center; Roger Webb, the Floyd County Jailer, and all of the Floyd County dispatchers. We would also like to thank Charles (Joey) King and Rob Woods of the Kentucky State Police of the Hazard Post; Brian Lane and Justin Cornett of the Kentucky State Police of the Pikeville Post; the Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement; Randy Johnson of the Wheelwright City Police; and Steve Montgomery of the Martin City Police, who went out of their way to honor one of their own. We would like everyone to know that we will never forget all the love and kindness that you have shown to us, and that you will always be in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless all of you.

THE FAMILY OF ELDER DELMAS R. JOHNSON  
His loving wife and children

## Imogene Hall Cole

Imogene Hall Cole, age 75, of Drift, widow of John Morgan Cole, passed away, Tuesday, January 6, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.  
She was born February 12, 1928, in Minnie, the daughter of the late Ed Hall and Lizzie Turner Hall. She was a homemaker.  
Survivors include two sons, Ronald Morgan Cole of Bean Station, Tennessee, and Richard Michael Cole of Minnie; one daughter, Diana Lynn Reed of Banner; one brother, William "Buster" Turner of Minnie; two sisters: Jacqueline Hall, her twin sister, of Drift, and Aileen Adams of McDowell; six grandchildren: Wendy, Amy, Alvin, Kelli, John Michael and Jennifer; and three great-grandchildren: Jake, Karsten, and Lauren Kate.  
In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Linville Turner, and one sister, Euka Hicks.

Funeral services for Imogene Hall Cole will be conducted Saturday, January 10, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.  
Burial will follow in the Drift Cemetery, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.  
Visitation is at the funeral home.

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## Novie Martin Collins

Novie Martin Collins, 57, of Grethel, died Tuesday, January 6, 2004, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital Emergency Room.  
Born September 11, 1946, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Jake and Myrtle Evans Martin. She was a homemaker.  
She is survived by her husband, Raymond Collins.  
Other survivors include a son, Jason Collins of Grethel; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Roy Mullins of Galveston; and a granddaughter, Heather Mullins.  
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Arnold Martin.  
Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 10, at 1 p.m., at the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church, at Grethel, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.  
Burial will be in the Evans Cemetery, at Grethel, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.  
Visitation is at the church.

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## Peggy Lee Hall

Peggy Lee Hall, 50, of Ashtabula, Ohio, died Sunday, January 4, 2004, at Cleveland Clinic.  
She was born March 12, 1953, in Floyd County, the daughter of Charlie and Mabel (Childres) Hall, and had been an area resident most of her life.  
She enjoyed gardening and taking trips, her dogs, Cocoa and Sparky, and spending time with her family. She also had an extensive porcelain doll collection.  
Her survivors include her fiancé, Jeffrey D. Hall of Ashtabula; three brothers: Hargis and Ted Hall, both of Ashtabula, and Leon Hall of Pierpoint; several nieces and nephews; and three great-nephews.  
She was preceded in death by her parents.  
A service was held at 11 a.m., on Thursday, January 8, at the Ducro Funeral Home, 4524 Elm Avenue, Ashtabula, with Rev. Kenneth Roberts, Pastor of the Pentecostal Church of God officiating.  
Burial was in the Kelloggsville Cemetery, Monroe Twp.  
Visitation was at the funeral home.  
Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.  
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## John L. Hamilton

John L. Hamilton, age 75, of Newark, Delaware, died at his home on Tuesday, January 6, 2004.  
He was born May 18, 1928, in Floyd County, the son of the late Evan and Della Hamilton. He was one of eight children.  
John served during the Korean War, and was honorably discharged as a Corporal in the United States Army. He moved to Delaware and was employed at General Motors—Boxwood, where he retired in 1982, after 30 years of service.  
He was a proud, hardworking and generous man, who would offer help to anyone who needed it. In addition to spending time with his family, he enjoyed working outdoors on his property, gardening, automobiles, talking about politics and war stories, and maintaining a place at the beach.  
He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Miriam H. Hamilton, who died in 2000.  
He is survived by his daughter, Valerie L. Donovan, and son-in-law, Michael S. Donovan; and the pride and joy of his life, his two grandsons, Kyle and Evan Donovan, all of Wilmington, Delaware. He is also survived by a sister, Marie Clark of Kentucky; a brother, Rutherford Hamilton of Missouri, and several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He also leaves a dear friend, Golda Mae Jones of Kentucky, and a trusted neighbor, William Engle of Newark, Delaware. He will be sadly missed by all.  
A funeral service will be held at R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, 122 West Main St., Newark, Delaware 19711, on Monday, January 12, at 1 p.m.  
Friends and family may call at the funeral home, Sunday evening, January 11, from 6-8 p.m., or one hour prior to the service.  
Burial will be in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, under the direction of R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home.

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## Dewey A. Conley

Dewey A. Conley, 73, of 11242 TR 100, Findlay, Ohio, died the morning of January 2, 2004, at Birchaven Retirement Center, in Findlay.  
Born April 1, 1930, in Floyd County, he was the son of Ollie and Lydia (Auxier) Conley. He married Deliah E. Triplett on September 29, 1950, in Paintsville, and she survives in Findlay.  
Also surviving are a son, Danny Ray Conley of Findlay, Ohio; a brother, Raymond Conley; sisters: Eunice Robinson, Mildred Oldham, Lydia Auxier, Irene Kindrick and Wanda Tackett; and two grandchildren: Laura and Michael Conley.  
He was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Sharon Conley; an infant brother, James Roy Conley; and a sister, Imogene Dingus.  
He worked in construction as a homebuilder. He also worked at Cooper Tire and Rubber Company, in Findlay. He was presently retired.  
He was a member of East Point Lodge No. 657, F&AM; a former member of the Scottish Rite, Toledo; Zenobia Shrine, Toledo; Zenobia Shrine Clowns of Findlay, where he was Director of Clowns for two years. He was the past president of the Hancock County Homebuilders Association.  
Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 6, at 1 p.m., at Jones-Preston Funeral Home, in Paintsville, with burial in Highlands Memorial Park, Staffordsville.  
Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, and Burns Institute; Zenobia Shrine Temple, 1511 Madison Ave., Toledo, Ohio, 43624; or the Alzheimer's Respite Care, P.O. Box 113, Findlay, Ohio, 45839.

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## Movie

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is too much the bratty gnat for most of the movie.  
The talented Williams is consigned to a shallow role as worried Mrs. Darling, while Lynn Redgrave is tossed in to little effect as the Darling children's kooky aunt.  
The real find is Hurd-Wood, who bears a striking resemblance to Kate Beckinsale and

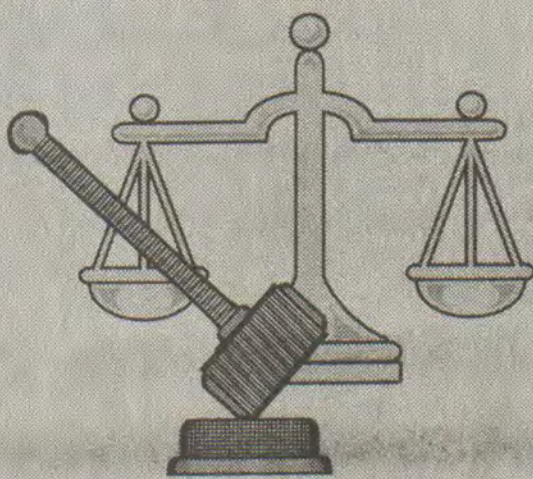
musters passion and expressiveness beyond her years. Peter Pan may never grow up, but Hurd-Wood already shows maturity that could spell a long, successful career.  
"Peter Pan," a Universal release, is rated PG for adventure action sequences and peril. Running time: 113 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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

**BAPTIST**

**Allen First Baptist, Allen;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.  
**Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.  
**Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.  
**Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.  
**Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.  
**Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Com Fork;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.  
**Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne;** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.  
**Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.  
**Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.  
**Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; **Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Randy Turner, Minister.  
**Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.  
**Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Ego, on Rt. 1428;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.

**First Baptist, Garrett;** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.  
**First Baptist, Martin;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.  
**First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial);** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.  
**Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2656 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.  
**Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
**Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
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THE CHOIR AT WORK, SINGING A PSALM TO THE TUNE OF THE NEW MOON, LINED UP BEHIND ONE OF THE LEADER PRIESTS, WHO IS THE SELEMAN, OF THE REAR PART OF THE SINGERS, COMPOSED OF TENOR SOPS AND ALTO VOICES, BEHIND WHICH ARE THE BUSICIAN CYMBALS, TRUMPETS, AND LYRES, ALL UNDER THE CHIEF MUSICIAN'S DIRECTION. IN THIS CASE, HIRSHAN, SON OF USATHI, (DAVID'S WIFE), CHIEF, (1000 B.C.).

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light in walk-in refrigerator not shielded properly. Score: 97.  
Orion Foods, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Spray bottle in food preparation area not labeled properly, thermometers not present in refrigeration units, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use not restricted, floor tiles in disrepair, walls and ceilings in disrepair. Score: 94.  
Alpique Mobile Home Park, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some homes less than 15 feet apart, some lot sizes not in compliance, not enough garbage cans, some lots with a small amount of debris. Score: 90.  
Family Dollar, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: floor in some disrepair, surface should be smooth and cleanable. Score: 99.  
Court Street Bingo, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not easily seen in refrigeration units, test kits not present, single service items not properly stored. Score: 96.  
Dollar General, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some food stored on floor, floor in back storage area in need of repair. Score: 97.  
Country At Heart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Pan of fudge needs to be covered, hair restraints not in use, restroom without a self-closing door. Score: 95.  
Papa John's Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Pizza toppings

not covered while not in use, no proper towels in restroom, floors in need of cleaning. Score: 95.  
Skeans Marathon, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate all thermometers in some reach-in units, ice scoop not stored properly, hand soap device not functioning in restroom, outside dumpster overfilled, floors in need of cleaning, butter for the deli needs to be covered, wiping cloth not properly stored. Score: 90.  
Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometers in display at deli, some food stored on floor of walk-in freezer and stored in floor also, hair restraints not worn correctly, countertop in some disrepair in deli, three-compartment sink not accessible in meat room, floor in deli in some disrepair, light shields missing from walk-in and on sale floor, outside dumpster without a lid. Score: 92.  
Dollar General, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Display refrigeration and freezer units do not have thermometers, paper towels stored on the floor in women's restroom, walls around the utility mop sink in need of cleaning. Score: 97.  
Mitchell Grocery, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Facility lacks chemical test strips, restroom door not self-closing, light over the food preparation area are not shielded properly. Score: 98.  
Action Mart, Minnie, follow-

up inspection. Violations noted: Hot foods now being held at proper temperatures and overhead light in walk-in refrigerator now shielded properly. Score: 96.  
Stop and Shop, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigeration or freezer units, hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use not restricted, no soap or towels present in employee restroom, ceiling tile in disrepair, upright refrigerator has no light, clothing improperly stored as coats were found stored with food equipment. Score: 96.  
Otter Creek Correctional Center, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Automatic dish washing racks stored on the floor, restroom facilities do not have soap in dispenser, food scoop stored improperly. Score: 95.  
Dollar General, Stanville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easily seen thermometers not present in all refrigeration and freezer units, employee restroom without paper towels. Score: 97.  
Johnny's Pizza and Carryout, Branham's Creek, regular inspection. Violations noted: Facility does not have chemical test strips, restroom door not self-closing, no towels in restroom, lights in food preparation area not shielded properly. Score: 96.  
Hardees, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some items not covered in reach-in units, ice cream scoop not store properly, hair restraints not in use by all employees in food preparation area, hot dog containers not covered and protected in food preparation area. Score: 93.  
Big Lots, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some food items not stored at least six inches from floor. Score: 98.

Inspections

Action Express Mart, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food stored on the floor, no soap in women's restroom, utility area floor tile in disrepair, walls and ceilings in disrepair, cleaning utensils not stored properly. Score: 93.  
Smith's Grocery, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Small leak in three-compartment sink, floors in disrepair,

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Richard Gordon Price to Becky Marie Powell, property located, village of Auxier.  
Gary Branham and Sandra Branham to Quentin Henry Scott, property location not listed.  
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## Reds sign RHP Myette to minor league deal

CINCINNATI — Right-hander Aaron Myette agreed to a minor league contract with the Cincinnati Reds that will pay him \$380,000 if he makes the major league roster. Myette, 26, opened last season on Cleveland's disabled list and later made two relief appearances for the Indians, giving up seven runs in 2 2-3 innings. He also had a 4.59 earned run average in 23 appearances for Triple-A Buffalo.

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### COMMENTARY

## Rose's betting admission: We fans, truly suffer

by RICK BENTLEY  
 TIMES COLUMNIST

When you're my age, you've come to realize the world isn't perfect.

Enough things have let you down. Enough people have passed through your life so that no matter the pain that it may bring, you aren't totally surprised when another one comes in and makes it a little brighter only to leave you again.

But that doesn't mean the disappointment doesn't bother you.

Then this happens. One of your childhood heroes lets you down. Again. The heroes of your youth aren't supposed

to do this to you. They're supposed to fade off in their glory, ride off into the sunset victoriously and be recalled in stories that are embellished with each telling as time passes.

For most of the last 15 years, I've written time and again about Pete

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Bentley

### WYMT MOUNTAIN CLASSIC

## Betsy Layne fights hard, falls to 14th fav Hazard

by JAMIE HOWELL  
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

HINDMAN — Brent Rose has a team that on any given night could compete with the best teams in the state. But on any given night

Rose's squad might not hold up so well, too. Wednesday evening offered a first round game in the WYMT Mountain Classic for Betsy Layne and unfortunately for Rose's team the

(See FALLS, page three)



photo by Jamie Howell

Derek Case (34) came in off the bench and gave Betsy Layne a boost in Wednesday night's game against Hazard. The Bobcats fell short in their bid to open the WYMT tourney with a win over Hazard, arguably the top team in Eastern Kentucky.



photos by Jamie Howell

South Floyd won its second straight game Tuesday night, defeating Johnson Central. Coach Henry Webb saw leadership from his seniors in the victory. Head coach Henry Webb is pictured talking directly to Wes Hall.

# RAIDERS GET REVENGE

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — The winner of Tuesday night's South Floyd-Johnson Central boys' basketball game would only improve its standing in the 15th Region. That was a given.

Johnson Central, playing host, beat South Floyd 77-64 in an early-season matchup back on Dec. 5.

However, the Golden Eagles found a much more unkind hardwood awaiting them Tuesday night. The road was much tougher in Raider Arena.

Johnson Central played without junior Kyle Rice in the lineup, but still held its own at times.

Host South Floyd began the game by going up 11-2 and led at the end of every quarter. In the end, the Raiders showed much improve-

ment since the first meeting, and won by 11, 72-61.

It wasn't just two or three three players that did the majority of the scoring for the home team. Many Raiders got into the scoring act, including some veteran senior players.

Senior Adam Tackett paced the Raiders with 17 points. Jack Slone, another senior, added 10. Sophomore Ryan Johnson and juniors Steven Stanley and Burnett Little all had 12 points apiece. South Floyd senior Brian Meade added nine points in off the bench.

The Raiders worked the ball and got many open shots under their own basket. South Floyd, many times, outlasted Johnson Central on both ends of the floor.

South Floyd showed signs of

(See REVENGE, page two)



South Floyd senior Brian Meade came in off the bench and played a valuable role in Tuesday's win over Johnson Central.

## Hot first-half gives Lady Bears win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College Lady Bears used a solid first-half effort to knock off U.Va.-Wise 73-63 Tuesday night.

With the win, the Lady Bears ended a three-game losing streak and stayed above .500, improving to 9-8 on the season. The Lady Cavaliers fell to 5-7.

The Lady Bears hit 17-of-32 (53.1 percent) from the floor and 4-of-9 from the arc to build a 40-31 lead by intermission. Despite cooling off to 36.7 percent in the second half, they outscored the Lady Cavs 33-32 to win by 10.

Freshman Ashley Wireman came off the bench to lead the Lady Bears with 17 points. She hit 3-of-7 from the arc in the game, and added four rebounds.

Junior Amelia Cody had 16 points and six rebounds, tying for team honors. Junior Selena Williams hit for 14 and pulled

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### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Bears go north, send East-West south

TIMES STAFF REPORT

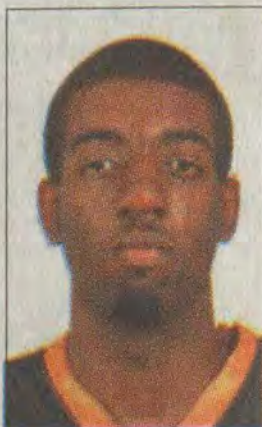
PIKEVILLE — Nine different Pikeville College Bears scored at least six points in an 89-56 win over East-West University Tuesday night.

The Bears (13-2) picked up their sixth straight win only hours after learning

they'd entered the NAIA Div. I poll for the first time this season. They're ranked 25th in this week's ratings.

East-West, on a five-night tour of the Mid-South Conference, fell to 3-14 on the season. The Phantoms lost to

(See BEARS, page two)



B.J. Townsend

## Bears crack Top 25

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — For the first time this season, the Pikeville College Bears have made their way into the nation's ratings.

Pikeville debuted on the list Tuesday, ranked 25th in the latest NAIA Div. I poll.

The Bears had received votes in both each of the first two polls, but not enough to enter the Top 25. Pikeville, 12-2 heading into tonight's game with East-West

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Randy McCoy

## Boyd County too much for Paintsville

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

SUMMIT — Paintsville is a young boys' basketball team and with youth comes eventual growing up. These young Tigers are still on their way up.

Boyd County led 16-0 before Paintsville scored its first points Tuesday night. The visiting Tigers got no closer than seven points and eventually fell. The host Lions won, 61-38.

Both teams had their share of hardships in the game.

The two squads combined for 46 turnovers and hit just 37-of-94 attempts

(See BOYD, page two)

### DIRT TRACK

## Kinzer approaches another race season

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — The 2004 Dirt track racing season is just around the corner for many area drivers.

Brandon Kinzer Motorsports will head south in early-February, traveling to Florida's Volusia Speedway Park for a string of UMP races.



Brandon Kinzer

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# More accolades come Abney's way

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The final Southeastern Conference offensive statistics have been released and, for the second year in a row, Kentucky senior wide receiver/kick returner Derek Abney has won two league statistical championships.

The versatile Abney led the SEC in all-purpose yardage with 151.8 yards per game and also won the league championship

for kickoff returns with an average of 24.1 yards per return. It was the second year in a row for Abney to win the KOR championship.

During the 2002 season, Abney won the SEC kickoff return and punt return titles, becoming the first player in league history to lead both return categories in the same season.

Media and fans should note that statistics became finalized following the bowl games. Since 2002, bowl games have

been included in official NCAA statistics; prior to 2002, bowl games did not count in official stats.

Final stats show that the Kentucky offense averaged 27.3 points per game during the 2003 season, the second-highest scoring average for a new coaching staff in Kentucky history.

In the modern era (post-World War II), Kentucky has had 10 head coaches. Here's how their teams ranked in points per game during their first seasons as head coaches:

- Hal Mumme, 1997 - 31.6 points per game
- Rich Brooks, 2003 - 27.3
- Guy Morriss, 2001 - 23.5
- Bear Bryant, 1946 - 23.3
- Bill Curry, 1990 - 20.8
- Fran Curci, 1973 - 20.5
- Blanton Collier, 1954 - 15.1
- John Ray, 1969 - 10.4
- Jerry Claiborne, 1982 - 8.7
- Charlie Bradshaw, 1962 - 8.5

■ Six starters are slated to return for the Kentucky offense in the 2004 season, including OG Jason Rollins, OT Matt Huff, TE Jeremiah Drobney, WR Tommy Cook, TB Arliss Beach, and FB Alexis Bwenge.

Additional returning players with significant game experience include TE Bruce Fowler, WR Glenn Holt, WR Keenan Burton, TB Draak Davis, FB Ronald "Rock" Johnson, and QB Shane Boyd.

The return of an experienced quarterback in Boyd will be important for Kentucky as the Wildcats must replace QB Jared Lorenzen, the leading passer in school history, along with All-America wide receiver/kick

returner Derek Abney, All-SEC tackle Antonio Hall, and two other starters in the line, guard Sylvester Miller and center Nick Seitze.

A total of 19 lettermen return on offense. Also competing for

playing time in spring practice will be several returning non-lettermen, six freshman red-shirts, and three junior college transfers, tight end Jamir Davis, wide receiver Scott Mitchell and offensive lineman Ernie Pelayo.

## YOUTH BASKETBALL

### Adams entertains McDowell in C-Team play

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The Adams Middle School C-Team was back in action Tuesday night as the Blackcats entertained the McDowell Daredevils. In the preliminary game, Adams won a close contest by a score of 19-16 as Wil Allen led the way with 11 points. Joseph Jamerson picked up 12 rebounds and two points for the Blackcats. Nathaniel Fraley, Anthony Hallum and Josh Dingus rounded out the scoring for Adams with two points each. McDowell was led in scoring by Brandon Marson who tallied nine points.

In the C-Team game, Adams got off to a slow start and McDowell led 14-9 at halftime. McDowell then pushed the lead to 23-9 at the end of three quarters before a furious 15 point fourth quarter Blackcat rally fell a bit short with McDowell winning 27-24. Josh Craynon

scored all 6 of his points in the fourth quarter, including a three-point field goal, while Nick Conn scored four points during the fourth quarter rally. Austin McKinney scored five points for the Blackcats and also pulled down 14 rebounds. Kyle Gearheart scored three points and Adams also got two each from Wil Allen, Anthony Hallum and Nathaniel Fraley. Turner and Marson led McDowell in scoring with 11 and eight points, respectively. Both C-teams now have identical 2-3 records.

## Hot

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down five rebounds before getting injured in the second half.

Senior Caitlyn Ryan finished with eight points and six rebounds.

U.Va.-Wise had four players in double figures, led by Sarah Helton and Caroline Baca with 13 points each. Helton had a game-high seven rebounds, while Baca added five.

Chelsea Lee scored 12 points, led the team with five assists and grabbed four rebounds. Rachel Helton, who hit 3-of-6 from the arc, totaled 11.

Wise turned the ball over 25 times and Pikeville was credited with 16 steals. Amelia Cody had five steals and Tonya Amburgey four.

## Top

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University. It entered the game winners of five straight games.

"We're very proud of this and feel it's a good reward for our players," said Randy McCoy, who has led his team to the NAIA tournament twice in his first four seasons at the school. "We also know it's a long way from over and this doesn't guarantee us anything. But we know if we continue to play well, we'll be in contention for a spot among the 32 teams who play in Kansas City."

Kansas City, of course, is the home of the NAIA Div. I national tournament in March.

Mountain State (W.Va.) University retained its spot as the nation's top team, getting all 12 first-place votes. Oklahoma Baptist is second.

Lindsey Wilson (15-0) is the highest ranked Mid-South Conference team, maintaining its spot at No. 3. Concordia (Calif.) is fourth, with Cumberland (Ky.)

College, another MSC club, is fifth.

Georgetown, which flipped spots with Cumberland, gives the MSC half of the country's top six programs.

Pikeville gives the MSC four teams in the poll.

## Revenge

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being the type of team head coach Henry Webb feels it is capable of being.

"I was very pleased with certain aspects of our game," said Webb.

"This was a quality win." But the Head Raider still leaves room for improvement.

"We have areas to improve in which will only make us better," Webb conferred.

The senior scoring added a

great deal to South Floyd's overall game.

"I did see the senior leadership we need," the South Floyd coach added.

Junior guard Nick Music led Johnson Central in scoring with 16 points. Josh Stapleton, another junior, added 13.

Tyler Whitaker hit for 12 points on four three-pointers for the Golden Eagles. Tony Hatfield netted seven and freshman Jamie McCarty chipped in five.

Senior Mike Walters, before leaving the game late with an injury, had four points, a season low.

Jacob Fletcher and Sean Music each came in off the Johnson Central bench and netted two each.

South Floyd and Johnson Central each have key district battles looming for Tuesday. On Tuesday, the Raiders will host Betsy Layne in a 58th District matchup and Johnson Central will entertain 57th District rival Paintsville.

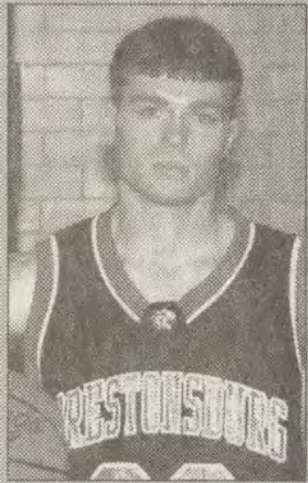
## Walters' injury a severe sprain

Johnson Central High head coach Les Trimble confirmed Wednesday that the injury senior sharpshooter Mike Walters suffered in the road game at South Floyd was a severe sprain. Walters left Tuesday night's game midway through the fourth quarter.

photo by Jamie Howell  
Betsy Layne senior guard Jordan Kidd looked down during a timeout in Wednesday night's game against Hazard. The game was an opening round contest played at Knott County Central High School as part of the WYMT Mountain Classic.



## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Joe Blackburn, Prestonsburg, 18 points vs. Lawrence County



Becky Thomas, Allen Central, 23 points vs. Johnson Central

## Boyd

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from the field (39.3 percent). Boyd County (8-3) had 23 turnovers, but countered that with 17 steals and outrebounded the young Tigers 40-21.

Paintsville trailed by just 10 points at halftime.

Boyd County played in spurts, as did the Tigers.

The Lions began the third period on a 13-0 run.

Paintsville scored its first points of the fourth quarter at 2:27 and only had eight in the period.

"We're doing things I've never seen done on a basketball court and I've been doing this for more than 20 years," said Paintsville coach Bill Mike Runyon. "The passes we made, the decisions we made. Unless we get better at understanding the game, we may not win another game all year."

Runyon said he felt good about being down by just 10 at the half, but that feeling quickly disappeared in the third quarter.

"We went cold (in the third) because we took bad shots," Runyon said. "They got that big run and we just never could recover."

Senior Peyton Conley led Paintsville with 12 points. He was the only Tiger to reach double figures. Freshman Daniel Pugh added nine points and Vanhousse finished with eight.

## Bears

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Cumberland on Monday and will visit Georgetown Wednesday and Thursday before playing at Campbellsville on Friday.

Junior B.J. Townsend led the Bears with 22 points and nine rebounds. The 6-4 forward from Canton, Miss., hit 9-of-15 from the field.

Junior guard Jarell Jones had another solid effort, finishing with 11 points thanks to 3-of-5 shooting from the arc. The Jackson, Miss., product added six assists and three steals.

Pikeville got 10 assists from senior point guard Kevin Gaines, who finished with four points and as many rebounds.

Chris Carroll, a sophomore from Williamson, W.Va., needed only 14 minutes to turn in six

points and eight rebounds.

The Bears used 53.1 percent from the field and 43.5 percent from the arc to overcome 20 turnovers. They also got assists on 24 of their 34 baskets in the game.

East-West had one player in double figures. Greg McNeal hit for 24 points in the game. Jamal Davis followed with eight, while Huey Freeman had seven points and a team-best eight boards.

Pikeville were back in action last night, visiting Knoxville College. The Bears will be back home on Saturday and Sunday, playing Strayer (D.C.) University. Saturday's game will tip off at 7:30.

Results from last night's Pikeville-Knoxville game were unavailable at press time.

## Kinzer

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Brandon Kinzer Motorsports recently launched an all-new redesigned website which is located online at www.brandonkinzer.com. The new site was launched earlier this month. The Allen-based Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team has also become an official dealer for Bob Pierce Modifieds. JB Performance and Bob Pierce Racecars are leaders in dirt track racing.

The Kinzer raced its last race of the 2003 season in mid-November. The team is again expected to keep a busy schedule while racing throughout the Southeast United States.

### 2004 Brandon Kinzer Motorsports Schedule

■ Feb. 9 Volusia Speedway Park

Deleon Springs, FL UMP/\$5,000

■ Feb. 10 Volusia Speedway Park  
Deleon Springs, FL UMP/\$5,000

■ Feb. 11 Volusia Speedway Park  
Deleon Springs, FL UMP/\$5,000

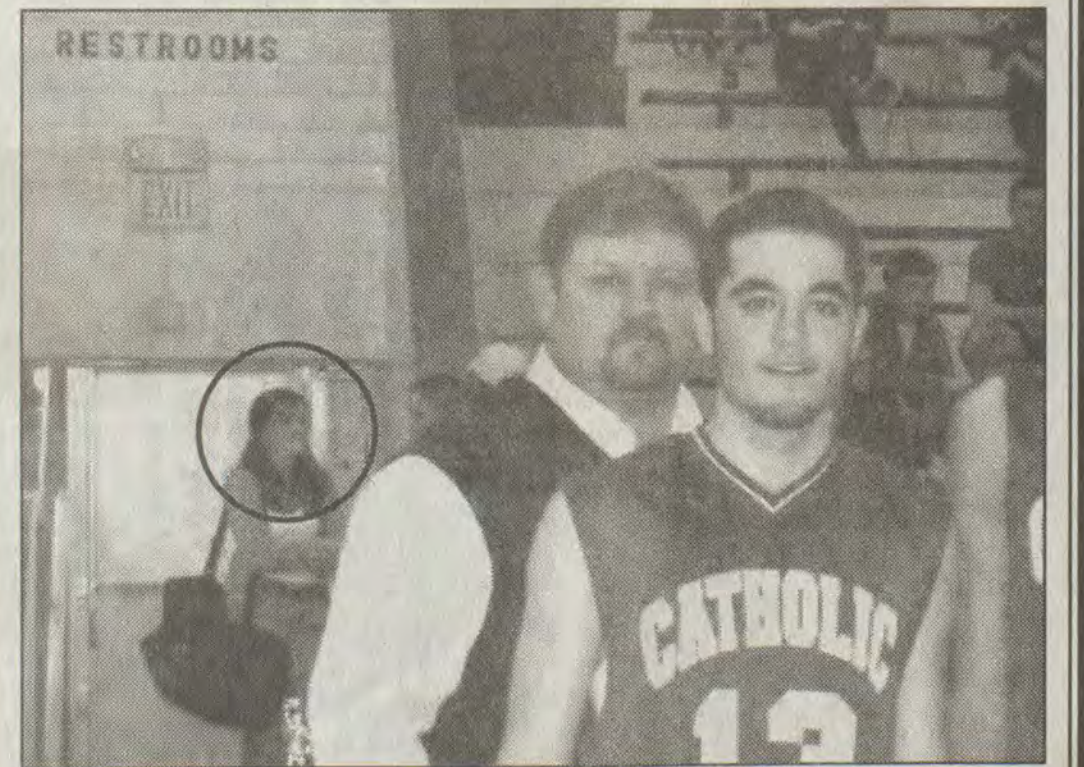
■ Feb. 12 Volusia Speedway Park  
Deleon Springs, FL UMP/\$5,000

■ Feb. 13 Volusia Speedway Park  
Deleon Springs, FL UMP/\$5,000

■ Feb. 14 Volusia Speedway Park  
Deleon Springs, FL UMP/\$10,000

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# Reds reorganize scouting, hire Terry Reynolds

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Reds made significant changes in their scouting department Wednesday and hired longtime Dodgers employee Terry Reynolds as their

director of amateur scouting. As part of a reorganization by first-year general manager Dan O'Brien, the scouting department was split into three areas: amateur, professional and international. "The nature of the specific jobs is pretty much dictating the

formation of separate departments," O'Brien said. "It's a growing trend in the industry." The Reds changed course last season, firing general manager Jim Bowden during the middle of a 93-loss season. The small-market club had failed to develop

starting pitching through the draft and the farm system during Bowden's tenure. O'Brien, who came to the Reds from Texas in November, made several moves Wednesday to try to strengthen the scouting department.

Johnny Almaraz became director of international scouting and player development. Almaraz, who has been with the Reds for 14 years, was a special assistant to Bowden last season.

Dean Taylor, the former Milwaukee general manager who was hired as a special assistant last month, will be in charge of professional scouting.

O'Brien, Reynolds and Taylor graduated from Ohio University in the 1970s. Reynolds met O'Brien there and stayed in touch over the years.

Reynolds, 50, has been with the Dodgers since 1978, involved with the minor leagues and scouting. Last year, he was their coordinator of minor league scouting and a special assignment scout.

"When I worked for Houston and ran their scouting operation and was competing against Terry in Los Angeles, I came to have a genuine respect for the type of operation he ran," O'Brien said. "The Dodgers were a legitimate competitor for free agent talent, and that was directly attributable to Terry and his efforts."

The Reds' decision to divide scouting responsibilities follows the direction of many other major league teams.

"At one time, I did all three here," Reynolds said, in a telephone interview from California. "It's come to a point in the industry that I believe half the teams, and maybe more, have split it up. Because of the international

game, you just can't do it all. Somebody is playing somewhere every day."

O'Brien is emphasizing player development as the Reds retrench from a dismal inaugural season at Great American Ball Park. After Bowden was fired in July, his

assistants were ordered to trade veterans to save money and get pitching prospects.

For their second season at the new ballpark, the Reds are expected to slash their payroll, which was \$57 million last opening day.



photo by Jamie Howell  
South Floyd post players Steven Stanley and Burnett Little battled for position against Johnson Central's Josh Stapleton (5) and Nick Music (20). Pictured looking on for Johnson Central is Tyler Whitaker (1).

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

### Hughes leads Adams in blowout win over South

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Following a chilly, long layoff, Floyd County grade school basketball heated back up this week with games played at various sites. After holding a slim 11-9 after the initial quarter Wednesday night, Adams outscored South Floyd 27-10 in the second period to post a 61-38 win.

Bobby Hughes hit four three-point shots and scored a game-high 20 points to lead Adams. James Lafferty flipped in 12 points for the Blackcats.

Wes Akers scored 13 and Justin Isaac 12 for South Floyd.

Adams was able to outscore South Floyd in all four quarters. Jordan Hall scored 10 points to give the Blackcats three players in double figures.

Jody Tackett, after leading Adams in the B-Team game, scored seven in A-team play.

Josiah Reno added six for the Blackcats and Nathaniel

Stephens pushed in four. Mason Haywood scored for Adams on a second-quarter field goal.

Richy Bentley scored five points for the Raiders and teammates Tyler Mitchell and Deven Adams added four each.

B-team: Adams 40, South Floyd 32

Jody Tackett scored 17 points to lead a balanced Adams B-Team past South Floyd. Austin Gearheart scored seven for Adams and Matt Sword chipped in six. Alex Stumbo netted four points on a field goal and two free throws and Luke Sturgill netted three. Chris Schoolcraft had two points and Josh Craynon one.

Kyle Howell's 10 points on five field goals led South Floyd. Deven Adams scored six for the Raiders and Tyler Mitchell chipped in four. Jordan Moore and Matt Tackett each had three apiece for South Floyd. Morgan Mullins, Raymond Jones and Jonathan Cochran all had two points apiece.

## PRESTONSBURG JUNIOR BASKETBALL

# Tarheels edge Cards

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG JUNIOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE, JUNIOR VARSITY DIVISION: Tarheels 29, Cardinals 26

Austin McKinney led the Tarheels to the win over the Cardinals with his game-high 12 points. D.J. Ousley added nine points for the winners. Joshua Head tossed in seven points for the Tarheels and Shawn Burkett added a free throw to round out the scoring. Wil Allen led the Cardinals with 10 points and Nathaniel Fraley added six. Bradley Hampton, Cody McCoey, Felicia Keathley, Lakan Lowe and Josh Craynon all finished with two points for the Cardinals.

Blackcats 25, Mavericks 16

The Blackcats got a balanced scoring attack to defeat a good Mavericks team. Nicholas Conn led the Blackcats with seven points and the trio of Alexis DeRossett, Bradley Stanley and Nikki Bradley all finished with six points each. Katy Petry led the Mavericks with 10 points and Erica Meade tossed in six.

### TRAINING LEAGUE:

Sonics 9, Mavericks 3

It was the Lucas Stewart Show as the Sonics beat the Mavericks. Stewart tossed in eight of his team's nine points in a winning effort. Corey Conley added one point for the winners. Jordan Marcum, Steven Perry and C.J. Ousley all had one point for the Mavericks.

Hawks 14, Bulls 9

Kain Collins scorched the nets for 10 points to help lead

the Hawks past the Bulls. Charlie Joseph and Tate Goble finished with two points each for the winners. Wesley Robinson led the Bulls with four points. Both Chase Baldrige and Tyler Harmon added two points. April Spears rounded out the scoring with a single point.

Raptors 22, Lakers 16

Tyler Sparkman led the Raptors with 14 points while Michael Ousley added six. Austin Sloan netted two points for the Raptors. Trey Stapleton led the Lakers with eight points and Allyson DeRossett scored seven. Haley Howell rounded out the scoring for the Lakers with one point.

Knicks 26, Warriors 13

The Knicks handed the Warriors their first loss in two years behind 11 points from Tyler Shelton and eight points from Tyler Keens. Madison Wright tossed in five points and Kierra Shelton rounded out the scoring for the winners with two points. Adam Crisp led the Warriors with seven points and B.J. Holiday finished with four. Chad Ousley rounded out the scoring for the Warriors with two points.

### PEE WEE LEAGUE:

Cavaliers 15, Lakers 0

John Wesley Cooksey led the Cavs with 10 points and both Tanner Hicks and Dustin Moore added two each for the winners. Garrett Hammonds rounded out the Cavs' scoring with one point.

Mavericks 24, Wildcats 9

Robert Campbell led the Mavericks with 16 points. Seth Marcum netted four points for

the winners and Jacob Blair added two. Grant Martin had two points. Eric Collins scored seven for the Wildcats and Aleshia Hall added two.

Pistons 16, Hawks 7

Austin Bailey paced the Pistons attack with eight points and Jordan Slone added six in the win. Dylan Slone rounded out the Pistons' scoring with two points. Josh Crider tossed in all seven points for the Hawks.

## Bentley

Rose. I've supported him through thick and thin, and for my time with you, it's pretty well been as thin as the paper you're holding.

Then this week came.

Finally, Peter Edward Rose has admitted he bet on baseball, and more specifically, he bet on Cincinnati Reds baseball.

That would be no big deal; millions are bet each year on professional athletics. But the fact that Pete bet on Reds games while managing them sheds a different light on this.

But even in his admission, Pete has made it difficult on us, the loyal, ardent supporters. I'm one of those he's counted on most to stand up and bang the drum on his behalf in his time of need.

And he's needed us many times in recent years. So now, even as he has done what many have been begging for all these years, when it should be easiest on us who defend him, it has gotten more difficult than ever.

Sure, you say. Of course it has. We, his litigators, were blinded by Pete's insistence that he never wagered whilst managing, you say.

On behalf of the defense team, allow me to reply: Hogwash.

We knew it just like you. We have always hoped it wouldn't be true, but face it: A man who is sincerely innocent will not agree to a lifetime ban just because he's accused. And baseball wouldn't run off one of its most loyal and visible ambassadors on a hunch.

We knew it, just like you. But the bottom line is, we said, this is Pete Rose. The all-time leader in hits. The all-time leader in at-bats. The all-time leader in games played.

The player who won more games than anyone who ever played professional baseball.

He deserves to be in the Hall of Fame. Period.

Pete's Hall credentials do not include one sentence about his stint as manager of the Cincinnati Reds. Not a speck. Nobody is foolish enough to believe he was a Hall of Fame skipper.

And no one has shown a shred of evidence that Pete bet while playing baseball.

But still, he could have made it easier on us, his defense team. How?

By not admitting he bet on the game days before his second autobiography was released,

which figures to bring him untold millions.

By not admitting it the day before the Hall announced its 2004 class.

By telling his own family before he let his secret out to ABC News.

By showing a speck of remorse.

All of those would have made our case a little easier to present to the jury.

But this is Pete Rose we're dealing with, and he's nothing if not self-centered. So he announced this when it was most beneficial to him, on the eve of his sure-to-be best-seller's release, with no consideration for those who have waited all their lives to find their names on the marquee one more time as members of the Hall of Fame.

I do want to make something clear here. This in no way removes any of the feelings I have for Jim Gray, who berated Rose seconds after he was announced as one of the all-time greatest baseball players ever.

Gray's sin wasn't asking Rose about this. But when he refused to let go, with a pit bull's

grip on Rose's leg, he went too far. Those writing this week that this somehow justifies Gray's ill-timed attempt at fame are wasting their keystrokes and embarrassing themselves.

He was wrong then and he's still wrong.

And then there's former commissioner Faye Vincent, who has enjoyed a resurgence of popularity this week. Vincent admitted this week on SportsCenter that he was among those who had maintained for years that an admission of guilt would be a starting place for Rose's reinstatement.

Now, however, seeing his spotlight about to fade to black, Vincent has done an about-face. He now says it isn't enough, that Rose isn't sorry enough.

Still, it's a difficult time to be on the Pete Rose bandwagon. Does he deserve to be in the Hall of Fame? Of course he does. As surely as Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth and a laundry list of drug users from the last 30 years, he has a place there.

Pete Rose is still the best baseball player I've ever seen, and for those of my generation,

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remains our definition of the perfect baseball player.

But is he deserving of full reinstatement into the game? I don't think I've ever been for that. Clearly putting Pete Rose back in the dugout would be a mistake any owner would be foolish to make.

That said, when the ownership of the Cincinnati Reds were searching for a general manager in the fall one of the questions reportedly asked of all their candidates was how they felt about Rose managing the team again.

A lot of damage has been done this week, and all of it has been done by Pete Rose, not to him. Pete's timing was ill-advised at best and disappointing at least, and he and his team of advisors had to know this would overshadow the announcement of this summer's inductees.

But the people most harmed this week are those like me who have stood on his behalf and told the masses he was the victim in all this.

Pete Rose wasn't the injured party then, and he isn't this week.

We, his most loyal fans, are.

# 15TH REGION GIRLS' BASKETBALL

| Team                | Record |
|---------------------|--------|
| Pike County Central | 8-5    |
| Allen Central       | 8-7    |
| Belfry              | 7-6    |
| Betsy Layne         | 6-5    |
| Prestonsburg        | 6-7    |
| Paintsville         | 5-7    |
| East Ridge          | 5-7    |
| Phelps              | 4-3    |
| Pikeville           | 4-5    |
| Magoffin County     | 4-6    |
| Sheldon Clark       | 3-3    |
| South Floyd         | 3-6    |
| Shelby Valley       | 2-6    |
| Piarist School      | 1-7    |
| Johnson Central     | 1-10   |

## 15TH REGION BOYS' BASKETBALL

| Team                | Record |
|---------------------|--------|
| Shelby Valley       | 9-1    |
| East Ridge          | 8-3    |
| South Floyd         | 8-6    |
| Sheldon Clark       | 7-5    |
| Betsy Layne         | 6-5    |
| Prestonsburg        | 6-5    |
| Johnson Central     | 6-6    |
| Pike County Central | 6-7    |
| Allen Central       | 5-6    |
| Pikeville           | 4-7    |
| Belfry              | 4-7    |
| Paintsville         | 1-8    |
| Magoffin County     | 1-8    |
| Piarist School      | 0-4    |
| Phelps              | 0-9    |

## Falls

opponent would be the top-ranked team in the Mountains in the Hazard Bulldogs.

Betsy Layne faced Hazard in the second week of the season and fell to Kevin Spurlock's team by a final of 73-48. Wednesday evening looked like it might be a carbon copy of the first game as Hazard jumped out to a 24-11 lead with 5:21 left in the first half. However, on this night, Betsy Layne would not go quietly and the Bobcats went on a 13-4 run to close out the first half within four at 28-24 with Hazard on top. The Bulldogs held on in the end to win 63-52.

Brent Newsome led the Bobcat rally scoring five points in the period and pulling down four rebounds in the quarter. Hazard led 18-11 after one quarter and 28-24 at the half. Betsy Layne fell behind 44-33 after three quarters of play and Hazard finished with a balanced scoring attack as four players finished in double figures for the Bulldogs led by Steven Sizemore with 15 points.

Jordan Kidd led Betsy Layne with 13 points and six assists.

Brent Newsome tossed in nine points for the Bobcats and Preston Simon added eight in the

short effort. Brandon Kidd pitched in seven points for Betsy Layne while playing through pain with a back injury. Bobcat center Brandon Hall finished with six points. Hall, Betsy Layne's big man, was saddled with early foul trouble and fouled out with 4:43 left in the game.

Ryan Bryant came off the Betsy Layne bench to add five points. Derek Case rounded out the scoring with four points. Lamar Williams tossed in 14 points for Hazard and the tandem of Parker Carter and Eric Mullins each added 12 points for the winners. Hank Gabbard did not play for Hazard. Gabbard is a normal starter for the Bulldogs.

Betsy Layne got within six late in the game after Jordan Kidd hit a three-pointer with 1:12 left in the game and Hazard led 60-54. But after a Bulldog miss from the charity stripe Betsy Layne would turn the ball over and have to foul again. Hazard senior Steven Sizemore sank two free throws and the Bulldogs hung on for the win and in the process advanced to the semifinals of the tournament.

Betsy Layne was back in action last night in the consol-

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tion round, but results were unavailable at press time.

## SCORING

HAZARD — Sizemore 15, Williams 14, Carter 12, Mullins 12, Little 7, Patrick 2, Housley 1. Betsy Layne — Kidd 13, Newsome 9, Simon 8, B. Kidd 7, Hall 6, Bryant 5, Case 4.

## SCOREBOARD WYMT MOUNTAIN CLASSIC

Site: Knott County Central  
Tuesday's games  
Perry County Central 59, Whitley County 45  
Shelby Valley 61, Knott County Central 50  
Wednesday's games  
Clay County 70, East Ridge 62

Hazard 63, Betsy Layne 52  
Last night's games  
Knott County Central-Whitley County  
(Scores unavailable at press time)

Betsy Layne-East Ridge  
Tonight's games  
Shelby Valley-Perry County Central 7 p.m.  
Clay County-Hazard 8:45 p.m.



# A belligerent Rose only a bit apologetic

by RONALD BLUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Only occasionally contrite but repeatedly the defiant, belligerent sparkplug fans love, Pete Rose blames his accusers and medical conditions for the problems that got him kicked out of baseball.

Rose spills his thoughts in a colorful autobiography, "Pete Rose: My Prison Without Bars," released Thursday by Rodale Inc. Rose, still banned 14 1/2 years later, also concedes for the first time that he bet on Cincinnati Reds games while he was manager.

The highly touted 322-page book, in which Rose admits he gambled on the Reds while managing the team in the late 1980s, contains no bombshells. It alternates between apologies for his wrongs and the aggressiveness Rose showed during a 24-season major league career.

Rose writes he has had Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Oppositional Defiant Behavior, which he says he got from his mother, and the book contains several quotes from a doctor about the effects. He repeats that he still loves to gamble legally at racetracks, and

describes himself as "grumpy, short-tempered and cold-hearted."

He also talks about the emotional moment when he faced his family before going to prison and "humiliating body searches" in prison. He recounts anecdotes of his career such as taking an umpire to dinner after he was ejected from a game and makes a few puerile jokes.

He also compares his compulsive gambling to the behavior of former President Clinton, actors Robert Downey Jr. and Winona Ryder, and blames former Reds manager Jack McKeon and general manager Jim Bowden for not giving Pete Rose Jr. enough of a chance when he played for Cincinnati in 1997.

On Wednesday, Rose insisted he didn't plan to draw attention away from the elections of Dennis Eckersley and Paul Molitor to baseball's Hall of Fame this week.

"I never intended to diminish the exciting news for these deserving players," Rose said in a statement.

What Rose intended for his public confession has gone terribly awry, former teammate Mike Schmidt said.

"It doesn't look good, it's taken a turn for the worse," Schmidt told the AP. "It is a sad

thing. ... I haven't heard anything good, but I hope the commissioner is reserving judgment. I've heard some of the worst references about Pete."

Rose repeatedly challenges the report on his gambling by John Dowd and the accusations made by his former associates before he accepted a lifetime ban in August 1989.

Rose said at the time of the investigation, he couldn't believe the way baseball treated him, calling baseball's evidence "flimsy."

"I spent 24 years building a baseball career that other players could only dream of," he wrote.

"And I put it all at risk over the thrill of 'risk' itself. I spent thousands of hours in the batting cage. I took hundreds of grounders and fly balls each day in an effort to master my craft. I was known for a diligent work ethic that was unequalled among my peers. Nobody worked harder or took the game more seriously than Pete Rose — nobody. Yet after knowing (Paul) Janszen for only seven months, I trusted him to place bets on the game I loved. How could I be so disciplined in one aspect of my life and so reckless in the other? ...

"I was Pete Rose — baseball's all-time Hit King. I had more records than anybody on the damn planet. Nothing could possibly be wrong with someone who achieved that much success — nothing! ... I was Charlie Hustle — baseball legend. I would not go down without a fight."

Rose writes about the day he went to federal prison in 1990 after pleading guilty to tax charges and talked to his son, Tyler, then 6.

"I had no answer for the betrayed look in Tyler's eyes," Rose wrote. "My dad never let me down on any level and failing my own son was too tough to handle. So hell, I started to cry, too — rare for me because, like I said, I'm not a warm-and-fuzzy guy. ... As you can imagine, this was the lowest point in my life."

He says that in prison, he was given identification No. 01832-061.

"I never thought I'd be wearing anything other than No. 14 on my back," Rose wrote, adding

that guards "couldn't help but gawk at the sight of Charlie Hustle in lockdown."

Rose pleaded guilty to two counts of filing false income taxes by failing to report income and was sentenced to five months in prison, three months in a halfway house and 1,000 hours of community service.

"I'm probably the only person in America to go to jail for underpaying his taxes by 4 percent," Rose wrote. Then he added, "The responsibility rested squarely on my shoulders. I just wasn't ready to accept it."

The book quotes Dr. David E. Comings of the City of Hope National Medical Center on ADHD and how it applies to Rose.

"ADHD kids are very strong-willed. They don't like anyone telling them what to do," Comings said. "Although they can't sit still or focus on subjects of little or no interest, their restless energy when focused can be by dynamite. Pete Rose is not unlike Einstein, who flunked English but excelled in math."

Rose says he hopes commissioner Bud Selig will grant his application for reinstatement.

"My actions, which I thought were benign, call the integrity of the game into question," Rose

wrote. "And there's no excuse for that, but there's also no reason to punish me forever."

Rose blames former commissioner Fay Vincent for the 1991 rule that bars him from the Hall ballot and wants "to enjoy my

Hall of Fame induction ceremony while I was still alive!"

AP Sports Writers Joe Kay in Cincinnati and Ben Walker in New York contributed to this report

## Saint Ambrose 77, Alice Lloyd 56

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

for the Davenport, Iowa-based school.

FT. LOOKOUT, Mo. — The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team continued its losing skid Tuesday night, falling to Saint Ambrose University. Saint Ambrose downed the Eagles 77-56.

The Eagles (3-11) trailed 38-26 at halftime and couldn't make up enough ground in the second half.

Ryan Johnson paced Saint Ambrose (15-2) with 23 points. Brett Jacobs scored 18 while Chad Tancil and Nick Ferreira netted 11 apiece. Matt Fitzpatrick dished out 10 assists

for the Davenport, Iowa-based school. Jimmy Stumbo and Matt Spencer each tossed in 13 points for Alice Lloyd. Jeremy Jackson finished with 11. Ryan Shannon scored nine and Tim Parks added five. Jason Knott and Chris Hurt finished with three and two points, respectively.

Alice Lloyd committed what would up being a costly 20 turnovers.

### Eagles leave team

Sophomore Dock Johnson and freshmen Brandon Wheeler and Jeremy Jones have all left the ALC men's team. ALC head coach Gary Gibson was unavailable for comment on this matter.

### PRO FOOTBALL

## Instant hope in D.C.: Gibbs returns to coach Redskins

by JOSEPH WHITE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASHBURN, Va. — After a decade of high-profile Washington Redskins failures, only one name could restore credibility in an instant: Joe Gibbs.

And they got him. The Hall of Fame coach is coming back after an 11-year absence, a stunning development and a much-needed lift for a franchise that has been to the playoffs only once since he left after the 1992 season.

"Who better to set our strategy and lead the Redskins back to championship glory?" said owner Dan Snyder, who again proved he's the master of the big splash offseason move.

Gibbs agreed to a five-year deal worth approximately \$25 million, said a source within the NFL, speaking on condition of anonymity. That would make Gibbs' contract comparable to the NFL-record deal given to his predecessor, Steve Spurrier.

"The desire to coach has always been with me, even after being away from the game for 11 years," said Gibbs, who won three Super Bowls in 12 seasons with the Redskins.

Gibbs also was given the title of Redskins team president, but the protocol for roster decisions will essentially remain the same. Vinny Cerrato continues as director of player personnel, and Snyder will have the final word to settle any disputes, according to the source. Gibbs' track record and work ethic, however, make him certain to have more influence than Spurrier had.

Gibbs was to be introduced at a news conference Thursday, but he already has at least two assistants in place, according to the source. Former Buffalo Bills coach Gregg Williams will be the team's sixth defensive coordinator in six years, a hiring first reported by SportsLine.com.

Joe Bugel returns to coach the offensive line, the same job he held when he oversaw the famed "Hogs" under Gibbs from 1981-89, the source said.

Gibbs, 63, was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1996, based in part on his adamant denials of any intention to coach again. He joins the late Paul Brown as the only coaches to return after being elected to the Hall.

He will find today's NFL different, largely because free agency has made it difficult for teams to keep a group of talented players together for more than a couple of years. Roster stability, particularly along the offensive line, was a hallmark of the Gibbs years.

But the adjustment has been made before. Dick Vermeil left Philadelphia in 1982 and returned with St. Louis in 1997, winning a Super Bowl in his third season with the Rams.

"I appreciated very much where he was when he left and understood completely why he left," said Vermeil, now coaching Kansas City. "And I can understand completely why he's back."

After leaving the Redskins, Gibbs rose to the top in a second sports career as a NASCAR team owner. His racing teams have won two Winston Cup championships in the past four seasons. Gibbs' oldest son, J.D., will remain president of Joe Gibbs Racing.

But Gibbs hasn't strayed far from the NFL. He was involved with a group that attempted to purchase the Redskins after owner Jack Kent Cooke's death in the late 1990s, and he and two partners bought a combined 5 percent of the Atlanta Falcons for \$27 million in 2002.

Gibbs had to sell his Falcons stake to coach the Redskins, but he apparently came close to coaching that team. In a statement, the Falcons said Gibbs approached them several weeks ago about their coaching vacancy.

"When the opportunity at the Redskins came up, Joe told us he couldn't turn his back on the history, fans, loyalties and relationships built over time in

Washington," the Falcons' statement said. "While we understand his feelings, we are disappointed that he didn't continue his talks with us."

The Redskins began serious talks with Gibbs on New Year's Eve, the day after Spurrier quit with three years left on his contract. His teams went 7-9, then 5-11.

In contrast, the Redskins made the playoffs during eight of Gibbs' 12 seasons, and his .683 winning percentage ranks third in NFL history. His record was 124-60 in the regular season and 16-5 in the playoffs, including Super Bowl victories after the 1982, '87 and '91 seasons — each with a different quarterback.

Since Gibbs' retirement after the 1992 season, the Redskins are 74-101-1 with just one playoff appearance under five different coaches.

Gibbs retired from football because he was burned out from long days of game-planning that would end with him sleeping on a cot at Redskins Park. His NASCAR team, by contrast, heavily involved both his sons, giving him the family life he missed in the NFL.

Most of Gibbs' new players know little about him, other than the fact that he won three Vince Lombardi trophies.

"It's a privilege to play for somebody of that caliber," linebacker Jessie Armstead said. "He is a legend."

### YOUTH BASKETBALL

## MCA tags Allen

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

we were a little rough after the holidays. It was a good way to open up the second half of the season."

ALLEN — Eighth-grader Landon Slone scored a game-high 28 points and seven teammates also scored points as Mountain Christian Academy began the new year on a winning note earlier in the week by beating Allen. MCA topped Allen 65-39.

Jeremy Pack scored 11 points for the Falcons and Taylor Clark pushed in 10. To come in after a long, long break and get a win was in tune with what the MCA coaching staff had hoped for. Neither MCA nor Allen had played on a consistent basis since mid-November, nearly one month ago.

"We played well coming in after the break," said MCA head coach Rick Hughes. "Basically

Byron Hall chipped in six points for the Falcons and Jordan Chaffins netted four. MCA's Clinton Turner, Michael Burchett and John Jones each had two points.

Allen went through several scoring droughts and just couldn't catch up with the Falcons. Josh Rodebaugh and Jason McKinney each led Allen in scoring with 10 points apiece. Adam Gearheart scored nine and B.J. Spurlock chipped in four. Dustin Collins and Jarred May scored two each. Kenny Mullins rounded out the Eagle scoring with a free throw. MCA had a home game scheduled with Betsy Layne last night. Results were unavailable at press time.

## Betsy Layne Elem. 72, Allen Central Middle 41

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Tim Honaker scored a game-high 22 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead Betsy Layne Elementary to a 72-41 win over Allen Central Middle. Tyler Hamilton also registered a double-double for the Bobcats, scoring 16 points and jerking down 14 rebounds. Bobcat guard Brennan Case had 16 assists to go along with five points.

Betsy Layne coach David Gearheart was pleased to see his team come back with a win following a long layoff that spanned before, during, and after the holi-

days. "It was a good win for us," Gearheart said.

Betsy Layne led after each quarter. The Bobcats doubled up the Rebels in the first quarter and held a 14-7 lead. Betsy Layne led 31-18 at halftime and 50-24 after three quarters.

Samuel Keathley scored 11 for Betsy Layne and Ted Honaker chipped in six. Adam Howell netted five for the Bobcats. Jimmy Meade and Austin Collins ended the game with three points apiece. Richie Tackett scored on a free throw.

Jan Hicks led Allen Central with a team-high 10 points. Josh Prater finished with nine points.

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Ortega's football future up in the air

### P'burg alum named D-3 All-American

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

DANVILLE — Floyd County native John Ortega is carrying some of his stellar leadership over from the gridiron onto the hardwood.

Ortega, a safety at Centre College, was selected to the NCAA Division III All-America third team. It's one of many honors for the former Blackcat. He was chosen from 385 nominations nationwide. He averaged

10 tackles per game this past season and was a solid stopper who gave many opposing offenses fits.

"He is the best player I've ever coached closing on a play," Centre Coach Andy Frye said in a recent interview. "He has tremendous acceleration to go along with great talent. He's an exceptional athlete."

Ortega, who was courted last year by the NFL's St. Louis Rams, could eventually make it in the pro game. Once he wraps up his amateur athletic career at Centre College he will likely pursue to some degree a pro

football contract. He has definitely entertained the thought.

Ortega helped the Centre football team to an 8-2 record and a share of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) crown. Now, the three-sport star has again moved on to basketball where he helps lead for hoops coach Greg Mason.

The one-time Prestonsburg Blackcat had 11 points in a recent basketball win over Sewanee. Come springtime, Ortega will move on to baseball as one of the nation's very rare three-sport college athletes.

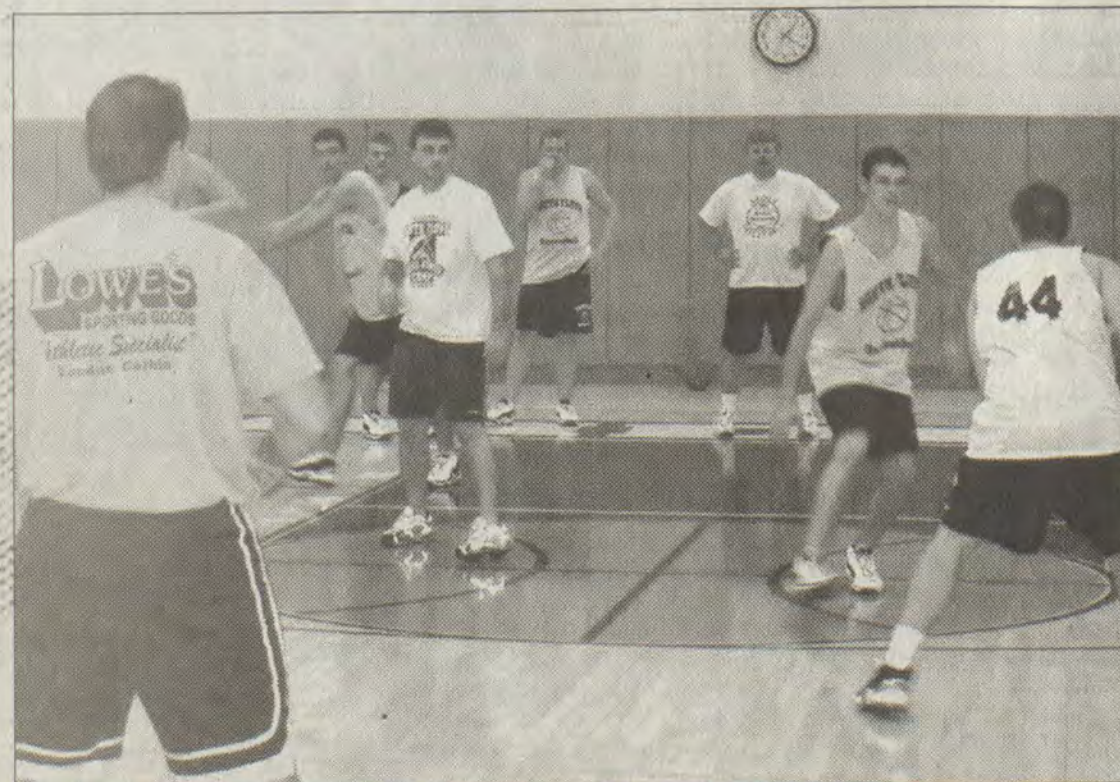


photo by Steve LeMaster  
An attentive South Floyd Coach Henry Webb looked on during a practice back in November. Webb says his team is beginning to play up to an expected level.



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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Rules of the road

Recently had the opportunity to "freshen up" on the rules and regulations of operating a motor vehicle on public highways. Not much has changed since last I reviewed the state driving manual, except maybe a section on road rage. Don't think this was



Kathy Prater  
Lifestyles editor

much discussed back when I was a teenager and studying for my driving test. I don't know if this was because the '70s were a "kinder and gentler" time or not, but I do know that driving on today's roads, what with cell phones, sky high stress levels and crazed lunatics out taking pot shots at anything that happens to drive by, can be the perfect environment to find ourselves reaching that MTV "boiling point" before we hardly know it.

Case in point: About a month ago, I was driving home from work around 4:45 when I rounded

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### POSTSCRIPT

## Worth waiting for

Streets are dug up and cut off. Muddy water fills up hole after hole, the depth of which is unknown. Piles of gravel and giant machines line up on the side of the road, lowering visibility for those entering the highway.



Pam Shingler  
contributing writer

The beep-beep of earth-moving machines and heavy trucks echoes between the hills. An occasional BOOM!

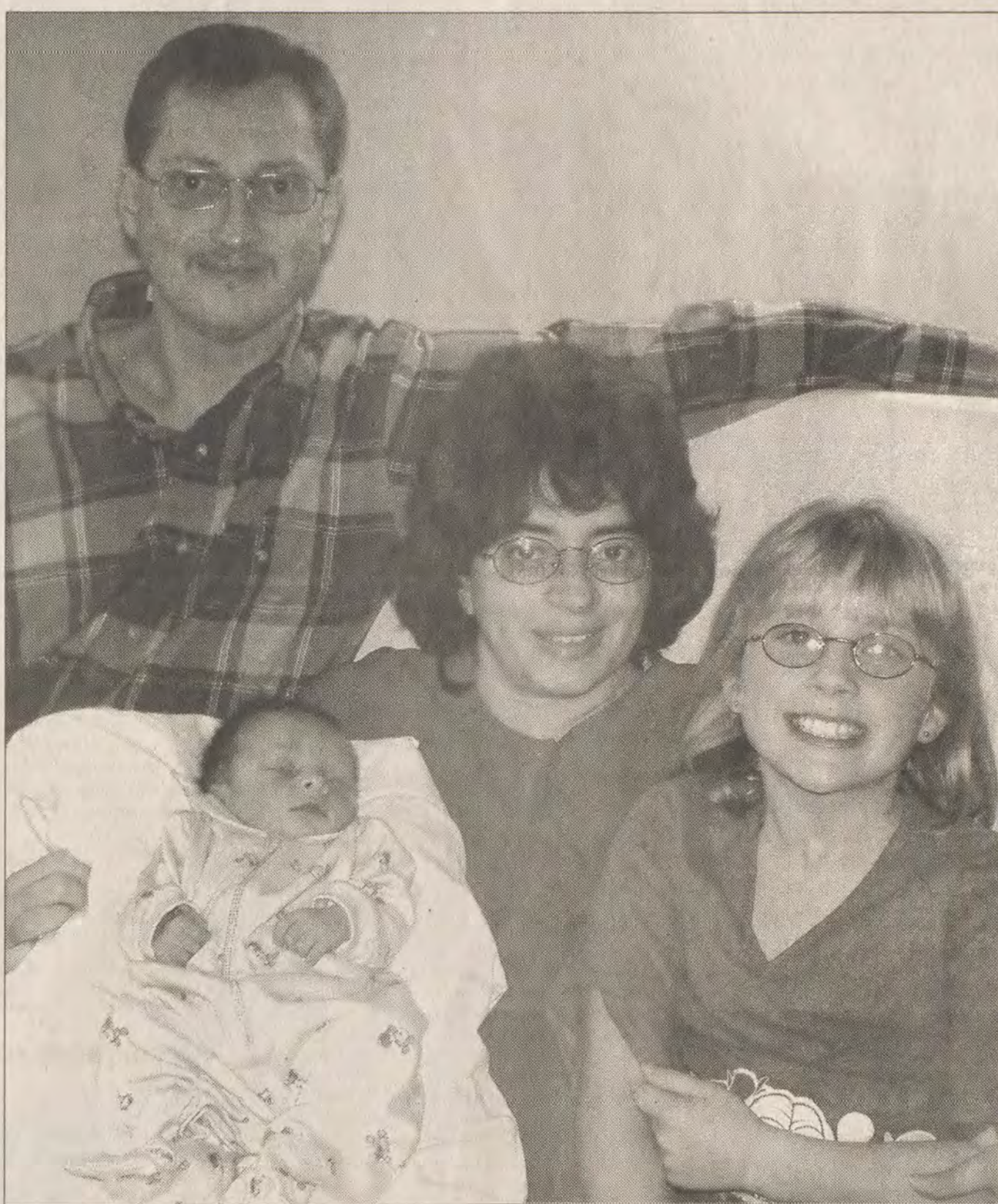
jerks houses and cars. Now and then, a water pipe is broken and for an hour or two you get nothing but gurgles when you turn on the tap.

I suppose it's true that nothing good comes without a down side. We're experiencing the down side

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## HRMC WELCOMES FIRST BABY OF 2004

# OH, BABY!



The new year was ushered in this past New Year's Day with the arrival of tiny Kyle Ray Hager, born January 1, 2004, at 4:09 a.m., at Highlands Regional Medical Center. The precious bundle weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz., and was 19 inches long. Joyfully welcoming his arrival were Kyle's parents, Charlyn and Nate Hager, and "Big Sister" Kaitlyn Hager, age eight.

Celebrating their "First Baby of the New Year," HRMC officials presented the baby's parents with a \$500 United States Savings Bond in the baby's name. The Highlands Auxiliary also presented the baby with a beautiful gift basket filled with numerous layette items.

Pictured to the left with their son are Kyle's parents and sister, Kaitlyn, whose smile says it all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

## Jenny Wiley Theatre announces local Auditions

Jenny Wiley Theatre is pleased to announce auditions for its 2004 summer season. Performers and technicians, both professional and amateur, are invited to attend the theatre's local casting call Friday, January 30th, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and Saturday, January

31st from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. All auditions and interviews will be held at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. The theatre offers both paid and volunteer positions and employs professional theatre talent from across the nation. This season's

mainstage productions include Peter Pan, Into the Woods, My Way - A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra, The Legend of Jenny Wiley and Jenny Wiley Theatre - Forty Years in Revue.

There are several roles available for children and teens, especially boys. In

Peter Pan, JWT will cast John and Michael Darling as well as numerous "Lost Boys" from the Prestonsburg audition. In The Legend of Jenny Wiley, three "Wiley kids" as well as

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### SPECIAL FEATURE

# Things to Ponder: Child Bully

Bullying is described as a systematic, psychological, or physical or sexual act of violence by a pupil or a group of pupils to one or more classmates, who are not in a position to defend themselves. It is possible that a bully can torture and permanently traumatize a child victim. Even though bullying behavior in childhood has been found to be one of the biggest forerunners of aggressive adult behavior, typically it is the young victim of bully-

ing, and not the bully, that is brought for professional services. Both the bully and the victim need immediate attention. By recognizing what is happening between the children, teaching problem solving and increasing coping skills, bullying may be lessened or prevented. Has your child or one you know had a bullying experience or been accused of bullying?

It seems that psychologists all over the world are trying to prevent the universal

problem of bullying. Some Italian psychologists tried to understand the motivations behind why bullies act as they do. They had groups of children respond to a story; in the beginning, two children were interacting in a positive way, but later changed to being aggressive toward each other. The non-bullying children in the study saw problems and obstacles in the environment as being the basis of the conflict. In contrast, the bullies in the study

viewed the situation as a conflict between the two children. After bullies decide they are being aggressed upon or "picked on," they will use their social skills to figure out where the other child's weakness is and how to hit them where it hurts.

As expected, it is most important to teach children acceptable problem solving skills to decrease the rate of violence.



Mable Rowe Lineberger,  
Ph.D.

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# School Happenings

## ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

\*\*School is currently collecting Food City receipts! Please send them in now through March.\*\*

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activities, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley, Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

## ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

\*\*NOTICE\*\* School is now collecting Food City receipts. Students may bring receipts to homeroom teachers, or parents/community members may

drop off at office.

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

## ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

## BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

## CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ Jan. 9 - Special-called SBDM Council meeting, 4 p.m., in school library. All welcome.

\*\*Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students.

Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

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

## DUFF ELEMENTARY

\*\*School is now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new computers and technological equipment through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to the school office.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin

test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

## MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

## MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

\*\*School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment for the school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them off at the school office or sending them with a student.\*\*

■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ Feb. 17 - Communication & Children.

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is

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# Birthdays



Morgan is 2!

Morgan Larissa Holbrook, the daughter of Scott and Carrie Holbrook, of Paintsville, celebrated her second birthday on August 16, 2003, with a "SpongeBob" theme birthday party held at the Paintsville Country Club. Morgan enjoyed her day with family and friends as everyone enjoyed swimming and refreshments. Morgan is the granddaughter of Marie Miller, of Paintsville, and the late Gary Miller, and Teresa and Larry Holbrook, also of Paintsville, and Ron and Connie Meek, of Boons Camp. She is the great-granddaughter of John and Jo Holbrook, of Paintsville, and the late Myrtle and Edd Tackett. Morgan has one "Big Brother," Tyler Lee Compton.



Wesley is 5!

Wesley Dalton Slone, the son of Virgil Jr. and Robin Slone, of Hi Hat, celebrated his fifth birthday on December 6, 2003, with an "Incredible Hulk" theme birthday party held at the Stumbo Park Convention Center. Many family members and friends attended and everyone enjoyed "Incredible Hulk" birthday cake and refreshments and special fun activities. Wesley is the grandson of Joyce Slone and the late Virgil Slone, Jerry and Denise Robinette, and Charles T. and Rosetta Collins.

## Eyes

a curve to discover a school bus on the road. Behind the bus was a compact car loaded with four teenage girls.

As we approached a student drop-off point, the bus stopped, a student got off and, after a short pause, the bus drove on. Automatically, when I find myself behind a school bus, I think, "Oh great, this'll put me behind about 15 minutes." But, I never, ever consider trying to pass or doing anything stupid that would endanger anyone's life. One thing I've learned, if you're late, you're simply late. I'd rather arrive 15 minutes late than not at all.

So fine, I wasn't going anywhere but home, anyway.

It wasn't long, however,

before I realized that I was on my way to being a tad more than 15 minutes late. But it wasn't because of the school bus. It was because of the "wild and crazy" girls driving the car ahead of me.

Seems that this "wild and crazy" crew had decided that it'd be really funny to see whether or not they could get the "old" lady driving the car behind them a little irate. For as the school bus was now around the next bend and out of sight, the car ahead of me was dragging along at about 9 m.p.h.

At first, I was concerned, thinking they were having car trouble. And the Davis Branch Road, of Paintsville, is not exactly the best place to be if

you're in danger of having a stalled car. I noticed that the girls were looking back, nervously, every little bit to see what I was doing.

Well, I wasn't doing anything except preparing to get out and offer a little assistance once they came to a complete halt.

But, guess what? As we both crept along, I began to realize that the girls weren't exactly looking back with worry, but rather, with delight.

Yep, it was soon apparent that they were having the time of their lives, laughing and bobbing up and down in the backseat. How funny it was to mess with the old lady driving the family car behind them!

They would speed up a little, oh, like maybe to around 15 m.p.h. or so, and then, all of a sudden, they'd be back down to about 7 m.p.h. All the while, looking back and just laughing their heads off.

Now, for those of you who aren't familiar with this particular road, let me tell you that it runs alongside the Big Sandy and is full of twists and turns and blind curves. Like I said, it's not exactly the sort of road to fall asleep on, or to find

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yourself playing stupid road games on.

I briefly considered passing them but then quickly dismissed the notion because of (1) the safety factor, and (2) I figured that if I tried, they, being the fun-loving girls that they obviously were, would probably only speed up once I switched lanes.

So, I remained behind them, but boy, let me tell you, if I could have gotten hold of a "keen" switch and their little behinds right about then, they'd have had something to run home to mama about.

It made me so angry! I just kept thinking, if only their parents knew how these girls were abusing the privilege of driving. I tried to calm myself thinking back to some of the stupid things I had to have done in a car when out with my friends in high school. But no, honestly, nothing I ever did came close in comparison to what these girls were doing.

After a very short time, I realized that there was a quite a string of cars behind me. Directly behind me was one of those large, looming, "hemi-

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## Auditions

"settler children" will also be cast from this audition. Children ages eight (8) and up are encouraged to attend the audition. JWT is also looking for teen and college-age performers for ensemble roles in Peter Pan and The Legend of Jenny Wiley.

JWT is also casting its upcoming spring production of Honk! - The Ugly Duckling Musical, which will be performed at the Mountain Arts Center the week of April 13 - 17, 2004. Honk! includes opportunities for local youth, teen, and adult performers...and JWT hopes to cast Honk! mainly from the Prestonsburg audition.

Performers should prepare a song demonstrating vocal range and a short, expressive monologue. The monologue can be an excerpt from a play, a poem, or some other form of dramatic interpretation. Total time for the audition should not exceed two minutes. A piano accompanist will be provided. Please bring sheet music for the song to the audition. A capella singing is acceptable, but auditionees must eventually sing with the piano to

demonstrate ability to match pitch, therefore it is advisable to prepare a song and sing the selection with the pianist. Tapes, CDs, and pre-recorded accompaniments are not acceptable. Some auditionees may be asked to demonstrate movement skills.

Jenny Wiley Theatre will also interview those interested in technical positions. Carpenters, scenic painters, stage managers, props, follow-spot operators, electricians, and sound engineers are invited to submit applications at the audition. Area and regional students with an interest in technical theatre will be considered for JWT's technical internship program.

Jenny Wiley Theatre offers a unique opportunity to work close to home in a professional theatre environment, and these auditions help extend that opportunity to the local community. Scott Bradley, Artistic Director will conduct the auditions. JWT is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For further information, call 606-886-9274, or visit the web at www.jwtheatre.com.

## Ponder

Two psychologists in Finland asked a group of children, at 10 years of age and again 7 years later, how they would deal with frustrating social situations. They found that children who use only aggressive problem solving strategies seemed doomed to become violent adolescents. Some aggressive 10 year olds were able to change their behaviors by adolescence, if they were aware over the years that there were alternative methods of solving problems. As is well known, this study shows the value of "getting them early," such as in the preschool years, to thinking about ways to cooperate in approaching circumstances that may be frustrating to finding solutions that can be creative and peaceful.

An American psychologist did a study showing the complexity of bullying and raising awareness of how the approach to tackling the problem needs a variety of resources. Bullies, victims, and bully-victims (a child that was a bully and a victim) had significantly higher levels of depression

in comparison to children not in any of these three categories. It also seemed reasonable that the victims indicated significantly higher levels of anxiety compared to the other two groups. Additional outcomes were that the number in the bully-victim group was much greater than expected, such as the percentages being 8 bullies, 35 victims, 24 bully-victims, 22 bystanders, and 12 no-status. A conclusion was that the majority of school children are involved in this problem in one way or another. No difference was found in the rate between boys and girls.

Other countries, Spain and the Netherlands, have shown similar rates of bullying and victimization, which tends to peak during middle school or junior high (ages 11-14). It is common, during these years, to be the victim of verbal abuse, physical violence, theft, and social isolation. A city in Spain and the whole of the Netherlands developed programs to reduce the

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# This Town, That World

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

## PREDICTIONS FOR 1965

Around New Year's 1964, Woodrow Burchett stuck his neck way out and predicted that Cassius Clay would become heavyweight champion, and that the popularity of Nikita Khrushchev would hit an all-time low. Subsequent events made a prophet of him, and so it was that his forecasts for 1965, made at a recent meeting of the Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club, were of more interest even than usual.

Among other things, he predicted:

That the first frost next fall will come on October 14 and that there will be a white Christmas. (Last year, he predicted first frost for October 16, a day early, and opined there would be no white Christmas.)

That the Colts and Browns will not repeat; the Cincinnati Reds will have a better season, but no pennant, and advised that fans watch the Giants; that Clay will remain champ and the Yanks will win the World Series.

Under the heading of sports he predicted:

"Dick and Elizabeth Taylor Todd Fisher Burton will still be together, only because Liz doesn't achieve in divorce."

Mr. Burchett foresees a draft of Combs for governor, and his prediction of political events on the local scene is one you can lay your bottom dollar on.

"Higher salaries and an air-conditioned courthouse will attract a record number of candidates. All present incumbents will stand for re-election, and there will be one new officer in

the courthouse. Radios and newspapers and the candidates will be red-hot and vitriolic. The electorate will be amused and disgusted. The advertising media will record a profit, and the sun will come up over the same hill, the morning after the election's over."

## THE TOUGH ONES

Since the day I learned that the Puritans, who presumably came to this land to "worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences," chased Roger Williams all the way to Rhode Island because his doctrine did not jibe with theirs, I have respected these old boys not for their desire for freedom for all men, but simply because they were tough. Tough enough to set sail for a new world, and tough enough to tough it out.

This week, I am reminded by Paul C. Combs that they had some pretty tough laws, too. These are excerpts from a few of their regulations:

"If any man, after due conviction, shall have or worship any god but the Lord God, he shall be put to death. (Leviticus XXIV, 15-16)."

"No one shall run on the Sabbath Day or walk in his garden, or elsewhere, except reverently to and from meeting."

"No one shall travel, cook victuals, make beds, sweep house, cut hair or shave, on the Sabbath or fasting-day."

"If any child above sixteen years old shall curse, or smite his, her or their parents, such child or children shall be put to

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# Family Medicine

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



# Be realistic about New Year's resolutions

**Q** Every year I make New Year's Resolutions that I fail to keep after a few days. This causes me to be disappointed in myself. I really like making resolutions, but I hate not keeping them. How can I make resolutions that I will keep?

**A** The tradition of looking to the future and making resolutions has been around for centuries. The New Year is a time for reflection and an opportunity to use that reflection to improve the future. Most people make resolutions that are so broad that they are impossible for anyone to keep, even for a few days. An example might

be, "I'm going to lose 20 lbs." Note that there's nothing in the resolution about how you are going to lose the 20 lbs., or by when. At other times, we might make resolutions that are just downright vague, like "I'm going to exercise this year." Because you have no personal stake or commitment to something this vague, it's very easy to put aside.

If you want to make "keepable" New Year's Resolutions, make them focused and achievable. Sometimes you're better off to make ONE good, reasonable resolution than several that won't last. Once you have decided on your resolution, write it down VERY specifically. If your goal is weight loss,

then spell out what you want to do: "I want to lose 12 pounds by April 1, 2004." You can continue your resolution by stating how you are going to accomplish this. You might say: "I am going to limit myself to 1500 calories per day. I will weigh myself every Saturday morning. I expect to lose one pound every week."

In April you can reassess your goal and perhaps set a new goal for the next 12 weeks as well as reevaluating your methods for weight loss. At that point, ask yourself questions like: "Did it work?" "Did I lose 12 pounds?" "Was 1500 calories a day hard or easy for me to do?"

A research study several years ago sheds further light on the differences between "good" and "bad" resolutions. The study involved more than two hundred people who had made New Year's resolutions — most of them concerning their health. By July 1,

about forty percent of them were still living up to their promise to themselves. The researchers found that those forty percent had several things in common.

First, they believed from the very beginning that they had the ability to change. They had self-confidence, and they set realistic goals. Second, they did not engage in self-blame. And third, they avoided wishful thinking. In other words, they didn't go into the new year believing their life would change completely if they lost weight or quit smoking. Rather, they kept themselves centered on realistic thinking, like "I'll feel better when I look in the mirror if I lose weight," or "I'll be able to smell and taste my food a lot more if I quit smoking."

Remember that a New Year's resolution is not about adding to the stress in your life, but is about making your life better. If making and breaking a

resolution is too stressful for you, don't make any resolutions. But, if you do make a resolution and break it, don't get discouraged. Just try again. For most people, relapses are a part of breaking any bad habit. Don't forget: It doesn't have to be the New Year to make resolutions. You can make a vow to improve yourself any time you want.

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## School

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

### PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-

4 p.m.  
■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.  
■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

### SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).  
■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is

available to the community as well as students.

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

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

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

### STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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

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

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

### FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

■ Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm.

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Tr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

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## Eyes

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powered" vehicles, being operated by a young man. Not being as "patient" as I was of the girls speeding up and then slowing, over and over again, this guy decided to pass both them and me on the next straight stretch we encountered.

Well, guess what happened? Just as I expected, he didn't get very far because just as soon as the girls realized that he was trying to pass, they revved right up to normal speed, forcing him to crunch in right in front of me just before we all came upon the next bend in the road. Glad I had foreseen this happening and had allowed enough space for him to do just that.

Soon, we came to my turn-off and I was, thankfully, out of

the game, but as I paused to turn I couldn't help but notice that the truck was bearing down nose to tail right upon the girls. "I hope he scares the crap out of them," I couldn't help thinking as I resisted the urge to follow on and see just what might happen.

As my own teenagers prepare to begin driving, I have to utter a heartfelt prayer that they will never do anything so stupid and irresponsible as this group of young women had done.

And, being the sort of person I am, I also pray that these "fun-loving" girls realize that this sort of "fun" is the very type to be avoided before anyone gets hurt. Inciting road rage in others can be a very dangerous game to play.

## Postscript

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now in Auxier, but the future looks very good.

At long last, after years of promises, after decades of the river directly receiving our wastes, our village is being hooked up to a sewer system. No more straight pipes, no more overflowing septic tanks.

And that's enough to make all the digging and noise and mud and closed streets worthwhile.

We seem to live in a time when the most minor inconveniences lead to loud complaints, griping in the grocery line, carping over the cell phone, cussing at workmen.

We want things done — and done right now — but we want it done without our being inconvenienced.

I'm one of the worst. I hate to wait in traffic for road repairs. I fume and fuss when there's a price check in the line at the store. Slow service by a new employee at a restaurant drives me up the wall.

My mother's vast store of patience was not passed on to me.

Sometimes, however, even I realize that good things are worth waiting for.

Sewer service is certainly one.

In this region we've been poisoning our own water for a century or more. We have allowed coal waste to flow unimpeded into our streams. We've stripped the hillsides of trees and let the runoff of soil fill up rivers. We've put indoor plumbing in our houses and flushed our urine and feces straight into the nearest branch, where it meets up with discarded tires, milk cartons and plastic bags.

In Auxier, we can't do much about the coal slag and the soil runoff. We still have to deal with those thoughtless people who throw their trash over the river bank or into ditches.

But we soon will responsibly get rid of our body waste. We will flush into a safe sewer system.

No doubt about it, that's worth the inconvenience we're experiencing now.

## Ponder

incidence of bullying. Teachers at each school in Seville, Spain were helped to develop three programs: (1) all children helped to decide the rules of conduct and the consequences for breaking those rules, meaning all knew up front what would happen; (2) opportunities for students to work together and cooperate as a group so that they needed to bring out the best in one another as a way to achieve their own goals. Games and fun activities could not begin until the teacher had approved all group work; and (3) there was a learn-by-doing program for the children that taught feelings, attitudes, and values. Children had a chance to learn to label all of their negative feelings from fear, to loss of pride, to anger, to jealousy.

The program in the Netherlands included five parts: (1) getting the different people in the bully's life involved and giving the bully help with social skill training; (2) helping the victim by giving him advice; (3) helping the silent majority to speak out to prevent bullying; (4) helping the teacher learn the signs, causes, consequences, and remedies to tackle the problem; and (5) giving parents advice and continually keeping them informed about the bully's progress.

In Australia, researchers found that girls used a wide range of

indirect aggression that can be just as hurtful and harmful as the acting-out aggression of boys. Three major categories of indirect aggression were identified. The first is "talking about others ('Guess what I heard')." Girls everywhere love to gossip about the other and might get very vindictive and mean. In an effort to make the bullied person less valued or less popular, other girls will spread rumors about one another, break confidence, criticize others' clothing, appearance, or personality. A second is "exclusionary behaviors ('You are not in our group anymore')." The scapegoat who is to be ignored and not allowed into the group is labeled "it." Then others are likely to openly not be nice to "it," considering her "weird, not like us, or out of it." The third is "non-verbal aggression ('They give you death')." Girls will band together and make sure that the victim knows she is not wanted. They often use intimidation by "staring with daggers" in their eyes.

An American researcher has looked at coping tools for bullies, victims, and their parents. The children learning early the difference between acting assertively (approaching with confidence) or aggressively (using force, either verbal or physical, to inflict harm) was viewed as very important.

Suggestions for the victim, when he was being bullied, were to not show that he was upset and encouraging him to walk toward a trusted adult. Effective coping techniques for parents of the victims have been found to be: listen and take the child's complaints seriously; avoid reacting too quickly or without all of the information; ask the child to describe what he has already tried to do to cope with the bullying and what the outcome was; and acknowledge that a problem does exist and provide the child with possible reasons for the bullying. Parents might become more frustrated because teachers cannot verify reports, since most bullying happens when the teachers are not around, in the hallways, cafeterias, and during recess. Some long-term strategies for the victims' parents are: prevent the child from getting into situations where they are likely to be a target of scorn or ridicule; set up circumstances where the child can be successful and encourage friendships with other children; and help the child feel valued by listening, interacting, and spending time with him.

Remember, life does not have to be painful! Do the best you can to help your child learn to identify problems, think of solutions, make a choice, and follow through with confidence.

## World

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death (Exodus XXI, 17; Leviticus XX, 9; Exodus XXI, 15), unless it be proved that the parents have been very unchristianly negligent in the education of such child.

And this last one, just to prove that, even then, the wim-menfolks had all the best of it:

"A man that strikes his wife shall be fined ten pounds. A woman that strikes her husband shall be punished at the Court's discretion."



01/04/2004

# Church members read entire Bible in one year

Members of the Middle Creek Baptist Church have participated in the "Read Your Bible Through in a Year" program for the last 13 years. Pictured above are those members of the church who successfully completed the pro-

gram by reading their entire Bible in 2003. Front row: Dolores Ward, Sandra Howell, Cassie Justice, Edna Sloe, Emily Shepherd, Rue Hager, Christine Griffith and Eddie Ward. Back row: Charles Hager, Gerald Ousley,

Sharon Sloe, and Mike Yates. The 2004 "Read Your Bible Through in a Year" program has already begun. Pastor Eugene Cook is proud to serve the Middle Creek Baptist Church community.



# Sunday Comics

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- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
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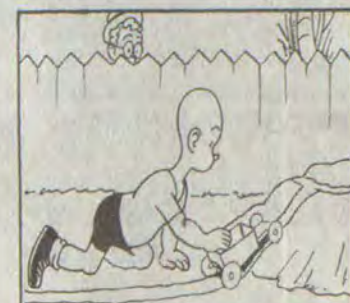
## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Lunchbox is different. 2. Flower is different. 3. Cap is missing. 4. Wheelbarrow is a different shade. 5. Beam is missing.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2



## Super Crossword

BOVINES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Enjoys an enchilada
  - 5 Cargo crane
  - 10 Circus employee
  - 15 Hilarious Howard
  - 18 What you used to be
  - 19 Mennonite group
  - 20 Cheer
  - 21 Planted
  - 22 Bovine jazzman?
  - 24 Famed fabulist
  - 25 Geometric figure
  - 26 Chrissie of The Pretenders
  - 27 Warts and all
  - 29 Actress Munson
  - 30 "May I interrupt?"
  - 31 Certain Semite
  - 34 Rocker Cassidy
  - 37 Pay
  - 39 Bovine auto racer?
  - 44 Fit
  - 45 Crony
  - 46 Director Ferrara
  - 47 Rock's — Trick
  - 50 Yellowish brown
  - 53 Chasm
  - 56 Adams or Astor
  - 58 Couch
  - 60 Maris of "Nurses"
  - 61 LAX letters
  - 63 Kimono closer
  - 64 Jab
  - 65 Noisy racket
  - 66 Mystical
  - 69 German city
  - 71 Electronic device
  - 72 Say please
  - 73 "Beat it!"
  - 74 Bovine outlaw?
  - 77 Satiated
  - 78 — Aviv
  - 79 Free-for-all
  - 80 Word with sister or story
  - 81 Costume sparkler
  - 83 Actor Kjellin
  - 84 Learn fast?
  - 85 Spare tire
  - 87 Johnny Yuma, for one
  - 88 Mythical bird
  - 89 Periodic table abbr.
  - 90 Gave someone a smack
  - 93 Writer Runyon
  - 97 Rise
  - 99 Go in
  - 101 Beholds
  - 103 Southern constellation
  - 104 Sue of "Lolita"
  - 106 Bovine actress?
  - 110 "Cat —" ('65 film)
  - 112 Exodus edible
  - 113 Prudish one
  - 114 Melville work
  - 115 "— Day Now" ('62 hit)
  - 117 To be, to Baudelaire
  - 120 Entangle
  - 124 Puzzle direction
  - 125 Chutzpah
  - 128 Bovine publisher?
  - 131 Ages
  - 132 Church law
  - 133 Brinks
  - 134 Banana-rama, e.g.
  - 135 Actress Susan
  - 136 Endangered animal
  - 137 Adjust a watch
  - 138 Time to evolve?
  - 4 Dairy treat
  - 5 Smidgen
  - 6 Internists' org.
  - 7 Jet-setter's need
  - 8 Egyptian deity
  - 9 Religious belief
  - 10 Bristol brew
  - 11 Bristol brew
  - 12 Jocular Jackie
  - 13 School founded in 1440
  - 14 Meal
  - 15 Bovine boxer?
  - 16 Proprietor
  - 17 "— Mine" ('85 film)
  - 21 Justice Antonin
  - 23 St.-to-be
  - 28 Astound
  - 32 Chicken — king
  - 33 Iceberg's kin
  - 35 '68 US Open winner
  - 36 Exploit
  - 38 Small mall
  - 39 Hydro-therapy site
  - 40 Actor Hunter
  - 41 TV Tarzan
  - 42 Franco of "Camelot"
  - 43 Drop
  - 48 Salad type
  - 49 Spongelike
  - 51 Bright inventor?
  - 52 Like Lincoln
  - 54 Splinter group
  - 55 Alphabet sequence
  - 57 Ingratiating
  - 59 Silo stuff
  - 62 Victoria's husband
  - 66 It's spotted at zoos
  - 67 Bovine band-leader?
  - 68 Louisiana university
  - 70 Geographical abbr.
  - 71 "Clair de Lune" composer
  - 73 Celebrities
  - 75 Car bomb?
  - 76 Grabs all the goodies
  - 77 Neighbor of Hispaniola
  - 79 Bob of basketball
  - 82 Proof letters
  - 86 Rock hound?
  - 90 Eager
  - 91 Castle or Cara
  - 92 "How — Is Your Love" ('77 hit)
  - 94 Deface
  - 89 Supper scrap
  - 96 Slangy denial
  - 98 Stockings
  - 100 TV listing abbr.
  - 102 Big —, CA
  - 105 Shade of meaning
  - 107 Ecclesiastical title
  - 108 Sage
  - 109 Put the match to
  - 110 Portended
  - 111 "That's —" ('53 tune)
  - 112 Loy or Blyth
  - 116 "A Face in the Crowd" actress
  - 118 Discourteous
  - 119 They're often beaten
  - 121 Curly coif
  - 122 Equine accessory
  - 123 Aphrodite's son
  - 126 "— Ryan's Express" ('65 film)
  - 127 Remnant
  - 129 TV's "— Haw"
  - 130 Presidential monogram

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The Commission reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any and all bids. Bids shall not be withdrawn within 30 days after the opening of the bids. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes, bearing the bidder's identification, and labeled in the lower left-hand corner: "Bid for New (2004) Chevrolet 1 ton Cab/Chassis 4WD Truck."

The bid shall be awarded to the supplier with the lowest and /or best bid. Turner E. Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5440 (Transfer)

(1) In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Levisa Fork Mining Company, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to transfer permit 836-5388 to The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The new permit number will be 836-5440. The operation disturbs 2.19 surface acres, and underlies 537.65 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

(2) The operation is located 0.3 mile west of Craynor, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.15 mile southwest of KY 979's junction with the Mink Branch Road, and is 0.3 mile west of Mink Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

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

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**ORDINANCE NO. 12-2003**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4-2003, OF THE CITY COUNCIL, REFLECTING REGULAR COUNCIL TIMES TO REFLECT CHANGE OF TIME ON THE 4th MONDAY OF THE MONTH. THE 2nd MONDAY OF THE MONTH TO BE HELD AT 6:00 p.m. AND THE 4th MONDAY OF THE MONTH TO BE HELD AT 12:00 NOON, AT CITY HALL**

Section 1: The Regular Meeting time of the City Council, of the City of Prestonsburg, shall be the second (2nd) Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., and the Fourth (4th) Monday of every month at 12:00 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, located at 200 North Lake drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4-2003**

**AND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING A REGULAR MEETING TIME OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Section 2: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect, from and after its adoption and publication, as required by law.

WHEREAS, a meeting time must be established according to law; and

WHEREAS, The City of Prestonsburg of informing the public and press of their Regular Meeting time;

Section 3: All ordinances or any parts of conflict with the provisions herein, are expressly repealed to the extent of such conflict.

ADOPTED THIS THE 23rd day of Dec., 2003.

Jerry S. Fannin Mayor

Attest: Peggy Bailey City Clerk

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, AS FOLLOWS:

**ORDINANCE NO.: 13-2003**

**AN ORDINANCE OF CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, WHICH AMENDS CHAPTER 37 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CITY'S PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE HANDBOOK, AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY BY COUNCIL.**

WHEREAS, the Prestonsburg City Council has adopted certain policies and procedures governing the city's personnel and employment practices; and,

WHEREAS, it may be necessary for council to amend the personnel policies and procedures to reflect changes in the law, or changes needed by the city with respect to its personnel policies; and,

WHEREAS, the current personnel policies and procedures systems are being reviewed for amendment or modification;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PRESTONSBURG CITY COUNCIL THAT CHAPTER 37 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, IS AMENDED SO AS TO PROVIDE AS FOLLOWS:**

**CHAPTER 37: PERSONNEL POLICIES**

**General Provisions**  
37.01 Personnel policies and procedures adopted

37.02 Position classification and pay plan adopted  
**County Employees Retirement System**

37.15 County Employees Retirement System established

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**§37.01 PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED.**

(A) The regulations governing the personnel policies and procedures system are adopted as the person-

nel policies of the city. ~~A copy of the regulations is made a part of this section by reference.~~ A copy of the personnel policies and procedures regulations shall be contained in a policy and procedure handbook maintained in the office of the City Clerk and shall be available for public examination during normal business hours and provided to each city employee.

(B) The personnel policies and procedures system shall be implemented on September 1, 1975, and may be amended by city council from time to time as council deems necessary.

**§37.02 POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN ADOPTED:**

The "Proposed Regulations on the Adoption and Administration of the Position Classification Plan, Pay Plan," prepared by the Bureau of Government Services, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, is hereby adopted effective January 1, 1976, and is made a part of this code by office of the City Clerk and shall be available for public examination during normal business hours.

**COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**§37.15 COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED**

(A) The present pension plan established for employees of the city is hereby frozen effective July 31, 1988, to participation by those existing employees who are then participating therein and who file with the city on or before October 31, 1988, a written election to continue participating therein in lieu of participating in the County Employees Retirement System (hereinafter known as CERS).

**PERSONNEL POLICIES**

(B) The city hereby agrees to participate in CERS effective August 1, 1988, and authorizes the Mayor to execute the appropriate instruments to effectuate such agreement.

(C) All employees now participating in said existing city pension plan are hereby authorized to terminate such participation and transfer to CERS.

(D) The city shall continue to fund and manage its existing pension plan for the benefit of any employees electing to continue therein and for those who are entitled to benefits in existing pension plan.

(E) Employees hired after July 31, 1988, who are otherwise eligible to participate in the city pension plan, shall participate only in CERS.

(F) The city hereby adopts the terms and provisions of the CERS under KRS 78.510 through 78.852, elects the alternative participation plan under KRS 78.530(3), and declares its intention to enter into an agreement with the Board of Trustees for the amortization of the cost of such prior service credit over a 30-year period commencing on or about November 1, 1988.

(G) The individual employee accounts in the existing city pension plan shall be transferred to CERS or credit to the respective employee's individual account in CERS, pursuant to KRS 78.531(1) and (2), upon the election of such employees to participate in CERS.

So stated and ordained this 23rd day of Dec., 2003.

JERRY S. FANNIN, Mayor of the City of Prestonsburg

ATTEST: PEGGY BAILEY, City Clerk  
FIRST READING: 12/8/03  
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