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briefs

Single-car wreck kills Inez man

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

INEZ — An elderly driver was killed Saturday in a single-vehicle accident four miles from Inez.

John Spading, 79, was driving on Route 40 when his 2003 Ford Taurus veered off the road and went into a creek. The vehicle rolled until it came up against a bridge.

Martin County Coroner Mike Crumb pronounced Spaulding dead at the scene.

The accident is under investigation by Trooper Arthur Maynard, who was assisted at the scene by the Martin County Sheriff's Office, Inez Volunteer Fire Department members, the Inez Rescue Squad and a Martin County constable.

Owner charged after dog attacks girl

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman has been charged with harboring a vicious animal after her dog allegedly attacked her 2-year-old cousin.

Betsy Layne resident Wendy Boyd filed a complaint in district court against

her cousin, Chrystal Lynn Howell, 26, of Slick Rock, who faces one count of the misdemeanor charge.

Boyd alleges that Howell's dog, a mountain cur, attacked her 2-year-old daughter on Nov. 28.

Assistant County Attorney Jimmy "Blue" Marcum, who is prosecuting the case, said that Boyd allowed her daughter

to play outside when she was visiting her father, Howell's neighbor, on Slick Rock.

A few witnesses told authorities that they saw the dog jump on the child and begin mauling her, Marcum said, but Howell initially told officials that the girl fell and hit her head on a pole.

"She [Boyd] told her daughter to get away and then the dog jumped on her,"

Marcum said.

Marcum said that the child had to have 4 or 5 stitches in her head. The child also had other "tooth mark" abrasions on her head that did not require stitches, he reported.

Floyd County Animal Control Officer

(See ATTACK, page ten)



Respond ambulance workers searched this vehicle for personal information to identify James A. Hampton Sr., who died Tuesday in a three-car collision at Ivel. The driver, Donald K. Hall, was flown to Cabell Huntington Hospital for treatment.

photo by Mary Music

One killed in U.S. 23 wreck

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

IVEL — One man was killed Tuesday and another was injured in a three car collision at Ivel.

Southbound traffic on U.S. 23 was redirected for more than two hours as emergency workers and investigators assisted at the scene.

Officials said Donald K. Hall, 58, of Jonancy, the driver of a gray 1997 Plymouth Breeze, crossed the white line in the southbound lane on U.S. 23 shortly before 11:20 a.m. The car sideswiped a Boca Enterprises Mack Tanker water truck that was parked on the shoulder of the highway, and it then crashed into the back of

another parked truck, a 2004 Dodge pickup, owned by the company, witnesses said. Neither of the parked vehicles were occupied at the time of the crash.

Kentucky State Police accident reconstructionist Eddie Crum said that the car hit the water truck,

(See WRECK, page seven)

Chase suspect claims car taken

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Mousie man who was arrested last week for a variety of charges stemming from a high-speed chase saw his case waived to the grand jury after a preliminary hearing

Monday in district court. Agon Short, 37, was arrested one week after allegedly drive his vehicle through the Wayland area and reaching speeds of 90 miles an hour.

Deputy Kenneth Prater testified that he was responding to a call about someone driving along pri-

vate property near the Knott County border when he wound up driving behind Short's vehicle on the way back from the call. He reported that he noticed that the license plate on Short's car was covered by what appeared to be

(See CHASE, page seven)

Blog gives county politics online home

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County businessman is providing a template for some pre-election discussions in Floyd County.

Frank Fitzpatrick, director of the Middle Creek Battlefield, created an online "blog" site, "Floyd County Politics," for local residents to have "honest and articulate discussions" about the county's "political climate."

Fitzpatrick hopes the site will help the county become a "better place" to live because, through voicing their opinion, county residents will want to participate more in county government or educational issues.

"There is an apparent need for a discussion like this to take place in Floyd County," he said. "We need a place where different

individuals can express their opinions openly and freely in an electronic medium that's become more and more prevalent these days."

Fitzpatrick says the blog — short for "web log" — will give a voice to people who are usually not outspoken in the public arena. Site visitors can give their opinions on a variety of different topics.

"Just about anything on the minds of people in Floyd County can be discussed on the site," Fitzpatrick said. "Whether it has to do with elected officials, whether it's about members of the Floyd County fiscal court, county officials, board of education members, or the people, the representatives, we send to Frankfort."

Fitzpatrick, who said began the site, in part,

(See BLOG, page ten)

Charges multiply after traffic stop confrontation

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man who was arrested for driving under the influence incurred several more charges for allegedly failing to cooperate with police on Monday.

Jerry McBryer, 34, was arraigned Tuesday morning, but Judge James Allen refused to set a bond until

McBryer consented to being fingerprinted at the Floyd County Detention Center.

McBryer was arrested following an incident that began Monday night when a male subject, who said that he worked at Reno's Roadhouse, hailed officer Brian Walker and told him a subject was pulling out of

(See CHARGES, page ten)

Two more arrested from drug roundup

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Operation UNITE continued rounding up suspects last weekend after a sealed indictments were issued the week of Thanksgiving.

Two more county men were arrested last week, with one surrendering to authorities.

Larry "Larrybug" Goble, 51, of Corn Fork, was arrested

Wednesday and charged with third-degree drug possession and one count of possession of prescription drugs that were not in their original container.

On Thursday another suspect was arrested when Terry W. Burchett, of Weeksbury, surrendered himself to the sheriff's department. Burchett had been indicted for trafficking in a con-

(See ARRESTS, page seven)



Citizens National Bank has released security camera pictures of a man who staged a robbery of the bank's Allen Branch last week. The bank is also offering a \$5,000 reward for "original information that results in the identification, arrest and conviction of the person/persons responsible for the robbery." Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to contact Det. Byron Hansford, of the Kentucky State Police, at (606) 433-7711.

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Obituaries



Phyllis Ann Green

Funeral services for Mrs. Phyllis Ann Green, 58, of Livingston, were conducted at 1 p.m., Thursday, November 17, 2005, at United Fellowship Church, on Windle Community Road, in Livingston, with Pastor Mike White officiating.

Burial was in Green Family Cemetery.

Mrs. Green died Tuesday, November 15, at her home. She was a Registered Nurse at Livingston Regional Hospital and a member of Refuse Church in Livingston.

Born February 2, 1947, in McDowell, she was the daughter of the late Lynze and Emma (Dye) Moore.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan Green; four brothers, David Moore, Charles Moore, Jackie Moore, and William Moore; and three sisters, Ruby Moore, Girlow Moore, and Alana Moore.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Tabitha Green of Livingston, Ivan Jr., and Jane Green of Rogersville, and

Michael and Barbara Green of Cookeville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Tammy and Rick Lisi, and Tina and Eric Phlyffer, all of Livingston, and Shelia Green of Cookeville; two brothers, Larry Moore of Ohio, and Benny Moore of Indiana; four sisters, Myrtle Jean Garman, Betty Rose Hall, and Violet Webb, all of Indiana, and Sharon Lynn Kershaw of Kentucky; and 17 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ivan Green Jr., David Green, Michael Green, Rick Lisi, Adam Green, and Christopher Presley.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Marco Lisi, Eric Phlyffer, and Michael Green Jr.

Special care provided by Speck Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Donnie Meade

Donnie Meade, age 58, of Drift, passed away on Saturday, December 3, 2005, at his residence, following a sudden illness.

He was born May 12, 1947, in Martin, the son of Betty Showers Meade of Langley, and the late Donald Meade.

He was retired from the Kentucky State Department of Transportation.

He is survived by his mother, Betty Wood Showers Meade of Langley; and one sister, Toni Ann Meade Bailey of Langley.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 4, at 7 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Rev. Roy Harlow officiating.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

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Community Calendar

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Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

HRMC Dec. Calendar

*Dec. 10 - Childbirth class, 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. HRMC Medical Office Bldg., 5th floor, Board Room.
*Dec. 10 - Ky. Mountain Dental Society, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meeting rooms A&B.

Maytown Center

*Monday nights - Volleyball, 7 p.m., co-ed activity, \$1. 7th grade thru adult. Followed by drinks, snacks, pool and ping pong until 9 p.m. Also, basketball from 6-7 p.m. FREE. Must be accompanied by an adult.
*Tuesday and Thursday - Basketball, 5-6 p.m., FREE if under 15. Must be accompanied by an adult. 8-10 p.m., ages 15 to adult, \$2.

May House Tours

The historic Samuel May House will be open to the public each Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m. The house, built in 1817, is the oldest house in the Big Sandy Valley. Tours are \$3/person; donations appreciated. The house is located on North Lake Drive (Prestonsburg), across from Pizza Hut and Wendy's.

Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence

Meets the third Thursday of each month, in the Floyd County Family Court Conference room, in the Justice Center, at 3 p.m. Learn how to prevent domestic violence. The information you gain may save a life...the life of someone you know! All interested persons encouraged to attend. For more info., call 886-4323.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Invites interested professionals and businesses to join them for lunch each Thursday, at 12 p.m., in the Student Grille Conference Room, on the BSCTC campus.

Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self."
"Lunch is served at noon and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075 for more info.

FCFD meeting scheduled

The Floyd County Conservation District will hold a public meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m., at the District office.

Hillbilly Travel Club

Currently planning a 2-night trip to New York City that will take place on Memorial Day weekend, 2006. Plans are for the club to depart from Floyd County on Friday, May 26, at 6 p.m. Will spend Sat. and Sunday nights in NYC, departing at 7 a.m. on the 29th. Cost ranging in price from \$185-260/per person. Call Ed or Linda at 452-4149 for more information.

UNITE

Beginning January 9, the UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the second Monday of each month, at 5 p.m., at the Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m. The first meeting will be held on Nov. 29.

Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

Neighborhood Watch

The Mud Creek Neighborhood Watch group will meet the third Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend meetings.

Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for

its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Interested in new job training?

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929.

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension

Homemaker Club Meetings
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Evening Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.

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

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

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group

*Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group now meets at Riverview Manor.

*Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

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

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

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

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

5242.
*Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

*A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Stone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

*PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring

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

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

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House and lot located at 94 Harold Street, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, KY. Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated October 9, 1991, and recorded in Deed Book 351, Page 183 in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of 1.83% per annum until paid, due and payable in sixty (60) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U. S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain lien in favor of the defendant(s), reflecting the right of the defendant(s), to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.

Inquiries should be directed to: PEGGY T. MEADE, Rural Development Manager
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Viewpoint

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.

Worth Repeating ...

"Speak out in acts; the time for words has passed, and only deeds will suffice."

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Our View

Stay home for the holidays

With Christmas just around the corner, it is certain that most of us are caught up in the hustle and bustle of gift-shopping for our friends and family. But while you are busy buying presents for those you love, you might also consider giving a gift to the place you love.

We know what you're thinking. You're already too busy, with all of the shopping, the parties, the decorating, the visits, the charities and everything else going on. How could you possibly add one more thing to your already bloated schedule?

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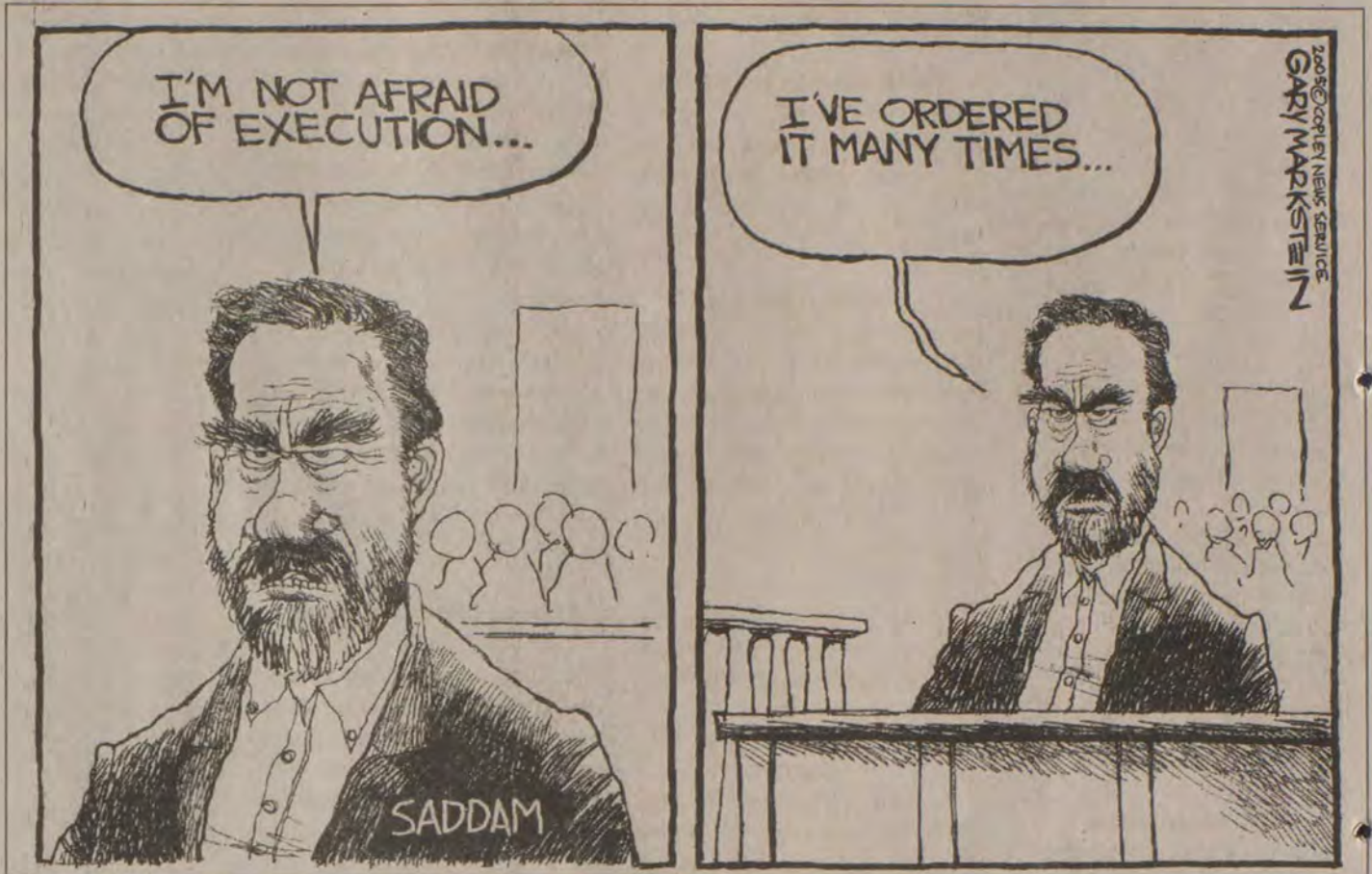
The state Commerce Cabinet publicized some statistics this week that show just how much of an impact we have in the shopping decisions we make. When you buy an item from a chain store, only 20 cents of your shopping dollar stays in the community. If you buy that same item from a "big box" retailer, the type that anchors shopping centers, that number drops to 6 cents.

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Capitol Ideas

First Democrat files for gubernatorial primary

by JOE BIESK
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FRANKFORT — While other Kentucky Democrats ponder their options, one candidate from the state's last governor's race has announced his intentions to seek the 2007 nomination.

Otis Hensley Jr., of Wallins Creek, filed papers with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance last week to begin raising and spending money for the race. Hensley finished third in 2003 behind now-U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler and House Speaker Jody Richards.

"I think I win this time," Hensley said during a telephone interview. "I've got two years to campaign."

Hensley, a contractor, was the first — and so far only — Democrat to announce plans to run for governor in 2007. Former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry has said he's considering a run.

Incumbent Gov. Ernie Fletcher, a Republican, has also filed papers to seek a second term.

In the 2003 Democratic primary, Hensley ran a limited campaign and finished with 3.3 percent or 9,372 votes. During that race, which Chandler finished with more than 10,000 votes over Richards, Hensley did not raise or spend any money, according to campaign finance records filed with the state.

This time around probably won't be much different, Hensley said. Now, though, he's already been through the process and he's got plenty of time for campaigning, he said.

"I ran the last race on no money, and unless somebody steps forward and

offers to help me, I'm going to run this one without any money," Hensley said. "I'm in it for the people. I'm not in it for the money. Last race, I had to eat bologna sandwiches and was campaigning on the side of the road."

Kentucky Democratic Party chairman Jerry Lundergan said party leaders are not yet focusing on the race. Instead, they are concentrating efforts on the 2006 elections including county courthouse races and state House and Senate races.

State Sen. Julian Carroll, D-Frankfort, said he's working with Democratic leaders to establish a statewide "network" to consider the party's gubernatorial options. Carroll agreed Democrats should focus on the 2006 elections before moving on to the governor's race. Carroll, a former Kentucky governor, said he envisions gathering a group that represents "probably a couple of million" Kentuckians including various constituents and special interest groups, Carroll said.

He hopes to have the group completed this month and hold its first meeting in January. Exactly what the group's responsibilities will be remains uncertain, Carroll said. It would be up to those in the "network" to decide their exact purpose, he said.

"The idea is out there," Carroll said. "The idea has yet to have meat put on the bones, I guess you might say."

Until then, party officials are trying to shore up their base and will eventually aim at getting consensus on a single candidate with the best chance of winning, Lundergan said. Otherwise, a primary contest could be fatal to any hopes of

regaining the governor's mansion, Lundergan said.

"I think we should take every prospect that the Democrats have and we should all join hands and support the strongest," Lundergan said. "I'm going to support the strongest."

Carroll agreed. "We've got to use good judgment," Carroll said. "We've got to make certain that we don't get so anxious that we end up cutting each other up so that the Democrat that represents us isn't able to pull the party together for a victory in November (2007)."

As for Hensley, Lundergan said he wasn't dismissing him.

"That's why we live under the flag we live under," Lundergan said. "Every citizen has a right to file. I'm very happy that he filed as a Democrat."

If Hensley winds up being the strongest candidate, Lundergan said he would support him. Otherwise, he would "try to convince" Hensley the party should settle on a single candidate, Lundergan said.

Hensley's gubernatorial to-do list includes finding additional outlets for farmers and eliminating toll roads in western Kentucky. Hensley said he also wants the state to insure driver's licenses instead of vehicles. He is also opposed to raising taxes.

"I want to run for governor as a citizen of the state of Kentucky, not as a politician," Hensley said. "Our campaign slogan is to put the people first."

Joe Biesk is a statehouse reporter for The Associated Press.

Guest Column

The real Saint Nick

by DR. WARREN THROCKMORTON

Given the decision-making power of Santa Claus on the matter of gifts, my children make sure they leave Mr. Claus some seriously good cookies on Christmas Eve. However, most children don't know that there is much more to the real Saint Nick than toys and cookies. In addition to being generous, the jolly fellow could easily be considered the patron saint of purity.

Recently looking into the legend of

Saint Nick, I learned that Saint Nicholas lived early in the fourth century in what is now Turkey. He was orphaned as a young boy but left with substantial financial means by his parents. He used this inheritance to benefit others, especially children. Nicholas became the Bishop of Myra in Turkey and played an important leadership role in the church. Called the Wonderworker, he was well known for his generosity to children, hence his association with the legend of Santa Claus. The story of a benevolent soul

giving gifts to children is a part of many cultures with many names. Saint Nick as another name for Santa Claus persists to this day.

I also read in my study that Saint Nicholas is a patron saint of virgins. In the Catholic tradition, a patron saint is one who prays to God on behalf of a petitioner. So, if one wants to remain chaste, one may pray to Saint Nicholas who will lift up the petitioner in spiritual prayer to

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Health Extra

Two hospitals and local medical transportation companies partner in new initiative to improve care of cardiac patients

PAINTSVILLE — In a program called "Hearts in Action," King's Daughters Medical Center of Ashland, Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville, and area medical transportation/EMS companies are partnering in an effort to improve the care of cardiac patients. On Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 7 and 8, Paul B. Hall will host an educational program where nurses from King's Daughters and other experts will train about 65 EMTs and paramedics on the topic of optimal protocols for treating and transporting chest pain patients. When training is complete, King's Daughters will provide each of the medical transportation companies with four intravenous infusion (IV) pumps, for a total of 20, to be placed in their ambulances for administering intravenous medications. These pumps are essential for delivering the proper dose of cardiac medications during the transport of patients from a community hospital, such as Paul B. Hall, to a regional referral center, such as King's Daughters Medical Center.

The EMS and medical transportation companies included in this initiative are Paintsville Fire and Rescue, DHP, Net Care, Stat Ambulance and Trans Star. These companies serve the

southeast region and have a high volume of patient transports from the Johnson and Floyd county area to larger hospitals throughout the state.

Ambulances from these companies currently do not have IV pumps. The current practice is to stabilize chest pain patients in the emergency department, then administer cardiac and pain medications and sedatives to prepare them for transport, which sometimes takes an hour or more. The IV pumps will enable ambulance personnel to have a wider range of options to care for and be able to respond to patient needs during transport.

"The IV pumps will enable the local hospitals, the ambulance crews and regional referral centers to better coordinate medical care when a patient requires transport," says Paul Brizendine, M.D., medical director of the Paul B. Hall Emergency Department and the physician who first identified the equipment need. "The priority is improving patient care", continues Dr. Brizendine. "It's important for the transportation units to be properly equipped and to have standardized technology. It's also important for pre-hospital personnel to have the latest training to care for cardiac patients. It's an outstanding joint effort that directly benefits

the patients." Dr. Brizendine said planning for the project has taken place over the past six months and he's excited to see it put into action.

The IV pumps purchased for this project were manufactured by Medical Technology Products, Inc., (MTP) of Huntington Station, New York. The 20 pumps, valued at about \$40,000, were chosen for their durability, reliability and special features. The MTP pumps are manufactured utilizing U.S. Military Standards for workmanship and electronic component selection, and are used by the U.S. military in field hospitals, on ships and aircraft. The pump is the only transport infusion pump registered with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Unlike pumps used in a hospital, the MTP pump is made to operate effectively in any position, even when it is at the same level or above the solution container, and to withstand the jarring and bumping that can occur in an ambulance.

Emergency medical technicians and paramedics will earn eight hours of continuing education by attending the training program, which is being offered by the hospitals at no charge. The program begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 5 p.m. each

day. Instructors include transport specialist Rhonda Vansickle, R.N., assisted by Jenny Walters, R.N., of King's Daughters; Charles "Chuck" Cremeans, paramedic and EMS instructor from State Fire and Rescue Training, Area 10; as well as Thomas Hartnet, founder and president of Medical Technology Products, Inc., the manufacturer of the IV pumps, and Dr. Brizendine.

Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center is a 72 bed primary care hospital built in 1982 to replace Paintsville Hospital constructed in 1920. Paul B. Hall was the first community hospital acquired by Health Management Associates, Inc., now one of the nation's largest for-profit community hospital chains.

King's Daughters Medical Center (KDMC) is a locally controlled, not-for-profit, 385-bed regional referral center, offering comprehensive cardiac, medical, surgical, obstetric, pediatric, rehabilitative, psychiatric, cancer, neurological, pain care, wound care and home care services. Established in 1899, KDMC currently ranks fourth in the state of Kentucky in terms of admissions, and, with approximately 3,050 team members, is the largest employer west of Charleston, W.Va., and east of Lexington, Ky. King's Daughters currently is constructing a five-floor, 200,000 square-foot Heart and Vascular Center on its campus, which will provide registration, testing, procedures and recovery for cardiovascular patients all in one area. Most outpatient cardiovascular services, as well as three cardiac nursing units, will be housed in the new building.

Guest

God. As an aside, his patronage may explain at least one of the criteria for being in either the naughty or nice category when Saint Nick checks and rechecks his list. But I digress. There is more to this story.

Legend has it that Saint Nicholas became aware of a desperately poor parishioner having three daughters with no dowry to recommend them for marriage. The father had planned to sell them into prostitution to provide some means of support. By night, Saint Nicholas secretly brought bags of gold on three separate occasions to the man's home. These generous visitations allowed the three daughters to have sufficient means to avoid whoredom and later strike a marriage covenant. On the third visit to deliver the gift, Nicholas was caught in the act of generosity by the man.

Many make the Santa Claus-like association of this story to Saint Nicholas the gift giver. I see an additional angle. For reasons that often involve money, women today have few benefactors—few Saint Nicks. Bob Dylan sang it truly two decades ago that today's culture seems to promote "old men turning young daughters into whores." A look at any magazine rack will tell you that there is a market for flesh and the demographic is predominantly male, ages 12 to 90. Research company Visiongain projects the pornography market to be a \$70 billion industry in 2006. That is a lot of gold being used to take advantage of women rather than promote their virtue.

Liberation from traditional female gender roles has been little help here. Women today are not, and should not be, as helpless as those three girls aided by Saint Nicholas. However, girls gone wild with sexual freedom most often leads to exploitation by men. I doubt we would see as

much skin if there were no gawking male purchasers, eager to buy and sell innocence as commerce.

Harmful to both men and women, graphic sexuality, even the somewhat scaled-down prime time variety, contributes to the "overall" commoditization of sex. Viewed through the eyes of a pornographer, sex is commerce and sexual purity is restraint of trade.

We need Saint Nicholas today. We need the gifts of chastity and modesty. We need more respecters of purity and

fewer of those who would sell young people into the brothel of commercialism.

We need you today Saint Nicholas, the Wonderworker. Our sons and daughters need the good gifts of those who truly value their health and purity.

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In Appalachia, senior citizens charged with selling drugs

by ROGER ALFORD
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PRESTONSBURG — After being fingerprinted and photographed, 87-year-old Dottie Neeley sat quietly in the local jail, imprisoned as much by the tubing from her oxygen tank as the concrete and steel surrounding her.

The elderly woman who sometimes uses a wheelchair is among a growing number of senior citizens charged in a crackdown on the illegal trade of prescription drugs, a crime that authorities say is rampant in the mountains of central Appalachia.

Floyd County jailer Roger Webb said seniors have a ready market for their prescription pills, especially painkillers, and some may be succumbing to the temptation of illegally selling their medications.

"When a person is on Social Security, drawing \$500 a month, and they can sell their pain pills for \$10 apiece, they'll take half

of them for themselves and sell the other half to pay their electric bills or buy groceries," Webb said.

Since April 2004, the anti-drug task force Operation UNITE has charged more than 40 people 60 or older with selling drugs in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. It's a recent trend that Webb said has been growing over the past five years, since police began their crackdown on illegal sales of prescription drugs.

"It used to be a rare occasion to have an elderly inmate," Webb said. "Five years ago it was a rarity."

Dan Smoot, a former state police drug detective who heads the task force, said the senior citizens being charged aren't always people struggling to put food on the table.

"Most of the elderly we arrest are merely continuing a family tradition," he said. "It has been part of their culture for a long time."

Webb said local jails are hav-

ing to bear the increased cost of caring for aging inmates.

"You've got to give them more attention," he said. "It's putting a strain on my deputies. We're understaffed anyway. You've got to get them doctors, and meet their medical needs."

In Pike County, jailer Rodney Scott said the overall increase in elderly inmates is small, but noticeable. He said senior citizens have more health problems than younger inmates, which means they require more time and attention from his staff.

The Rev. Doug Abner, pastor of Community Church in Manchester and an anti-drug crusader, said seniors may not understand the seriousness of selling prescription drugs.

"They justify it because they're having a hard time financially," he said. "Left to ourselves, we can justify anything, but they're really part of the problem."

Dr. Anita Cornett, a Hyden physician, said she does random drug screenings to make sure her patients are taking their prescription drugs instead of selling them. In addition, staffers routinely call patients and ask them

to bring their prescription bottles into the office to count the pills to make sure all are accounted for.

Cornett said one of her patients, a reformed drug addict, told her that he had never purchased drugs from a known drug dealer. "All of the drugs he bought were from elderly people who had prescriptions for them," she said.

Just how many senior citizens are selling their prescription medications is anyone's guess, Cornett said. "I would hope it's a small percentage."

Abner, whose church keeps stores of food on hand for the needy, said senior citizens caught in financial pinches have legal ways to restock their pantries or to pay utility bills.

Neeley, the 87-year-old who was arrested along with her son and his girlfriend, faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted of trafficking in prescription drugs and marijuana. However, a prosecutor has agreed to a five-year sentence and has promised not to oppose "shock probation" if Neeley enters a guilty plea at her next scheduled court appearance. Under shock probation, a

defendant who is unlikely to repeat the crime is released from prison after getting a brief taste of life behind bars.

Her defense attorney, Terry Jacobs, said the plea bargain would be a gamble. He said if the judge doesn't grant the motion for shock probation, Neeley could die in prison.

"It's been our position all along that six months is a death sentence for her," Jacobs said.

In a telephone interview, Neeley said she suffers from emphysema and asthma, and uses oxygen daily. She said she was shocked when police arrived to arrest her, making the 4-foot 8-inch, 120-pound woman walk from her house to a cruiser.

"I had to hold my hands up all the way," she said. "They wouldn't let me hold them down."

Neeley said she doesn't know why she was included in the roundup of drug dealers last December.

"I was always against drugs," she said.

Jacobs declined to discuss specifics of the charges. But speaking generally, he said he

believes most senior citizens pulled into the prescription drug trade do it for economic reasons.

"You've got a depressed economy," he said. "You've got an opportunity for these folks to make money. If you're seeing a disproportionate number of elderly, it's because they are the people who are going to be prescribed most of the drugs."

Jacobs said the elderly charged with drug crimes may actually be victims of hardcore drug abusers or traffickers.

"Besides infants and children, they're the most vulnerable people in our society," he said. "When you have a segment of society that is so desperate for these pills that they will rob and steal, they certainly are not beyond manipulating an elderly person."

Fletcher allocates additional dollars for extension of Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher's office has announced that the state's home energy assistance program for the needy will receive additional funding to enable the program to continue operation until Dec. 22.

The Subsidy component of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) was originally scheduled to end Dec. 9. With the extra dollars, it is expected that an additional 10,000 needy households will be served. LIHEAP is administered by the state's Community Action Agencies. As of Dec. 3, nearly 73,000 households had been served, with over \$7.6 million in utility assistance payments disbursed.

"This news from Governor Fletcher's office is certainly welcome," said James Michael Howell, executive director of Big Sandy Area Community Action Program. "The additional funding means that more families in the Big Sandy region will stay warm this winter. At a time when natural gas prices are

soaring and electricity costs are on the rise, this money could not have come at a better time."

LIHEAP provides utility assistance payments to needy households based on income eligibility, and is funded through the federal Department for Health and Family Services. Howell said that last year, more than 9,300 Subsidy applications were taken in the Big Sandy region, with over \$1.04 million in payments issued.

For more information about LIHEAP, contact the local Big Sandy Area Community Action Program in your county. The county office numbers are as follows: Johnson County 789-6515; Floyd County 886-2929; Magoffin County 349-2217; Martin County 298-3217; Pike County 432-2775.

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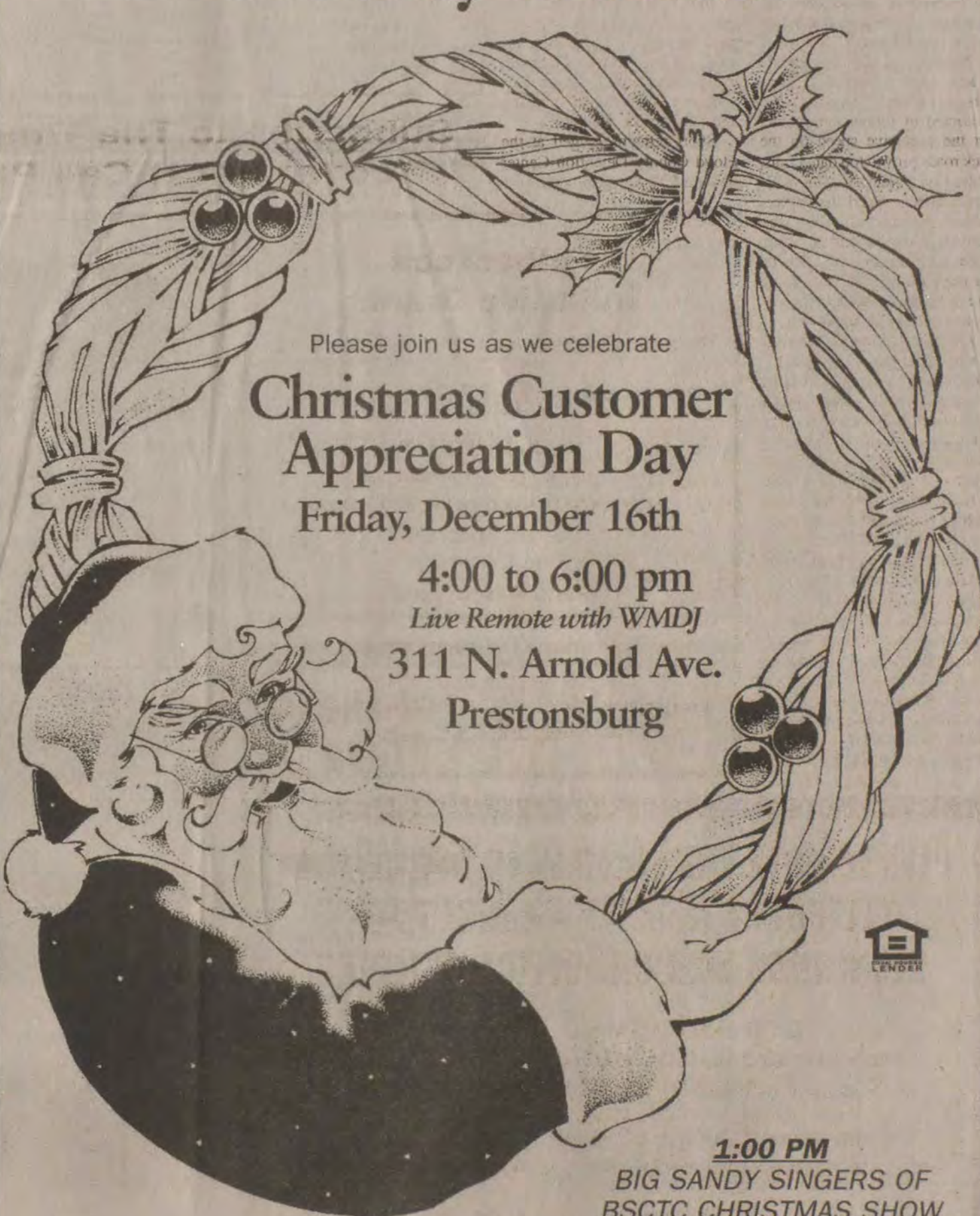
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then crashed into the tailgate of the Dodge truck, pushing it approximately 30 to 40 feet along the shoulder of the roadway before both vehicles came to the stop.

Hall, whose condition was unknown at press time, was flown to Cabell Huntington Hospital by Medflight Aeromedical. The passenger, James A. Hampton Sr., 55, of Jonancy, died on impact and was pronounced dead at the scene by Assistant Floyd County Coroner Glenn Frazier.

Both parked vehicles were unoccupied because Boca employees were working with Prestonsburg City Utilities employees to install a waterline at Community Connections, a business on the northbound side of the highway.

Kirby Bowling, owner of Boca Enterprises, said his employees crossed the four-lane about 10 minutes prior to the collision. While working there, Kirby said that workers heard the "thump" of the initially impact and they watched Hall's car spin in the southbound lane, where it crashed into the Dodge truck on the road's shoulder.

The car was completely

demolished. Pieces of plastic, glass and fiberglass littered the highway and the shoulder of the road. Other pieces of fiberglass were caught and broken off in metal support straps on water truck's diesel tank. Investigators pointed out that the water truck was parked a good distance (at least two feet) from the highway with its hazard lights on.

One Prestonsburg City Utilities worker, who did not want to give his name, said he ran across the road after the accident occurred.

Hampton was thrown behind Hall, who was trying to free himself, the worker said.

The reason the driver veered off the road was not determined, Crum said at the scene.

Alcohol or drugs did not appear to be a factor in the accident. Neither of the men were wearing seat belts, KSP Trooper David Watkins said.

Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officers, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, Respond Ambulance Service, the Floyd County Rescue Squad, and the Kentucky Department of Highways assisted the KSP at the scene.

Crum continues the investigation.

Arrests

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controlled substance and trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school.

Burchett's charges stemmed from an April roundup that was conducted in Pike County. Operatives in that case allege

that Burchett sold them oxycodone.

Thirty-five people were sought in the last roundup, with 16 still being sought by authorities.

Chase

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paint. He said that he ran his lights to stop the car and question the driver about the plates. The car did not respond so he activated his siren and the driver responded by fleeing down Route 7.

Prater noted that the vehicle picked up more speed as they passed through Wayland. He attempted to follow the vehicle but the excessive speed on the back roads proved too dangerous. Prater said that in order to make curves at that speed the suspect vehicle veered all the way through the oncoming lane. Prater realized that he could be placing a driver in the oncoming lane in severe danger by proceeding and called off the pursuit.

Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum finished his questioning after hearing Prater's account and public defender Jane Harlan took over. She asked Prater if he ever got a look at the driver and Prater noted that he hadn't. She conferred with Short and asked Prater if the sheriff's department had received a call about Short's car being stolen. Prater noted that they did receive a call.

Marcum then asked Prater about the call. Prater said that Lt. Greg Clark took the call and was allegedly told by Short that he had gotten drunk and lent his car to an individual but couldn't remember to whom he gave the vehicle. Marcum then asked if they got the call before or after

the chase and was told that the department received the call the following day.

Judge Eric Hall found that there was enough evidence to pass the case to a grand jury, which will consider whether to charge Short with fleeing police, wanton endangerment, speeding and other traffic violations.

Short remains lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center under a \$10,000 cash bond.

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JWT plans for future

The Jenny Wiley Theatre Board of Trustees recently held their annual retreat, and this year it was held at the beautiful Enchanted Mountain Mansion at Hager Hill. Each year, JWT Board members and interested friends dedicate an entire day to brainstorming and planning for the upcoming season. This year's topic centered on fundraising and the Theatre's need for additional community support. Those in attendance, from left to right, were: Front Row: Bob Willenbrink, Morehead; Helen Wicker, Hazard; Linda Francis, Prestonsburg; Theadora Vaughan, Louisville; Nancy Martin, Prestonsburg; Carolyn Justice, Pikeville; and Delora Kraus, Prestonsburg. Second Row: Dee Fanning, Prestonsburg; Shanna Elliott, Pikeville; Frank Heaberlin, Paintsville; Cheryl May, Allen; Donna Cassell, Prestonsburg; Gwen Daniels, Pikeville; and Nancy Sturgill, Prestonsburg. Back Row: Bill Francis, Prestonsburg; David Gardner, Salyersville; Glenda Rhea, Pikeville; Carrie Cinnamon, Pikeville; Scott Bradley, Prestonsburg; Wes

Fugate and Les Fugate, Louisville. JWT wishes to thank Inez Baldrige and the staff of Enchanted Mountain Mansion for their hospitality and the use of their facility during the retreat. Additional thanks to Bobby Bell of Four Guys And A Grill, located at Stone Crest Golf Course, for catering the event.

*Jenny Wiley Theatre is a non-profit organization and receives funding from individuals, corporations, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paintsville Tourism, the Kentucky Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Kentucky Department of Travel.

Century 21 Oct.-Nov. recognitions

Dorothy Harris, Broker, Century 21 American Way Realty, Prestonsburg, recently announced that three of the company's sales team members have earned special recognition

for their production levels for the month of October. Ellen Harris led the office as listing agent with Gary Frazier, Sheila Crockett and Pam Kidd tying for the month's top selling agent.

Additionally, Ellen Harris and Pam Kidd tied for top listing agent for the month of November, with Gary Frazier being named top selling agent for the month.

The team's combined efforts are indicative of the professional services offered through Century 21 American Way Realty. The office is very proud of the work of these outstanding individuals.



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JWT gets new seating

The Staff and Board of Jenny Wiley Theatre are pleased to announce that new stadium seating has just been installed in the back section of the amphitheatre. "That particular section of seating had become so dilapidated that we were unable to place patrons in many of the seats due to safety concerns," said Managing Director Martin Childers. "We had just simply removed some of the seats and replaced them with metal fold out chairs until a permanent solution could be found."

The installation of the new stadium seating in the back of

the amphitheatre will allow JWT to offer more comfortable and safe seating for their patrons. The JWT Staff and Board wish to thank the Kentucky Department of Parks and the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park for their efforts in acquiring and installing the new stadium seats.

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Odds & Ends

■ **EFFORT, Pa.** — This black bear picked the wrong place to hibernate.

The animal camped out under the porch of a home where four children live — and near where 20 kids wait for the school bus.

Residents of Chestnut Hill Township had suspected for days that a bear was in their midst after they saw that their trash cans had been tampered with. But it wasn't until two children happened upon the bear on Sunday that its exact whereabouts became clear.

Pedro Sainvil owns the home where the 600- to 700-pound male bear seems to have settled in.

On Sunday, Sainvil sent two of his children, ages 8 and 9, outside to play in the snow. "After 15 or 20 minutes, they came back screaming, 'Dad, Dad! There's a bear under the house!'" Sainvil said.

The bear will be removed by state wildlife officers, authorities said.

"It's very scary," said Rose Marie Louis-Jacques, Sainvil's mother. "I'm just praying that he'll take off. It's like a bomb under the house."

■ **COPENHAGEN, Denmark** — A taxi driver in Denmark bit off the tip of a man's finger in a brawl about how many people could fit in the cab, police said Monday.

The dispute started early Sunday morning, when a group of five men hailed a taxi in Odense, in central Denmark.

Police said things erupted when the 37-year-old driver insisted he could only take four passengers. It wasn't clear who started the fight, but police say a 48-year-old man claims he grabbed the driver by the collar after the driver spat at him.

The driver, who was bruised but not seriously injured, said the man grabbed him by the jaw and punched him. The driver claims he accidentally bit off the tip off the man's ring finger in the commotion, police said.

The 48-year-old was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. None of the men were identified in line with Danish privacy rules. Police were investigating but had not filed any charges Monday.

■ **MASON, Ohio** — During the holidays, some people are content to deck their homes with evergreen wreaths and holly, and maybe a few strings of lights made to look like glimmering icicles.

But not Carson Williams. He spends nearly two months hooking up 25,000 lights, then programs them to dance to Christmas music.

Hundreds of cars drive by his house north of Cincinnati every night to see the display, which also is posted on the Internet.

"So far, everyone's been really courteous," Williams said on NBC's "Today" show Monday. "I told the neighbors, I told the sheriff, if they get any complaints, I'll shut it down, because the neighbors are more important to me than the Christmas lights."

This is the third year Williams has assembled the display, which grows every year. He often stays outside for hours, chatting with visitors and directing traffic.

"We've had no problems," said Dave Hare, who lives across the street.

But the first year, it took some explaining.

"We called it the psycho house," said Hare's wife, Michelle. "It was just weird random flashes."

The display runs from the day after Thanksgiving until Jan. 1.

■ **TULSA, Okla.** — A transportation official is hoping an odd speed limit will get the attention of drivers, and slow them down in construction zones.

Jarry Slaughter, an Oklahoma Transportation Authority engineer, has posted speed limit signs of 17 mph at three toll plazas that are under construction.

He said he can't scientifically measure the effectiveness of the unusual speed limit, but he's convinced it works.

Toll collector Vickie Fletcher said she gets at least five questions a day about the 17 mph limit.

Slaughter said the speed limits will be raised to 25 and 30 miles per hour after construction on the toll plazas is complete.

■ **STOCKHOLM, Sweden** — Vandals have again torched a giant straw Christmas goat in a town in central Sweden.

The goat has gone up in smoke so frequently that it's almost become a Christmas tradition.

Merchants in Gavle, 90 miles north of Stockholm, began erecting the goat in 1966 to mark the holiday season. Since then, just 10 of the 43-foot-high goats have survived.

Most have been burned, though one was hit by car and another was damaged by fireworks.

Police spokeswoman Margareta Olander said officers received a call Saturday night to report that the goat was ablaze.

"In just a couple of minutes only a sooty wooden skeleton remained," she said. There were no immediate suspects, but Olander said that one of two men seen running from the scene was wearing a Father Christmas mask.

The vandals are seldom caught, but in 2001, the goat was set on fire on Dec. 23 by a 51-year-old visitor from Cleveland, Ohio. The culprit, Lawrence Jones, was convicted and spent 18 days in jail.

■ **KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** — It was twice as much fun at the Malaysian wedding as two pairs of identical twins tied the knot.

Guests could be pardoned for thinking they were seeing double: The best men were twins. So were the bridesmaids and the flower girls, the Star newspaper reported Monday.

The paper reported that Zeenat Begam Sawai Hamid and Zannat Begam Sawai Hamid, 23, had been promised by their parents soon after birth to identical twin brothers Hasan Mohammed Yusof and Husen Mohammed Yusof, 26. The two sets of parents were good friends, the Star said.

But the families lost touch with each other until seven years ago, and agreed to fulfill their pledge. Their children took their vows on Sunday in Balakong, a town outside Kuala Lumpur.

The Star said the two sisters, born 48 seconds apart, are medical students. The older groom is a clerk in Malaysia's central bank, Bank Negara, and the younger, born four minutes later, is a businessman.

The couples wore identical dresses, but one pair was decked in yellow while the other in purple. The twin best men, Mohammed Aswad and Mohammed Hafiz Yaakob, 20, wore identical dresses, and could be told apart only because one of them has a thin beard.

■ **KNOXVILLE, Tenn.** — Authorities have arrested a man they say stole a hot-air balloon from a Knox County home before breaking into another house and forcing the family to feed him.

Gregory Allen Williams, 40, was caught by police Friday night as he left the home where authorities say he demanded a meal from a couple. The couple's daughter hid in a closet and called authorities on her cell phone, said Loudon County Assistant Chief Deputy Jimmy Davis.

The hot-air balloon, which belongs to James Hood, was packed in a trailer and parked in

his driveway Friday morning when a neighbor saw someone hitch the trailer to a vehicle and take off, authorities say.

Knox County Sheriff Tim Hutchison said the suspect eventually ditched his vehicle and the balloon trailer in a field in Loudon County and fled into nearby woods.

Hood recovered his trailer and balloon, valued at nearly \$30,000. Authorities say Williams was already wanted on a probation violation warrant and now faces felony theft charges.

■ **MADISON, Wis.** — Dorothy Rodefelf, known around town as the "light lady" because of her elaborate outdoor Christmas display, woke up to find an illuminated Jesus had gone missing.

"They pulled the light right out of Jesus," Rodefelf said.

Rodefelf has mounted ornate Christmas displays at her 1861 farmhouse for the last seven years — ever since her husband died. She spends much of the summer in her machine shed, checking the display bulbs and wiring.

"That's my enjoyment," she said. "That's how I spend my time."

Last year, Rodefelf racked up \$125 in electricity costs lighting her display, which she keeps on from Thanksgiving to the first week in January, between 4:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

The theft of the Jesus, and a wooden manger he was resting in, hit Rodefelf hard.

Her grandson built the manger from wood the family salvaged from a granary that had once been part of the family's original homestead.

"That's the one thing they took that really meant something to me," she said.

Rodefelf said she knew something was wrong Friday morning when she noticed Santa Claus was lying down in the snow.

"I could see somebody's tracks up to Santa," she said.

Former Fletcher aide says she warned of problems

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A former top aide in Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration told prosecutors she warned of potential legal hang-ups with the governor's "personnel initiative," according to court records released Monday.

Pam Ritter, a former deputy director in the Local Initiatives for a New Kentucky office, also said she later told Fletcher, first lady Glenna Fletcher and chief of staff Stan Cave that the LINK agency was no longer "in the personnel business."

Fletcher's personnel initiative has been at the center of Attorney General Greg Stumbo's investigation into allegations that the Fletcher administration violated state personnel laws. Administration officials began meeting on the program — which prosecutors have called a "corrupt political machine" designed to avoid the state's personnel law — in January, Ritter said.

Ritter told prosecutors she eventually voiced her concerns with the program at an executive staff meeting that included Darrell Brock. Brock, now the state GOP chairman, was at the time the commissioner of the Governor's Office for Local Development.

"I don't think we should be operating in this arena," Ritter said she warned. "This is against ethics."

A transcript of Ritter's June 22 interview with prosecutors was included in documents submitted as probable cause for a search warrant of GOLD official Eddie Spraggs. Spraggs was also a regional LINK representative in western Kentucky, according to the attorney general's office. The search warrant was carried out last week.

A Franklin County special grand jury has been investigating the Fletcher administration since May. So far, it has netted

13 indictments against current or former administration officials.

Fletcher has pardoned nine people who were charged with various misdemeanors stemming from the probe. He subsequently fired nine people, some of whom he previously pardoned.

Among the topics Ritter said Fletcher administration officials discussed was the idea that "good Republicans" should be given "a head start" on state jobs before they opened up. That included giving preferred candidates advance notice of job openings before they were posted for the general public, Ritter said.

Fletcher spokesman Brett Hall denied Ritter's claims. Hall claimed Ritter was trying "to enhance her stature" for prosecutors.

"A lot of people say things in order to make it look like they were at the center of things," Hall said. "Her recollection and what actually happened are two different things."

Still, Ritter told prosecutors that she eventually advised employees in her office against the plan.

"I was concerned about what they were asking the LINK people to do," Ritter said in the interview.

Ritter said she had been receiving by e-mail daily updates from state government agencies of various job openings. However, she eventually got them to stop and she began spreading the message that her office was "no longer in the personnel business."

The program, Ritter said, was a "liability to the governor."

In subsequent meetings, Ritter said she also told both Ernie and Glenna Fletcher and Cave that she had stopped the agency's involvement in personnel.

The special grand jury was scheduled to resume its work on Tuesday.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 2005. There are 24 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese forces attacked American and British territories and possessions in the Pacific, including the home base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

On this date:

■ In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

■ In 1796, electors chose John Adams to be the second president of the United States.

■ In 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected the eighth president of the United States.

■ In 1946, fire broke out at the Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Winecoff.

■ In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral.

■ In 1972, Imelda Marcos, wife of Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos, was stabbed and seriously wounded by an assailant who was then shot dead by her bodyguards.

■ In 1983, in Madrid, Spain, an Aviac DC9 collided on a runway with an Iberia Air Lines Boeing 727 that was accelerating for takeoff, killing all 42 people aboard the DC9 and 51 aboard the Iberia jet.

■ In 1985, retired Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart died in Hanover, N.H., at age 70.

■ In 1987, 43 people were killed in the crash of a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner in California after a gunman apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger and the two pilots.

■ In 1988, a major earthquake in the Soviet Union devastated northern Armenia; official estimates put the death toll at 25,000.

Ten years ago: Under Republican pressure, President Clinton reluctantly presented a

seven-year balanced-budget plan that was quickly criticized by GOP lawmakers. Two black people, Jackie Burden and Michael James, were shot to death in Fayetteville, N.C.; two soldiers from Fort Bragg were later convicted of first-degree murder in a case that prompted national attention about racism in the military. A 746-pound probe from the Galileo spacecraft hurtled into Jupiter's atmosphere, sending back data to the mothership before it was presumably destroyed.

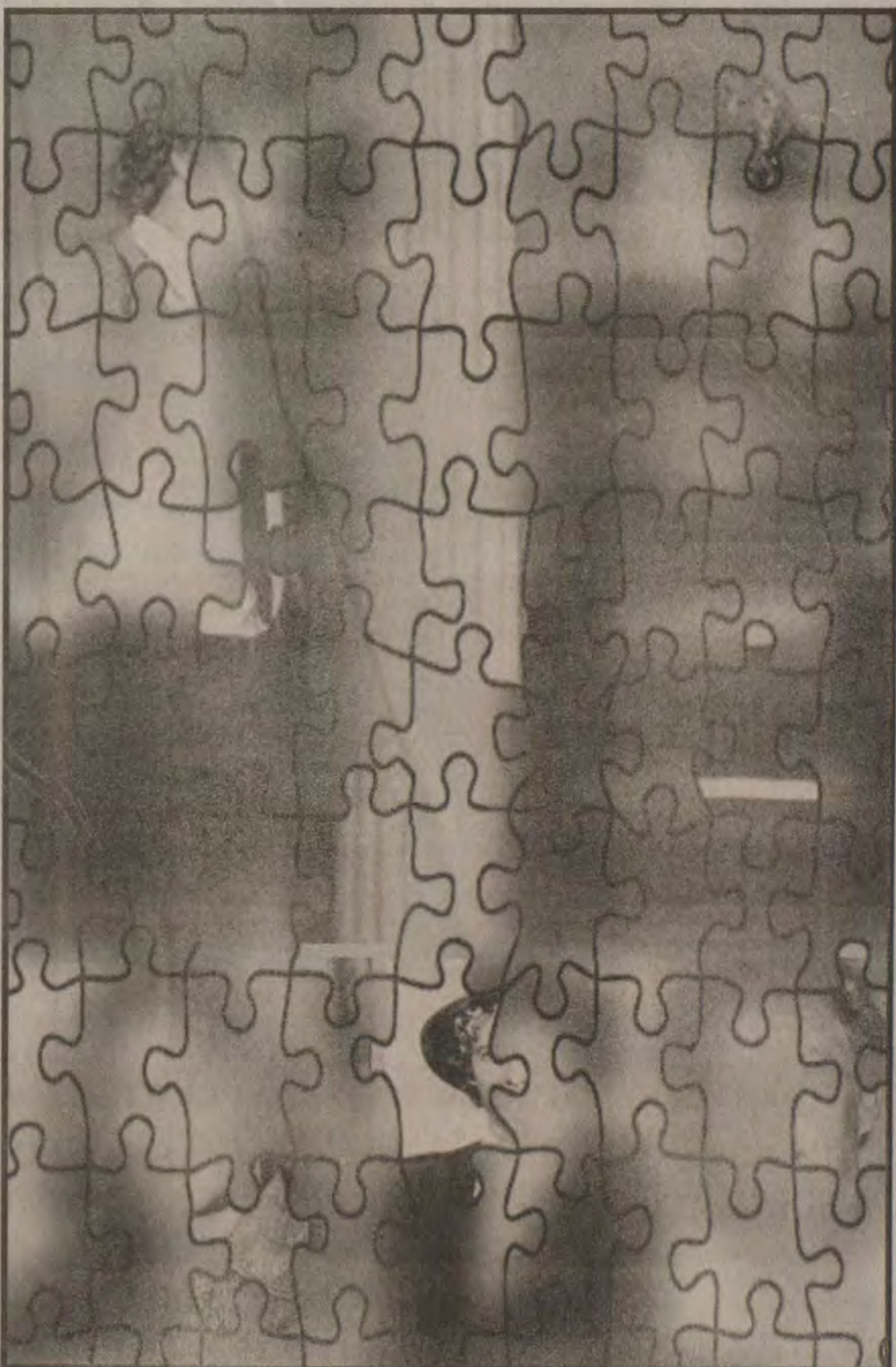
Five years ago: Al Gore's lawyer, David Boies, pleaded with the Florida Supreme Court to order vote recounts and revive Gore's presidential campaign. Republican attorneys called George W. Bush the certified, rightful victor.

One year ago: Hamid Karzai was sworn in as Afghanistan's first popularly elected president. The House of Representatives passed an intelligence network overhaul measure, 336-75. Amway co-founder Jay Van Andel died in Ada, Mich., at age 80. Singer Jerry Scoggins, who performed "The Ballad of Jed Clampett," the theme song to "The Beverly Hillbillies," died at age 93.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Eli Wallach is 90. Bluegrass singer Bobby Osborne is 74. Actress Ellen Burstyn is 73. Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Thad Cochran, R-Miss., is 68. ABC News anchorwoman Carole Simpson is 65. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Johnny Bench is 58. Country singer Gary Morris is 57. Singer-songwriter Tom Waits is 56. Sen. Susan M. Collins, R-Maine, is 53. Actress Priscilla Barnes is 50. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Larry Bird is 49. Former "Tonight Show" announcer Edd Hall is 47. Rock musician Tim Butler (The Psychedelic Furs) is 47. Actor C. Thomas Howell is 39. Pop singer Nicole Appleton (All Saints) is 30. Rapper Kon Artis (D12) is 29. Actress Shiri Appleby is 27. Singer Aaron Carter is 18.

Thought for Today: "What man strives to preserve, in preserving himself, is something which he has never been at any particular moment." — George Santayana, Spanish-American philosopher (1863-1952).

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Local teacher achieves teaching profession's top recognition

PRESTONSBURG — Deshia Marion Holliday, a teacher at Prestonsburg High School, earned the teaching profession's top certification by achieving National Board Certification in 2005, according to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Holliday currently teaches English and humanities at the school. She has been a teacher for 12 years and holds a master's degree in English and journalism from Morehead State University.

Holliday is one of only five National Board Certified teachers in Floyd County. She is one of 899 in the state of Kentucky.

National Board Certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession. A voluntary process established by NBPTS, certification is achieved through a rigorous performance-based assessment that is typically completed over a year and measures what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. This process



Deshia Marion Holliday

requires teachers to demonstrate how their activities, both inside and outside of the classroom, improve student achievement. Holliday resides in

Prestonsburg, along with her two children, BJ and McKenzie Holliday. She is the daughter of Johnny and Donna Walters of Belfry.

Mining permit near Buckhorn Lake rescinded

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A mining permit that environmentalists warned would allow sediment to be dumped into Buckhorn Lake has been rescinded and probably should not have been issued to begin with, the state director of mines said Tuesday.

"This one got off the ranch, as it were," said Paul Ehret, director of the Kentucky Division of Mine Permits.

Leslie Resources, a subsidiary of the former Horizon Natural Resources, has a permit to mine 1,075 acres and wanted

to add another 69 acres to the mining area.

The company obtained the additional property in a trade with the U.S. Forest Service for property in Owsley County.

Leslie Resources and its parent have been in bankruptcy proceedings and questions about their financial stability prompted a review of the permit expansion, Ehret said.

The permit expansion was issued in October, but no mining took place and none was imminent, Ehret said. There was also no active mining on the original permit area, he said.

The lake area borders Owsley, Leslie and Perry counties.

Kentucky Heartwood, an environmental group based in Lexington, had objected to the expanded mining area, claiming it would affect water quality in the eastern Kentucky lake.

"The mine is bad for Kentucky because it would ruin the viewshed of Buckhorn Lake," said Perrin de Jong, head of the environmental group. "It would make the area less appealing to visitors and reduce the economic benefits of Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park."

Attack

David Shepherd, under Marcum's order, accompanied Sheriff Deputy William Holbrook when he served a criminal summons against Howell. Shepherd seized the dog on Dec. 1 and transported the animal to the animal shelter on Stephens Branch in West Prestonsburg, where it is currently undergoing rabies testing.

This isn't the first reported

incident of the dog attacking children, Marcum said, pointing out that Boyd "wanted something to be done."

Kathy Mullins, manager of the animal shelter, said the dog, "Scooby," was placed under a 10-day quarantine for observation. His vaccinations were not up to date, she said.

The rabies testing should be completed by Dec. 8, Mullins said, and the dog should be

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returned to Howell because it has shown no signs of rabies.

"He's shown no signs of aggression to children or anything," Mullins said. "We haven't had a bit of a problem out at the shelter here."

The Floyd County Health Department must officially release the dog before it can be returned to its owner.

Howell is scheduled for arraignment on Dec. 28.

Charges

the eatery while under the influence of alcohol. Walker followed McBrayer's Mercury Mystique onto Route 1428 and observed the vehicle crossing the center line. Walker activated his lights and observed the Mystique appear to pull over twice but keep going. The car then turned onto North Central Avenue, failing to stop at the posted sign. Walker followed the car to McBrayer's home where it parked.

Walker noted in his report that both the driver and passenger in the car were not wearing seat belts. Walker ordered McBrayer out of the vehicle but he allegedly refused to comply. Walker called for assistance and officer Sam Goodman responded.

According to the police

report, Walker asked the driver why he didn't stop and reported that McBrayer responded by saying he didn't trust law enforcement. He then allegedly refused to take a sobriety test. McBrayer, at that point, allegedly began cursing at Walker and said he remembered that Walker had arrested him on a previous occasion for alcohol intoxication. Walker called in McBrayer's vehicle and discovered that the tags had expired and that there was no insurance on the vehicle. Arresting McBrayer took some effort, as he allegedly resisted getting handcuffed.

At the Floyd County Detention Center McBrayer allegedly continued resisting

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and had to be pried out of the back seat of the cruiser after hooking his legs under the seat and refusing to get out. He also refused to get a blood test and would not allow himself to be fingerprinted.

After his arraignment on Tuesday McBrayer did consent to fingerprinting and was granted a preliminary hearing on Dec. 14. His bond was set at \$5,000 cash.

Charges against McBrayer include expired plates, expired registration, fleeing police, failure to wear seat belts, no insurance, operating a vehicle under the influence, resisting arrest, disregarding a stop sign, harassment, terroristic threatening and refusal to take alcohol test.



Construction of Layne Brothers Ford's 34,000 sq. ft. facility is continuing and is expected to be completed next year. Workers unloaded six truckloads of steel beams Tuesday for the "state of the art" facility. Fire destroyed the business, which has since relocated, and caused \$4 million in losses in 2003.

Blog

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because of problems he had getting the Middle Creek Battlefield mowed this year, said education and healthy living topics are also desired discussions for the blog site.

"Writing and editorializing is not one of my fortes, to say the least," he said, "but, heck, I'm going to give it my best effort because I believe that this will be something good for us."

The blog site can be accessed at <http://floydcountypolitics.blogspot.com/>.

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Lady Bears break even in Huddle House Classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College Lady Bears overcome three halves of sub-par shooting to record a split in two weekend games in the Huddle House Classic in Williamsburg. After shooting a mere 24.1 percent on Friday and in Saturday's first half, the Lady Bears hit 48.5 percent in the final 20 minutes to pick up a win over Martin Methodist.

The Lady Bears are off for exam week until Sunday when they'll play host to regional rival U.Va.-Wise. Brescia 62, Pikeville 46: Brescia shot only 31.1 percent from the floor but sank six three-pointers and got a double-double from Jennifer Patrick to pick up its first win of the season. Sarah McDaniel led the Lady Bearcats with 14 markers. Patrick had 11 points and 14 rebounds, while Holly Murphy added 11.

Pikeville got 12 from freshman Camille Cook, who also had six rebounds to tie for team honors. Cook is in her first season at Pikeville College, following a stellar prep career for Whitesburg High School. In other Pikeville College scoring, senior Julie Yates chipped in with 11. Pikeville 68, Martin Methodist 59: Pikeville College bounced back nicely in the Huddle House Classic. Three Lady Bears finished in double figures in scor-

ing as the Lady Bears broke out of a funk for a nine-point win Saturday afternoon. Junior Heather Dillon hit on six of her 10 shots from the floor to finish with 15 points. She added eight rebounds. Yates followed with 14 points while freshman Sasha Fields had 11 points and led the team with nine rebounds. Martin Methodist (6-3) was led by Latoya Torian's 18 points and 14 rebounds. Shannon Morton followed with 12.



Camille Cook

Bears drop two in west Tennessee classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — It wound up being a rough week for Randy McCoy's Pikeville College Bears, who dropped to 3-8 after a pair of losses in the McKenzie Rotary Classic at Bethel (Tenn.) College over the weekend. The Bears are now home for finals week and will return to action on Saturday afternoon when they play host to Berea College at 2 p.m. Central Baptist 67, Pikeville 63: Pikeville outscored CBC 26-4 on second-chance opportunities and 37-20 off the bench but couldn't overcome a 35-25 half-time deficit. Sophomore Gene Cotton led the Bears with 14 points. Junior Napoleon Roberts came off the

(See BEARS, page two)



South Floyd center Ryan Little (34) and forward Justin Slone (32) both eyed a shot as Johnson Central's Kyle Rice worked for position.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Lady Raiders shake slow start, down Jackson

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — One night after the South Floyd High School boys' basketball team opened its season with an 89-81 win over Johnson Central, the SFHS girls' basketball squad got its season started Saturday with a convincing 61-36 win over Jackson City. Vanessa Skeens led South Floyd with a game-high 17 points. Skeens was one of three players in double figures for the Lady Raiders. Kayla Hall added 13 points for South Floyd and Danielle Tackett netted 11. Despite the final score, the game wasn't all smooth sailing for the Lady Raiders. South Floyd slipped out of the first quarter with a 12-10 lead. The two teams went into halftime with the game tied (22-22). The Lady Raiders, however, got things going early on in the second half. South Floyd's third quarter effort ultimately propelled the host team to the win. The Lady Raiders outscored Jackson City 25-4 in the third period, putting the game out of reach.

(See SHAKE, page two)

ALC teams beat St. Louis foes

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

NEW ALBANY, Ind. — The Alice Lloyd College men's and women's basketball teams handled their counterparts from St. Louis College of Pharmacy over the weekend. Alice Lloyd claimed wins in both games between the two schools. In the Alice Lloyd-St. Louis Pharmacy women's game, Belicia Mullins scored a team-high 18 points to lead the Lady Eagles to an 87-54 win. Keisha Johnson and Jamie Bonza combined for 25 points for the Alice Lloyd women's team. Johnson had 13 points in the win. Kaylan Richardson added nine points for the Lady Eagles while Kristal Daniels and Elisha

(See ALC, page two)

Eagles have wings clipped

South Floyd defends home hardwood, wins 89-81

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Those Hi Hat Crazy's love their Raider Ball. On Friday night, South Floyd High School boys' basketball fans got a good dose of the up-tempo style of basketball they have dubbed Raider Ball. South Floyd opened the season against Johnson Central and new head coach Mark Starnes. In his first season at the helm of the Golden Eagle boys' basketball program, Starnes got a quick introduction to 15th Region Basketball. South Floyd trailed in the first couple of minutes Friday night, but for the most part maintained some sort of a lead all game on its way to an 89-81 win over the Golden Eagles. Bigman Ryan Little led the Raiders with 23 points. Little, who connected on a three-pointer at the buzzer to add to Johnson Central's stinging setback, also added a team-high eight rebounds. Senior guard Ryan Johnson followed Little with 21 points. Four players were

in double figures for the Raiders as Mason Hall added 15 points and Ethan Johnson 14. South Floyd led Johnson Central 44-34 at the half. Justin Slone gave South Floyd a boost in off of the bench, scoring eight points and pulling down five rebounds. T.J. Hall and Matt Little each had four points for the Raiders. South Floyd, under the direction of second-year head coach Barry Hall, was 27-for-45 from the free throw line. The Raiders gained some momentum midway through the first quarter and ended the initial period with a 19-12 lead. Starnes wanted his team to play aggressive in the season-opener. The Eagle head coach, however, didn't want to see his team commit as many fouls as it did. "We want to play aggressive, but we played a little too aggressive against South Floyd," said Starnes. "We definitely committed too many fouls." Senior Kyle Rice led Johnson

Central with 23 points. Junior Jamie McCarty, who entered the game in the second quarter, scored 21 points — all of which came in the second half.

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SOUTH FLOYD BOYS • UPCOMING GAMES

Dec. 9
at Knott County Central, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 10
Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
(Roy S. Martin Classic)

Dec. 13
Cordia, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 16
at Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 17
Letcher County Central, 6 p.m.
(At East Ridge, Warrior Classic)

Leslie Co. 70, P'burg 60

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HYDEN — One thing for certain, Prestonsburg High School head girls' basketball coach Jack Pack and his program haven't backed down from some tough competition early on in the 2005-06 season. The Lady Blackcats, after opening the season on the road at Paintsville, the 57th District runner-up last season, returned to the road Saturday, traveling to Leslie County for a game against the host Lady Eagles. Leslie County, a team that figures to make some noise in the loaded 14th Region, opened its season Friday night with a 68-40 win over Owsley County. The Lady Eagles won their second straight Saturday, beating Prestonsburg 70-60. A rough second quarter set the Blackcats back. Prestonsburg exited the first period with a 14-13 lead before Leslie

(See P'BURG, page two)

Letcher Central edges Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK — Betsy Layne nearly got into the win column for the first time in the 2005-06 season Saturday evening. But a first-year program expected to contend for a 14th Region championship wouldn't let it happen. In a game played as part of the Wildcat Tip-off Classic at Shelby Valley High School, Letcher County Central held on

(See EDGES, page two)



BLHS senior, 20 pts.



photo by Dewey Mosely
Allen Central senior Alanna Cline (15) drove to the basket in Allen Central's Lady Hawk Tip-off Classic game against Shelby Valley.

Lady Rebels drop three in Lady Hawk tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Allen Central opened play in the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic at Pike County Central High School Tuesday, Nov. 29 with a loss to the host team. After Pike Central beat Allen Central 85-54, the Lady Rebels went on to lose two more games, giving them three straight losses. On Friday, Knott County Central claimed a 70-48 win over the Lady Rebels. Shelby Valley beat the Lady

(See DROP, page two)

ALC

Hall netted six apiece. Whitney Lykens and Amy Jackson each added five points apiece for the Lady Eagles (5-3).
The St. Louis team, which featured only five players, got 19 points from Jamie Collins and 18 from Katie Palmer.
The ALC women took a 34-21 lead into halftime of the non-conference game.
In the men's game, St. Louis

Pharmacy entered halftime with a 37-34 lead, but couldn't keep an advantage.
The Eagles outscored the St. Louis team 45-26 in the second half en route to a 79-63 win.
Jeremy Jackson entered the game off of the Eagle bench and led Alice Lloyd in scoring with a team-high 14 points. K.J. Waterman and Rodney Mitchell each had 13 points while Former Floyd County

Conference Player of the Year Shawn Newsome added 10.
Brent Prichard and Eric Mullins each had seven points for the Eagles. Freshman William Dillard, playing out of a starting role, added six points for the Alice Lloyd men's team.
The Eagles, playing one game after their emotional win over regional rival Pikeville College, improved to 5-4 overall.

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P'burg

County took the second period 22-8. Leslie County extended its lead after the half, outscoring Prestonsburg 18-14 in the third period.
Beth Lewis led Leslie County with a game-high 23 points. Lewis was one of four Leslie County players to reach

double figures. Ciara Stidham added 16 points for the Leslie County girls.
Meaghan Slone paced Prestonsburg with a game-high 24 points. Amber Whitaker scored 18 points for the Lady Blackcats while Darcey Hicks added 12.

Leslie Co. 70, Prestonsburg 60
PRESTONSBURG (0-2) — Slone 24, Fields 2, Whitaker 18, Hicks 12, Chaffin 4.
LESLIE CO. (2-0) — K. Lewis 2, B. Lewis 23, Wooten 14, Stidham 16, Douglas 11, Wilson 4.
Prestonsburg 14 8 14 24-60
Leslie Co. 13 22 18 16-70

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Shake

"We were pleased with the way we came out and played in the second half," said South Floyd Coach Tony Isaacs. "We're a young team and it shows at times."
The lady Raiders were 10-of-

17 from the free throw line and made seven three-point field goals.
Junior Heather Dean had eight points, 14 rebounds and four blocks for the Lady Raiders. Seventh-grader Chelsie Tuttle

followed with seven points.
Jackson City connected on 18 of 29 free throws. The visiting team didn't make any three-pointers and was held to nine field goals.

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Drop

Rebs 54-46 in a tournament game Saturday.
In the rivalry game against the Lady Patriots of Knott County Central, Amanda Mills and Alanna Cline each had 11 points and Amanda Thacker added 10, but it wasn't enough to lift Allen Central.
Megan Mosley led Allen Central in scoring with a game-

high 19 points. Natasha North added 18 points for the defending 14th Region champion and Keisha Slone chipped in with 13.
Allen Central showed improvement in the loss to Shelby Valley. In an earlier tournament game, Belfry, fueled by 15 points apiece from Shae Deskins and Brooke Stanley, beat Shelby Valley 68-60.

SHELBY VALLEY 70, ALLEN CENTRAL 48
Allen Central 9 8 9 22-48
Knott Central 15 19 20 16-70
Allen Central (0-2) — Mills 11, Cline 11, Thacker 10, Johnson 9, Dingus 4, Biliter 2, Brown 1.
Knott Central (1-1) — Mosely 19, North 18, K. Slone 13, Phillips 5, Gibson 3, N. Slone 3, King 3, Pratt 3, Conley 2, Thomas 1.

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Raiders

McCarty was nursing a foot injury earlier in the week before fighting the pain and making his season debut.
"There's no doubt, we're a different team with Jamie McCarty in there," Starnes added.
Senior point guard and start-



ing forward Ryan Fannin each had eight points for the Eagles.
Justin Blanton added seven points for Johnson Central.
Johnson Central put together more than one run in the second half, but could never pull even or go ahead of the Raiders.

SOUTH FLOYD 89, JOHNSON CENTRAL 81
South Floyd (89) — M. Hall 15, E. Johnson 14, T.J. Hall 4, R. Johnson 21, R. Little 23, J. Slone 8.
Johnson Central (81) — Rice 23, McCarty 21, T. Whitaker 8, Johnson 2, Meek, Fannin 8, Blanton 7, Conley 2, J. Whitaker 5.

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Edges

and defeated Betsy Layne 58-56.
Cam Wright led Letcher County with a team-high 16 points. Alex Williams had 14 points and Eli Warren 11 for the Cougars.
The two teams were tied at 22 when the game went into the intermission period. Betsy Layne led 38-36 at the end of the third quarter before Letcher Central claimed in the win in the game's final period.
Brandon Thacker led Betsy Layne in scoring with 20 points. Brandon Kidd added 13 points for the Bobcats while Pat Stapleton and Derek Case each had six points.
Letcher Central outscored Betsy Layne in both the first and fourth quarters.
In another Tip-Off Classic game, host Shelby Valley beat Cordia 79-69. Cade Riddle led Shelby Valley with a game-high 27 points while Mitchell Riddle tossed in 18. In all, four different Shelby Valley players reached double figures.
In another game, Belfry beat Perry County

Central 63-56.
Wildcat Classic Tip-off at Shelby Valley Letcher Co. Central 58, Betsy Layne 56
Betsy Layne (0-2) — Thacker 20, Stapleton 6, Kidd 13, D. Case 6, Witt 4, Klokochar 1, B. Case 2, Burton 4.
Letcher Co. Central (2-0) — Alex Williams 14, Warren 11, Wright 16, Miles 3, Banks 9, Hogg 2, Adams 3.
Betsy Layne 7 15 16 18-56
Letcher Co. Central 11 11 14 22-58
Shelby Valley 79, Cordia 69
Wildcat Tip-Off Classic at Shelby Valley CORDIA (1-1) — Hurt 24, Gamble 6, Ja. Taylor 7, Jo. Taylor 16, Neace 2, Miller 6, Erskin 2, Mosby 2, Pratt 4.
SHELBY VALLEY (2-0) — Mi. Riddle 18, Ca. Riddle 27, Johnson 10, Jackson 6, Bryant 14, Thomas 4.
Cordia 14 26 14 15-69
Shelby Valley 18 25 18 18-79

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Bears

bench for 15 points and 12 rebounds. Roberts' production was enough to lead the Bears to a 51-28 advantage on the glass.
Central Baptist (5-5) got 30 points and 10 rebounds from forward Lamar Eslinger, who was 13-of-18 from the field. Tym Edwards followed with 10.
Pikeville suffered through 23 turnovers in the game, while their opponent had only 15.

Bethel 84, Pikeville 68: The Bears outscored the Eagles 61-57 from the field, but the home team was 27-of-40 from the free throw line to improve to 10-0 on the season.
Senior Emanuel Tekie had 20 points off the bench to lead the Bears. He hit three three-point shots in the loss. Tekie was the only Bear in double figures in scoring; Cotton added nine and was one of three Bears with

three assists.
Bethel had four players in double figures, led by Brandon Self's 15. Thomas Haynes followed with 14 points, nine rebounds and five assists.
The schools share membership of the Mid-South Conference in football only. Bethel, the MSC West champion on the gridiron, is a member of the KIAC in all other sports.

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(Saturday's scores)

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Friday's games
 South Floyd 89, Johnson Central 81
 Lawrence County 71, Paintsville 62

Saturday's games
 Covington Catholic 91, Ashland Blazer 40
 Elliott Co. 93, Owsley Co. 53
 Gallatin Co. 65, McCreary Central 61
 Garrard Co. 73, Williamsburg 36
 Jenkins 58, Phelps 44
 Knott Co. Central 69, Jackson Co. 61
 Lynn Camp 89, Monticello 79, OT
 North Laurel 73, Cawood 58
 Commodore Tournament
 Lex. Paul Dunbar 55, Estill Co. 52
 Lex. Bates Creek 70, Somerset 59
 E.R. Gray Tournament
 Cumberland 58, Magoffin Co. 48
 Harlan 66, Newport 54
 EKC Tournament
 East Carter 50, Raceland 46
 Fairview 83, Lewis Co. 68
 Harrison Co. Tournament
 Harrison Co. 61, Bourbon Co. 54
 Lex. Bryan Station 93, Conner 66
 Shelby Valley Tournament
 Belfry 63, Perry Co. Central 56
 Letcher Co. Central 58, Betsy Layne 56
 Shelby Valley 79, Cordia 69
 Three Rivers Tournament
 Buckhorn 52, Oneida Baptist 48

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Saturday's games
 Boyd Co. 55, Greenup Co. 40
 Leslie Co. 70, Prestonsburg 60
 Oneida Baptist 46, Everts 28
 South Floyd 61, Jackson City 36
 West Jessamine 63, Monticello 44
 Woodford Co. 40, Rowan Co. 29
 Cordia Tournament
 Knox Central 55, Sheldon Clark 49
 Menifee Co. 66, Jenkins 49
 Belfry Tournament
 East Ridge 65, Johnson Central 45
 Shelby Valley 54, Allen Central 46
 Eastern Tournament
 Apollo 62, Lou. Ballard 57
 Lou. Assumption 72, Owensboro 42
 Magoffin Co. 62, Eastern 46
 EKC Tournament
 East Carter 54, Raceland 32
 Lewis Co. 47, Fairview 39
 Lady Hawk Tournament
 Belfry 66, Knott Co. Central 42
 Letcher Co. Central 71, Pike Co. Central 41
 Lady Royal Tournament
 Mason Co. 49, Pendleton Co. 33
 St. Patrick 49, RULH, OH 42
 Shelby Valley Tournament
 Middlesboro 62, Betsy Layne 46
 Perry Co. Central 55, Breathitt Co. 47



Above: Allen Central senior Amanda Mills worked against the Knott County Central defense.

Below: Knott County Central's Megan Mosley went up with a shot over an outstretched Alanna Cline of Allen Central.



Bengals 38, Steelers 31

by ALAN ROBINSON
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — The Cincinnati Bengals spent 15 years trying to overcome bad drafts, bad hires and bad personnel decisions, and a reputation for being the last place many NFL players wanted to play.

The missteps were many. Akili Smith and David Klingler among them. The records were awful, with eight seasons of five or fewer victories. Meaningful games past mid-October were almost nonexistent.

But those were the Bengals' bad old days, and those days — at long last — look to be gone. These Bengals are winners, with a big lead in the AFC North and the playoffs awaiting, if only they can avoid turning back into the Bengals with a championship so near.

Even as they beat the Bears and the Vikings, the Texans and the Titans, they were looking for a signature game to certify their credentials. Now, a decade and a half since their last winning season and playoff appearance, they have it.

Bengals 38, Steelers 31. In Pittsburgh.

Finally, the Bengals have beaten the team that beats them like no other, one that had won 20 of their last 27 against them and had claimed eight division titles since Cincinnati last won one. As wide receiver Chad Johnson said, there's been a changing of the guard in the AFC North.

"They're like black and white TV," Johnson said. "We're like color TV."

In other words, the Steelers (7-5) traditionally win the old way, with a running game and a solid defense. The Bengals (9-3), at least lately, are the ones with the flash and the dash, the

end zone dances, the attitude.

Now, the Bengals are the ones with the solid lead. After winning a big game in December for the first time since many of these current-day Bengals were in grade school, they lead the defending division champion Steelers by two games with four to play. Because of their superior division record, the Bengals' lead is effectively three games.

"It was a must-win game for us," Rudi Johnson said after running for 98 yards and scoring the Bengals' final two touchdowns. "We got it done in Pittsburgh, in cold weather, in a typical AFC North game. We got it done."

For the third consecutive week, the Steelers couldn't get it done, and now they're chasing a pack of AFC teams for a wild-card spot. They couldn't have envisioned this a few weeks ago when they were 7-2, or after they manhandled the Bengals 27-13 in Cincinnati on Oct. 23 to seemingly re-establish themselves as the AFC North team to beat.

Of course, back then, they couldn't have imagined the Bengals would play like the Steelers and the Steelers would play like the Bengals in the rematch.

It was Cincinnati that won with the solid running game, better special teams play and by creating turnovers, four to the none forced by Pittsburgh.

Brian Simmons' interception, one of three thrown by an injured Ben Roethlisberger, led to Carson Palmer's second touchdown pass of the game to T.J. Houshmandzadeh and a 21-14 lead. Tab Perry's 94-yard kickoff return down the Cincinnati sideline set up Rudi Johnson's 1-yard TD run and a 31-24 lead midway through the

third the Bengals never lost.

Thanks to an ineffective running game (95 yards, compared to 221 earlier in Cincinnati) and a 14-point second-half deficit, Roethlisberger threw like never before. The quarterback who never passed 30 times last season went 29-of-41 for 386 yards with three touchdowns and three interceptions.

That Roethlisberger did so with what may be a broken right thumb — one supported by a splint and protected by a glove — was exceptional. But it couldn't prevent a third Steelers loss in six home games, in a game wide receiver Hines Ward called a "must win."

So what does a team do when it doesn't win a must-win game?

"We've got to win all four we've got left," Ward said. "If we can get to 11-5 ..."

The Bengals are talking about sweeping their last four to secure at least one home playoff game.

"There's still a long way to go, we haven't talked much about it, but now we can quit hiding from it," coach Marvin Lewis said. "It's time to go sit in the front row."

Especially when they've been stuck in the back row for so long.

Notes: Neither Roethlisberger nor coach Bill Cowher would confirm the quarterback's thumb is broken. Roethlisberger was hurt in a 26-7 loss at Indianapolis on Monday. ... The Bengals have a 37-13 edge in takeaways this season, scoring 129 points off turnovers. ... Pittsburgh has lost three straight for the first time since dropping five in a row while going 6-10 in 2003. ... Roethlisberger had more passing yards in the first half (218) than he did in all but two full games earlier this season.

Junior wins Most Popular Driver award — again

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

NEW YORK — Dale Earnhardt Jr. has won his third straight Chex NMPA NASCAR Most Popular Driver Award.

The announcement was made Friday during the National Motorsports Press Association's Myers Brothers Awards Breakfast at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. A record number of fans nationwide have again voted the North Carolinian as the most popular driver.

"It's a huge honor to win the Most Popular Driver award just one time, but to win it three times in a row is pretty overwhelming. I just want to thank the fans, and I want to thank Chex and the National Motorsports Press Association for the award," Earnhardt said.

"This one probably means more to me than the others because of the kind of year we had. It's one thing to have fan support when you're riding high and winning races. It's another thing to have it during the rough

times."

A record 4,157,443 votes were cast in 2005, a huge jump for an award which never had more than 400,000 votes in a year prior to General Mills sponsorship. Earnhardt Jr. has led the voting since the start of the 2003 season and easily captured enough votes in the record-setting 2005 year to again win the award. He finished with 1,403,544 votes, which is also an all-time record.

"The fans have pretty well made a statement in regards to their favorite driver in this era," said Kenny Bruce, president of the NMPA. "They have also made a statement as to the importance of this award. We appreciate every fan who voted, and we really appreciate Chex for its sponsorship."

"On behalf of Chex and General Mills, I want to congratulate Dale Earnhardt Jr. on winning this award for the third straight year," Chex Marketing Manager Trevor Bynum said. "We also want to thank the mil-

lions of fans who voted and made this award possible with their continued strong support."

Jeff Gordon finished second in the voting with 594,434 votes. Kasey Kahne was third with 343,154; 2005 champion Tony Stewart fourth with 246,026; and retiring Rusty Wallace fifth with 214,026. Rounding out the top 10 were Kevin Harvick, Michael Waltrip, Mark Martin, Dale Jarrett and Jimmie Johnson.

The NASCAR Most Popular Driver award dates back to 1956, making it one of the oldest and most traditional awards in NASCAR racing. It began as a simple poll of the drivers and later grew to incorporate all NASCAR Nextel Cup competitors. Later, it included all NASCAR members. Today, it is a prestigious award voted on by racing fans throughout the world.

Bill Elliott's 16 most popular wins tops all drivers. He is followed by Richard Petty, who has won nine times.

Reds hire Andrés Reiner

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds general manager Dan O'Brien has announced the addition of Andrés Reiner as Special Assistant to the General Manager/Player Development. Reiner will work in conjunction with director of player development Tim Nachring and minor league field coordinator Bob Miscik to shape the Reds' player development philosophy. He will be involved in all aspects of player development.

Reiner has spent the last 17 years with the Houston Astros, where he was most recently Special Assistant to the General Manager for Venezuelan Scouting and Development. He is best known as the founder of

Houston's highly successful Venezuelan baseball academy.

"Andrés Reiner's track record in player development and scouting is well


known. His leadership and ability of the program has earned him respect throughout the industry."

Entering last season, the academy had produced more than 130 professional players who signed with the Astros organization. Seventeen of those players have gone on to play in the Major Leagues, including All-Stars Bobby Abreu, Richard Hidalgo, Melvin Mora, Freddy Garcia, Carlos Guillen and Johan Santana.

O'Brien added, "Andrés will be a valuable addition to our staff as we continue to build our player development program, which is critical to the long-term success of the organization."

Reiner, 70, and his wife of 47 years, Carmina, have three children: sons Robert and Andrés and daughter Sylvia.

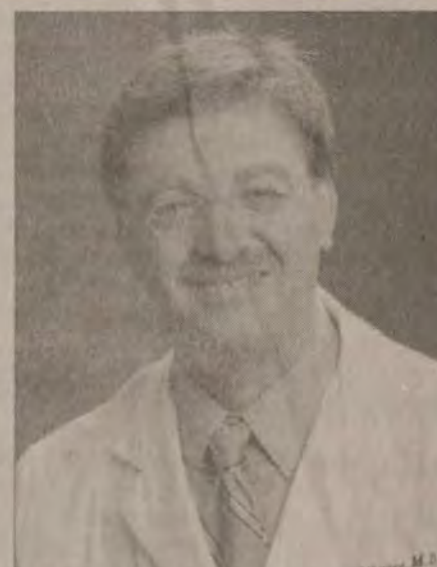
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Catholic schools win three of four Kentucky football titles

by MALCOLM C. KNOX
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LOUISVILLE — Supporters of the movement to split the Kentucky high school championships into separate divisions for public and parochial schools may have gained some ammunition after the football championships at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium on Friday and Saturday.

Catholic schools took home football championship trophies in three of the four divisions. Louisville Trinity beat rival Louisville St. Xavier, 14-6, in the 4A division on Friday. The private schools' domination continued Saturday, with wins by Lexington Catholic in 3A and Newport Central Catholic in 1A. Russell prevented the Catholic sweep, beating Owensboro Catholic, 27-14 in the second game of the day.

Lexington Catholic's Knights beat Bowling Green's Purples, 49-21, and Newport Central Catholic's Thoroughbreds dominated Mayfield's Cardinals from the opening kickoff, winning 42-7.

Lexington Catholic won the first of Saturday's three games in temperatures that got as low as 37 degrees and intermittent rain.

Shane Israel rushed for 90 yards and three touchdowns to lead the way for Lexington Catholic's Knights to win the 3A state championship.

Bowling Green had allowed just 54 points all season, and had posted seven consecutive shutouts. The most points the Purples allowed this season was in a 42-14 win over Bullitt East to advance to the championship game.

"Without a doubt, this is the greatest moment of my coaching career," Lexington Catholic coach Bob Spire said of the school's first football championship.

The Knights also took advantage of turnovers, returning two fumbles for touchdowns. Bowling Green lost three fumbles in the game.

"In a five-minute span on the clock we got ourselves out of a ball game," Bowling Green coach Kevin Wallace said. "Don't get me wrong, Lexington Catholic beat us, but

we didn't help ourselves." In the 2A game it was Russell's physical play that made the difference, led by running back Kasey Clark.

Clark had four touchdowns, ran for 190 yards, had the Red Devils (14-1) only pass reception — a touchdown — and three tackles in Russell's 27-14 win over Owensboro Catholic's Aces (13-2) in the 2A championship, Saturday.

"We probably ran Kasey more than I've ever run a back in a game," Russell coach Ivan McGlone said of Clark's 36 carries. "I just felt like he was our bread and butter and we went with him."

Russell kicked off to start the game, but recovered their own short kick when the Aces watched the ball bounce around, expecting it to go out of bounds. Russell took advantage of the short field, scoring in a 29-yard, 10-play, four-penalty drive. Clark caught Russell's only completed pass of the game for an 11 yard touchdown from Tommy Brown.

Owensboro Catholic fought back, taking less than two minutes to respond with a 57-yard scoring drive. Running back Houston Kamuf set up the score with a 33-yard run. Wide receiver Jared Johnson capped the drive with a 13-yard reception on a post pattern from quarterback David Woodward.

"They beat us sideways forwards and backwards," Aces coach John Edge said. "They did everything right."

The Red Devils were probably the most physical team the Aces played, he said.

"They come in there and they play basketball on turf," Russell lineman Drew Mell said. "We're a team that will get in your face."

Houston Kamuf had 121 yards on 15 carries. Owensboro Catholic quarterback David Woodward completed 18 of 32 passes for 178 yards. Jared Johnson had eight catches for 84 yards.

The win in the championship was the 500th for Russell's football program.

Newport Central Catholic scored 21 in the first quarter on

their way to a 42-7 win in the 1A Kentucky state championship.

Thoroughbreds' quarterback Sam Diehl led the way throwing for four touchdowns and running for Newport Central Catholic's only rushing touchdown of the night. Mayfield was never a threat.

"Offensively we didn't help ourselves very much," Mayfield coach Joe Morris said. "We couldn't keep our defense off the field and we couldn't get in any rhythm."

Scott Gesenhues had five catches for 91 yards and two touchdowns. Michael Vicars had 24 carries for 87 yards for the Thoroughbreds.

Earlier this season Newport Central Catholic coach Bob Schneider became the winningest coach ever in Kentucky. The championship was his 302nd win.

"I'd trade all 300 for this," he said clutching the trophy after the game.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Russell 27,
Owensboro Catholic 14

Owensboro Catholic 7 0 0 7-14
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First Quarter
Russell-Clark 6 pass from Brown (Evans kick), 6:49
Owensboro Catholic-Johnson 20 pass from Woodward, (Johnson kick) 5:14
Second Quarter
Russell-Clark 10 run (kick failed), 3:22
Third Quarter
Russell-Clark 9 run (Evans kick), 2:18
Fourth Quarter
Russell-Clark 2 run (Evans kick), 8:57
Owensboro Catholic-Kamuf (Johnson kick), 2:28
A-7:26
Owensboro Catholic Russell
First downs 20 17
Rushes-yards 26-159 60-285
Passing 178 11
Comp-Att-Int 18-32-2 1-6-0
Return Yards 37 38
Punts-Avg. 1-4 2-35 5
Fumbles-Lost 2-0 1-0
Penalties-Yards 4-24 6-40
Time of Possession 16:57 31:03
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Owensboro Catholic, Kamuf 15-121, Stewart 5-24, Woodward 5-14, Johnson 1-0, Home, Clark 36-190, Brown 14-63, Edwards 6-23, Lewis 3-9.
PASSING—Owensboro Catholic, Woodward 18-32-178-2, Russell, Brown 1-6-11-0.
RECEIVING—Owensboro Catholic, Johnson 8-84, Holland 7-72, James 2-15, Norcia 1-7, Russell, Clark 1-11.



Above: South Floyd senior Ryan Johnson (left) and Johnson Central underclassman Justin Murray battled against one another for a lot of Friday's 15th Region game.

Below: South Floyd senior Ryan Little (34) and Johnson Central senior Kyle Rice (40) both had 23 points in Friday night's season-opener.



Lady Hornets beat Louisville Eastern

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — In the Eastern Extravaganza at Louisville Eastern High School, Magoffin County represented Eastern Kentucky quite well, defeating host Eastern 62-46.

Magoffin County, the preseason 15th Region favorite, got a game-high 17 points from Ashley Jade Howard. Four different Lady Hornets reached double figures in the scoring department. Brittany Manns added 15 points for Magoffin County while Michaela Howard and Calloray Howard finished with 13 and 10 points, respectively. Six different Magoffin County players scored in the season-opener.

Sherr'i Jenkins led Eastern (1-1) in scoring with a team-best 11 points. Dymon Rondo, the younger sister of University of Kentucky sophomore guard Rajon Rondo, added 10 points.

Eastern also featured six different scorers. Magoffin County sprinted out to an early advantage, lead-

ing 21-4 at the end of the opening quarter.

Magoffin Co. 62, Eastern 46
Eastern Extravaganza at Eastern
MAGOFFIN CO. (1-0) — A. J. Howard 17, Calloray Howard 10, M. Howard 13, Manns 15, Hall 6, Adams 1.

EASTERN (1-1) — Dymon Rondo 10, Jenkins 11, Williams 7, Chisholm 7, Wright 7, Archer 4.
Magoffin Co. 21 43 57 62-62
Eastern 4 14 25 46-46

COMMENTARY: Lady Hornets open strong

by LOUIS MEADOWS
KENTUCKY GIRLS'
BASKETBALL NETWORK

LOUISVILLE — I made it out to my first game of the season Saturday. Actually it was games since I attended the Eastern Extravaganza. As usual this time of year, before it gets old-hat and tiresome, the blood

reeks of excitement just driving to the game.

Once there and the first game began, I soon figured out that the coaches sorely goofed when they overlooked voting Magoffin County's girls into the top 25 preseason. They are not very big, but they are well-coached, hustle their backsides off, are very unselfish in that they don't care which member of the team gets the points, and are prolific scorers. If Magoffin brings their "A" game every contest this year, in my mind, they will be hard to deny a trip to Bowling Green in March.

Magoffin as a team shot 38 percent on total field goals but shot 43 percent on three-point field goals and 86 percent from the free throw line. The Lady Hornets were one of the teams I very much wanted to see and I finally got to do so. I thoroughly enjoyed them.

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Smith to conduct series of Little League softball clinics

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Little League Baseball and Softball is once again teaming up with USA Softball Olympic gold medalist Michele Smith for a series of clinics sponsored by Musco Sports Lighting, the official sports lighting system of Little League.

Each of Little League's five regional centers in the United States have welcomed Ms. Smith in recent years as hosts of these one-day events that are open to all Little League managers, coaches, and league officials. The 2006 clinic dates are: Jan. 14 (Southern Region Headquarters, St. Petersburg, Fla.); Feb. 25 (Central Region Headquarters, Indianapolis); Feb. 26 (Eastern Region Headquarters, Bristol

Conn.); March 4 (Southwest Region Headquarters, Waco, Texas); March 5 (Western Region Headquarters, San Bernardino, Calif.).

Smith's program offers training tips, skills and drills, and insight on how to improve a local league's softball program.

"Michele Smith has supported Little League softball through these clinics, and has helped to foster the growth of the softball program for several years," Stephen D. Keener, president and chief executive officer of Little League Baseball and Softball, said. "These worthwhile clinics offer practical advice to Little League volunteers, whether a veteran manager or a first-year coach. Through her relationship with Little League, she has provided us with expertise, perspective and experience have provided a wealth of information that continues to benefit the softball program."

A heralded pitcher for the U.S. Olympic Softball Team, Smith helped Team USA to back-to-back gold medals in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. She also was a member of the 2002 U.S. national team that won gold at the U.S., and Canada Cups, and the International Softball Federation (ISF) world championships.

Little League Baseball and Softball is the world's largest organized youth sports program, with nearly 2.7 million players and 1 million adult volunteers in every U.S. state and scores of other countries.

Tigers take tumble versus Bulldogs

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISA — Paintsville enjoyed an extended stay in the KHSAA Class A State Football Playoffs. That could have had an effect on the Tiger boys' basketball team when it hit the floor Friday night at Lawrence County High School. Some of the Tigers are still getting in "basketball shape" as they get ready for what looks to be a very promising season. Lawrence County, which lost most all of its top talent from last season, defended its home-court quite well Friday night. The Bulldogs turned visiting Paintsville away, edging the Tigers 71-69.

Shawn Thompson fired in a game-high 31 points for the host Bulldogs.

Landon Stone led five Paintsville scorers with a team-best 23 points. J.D. Vanhoose followed with 17 points and Daniel Pugh, back for his junior season following a year away from the hardwood, added 15 points.

Blake Bundy also reached double figures for the Tigers, finishing with 11 points.

Shane Grimm rounded out the Paintsville scoring with three points.

Paintsville (0-1) — Pugh 15, Grimm 3, Vanhoose 17, Stone 23, Bundy 11.

Lawrence Co. (1-0) — C. Thompson 2, Fyffe 9, Bradley 15, S. Thompson 31, Pelfry 2, Spradlin 12.

Lady Tigers top Lawrence County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISA — The Paintsville High School girls' basketball team improved to 2-0 Friday night with a 68-55 win over host Lawrence County.

Paintsville head coach Mark Baldwin got a nice mix of balanced scoring from his team. Chelsea Jarrell, Jesikah Russell and Kendra Carroll each had 16 points for the visiting Lady Tigers.

Laura Carroll added eight points and Katie Adams netted seven for the Paintsville squad.

Brittani Chaffins paced Lawrence County with a game-high 19 points. Tony Bowen followed with 14 points and Iris Meddings also worked her way into double figures for the Lady Bulldogs, finishing with 11. Paintsville 68, Lawrence Co. 55

16, Russell 16, Jarrell 16, L. Carroll 8, Blair 2, Adams 7, Welch 3.

Lawrence Co. (0-1) — Meddings 11, Adams 2, Chaffins 19, Bowen 17, Mosley 4, Bentley 2.

June Buchanan 97, Piarist 63

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN — Ten different June Buchanan players scored Friday night as the Crusaders rolled to a 97-63 win over the host Piarist School.

Clark Stepp led June Buchanan with a game-high 24 points. Eighth-grade guard Tate Cox added 20 points for the Crusaders.

Junior Chris Baker led Piarist in scoring with a team-best 18 points. Josh Ousley added 16 points for the Knights while Matt Doyle and Zack Parsons flipped in 13 points apiece.

JUNE BUCHANAN (2-0) — Stepp 24, Cox 20, Collins 6, Howard 9, Huff 6, B. Hall 2, Childers 12, Short 9, J. Hall 2, Gibson 7.

PIARIST (0-3) — Doyle 13, Baker 18, Ousley 16, Meek 13

No. 15 Cardinals to face No. 12 Virginia Tech in Gator Bowl

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Virginia Tech's loss turned out to be the Gator Bowl's gain.

When the Hokies fell to Florida State in the inaugural Atlantic Coast Conference championship game on Saturday night in Jacksonville, it allowed Gator Bowl officials to get the matchup they always wanted.

The 12th-ranked Hokies will take on No. 15 Louisville the 61st edition of the Gator Bowl on Jan. 2, in Jacksonville — the kind of high-profile matchup bowl organizers had hoped for when they extended the

Cardinals their first invitation to a January bowl game in 14 years.

"We're looking forward to playing Virginia Tech in the Toyota Gator Bowl," said Louisville head coach Bobby Petrino. "Virginia Tech has outstanding team speed on both sides of the football and are very well-coached."

The odds of the Cardinals (9-2) facing the Hokies (10-2) seemed remote at the time of Louisville's invitation.

But after the Virginia Tech fell to the Seminoles, the Hokies were suddenly available.

"I was shocked," said Louisville wide receiver Mario Urrutia. "We'd anticipated

playing Miami."

Instead of a chance to avenge last season's 41-38 loss to the Hurricanes, the Cardinals will try for their second consecutive 10-win season against the Hokies.

"A lot of guys wanted to play Virginia Tech, but I wanted to play Miami because they beat us last year," said Louisville wide receiver Joshua Tinch. "But everybody around the country knows they are a great team."

Virginia Tech accepted a bid to the Gator Bowl on Sunday, meaning it will return to the scene of their ACC title loss.

"They had the same destiny as we wanted, that's to make

the national championship game," Tinch said. "Everybody knows they have a great defense and a great quarterback (Marcus Vick)"

Louisville won the last matchup between the two schools, earning a 21-17 victory over the Hokies on Oct. 10, 1992. The Cardinals and the Hokies have faced each other six previous times, with the Hokies holding a 4-2 edge in the series.

Each school will receive a \$1.6 million payout for playing in the bowl. It is Louisville's first January bowl game since it defeated Alabama 34-7 in the 1992 Fiesta Bowl.

The schools had two com-

mon opponents this season — North Carolina and West Virginia. Louisville defeated the Tar Heels 69-14 on Oct. 8, then lost to the Mountaineers 46-44 in triple overtime on Oct. 15.

Virginia Tech beat both schools, besting West Virginia 34-17 on Oct. 1 and North Carolina 30-3 on Nov. 26.

Louisville will go into the game without quarterback Brian Brohm, who tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee during a 41-17 win over Syracuse on Nov. 26. Backup quarterback Hunter Cantwell guided the Cardinals in Saturday's 30-20 win over Connecticut.

No. 16 Louisville 30, Connecticut 20

by DONNA TOMMELLE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — Michael Bush wasn't rusty, just cold.

It didn't take him long to heat up.

Bush rushed for three touchdowns in his first appearance since missing two games with a sprained foot and Hunter Cantwell threw for another score to lead No. 16 Louisville to a 30-20 win over Connecticut on Saturday night. The game-time temperature at Rentschler Field was a chilly 30 degrees, a rude greeting for a runner with a tender left foot.

"I was nervous because it was so cold. I only had on one pair of socks," Bush said. "All 10 of my toes was numb. But once the quarterback says 'hike' and all those guys are trying to get you, all that pain goes away."

UConn had a hard time getting to Bush all night.

The Big East rushing leader

finished with 121 yards to go over the 1,000-yard mark for the season. It was his sixth 100-yard rushing game of the season and his 23 touchdowns rushing this year set a single-season school record.

The Gator Bowl-bound Cardinals (9-2, 5-2) were without Big East passing leader Brian Brohm, who went down for the season with a knee injury last week. But they didn't miss a beat.

Cantwell, a walk-on making his first start, threw for 271 yards, completing 16 of 25 attempts. He admitted he had a few jitters to start.

"To say I wasn't a little nervous would be lying," Cantwell said. "It's something I've been working towards my whole life, so it was good to get in there and get my feet wet."

The Cardinals closed out their inaugural season in the Big East with a five-game winning streak. They also ensured that the Huskies (5-6, 2-5) had their first losing season since

becoming a full Division I-A program four years ago. The loss also ended UConn's hopes of becoming bowl eligible for the third straight year.

The Louisville defense recovered four of UConn's five fumbles and two of them set up scores.

Bush scored twice in the first half. His first touchdown, a 5-yard run, capped an eight-play, 60-yard drive set up by Cantwell's 25-yard pass to Jason Tinch.

His second score — a 1-yard run — came four plays after the Cardinals recovered a muffed UConn punt on the Huskies 12 and put Louisville up 14-7.

"It was good to see Michael back running the ball," coach Bobby Petrino said. "He's certainly not 100 percent but he made up his mind he was going to play."

The Cardinals extended the lead to 21-7 on Cantwell's 46-yard touchdown pass to Mario Urrutia with 2:56 left in the half. The freshman quarterback

had just 153 total yards passing entering the game and exceeded that by halftime.

Louisville tacked on another score early in the third quarter on Bush's 5-yard run. The Cardinals recovered another UConn fumble late in the period, leading to Art Carmody's 38-yard field goal as time expired in the period with Louisville up 30-14.

The Huskies also went with a backup quarterback in D.J. Hernandez, who got the nod after starter Matt Bonislawski reinjured his collarbone in last week's win over South Florida. Hernandez threw for all three of UConn's scores, his longest a 57-yard TD pass to Nollis Dewar with 4:21 left in the game.

George Stripling finished with 67 yards rushing for Louisville. Urrutia was the leading receiver with four catches for 94 yards.

Hernandez also led the UConn ground game with 49 yards on 18 rushes. Dewar had a team-high 89 yards receiving

for UConn.

The Cardinals will face an Atlantic Coast Conference opponent in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 2. The preseason favorite to win the conference this year, fell short in their bid for a BCS berth with losses to South Florida and West Virginia.

"We kind of had expectations a little high, but things happen for a reason," Bush said. "But finishing 9-2 is a great season. A lot of teams can't even make it to a bowl game, so that's pretty good."

The Cardinals also spoiled the final game of UConn's 13 seniors, a group that helped the Huskies build their Division I-A program and win their first bowl game last year.

"I am extremely disappointed for our seniors that weren't able to get this game and extend their season," UConn coach Randy Edsall said. "Our kids competed hard and played hard, but playing hard doesn't get you what you want. And what we wanted was a win."

No. 13 Georgia 34, No. 3 LSU 14

by PAUL NEWBERRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Georgia won at its home away from home for the second week in a row. Now, the Bulldogs will have to make the short trip to Atlanta one more time — for the transplanted Sugar Bowl.

D.J. Shockley threw two touchdown passes to Sean Bailey, Bryan McClendon set up another score with a blocked punt and No. 13 Georgia won its second Southeastern Conference championship in four years with a surprisingly easy 34-14 victory over third-ranked LSU on Saturday night.

Cheered on at the supposedly neutral site by a crowd dressed largely in red and black — not surprising, considering the Georgia campus is only about 75 miles east of Atlanta — the Bulldogs (10-2) earned the SEC's automatic berth in the Jan. 2 Sugar Bowl.

Normally, that would mean a trip to New Orleans, but this isn't a normal year. The Sugar Bowl has shifted to the Georgia

Dome, forced out of the Big Easy by the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina.

The Bulldogs were in Atlanta the previous week for a 14-7 victory over rival Georgia Tech. They were even more dominant at the Georgia Dome, defeating an LSU team that came into the day clinging to the faint hope of playing for the national championship.

Nothing went right for the Tigers (10-2).

Second-ranked Texas routed Colorado 70-3 in the Big 12 championship, which ended about 1 1/2 hours before Georgia-LSU kicked off. By the time the Tigers took the field, No. 1 Southern Cal was well on its way to a 66-19 rout of UCLA.

With the Rose Bowl settled, LSU couldn't even lock up a consolation BSC bid. The team that somehow kept its focus through all the distractions caused by Katrina — one home game postponed, another moved to Arizona — looked downright awful against the Bulldogs.

Georgia took control early,

scoring two touchdowns before the game was nine minutes old. The Bulldogs didn't pile up big numbers offensively, but they stunned LSU with five big plays — two on offense, two on defense and one on special teams — to make up for a loss in the 2003 championship game.

LSU won that year 34-13 on the way to sharing the national championship. This time, it was Georgia that prevailed in a rout, winning its second SEC title since Mark Richt took over as coach in 2001.

The following year, he led the Bulldogs to their first SEC title in 20 years. The next one didn't take nearly as long to get.

Shockley, the quarterback who waited patiently behind David Greene the last four years to get one season as the starter, threw a 45-yard scoring pass to Bailey. Three plays after the ensuing kickoff, DeMario Minter intercepted a pass from JaMarcus Russell to give the ball back to the Bulldogs near midfield. Shockley and Bailey hooked up again, this time for a 29-yard touchdown when safe-

ty LaRon Landry was late getting over in coverage.

Bailey's two TD receptions matched his production for the entire season, which was marred by a number of dropped passes.

LSU closed the gap to 14-7 early in the second period on Russell's 1-yard dive, but that was the Tigers' last hurrah. McClendon charged through the line to block Chris Jackson's punt, giving Georgia another prime scoring chance at the LSU 15.

On third-and-2, Shockley took off running when the pocket collapsed, breaking an attempted tackle by Landry and leaving two other players splattered on the turf for a 7-yard touchdown.

That gave Georgia a 21-7 lead at halftime, a deficit that no team has overcome in the 14-year history of the championship game.

The Tigers totally fell apart in the third quarter. Landry was called for back-to-back penalties on a drive that finished with the first of two field goals by

Brandon Coutu. Russell was knocked out of the game with about five minutes left in the period, going down hard on his left shoulder while being sacked by Jeff Owens.

At that point, LSU was about as low as it could go — its quarterback laid out on the field, the scoreboard showing fourth-and-32 with Georgia leading 24-7.

Coutu kicked another field goal, tying a championship game record from 51 yards away, and Matt Flynn took over at quarterback for the Tigers. His second pass was picked off along the sideline by Tim Jennings, who scooted into the end zone from 15 yards away to send most of the purple-and-gold contingent for the exits.

Georgia shut down LSU's ground attack, which was so devastating in the '03 championship game. Justin Vincent, who rushed for 201 yards against the Bulldogs as a freshman, managed only 15 yards on eight carries this time.

In all, LSU was held to 74 yards on the ground — 219 fewer than it put up two years ago.

Seminoles upset Virginia Tech

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Willie Reid returned a punt 83 yards for a touchdown, the defense continually harassed Marcus Vick and Florida State upset Virginia Tech.

The Seminoles (8-4) snapped a three-game losing streak — the program's first since 1983 — and won the league title for the 12th time in 14 years. They turned around a disappointing season and earned a Bowl Championship Series berth in the Orange Bowl, where they likely will face No. 4 Penn State.

Few could have envisioned that matchup. Not after Florida State was outscored 89-36 in losses to North Carolina State, Clemson and Florida.

Boosters and fans were calling for coach Bobby Bowden to

fire his son and offensive coordinator, Jeff Bowden. Some were even talking about the elder Bowden stepping down after 19 losses in the last five seasons. Others were already looking ahead and guessing how many in a row the team would lose; Florida State hasn't lost four in a row since 1975, the year before Bowden arrived.

Vick led the Hokies (10-2) to consecutive touchdowns in the fourth quarter — a 29-yard pass to Josh Morgan and then a 4-yard run — that cut the lead to 27-15. He capped a 93-yard drive with a 1-yard TD run with 1:45 to play that made it 27-22.

But Tech, without any timeouts, failed to recover the onside kick. The Seminoles ran out the clock from there — and celebrating another ACC title.

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- Thursday, Dec. 22**
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Payout: \$750,000
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At Orlando, Fla.
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- Insight Bowl*
At Phoenix
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Arizona State (6-5) vs. Rutgers (7-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
- Wednesday, Dec. 28**
MPC Computers Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Payout: \$750,000
Boise State (9-3) vs. Boston College (8-3), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
- Alamo Bowl*
At San Antonio
Payout: \$1.65 million
Michigan (7-4) vs. Nebraska (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
- Thursday, Dec. 29**
Emerald Bowl
At San Francisco
Payout: \$750,000
Utah (6-5) vs. Georgia Tech (7-4), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
- Holiday Bowl*
At San Diego
Payout: \$2 million
Oregon (10-1) vs. Oklahoma (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
- Friday, Dec. 30**
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Payout: \$780,000
Virginia (6-5) vs. Minnesota (7-4), Noon (ESPN)
- Sun Bowl*
At El Paso, Texas
Payout: \$1,575,000
Northwestern (7-4) vs. UCLA (9-2), 2 p.m. (CBS)
- Independence Bowl*
At Shreveport, La.
Payout: \$1.2 million
Missouri (6-5) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
- Peach Bowl*
At Atlanta
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- Capital One Bowl*
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- Fiesta Bowl*
At Tempe, Ariz.
Payout: \$14-17 million
Ohio State (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 5 p.m. (ABC)
- Sugar Bowl*
At Atlanta
Payout: \$14-17 million
Georgia (10-2) vs. West Virginia (10-1), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)
- Tuesday, Jan. 3**
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Payout: \$14-17 million
Penn State (10-1) vs. Florida State (8-4), 8 p.m. (ABC)
- Wednesday, Jan. 4**
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- Saturday, Jan. 21**
East-West Shrine Classic
At San Antonio
4 p.m. (ESPN2)
- Hula Bowl*
At Honolulu
7 p.m. (ESPN2)
- Saturday, Jan. 28**
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
4 p.m. (ESPN)

North Carolina freshmen perform like veterans against Kentucky

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — With its seven top scorers gone from last season's national championship squad, there were plenty of doubts about North Carolina's talent level — so much so that the Tar Heels have yet to crack the AP Top 25.

But North Carolina has done a good job thus far of quieting the skeptics, and its 83-79 upset of No. 10 Kentucky on Saturday — inside a packed Rupp Arena, no less — would seem to indicate that while the Tar Heels (4-1) might be young, with three freshmen starters, they're still good.

"Our freshmen were special today," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "At times we had four freshmen out on the court at the same time. I always put three things on the board (before the game) and No. 1 was poise and focus."

"I told them if they could hear what I was saying from the bench pretty easily, then we were playing pretty well. There were a couple of times today that I was able to say to our guys, 'Isn't it nice that you can hear me?'"

It was a junior, Reyshawn Terry, that led the Tar Heels with a career-high 25 points against Kentucky (5-2), but, North Carolina's freshmen made significant contributions.

Forward Tyler Hansbrough — who chose North Carolina over Kentucky after a pitched recruiting battle — grabbed 10 rebounds to help the Tar Heels

post a 37-30 edge on the boards. Guards Marcus Ginyard and Bobby Frasor combined for 17 points, and another guard, Wes Miller, came off the bench to score 12 points and go 3-of-5 from 3-point range.

"They took it to us," Kentucky forward Bobby Perry said. "They played hard and stayed poised."

They were poised enough to take a 12-point halftime lead and hold off two second-half runs by the Wildcats.

Kentucky opened the second half on a 12-2 run to pull within 46-44, but the Tar Heels just as quickly restored their advantage to double digits and kept it there. North Carolina led 71-58 with 7:55 left — Kentucky's largest deficit of the season — before Kentucky scored the next eight points to trail only 71-66 with 4:22 left.

But the Wildcats turned the ball over on their next two trips, while North Carolina picked up a 2-pointer from Ginyard and a 3-pointer by senior David Noel, who scored 15 points. The 3-pointer gave the Tar Heels a 76-66 lead with 2:53 left, and they made 7-of-9 free throws in the final minute to seal the win.

That North Carolina won against a tough opponent four days after a 68-64 loss to Illinois — a rematch of last season's championship game — gave Williams extra satisfaction.

"I think we played exceptionally hard on Tuesday night, but we just didn't make the plays at crunch time," he said. "I think we did make those plays today."

Kentucky lost despite career-highs in points from guards Rajon Rondo (20) and walk-on Ravi Moss (17).

The loss likely will cost Kentucky a spot in the top 10, where the Wildcats have been ensconced for 39 straight polls. But Kentucky has bigger problems — or, rather, big-men problems.

That Kentucky's three 7-footers have struggled to make their mark this season is well-chronicled. Kentucky coach Tubby Smith compensated for that during the past four games by going with a smaller starting lineup, figuring that the quickness provided by that combination would be his team's strength.

That strategy worked against unheralded opponents like Liberty and High Point, but not against a North Carolina team with as much talent on its roster as Kentucky. Fifteen of the Tar Heels' rebounds came on the offensive end.

"We didn't do a good job of boxing out," Perry said. "It's all about who wants the ball more, and North Carolina brings everybody to the boards all the time. We've got to find that same hunger."

Kentucky is expected to make its formal application to the NCAA for the reinstatement of sophomore center Randolph Morris this week. But the apparent ruling last week by a NCAA committee that Morris had an agreement with an agent during his unsuccessful dalliance with the NBA draft has made the probability of Morris regaining his eligibility more tenuous.



Sheray Thomas (23) and Lukasz Obrzut were two Kentucky players who saw limited action Saturday versus North Carolina.

One thing is for sure: with the Morris saga almost six months old, the Wildcats are ready for it to be resolved.

"We can't wait till it's over," Perry said.

**NORTH CAROLINA 83,
No. 10 KENTUCKY 79**

NORTH CAROLINA (4-1) — Terry 7-15 9-10 25, Noel 6-12 0-1 15, Hansbrough 1-5 4-7 6, Ginyard 3-9 2-2 8, Frasor 3-7 2-

2 9, Green 1-5 2-2 5, Miller 4-6 1-2 12, Sanders 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 26-60 21-28 83.

KENTUCKY (5-2) — Perry 4-11 0-0 8, Sims 3-3 0-0 7, Moss 4-9 6-8 17, Rondo 9-11 2-6 20, Sparks 3-12 2-2 10, Stockton 0-0 0-0 0, Bradley 3-6 5-6 12, Obrzut 0-1 0-0 0, Alleyne 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 1-1 1-2 3, Carter 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 28-55 16-24 79.

Halftime—North Carolina 44-32. 3-Point Goals—North

Carolina 10-27 (Miller 3-5, Noel 3-5, Terry 2-6, Green 1-3, Frasor 1-4, Ginyard 0-4), Kentucky 7-21 (Moss 3-7, Sparks 2-7, Sims 1-1, Bradley 1-2, Perry 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—North Carolina 37 (Hansbrough 10), Kentucky 30 (Perry 11), Assists—North Carolina 10 (Ginyard 3), Kentucky 12 (Rondo 4). Total Fouls—North Carolina 18, Kentucky 21. A-23,860.

No. 7 Louisville 67, Arkansas State 55

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Taquan Dean's shooting slump didn't last long.

The Louisville guard made six 3-pointers and scored 24 points as the seventh-ranked Cardinals overcame a sluggish first half to pull away from Arkansas State 67-55 at the Colonial Classic on Sunday.

Dean knocked down three shots from beyond the arc during a decisive 19-4 run in the second half when Louisville (3-0) shook free of the Indians (2-4) in the final 10 minutes.

"He's the target on everybody's blackboard," said Louisville head coach Rick Pitino of Dean. "Taquan is the man. Every coach is screaming 'Don't let him shoot.'"

Dean entered the game shooting just 27 percent from the field, including 19 percent from 3-point range. It looked like his struggles would contin-

ue against the Indians, as he missed six of his first nine shots, most of them long jumpers that bounced harmlessly off the rim.

A quick diagnosis on his jumper from Pitino at halftime set Dean straight.

"I was moving back on my jump shot, I wasn't landing in the same place," Dean said. "Coach told me that at halftime, now I feel more comfortable with my shot. I feel I'm in a little groove now."

Juan Palacios had seven points and nine rebounds, Brandon Jenkins scored 11 points, and David Padgett added five points, five rebounds and four assists for Louisville.

Derek Tipler led Arkansas State with 20 points, most coming in the first half on an array of circus shots that allowed the Indians to keep it close.

"We executed well and didn't back down," said Arkansas State head coach Dickey Nutt.

Arkansas State grabbed a 20-19 lead in the first half on a 3-

pointer by Isaac Wells as the Cardinals either rushed shots or took poor ones in an effort to spark the offense.

"Veterans should know better," Pitino said. "We learned a valuable lesson of when to shoot and when not to shoot. When we pass the ball and screen we're a good shooting team. If you take bad shots, no matter how good a shooter you are, it's not going to go in."

Louisville closed the half with an 8-2 run, but the Panthers cut the deficit to 34-32 with just over 13 minutes to play as Louisville continued to misfire.

Only Louisville's defense kept the Cardinals in front, forcing the Indians to run 25 to 30 seconds off the shot clock every time down the floor.

"We got more pressure on them, got in their face and disrupted their offense," Jenkins said.

Eventually, Louisville's offense caught up, with Dean leading the way — going 6-for-

11 from long range.

"(Dean) basically has a green light," Nutt said. "He can score anytime. When you have a player like that, it makes it tough to defend."

The exempt tournament was played with the international 3-point line of 20-feet-9 inches, a foot behind the college line.

The added distance didn't seem to bother Dean this time.

Neither did a sore right knee that he banged twice against Prairie View. Dean showed no ill effects during a dynamic four-minute stretch in the second half that saw the Cardinals finally hit their stride.

"Sure (the knee) was bother me, but I can't play if I'm not sore," Dean said.

After shooting just 33 percent in the first half, Louisville made half of its shots in the second half.

"We got a good victory," Pitino said. "We didn't turn the ball over much (and) we worked very hard at the defensive end."

Western Kentucky 97, Eastern Kentucky 89

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Ky. — Eastern Kentucky kept coming back and coming back, but Anthony Winchester and his Western Kentucky teammates kept making 3-pointers — enough to finally put away their archrival.

Winchester tied a school record with eight 3-pointers and scored 26 points as the Hilltoppers weathered Eastern Kentucky's furious second-half rally to win 97-89 on Saturday night.

Benson Callier overcame foul trouble to score 16 points and make three critical baskets, including two 3-pointers, in the final minutes for the Hilltoppers (4-1), who have won 10 straight games against Eastern Kentucky (2-4).

Western Kentucky shot 50 percent from the field and went 16-of-37 from 3-point range, breaking a 16-year-old school record for made 3-pointers in a game.

"We have a lot of guards who can shoot the ball," Winchester

said. "We just try to drive (to the basket) and kick it out. If you take good shots, you're going to make a lot of them."

The Hilltoppers needed nearly every one of them.

Playing at Eastern Kentucky's McBrayer Arena for the first time in 11 years, Western Kentucky led by 22 points in the first half, but the Colonels chipped away at the deficit and pulled within 83-82 with 3:03 left on two free throws by Matt Witt.

Callier answered with a dunk off an offensive rebound, and Witt fired up an airball 3-point attempt at the other end that could have tied the game. Callier then made two 3-pointers within 44 seconds, the latter giving the Hilltoppers a 91-82 bulge with 1:32 left.

Both teams shot well — Eastern Kentucky made 50.9 percent of its shots and went 13-of-26 from 3-point range.

"I expected them to come back," Western Kentucky coach Darrin Horn said. "They have a good basketball team and they can shoot the basketball. That's

how you get back in a game when you're down that much."

Each team had four players in double figures. Sophomore center Darnell Dials went 9-of-9 from the field and scored a career-high 25 points for Eastern Kentucky. Witt added 19 for the Colonels, while Jason McLeish had 18 and Mike Rose had 17.

Courtney Lee scored 19 for the Hilltoppers and had seven assists, and Ty Rogers scored 14 points. The Hilltoppers' size advantage proved to be the difference — Western Kentucky outrebounded the Colonels 38-27 and had numerous second-chance opportunities because of 21 offensive boards.

"Anytime you're in a close game like this, the team that makes the most plays ends up winning, whether it's a big rebound or clutch shot. We were able to do that down the stretch."

Eastern Kentucky's only lead came in the opening minute, at 3-2. The Colonels were within 26-20 at the 7:23 mark, but Western Kentucky scored the next 16 points in less than three minutes.

MSU women beat Binghamton

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Sophomores Megen Gearhart and Anitha Smith-Williams both scored 16 points to lead the Morehead State women's basketball team to a 66-61 win over visiting Binghamton University Saturday night. After taking a 40-28 halftime lead, the Lady Eagles survived a furious Lady Bearcat rally to improve to 4-1 for the first time since 2002-2003.

The Lady Eagles led just 63-61 with 12 seconds remaining and Binghamton with the ball. Lady Bearcat guard Brianna Thompson drove the lane but was whistled for an offensive foul. On the other end of the floor, sophomore Tarah Combs drilled a pair of free throws to put the game out of reach.

Smith-Williams came off the bench to pace Morehead's offensive game plan. She totaled a career high seven assists, while Gearhart got hot from beyond the arc in the first half, hitting all four three-

pointers. Gearhart wound up hitting five-of-six treys on the night as the Lady Eagles, who lead the league in three-pointers per game, canned nine for the night.

Rachel Laws led BU with 18 points and 10 rebounds, while Jen Haubrich posted 17 points.

Morehead led 60-50 with 4:25 remaining after a TaNeisha Johnson layup, but the Lady Bearcats went on a 10-2 run to trim the lead to just 62-60 with 1:16 left.

For the game, the Lady Eagles shot 47 percent (24-of-51) while shooting 9-of-16 from three-point range. Binghamton collected 37 rebounds while MSU took down 33. The Lady Eagles also dished out 18 assists.

The Lady Eagles will open up Ohio Valley Conference play in their next action. MSU travels to Austin Peay on Thursday to battle the Lady Govs in a 6:15 est tipoff. Airtime on the Eagle Sports Network will be 6 p.m.

Maryland-Eastern Shore downs Morehead men, 65-59

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Junior forward Tim Parham scored 19 points and grabbed 14 rebounds and freshman center Qavotstaraj Waddell added 14 points and 11 rebounds to lead Maryland-Eastern Shore to a 65-59 win at Morehead State Saturday evening.

Parham, a 6-9 senior, hit seven-of-eight from the field. Waddell, a 6-11 freshman, hit seven-of-10 from the field and also blocked four shots.

UMES, now 2-5 on the season, hit 49 percent from the field (24-of-49), while cold-shooting Morehead State hit only 32.8 percent (20-of-61). The Hawks outrebounded the

Eagles, 41-to-32.

MSU, now 1-3, got a game-high 21 points from Shaun Williams. Quentin Pryor had 10 points.

The Hawks led by four points, 31-to-27, at halftime, and led by as many as 12 points in the second half before having to hold off a late Eagle rally. MSU cut the lead to one point at 58-57 on a jumper by Tyke Cockerham with 1:42 remaining in the game, but UMES scored five straight points and out-scored the Eagles seven-to-two down the stretch, hitting its last four free throws.

UMES will travel to Rutgers today. Morehead State will open Ohio Valley Conference play at Austin Peay on Thursday.

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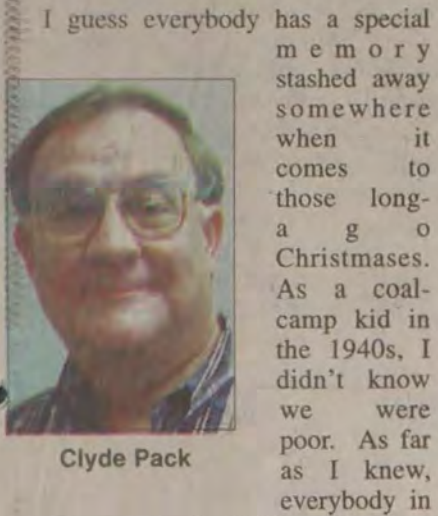
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POISON OAK

It's still all about giving



Clyde Pack

I guess everybody has a special memory stashed away somewhere when it comes to those long-ago Christmases. As a coal-camp kid in the 1940s, I didn't know we were poor. As far as I knew, everybody in the community lived like I did. The head of the house worked for the Northeast Coal Company, everybody lived in a company house with no running water, and every family had several children. Things were pretty much even-stein in that regard.

But one exception was a family of five children, ages about two through ten, and who, as Mom put it, "didn't have a daddy."

Now, the Thealka Freewill Baptist Church was big on benevolence during Christmas time, and since Dad was one of the deacons, it fell upon him to help deliver food baskets to those the congregation felt were in need. Of course, the aforementioned family more than qualified and when Mom found out his destination that chilly Saturday morning, she handed him a large, brown paper sack full of old clothes that little brother Joe and I had outgrown.

Among the apparel was a blue sweater with white reindeer walking around the chest area that Mom had ordered a couple of winters back from Montgomery Ward. I had worn the daylights out of that sweater, but now it was too small for me and too big for Joe. Mom had washed it, of course, and since I'd been real careful with it, it was practically as good as new - except for a little snag on the right elbow I'd gotten when I caught it on Claude VanHoose's barbwire fence when I cut through his garden one afternoon when I was looking for our cow.

I gave no thought to any of this until the following Friday - the day school dismissed for the holiday with a big party in every room. By "big party" I mean one that included Kool-Aid and homemade cookies and

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BSCTC presents The Big Sandy Singers and Community Choir in concert December 12

The Big Sandy Community and Technical College Community Choir and The Big Sandy Singers will present "An Evening of Christmas: Sounds of the Season" on Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:00 p.m., in Gearheart Auditorium in the Pike Building on the Prestonsburg Campus. Admission is \$3 or a donation of your

(See SINGERS, page three)



The Big Sandy Singers of Big Sandy Community and Technical College will present a Christmas concert, along with the BSCTC Community Choir, on Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:00. Everyone is invited to attend. Members of The Big Sandy Singers include (front row, from left) Susan Scott, Louanna Calhoun, Jessica Keathley, Beth Adkins, Amanda Stepp, Director Laura Ford Hall; (back row) Technical Director Timothy Cooley, Clayton Case, Frances Branham, Troy Burchett, and Brandon Maynard.

Christmas at Pippa Passes

By Docia Baldrige Woods

As long ago as I can remember, Mommie and Pa and "us children" had lived on a little bank, at the foot of a hill, in next-to-the-last-house on the head of the Conley Fork of Abbott.

Across the branch from us, there was another hill, with a big cedar tree right at the tip-top of it.

It was a pretty tree. Its limbs were long and thick, a little ways from the ground; then they tapered off, until one limb at the top pointed straight toward heaven.

And it was an enduring tree; its trunk was sturdy, and its roots were deep-down.

This tree provided a good place for the song-birds to build their nests during the summer. And after the first redbirds would herald the arrival of snow in the winter, its branches would often become heavy laden, and gusts of wind would send swirls of snowflakes along the hilltop.

Not once, back then, did it ever occur to me that our cedar was put here on this earth for a Christmas tree - for at that time none of us had ever heard of celebrating that Great Day in such a manner.

Nor were "us children" ever led to believe in Santa Claus. As soon as we were old enough to understand what Mommie and Pa were talking about, they said to us:

"There's not any such-a-thing as a Santie Claus."

Just as one of the greatest realizations of my life came with the assurance that: "God is in His Heaven, and all is right with the world," the saddest announcement I had to accept during my childhood was the one made by my parents about the jolly old elf.

For I wanted that "big, fat, white-bearded, rosy-cheeked, good-hearted, old feller" we'd heard so much about from the more well-to-do girls and boys in our little neighborhood, to s-q-u-e-e-z-e down through our chimney, and find our stockings hung on big, old nails right beside our fireplace, and for him to hunt around in that great, big pack he was reported to have flung over his back, and find "pretties" for us, just like those other children were always claiming he'd found for them!

But not once, during all those years, did any Santa Claus ever set foot on the hearthstone of our little household.

And so we spent our Christmas this-a-way:

We'd all gather in a semi-circle around our wood fireplace, and talk about things like: Whether we were going to have enough canned goods, and pickled stuff, and shuck beans, and dried apples, and streaked meat to feed us the rest of the winter...And what chance there was of the cow giving milk up to springtime...Or if there was any hope of the hens laying enough eggs during the cold spells for us to buy stuff like flour, and salt, and soda, and sugar, and coffee, and lamp-oil...

About that time, somebody'd always bring out the newest copy of Ladies' Birthday Almanac, and I can still just about see the looks on the faces of my blessed family when Pa'd read portions such as these to us:

"Heavy snow across Plains;

"Rain and unsettled in West;
"Cold and squally in East;
"Mostly fair in Appalachian Region"...

By the time we'd get a pretty fair notion of what the coming months held in store for us (weather-wise), and we children would begin getting restless because no reindeer hoofs had been heard on our board-roof, Mommie'd always give a little quick jump, out of her cane-bottomed chair, and march just like a queen to the "press" beside the fireplace.

For 'twas in there that she and Pa had hidden what we always referred to, mouth-wateringly, as, "Little Ben Davis apples," they'd gathered from the trees in our garden, the fall before, and had wrapped,

oh, so carefully, in pages they'd torn from Cardui calendars, and Sears and Roebuck and Montgomery Ward and Padgett Marble Company catalogs, and had packed them in a little nail-keg to save for Christmas evening.

And Mommie would always put the apples in her big, old apron pocket and she'd walk out about middle-ways of the floor, and start calling out:

"Eliza...Will...Pat"...and on down to "Julia," and, finally, "Docia."

As she'd call our names, she'd place a little, wrinkled, Ben Davis apple in our cupped-up hands.

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CRITTER CORNER

'Twas the Night Before Christmas (at the Animal Shelter)

Christmas is quickly advancing and we've been busy as Santa's elves here at the clinic, so I'm "borrowing" again - hope you enjoy it:

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the town,
Every shelter is full, we are lost but not found.
Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare,
We hope every minute that someone will care.

They'll come to adopt us and loud they will call,
"Come here, Max and Sparkle, let's play with your ball!"
But now we just sit here and remember the days,
We were treated so fondly and petted always.

Once we were little, but we grew and we grew -
Now we're no longer young, and we're no longer new.

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Faithful reader Randy Bentley submits this photo of "Tom Wiley," so named after Jenny Wiley's husband, Thomas. "Tom hangs out at Jenny Wiley State Park," writes Randy, "where he is looked after and fed by both park employees and resort guests."



BSCTC cosmetology student Samantha Horn performs a pedicure.

BSCTC cosmetology students participate in clinic

The Cosmetology class from the Mayo Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) participated in a foot clinic at Dr. Roger N. Jurich's office in Prestonsburg on October 26. Along with representatives from a local home health organization who educated patients, Associate Professor Vanessa McKenzie's students gave pedicures to diabetic patients and instructed them in proper care of their feet.

School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Dec. 7, 12 - Our Lady of the Way Community Education Dept. will present a program on AIDS/HIV to 8th grade students.

■ Dec. 8 - "Parent University," at Holiday Inn, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Presenters, lunch provided, and door prizes. All parents/guardians welcome.

■ Dec. 14 - Free clothing give-away at Graceway Church, on Rt. 80, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Dec. 14 - Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m.

■ Dec. 14 - "Connect with Kids" special on WYMT, "When Nobody's Looking," 7 p.m.

**Anyone interested in sponsoring a needy student for Christmas, please contact the YSC at 886-1297.

■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more

information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center pro-

vides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

Duff Elementary

**School is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts must be dated Sept. 11, 2005 to March 11, 2006. Top three school winners will receive a gift. In anyone in the community would like to donate their receipts, they may mail them to: Duff Elementary, P.O. Box 129, Eastern, KY 41622; may also drop receipts off in school front office.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

Mountain Christian Academy

Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.

■ Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Dec. 22-30 - Christmas break. The center wishes each student a happy and safe holiday!

■ Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

■ Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. Watch for dates to be announced. If you need training, call to set up an appointment.

■ School will be participating in the Food City "Apples for Students" program, please save your receipts.

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

■ Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

■ 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. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

■ FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

Character Words for the Month - Respect and Togetherness

■ Dec. 7 - Nominations for SBDM Council ("School-Parent Organization") will be accepted until 3 p.m., this date. Nominations must be turned into Robin Johnson, Dreama Bates, or Kim Hall, in main office.

■ Dec. 8 - "Parent University," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

December 6 and 8, 1995

Steve Clark, director of the eastern regional office for the state Economic Development Cabinet, told members of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce and the Big Sandy Area Labor Management committee, Monday, that the region could utilize some of the coal severance tax funds if the multi-county effort was undertaken to promote economic development...Jerry D. Hall, 41, of Galveston, was arraigned, Monday, in Floyd District Court on charges of assault and terroristic threatening. He was charged with first degree assault for allegedly stabbing Kennis Hall, of Galveston, Saturday...Santa will be distributing bags of goodies from the Left Beaver Fire Department's fire truck in the Left Beaver and Martin areas on December 17...Five finalists for Floyd County's next superintendent have been chosen, but their names will remain secret until they are interviewed by the board of education...Greg Caudill, of Lackey, remained hospitalized in stable condition, Tuesday afternoon, after an argument with his boss, Shawn Francis. He was shot in the stomach after he and Francis had a verbal disagreement. Francis was arrested and charged with first degree assault...Former Prestonsburg Mayor Ann Latta, who is currently the executive director for the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, was appointed Secretary of Tourism, Wednesday, by Governor-elect Paul Patton...Merlin Osborne, 20, of Auxier, was charged with first degree criminal abuse for allegedly striking his live-in girlfriend's two-year-old son on November 25, after the child wet his pants...South Floyd and Prestonsburg High Schools will participate in the inauguration of Governor-elect Paul Patton of Pikeville, on Tuesday, December 12, at Frankfort...Ned Pillersdorf, who represents Harold Junior Joseph, filed a motion, Tuesday, in Floyd Circuit Court, which says the vote-buying charge against Joseph is similar to a statute that has been declared unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court, which called the law vague and overbroad. He seeks dis-

missal of the charge...The Kentucky Board of Education approved Floyd County's deficit reduction plan Wednesday, provided that a more detailed plan is presented for review at the state board's February meeting...Floyd County road foreman Mike Jarrell pleaded not guilty, Wednesday, to a theft charge involving the use of county gravel...Janet Stumbo, elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court, announced her candidacy for re-election, Thursday...There died: Lee E. Baker, 56, of Albion, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, Wednesday, November 29, at his residence; Sarah Beth Salyer, infant daughter of Mark Alan and Dorothy J. McNeese Salyer of Prestonsburg, Friday, December 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Birdie Leona Wells, 77, of Prestonsburg, Friday, December 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Kendall Evans, 63, of Craynor, Sunday, December 3, at his residence; Hubert Howell, 71, formerly of Drift, Wednesday, November 29, at IHS of Firelands in New London, Ohio; Minnie Alice Scalf Robinson, 95, of Pikeville, Saturday, December 2, at the home of her daughter, Catherine Billiter, in Pikeville; Dova Terry Bentley, 82, of Wayland, Tuesday, December 5, at her residence; Wilma Jones, 83, of Ashtabula, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, Monday, December 4, at the residence of her daughter; Kenneth Donald Lafferty, 59, of Dwale, Wednesday, December 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Vernie Prater, 80, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, December 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Twenty Years Ago

December 4, 1985

A Floyd County jury recommended that 23-year-old Timothy A. Bakay be given two 10-year prison terms as a result of the accident in which his car smashed head-on into a vehicle driven by Cathy Allen...A head-on collision just north of Prestonsburg, claimed the lives of Tammy Marie Elkins, 22, of Melvin, and her infant daughter...Some 25 homes on Toler Creek were left without gas, the result of a decision by the Public Service

Commission to allow the Cities Service Company to end services to that area...Of Floyd County's 138 bridges, 110 are substandard, according to an evaluation submitted to the Federal Highway Administration by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet...Felony charges against seven persons were reduced to misdemeanors in plea bargains worked out in Floyd Circuit Court...Nearly 150 local residents, along with federal, state and local dignitaries, were on hand for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony at the newly-completed Big Sandy Regional Airport...There died: Lucretia Osborne Wicker, 85, of Eastern; Nellie Virginia Black, 65, of Fayetteville, Georgia; Herold Hamilton, 67, of Ligon; David Darwin May, 70, of Lexington; Nellie Burton, 86, of Ligon; Dorothy M. Conn, 65, of Martin; Stanley (Lum) Logan, 68, of Cambridge, Ohio; Carl Prater, 60, of Albion, Michigan; Mary Bridgeman Paxton, 65, of McDowell; and Claude Isaac, 35, of Dearborn, Michigan.

Thirty Years Ago

December 3, 1975

A two-car collision early, Sunday morning, on U.S. 23, in the vicinity of the Combs Airport, near the Johnson-Floyd County line, claimed the lives of two persons, and injured two others. John Wallace "Butch" Branham, 44, of Auxier, passenger in a car driven by his wife, Greta, was almost instantly killed when their car, traveling south, was struck, head-on, by a car driven by Clea Salyers, 23, of Gifford, Magoffin County...A passenger in the Salyers vehicle, 14-year-old Kimberly Bailey, of Salyersville, died en route to the Highlands Medical Center...Late Monday afternoon, Mrs. Annie Belle Spears Collins, 45, wife of Woodrow Collins, of Endicott, and her daughters, Shirley Dean, 22, and Velvet Lee, 12, were killed instantly, in a collision at the intersection of the Lancer-Water Gap Road and U.S. 23...Members of two local unions of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers last week, by secret ballot, approved a new contract with the Columbia Gas Transmission Company, which provides an across-the-board basic wage increase

of 44 cents per hour...The Thanksgiving holiday, here, may have exerted a calming effect on would-be lawbreakers in the county, or at least kept them closer home, as this week's listing from the county jail shows a lighter than usual number booked...Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Floyd County, during September, were \$28,611, while sales for the first nine months totaled \$263,122, or 82.9 pct. of the county's annual goal of \$317,700...The Turkey Bowl East-West game of 1975 is now just a painful memory for most participants in Sunday's local gridiron lunacy. The West chalked up a 16-14 win, and the record now stands West 4, East 3, and one tie game...The Prestonsburg Community College chorus will present "The Messiah" Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. in Pike Auditorium at the college...Langlee resident, Jeffrey L. Martin, 18, is attending the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, this week, as one of the delegates from Kentucky...A surprise birthday celebration was given for Laura Conley on her 75th birthday, Saturday, Nov. 29, at her home at Lackey...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eugene Nelson, of Flat Fork, a son, Brett Freeman; to Mr. and Mrs. William Sessions, of Salyersville, a daughter, Crystal Lee; to Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Rose, a son, Samuel Scott...There died: Eurlta Celia Patrick Savage, 87, Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maxine Bierman, with whom she lived; Mrs. Judith Mathews Hall, 25, of Weing, Va., formerly of Hi Hat, last Friday, at St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee; Thomas M. Watkins, Sr., 84, Saturday.

Forty Years Ago

December 2, 1965

The Mountain Mental Health Association met, Monday, at the Floyd County Health Center here, to emphasize the need for a mental health association for Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties. Plans for the public information center, long-planned for construction here, by the Department of Public Information, have been approved and

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Yesterdays

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advertisement for bids has been authorized...At mid-semester, almost 49 percent of the 518 full-time students at Prestonsburg Community College were well on their way to failing to make passing grades, Rondal Lawson, bursar-recorder at the college, was quoted as saying recently...The 1965 Christmas season officially opened in Prestonsburg, Saturday, with the fourth annual Christmas parade and Snow Queen pageant...Married: Miss Susie Stephens, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Larry Burke, of Catlettsburg, November 24, at Pikeville...There died: Mrs. Katy Porter, 81, November 25, at her home at Allen; Sherman Short, 47, November 26, at his home at Kite; Jimmy Crate Gibson, 14, of Tram, November 26, at the Pikeville Appalachian Regional Hospital; Dr. Earl F. Arnett, 62, former Floyd dentist, Tuesday, at Mt. Sterling; Mrs. Alice Scalf Nunnery, 85, of Justell, November 29, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Cynthia Fannin, 82, of David, November 24, at Handshoe; Luther Mack Rector, 79, of Garrett, November 28, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

December 1, 1955

Purchase of the interest of Dr. R. M. Strike in the Beaver Valley Hospital, at Martin, has been made by Dr. Claude L. Allen, it was learned here, last week...Formal signing of a contract to construct the Floyd County Health Center is expected this week, it was said, Tuesday, by County Judge Henry Stumbo...Figures produced by the American Automobile Association show that a car in the popular price range, driven less than 18,000 miles a year, costs \$602 in fixed charges and 3.5 cents additional for every mile driven...Latest of the buildings to be occupied after erection in this year's record-breaking construction program, here, is the R. V. May Company structure on South Lake Drive...If not used by December 22, 23,000 units of Kentucky's present supply of polio vaccine will be wasted, the Kentucky State Department of Health announced today...The Prestonsburg Black Cats' sharpshooting Lowell Hughes found the goal for 42 points, but Wheelwright's ace guard, Homer Osborne, hit the jackpot in the last second, looping a 20-foot jumper that gave the Wheelwright Maroons a 79-77 win in the first round of the Floyd pre-season tournament at Wayland, Tuesday night...There died: John Blackburn, 69, native Floyd Countian, Tuesday, in Long Beach, Calif.; Esalona C. Ratliff, 84, Tuesday, at her home at Martin; Jim Dock

Hall, 90, of Price, recently, at his home; Joseph Wallace, 60, of Garrett, last Thursday, at Veterans' Hospital, Louisville.

Sixty Years Ago

November 29, 1945

Work expected to begin next spring on the Johns Creek dam at Dewey, this county, hit a snag this week, as the House Appropriations Committee refused to approved President Truman's request for \$130,000,000 for flood control and navigation projects, which had been stopped by the war...The alumni, with the support of one civilian, had too much might for the 1945-'46 edition of the Prestonsburg Black Cat basketball team to cope with in the charity game played, here, Friday night, for benefit of Prestonsburg children of defective vision. The alumni won, 30 to 25...Completion of organization of the Floyd County Tuberculosis Association was affected at a meeting, here, Saturday...Attendance Officer Paris Conley, this week, announced that four more Floyd County fathers have been fined for failure to send their children to school...Married: Miss Sylvia Sellards and Mr. Fred Hall, both of Banner, Nov. 15, at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. F. H. McGinnis...There died: Mrs. Polly Bradley, 65, Sunday, at her home at Dock; Mrs. Artie Justice, 78, Thanksgiving Day at her home at Eastern; Mrs. Frances Roop Jarvis, 39, last Thursday, at her home at Cow Creek.

Seventy Years Ago

November 29, 1935

Shotgun blasts, one fired as the result of a drunken row, the other writing another tragedy in the record of a family feud, resulted in the slaying, Saturday, of young miner, Jeff Daniels, of Hunter, and Seland Cook, 45, veteran Floyd County teacher, on Left Beaver Creek...The Times was told, this week, that work on the paving project for Friend Street, here, has been lost...Relief in Kentucky is over at the time this is published today, November 30, as far as the Federal Government is concerned...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Leslie, at Martin, November 13, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howard, at their home here, Sunday, a son, Ray Ollie...There died: B. Morgan Spradlin, 42, Monday morning, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland; William Brackett, 48, Saturday, at his home at Wheelwright; Corbett Miller, 26, of Cliff, last Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, of tuberculosis.

Critter

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So out the back door, we were thrown just like trash,
They reacted so quickly, why were they so rash?

We "jump on the children," "don't come when they call,"
We "bark when they leave us," and "climb over the wall."
We should have been neutered, we should have been spayed,
Now we suffer the consequence of the error they made.

If only they'd trained us, if only we knew...
We'd have done what they asked us and worshipped them, too.
We were left in the back yard, or worse - left to roam,
Now we're tired and lonely and in need of a home.

They dropped us off here and they kissed us good-bye,
"Maybe someone else will give you a try."
So now here we are, all confused and alone...
In a shelter with others who long for a home.

The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat,
With so many to care for, they can't stay to chat.
They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer,
We know they secretly wonder how long we'll be here.

We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads,
Of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds.
Then we waken to see sad eyes, brimming with tears -
Our friends filled with emptiness, worry and fears.

If you can't adopt us and there's no room at your inn -
Could you help with the bills and fill our food bin?
We count on your kindness each day of the year,
Can you give more than hope to some of us here?

Editor's Note: The Floyd County Animal Shelter, located on Sally Stevens Branch, in West Prestonsburg, gladly welcomes donations throughout the year. Donations of food for puppies, kittens and adult animals, as well as towels, stuffed animals or other toys, items for bathing and grooming and any other useful miscellaneous items are greatly appreciated. Monetary donations are also gladly accepted, as well as visits from volunteers willing to walk, play with and exercise the animals. Call Kathy at 886-3189 for more information.

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Prestonsburg Holiday Inn.

■ Dec. 12 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 6 p.m., in resource center.

■ Dec. 14 - SBDM Council election, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and again from 5-6 p.m., at the school. For questions about the nomination process or about the upcoming election/requirements, call 452-2131.

■ Monday's, 6 p.m. - School and resource center will host a Family Literacy program. We will read and study about different cultures/themes and then work on a related craft/activity. Refreshments will be served. Call the resource center to sign up.

■ Wednesday's and Thursday's, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., GED classes, in the Weeksbury Community Center. Classes are FREE.

■ Lost & Found: Located in the FRC. Items not claimed within two weeks become the property of the resource center.

■ If you would like more information on the programs and services offered by the FRC, please call or come by for a visit. Center is located in the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Center hours are: Mon. thru Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone: 452-4553; ask to speak with Cissy Williams (coordinator) or Karen Williams (clerk). You may also leave a message and we will return your call.

Wesley Christian School

■ Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

■ For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Adult Education & GED Schedule

■ Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Allen Elem. FRC, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Cliffside

■ Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Allen FRC, Mud Creek Clinic, McDowell FRC, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 1-4:30 p.m. - David Craft Center, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Center, BSCTC.

■ Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC (Weeksbury Comm. Center), BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Wayland Senior Citizen Center, Dixie Apts., BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - St. James Episcopal Church; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.

■ Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Cliffside NNC, Mud Creek Clinic, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC, David Craft Center, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m., Martin Comm. Center, BSCTC; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.

Oak

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brightly colored presents stacked under a spindly, construction-paper-decorated Christmas tree. The presents, of course, were placed there by students who had drawn names.

The oldest child in the fatherless family mentioned above was a girl, and she was in my room. Practically every kid in school went home for lunch and when the bell rang to take up school for the afternoon - and party time - we all rushed to the cloakroom to hang up our coats and caps. As I came out, I saw the girl proudly wearing - and showing off to her girlfriends - her "brand-new" blue sweater with the white reindeer walking around the chest area. I think I was the only one who noticed the little snag on the elbow. I was probably the only one, too, who received two gifts that day.

Singers

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choice. All proceeds will go to the BSCTC Music and Drama Club, which helps to fund the performing arts programs at the college. Everyone is invited to attend!

The Community Choir will be presenting several selections including "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," "Beauty and the Beast," "The First Noel," and "Hallelujah." The music will be a mix of Christmas, and non-Christmas music. The Community Choir's members consist of BSCTC students, faculty, staff, and members of our eastern Kentucky community.

The choir performance will be followed by The Big Sandy Singers who will present a variety of music including "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Where are You Christmas," "O Holy Night," and "The Little Drummer Boy," as well as many other selections.

The Big Sandy Singers is an

auditioned, performance group made up of BSCTC students. The group sings pop, rock, and country music and has performed nineteen shows this semester including opening for Tommy Dorsey at the Pikeville Exposition Center, opening for Charlie Sizemore at the Mountain Arts Center, and much more. The group is in the process of recording its first album. A performance by this group will please any audience member.

The groups are directed by Laura Ford Hall, member of the Kentucky Opry, and BSCTC instructor. Tim Cooley serves as technical director, and Mountain Arts Center instructor Candace Nall serves as the accompanist for the choir.

People of all ages will enjoy this show, so make plans to attend "An Evening of Christmas: Sounds of the Season" on December 12.

Weddings



Sandusky-Stone

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Sandusky, of Nicholasville, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Carolyn Clay Sandusky, to Clabe Allen Stone, the son of Ms. Jackie Collins, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Marion Stone, of Willard, Ohio. The wedding will be held on December 10, 2005, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at South Elkhorn Christian Church. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

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Pippa

After she'd given the choicest apple of all to Pa, she'd always return (empty-handed) to her cane-bottomed chair beside the fireplace.

For 'twas understood that she'd never take an apple for herself, or accept one from any of us, until after we'd all joined together in a little chant, that went like this:

"P-l-e-a-s-e take an apple, Mommie, so you can eat it with the rest of us!"

Then, the greatest honor that could've been bestowed upon anyone on this earth was given to one of us children: For it was then that Mommie'd pick out the one she wanted to make that Great Presentation to her.

One memorable Christmas Evening, she chose me to do her that honor, and as I placed that little apple inside Mommie's precious, gnarled hands, I knew, in some small measure, how the Three Wise Men must've felt when they presented their gifts to the Christ Child, so long ago.

For some reason, it wasn't long after I'd made this gift to Mommie, that I began to understand (and to forgive) her and Pa for telling us children, "There's not any such-a-thing as a 'Santie' Claus."

But it has long been aptly said that "children will be children." And so it was that understanding and forgiveness could not erase the longing in my heart for pretties at Christmastime. And this feeling persisted until after one glorious day, when Mommie and Pa and "us children" had moved to a house, about a mile away, right in the middle of Bonanza.

And I was sitting beside Sister Julia in a big, old seat inside the Bonanza schoolhouse, trying to get my lessons when a little wisp of a woman who wouldn't have weighed an ounce over 90 pounds, and was wearing a white middy-and-skirt (with a red tie hanging down the front), and canvas slippers that couldn't have been a size bigger than 4 and 1/2, and with salt-and-pepper colored hair, done up in a twist on the top of her head, and eyes that pierced the very soul, came slipping inside our schoolroom - just exactly like a little snowbird.

Directly, our teacher said to us: "Children, Mrs. Lloyd has something she wants to talk with you about."

It was then that Mrs. Alice Sarah Geddes Lloyd, that grand, little lady from far-off Boston who'd built Caney Creek Community Center (now Alice Lloyd College) so well that "Aunt" Suzanne, who lived across the creek from that school, in a one-room, windowless log cabin, had described it as "a city draped straight from Heaven..." told us she wanted to start one of her schools right there in Bonanza. And she said she would like to send us some teachers from "Away-Off-Yonder."

The parents in our little neighborhood were all well pleased when we school children bore Mrs. Lloyd's message to them that evening, and the next year Bonanza Community Center was started.

As Christmastime drew near, "them Caney Creek teachers," as all of us respectfully called them, began talking about a program...

And soon we joyfully and untiringly practiced carols, and stories, and poems, and "plays," day in and day out.

Then, one never-to-be-forgotten day, one of our teachers said to us, "Children, Mrs. Lloyd is going to send us some Christmas 'pretties.'"

Some of the boys and girls in that schoolroom laughed and slapped their hands; some of them cried for joy; and a few of the big boys stomped their feet on the floor for a long time, after we heard that announcement.

For a while, I was numb and speechless from shock. Pretties for me at Christmastime? After all those years of heartaches:

"Surely," I thought to myself, "there must be some mistake."

But, directly, one of "them Caney Creek teachers" said, "Children, we must have a Christmas tree to put our pretties on;" then asked, "Do any of you know where we might find a pretty, big cedar tree?"

I knew right then and there where we might find a "pretty, big cedar tree"! It was standing on the tip-top of a hill, across the branch from next-to-the-last-house on the head of the Conley Fork of Abbott Creek! Right where it'd been standing, lo, those many years!

It was then that I whispered to myself: "Why, that cedar was put here on this earth for a Christmas tree."

I ran every step home after school had turned out that evening, and said to Mommie and Pa: "P-l-e-a-s-e let them Caney Creek teachers have our cedar tree, so they can put them Christmas pretties Mrs. Lloyd is going to send us on it!"

And to this day, I believe the tears that came into my parents' tired, blessed eyes, came not so much from sadness in parting with something long-cherished as from joy at being able to provide a tree for the first Christmas pretties any of their children were ever to receive.

Mommie and Pa and us children were there when the big boys brought the sled bearing our cedar into the schoolyard. We picked up all the limbs that had shattered from its branches, to take home with us for keepsakes. We noticed a bird's nest on one of the branches.

The nest was still there when we saw it on that wonderful Christmas Evening. But our cedar had been miraculously transformed into something...the likes of which we'd never seen:

It glittered with tinsel, and icicles, and bells and snowflakes, and angels...and on its top limb there was a star...with its farthestmost point reaching right toward Heaven...

All over that tree, and on the floor beneath it, there were pretties.

After our program had ended, there came a knock outside that classroom door...

And then that Santa Claus, his very own self, stomped inside, with a great, big pack flung over his back; and, pretty soon, he started calling out names of children that were in our school, from the Conley Fork and the Frazier Fork, and the Left-Handed Fork of Abbott, and Bee Fork, and Copperas Lick, and Cliff, and the Elliott Point, and the Long Fork and the Lick Fork of Jenny's Creek, and Little Paint, and Middle Creek, and the Purity Holler, and Bonanza...(including everyone of us children...except me).

My family huddled around me, and I heard some of them say, "Don't cry, Honey." But I cried, and I cried...

Until finally, as I was wiping the tears on my coat sleeve, I got a glimpse of that "big, fat, white-bearded, rosy-cheeked, good-hearted old feller" stretching his arms clear around to the far side of the topmost limb of that Christmas tree...

And...before long, he brought down a pretty.

It was a doll! A beautiful doll, with dark brown curly hair, and pearly-white teeth, and pink fingernails and toenails! And it had on a white dress, covered all-over with lace, and set off with little bows of ribbon...

Finally, Old Santa squinted his eyes, and started looking at

a card that was tied around that doll's neck...And, after what seemed like a miniature eternity, he gave a big, deep, "Ho! Ho! Ho!" and called out: "This here last 'purty' is for...D-o-c-i-a B-a-l-l-d-r-i-d-g-e!"

The card around my doll's neck bore the message: "Merry Christmas From Caney Creek Community Center."

Years passed, and after I'd completed my learning at Bonanza High School, I went to Mrs. Lloyd's Caney Creek Community Center, where college students were called, "Caney girls" and "Caney boys;" and 'twas there I met a "Caney Boy" named Carl. And after we were married, and our Judy and our Susie were born, Mrs. Lloyd signed her letters to us, "Your Mother." And she called our children, "Caney's Grandchildren." She'd send boxes and barrels of "pretties" to our schoolchildren, and always she'd plea with us to remain in our beloved hill country.

And, as always, we minded her, until...

Carl accepted a job teaching at the University of South Carolina, and I taught first grade in one of the schools there.

The last year, during our stay there, Christmas was nearing, and though I knew full well that Mrs. Lloyd sent "pretties" only to children in what's referred to as "the Appalachian Region," I wrote her a letter, which (paraphrased) read:

"Our Dear Mrs. Lloyd, "The hearts of sharecroppers' children can ache for lack of 'pretties' on Christmas morning, just as much as the hearts of our beloved mountain children can ache. My 12 little girls need doll-babies; my 13 little boys need red trucks!"

It takes six days to get a reply to a letter sent from Columbia, South Carolina, to Pippa Passes, Kentucky (where Alice Lloyd College is nestled).

Exactly six days from the time I sent my plea to Mrs. Lloyd for "pretties," Carl called from the University of South Carolina to the school where I was teaching.

"There's a package here for you."

"Where's it from?," I asked. "Caney Creek Community Center!" came his reply.

We opened the package at home, that evening. And it it there were: bells, and tinsel, and icicles, snowflakes, angels, and a star for my children's Christmas tree.

And it also contained 12 little (hand-dressed) dolls, and 13 little, bright red trucks.

As Carl held one of those trucks in his hands, I saw a look of sadness in his face, and finally, he said to me, "When I was a child, I would gladly have given good years of my life, just to have found a little red truck, like these, under a decorated tree, even just once, on Christmas morning."

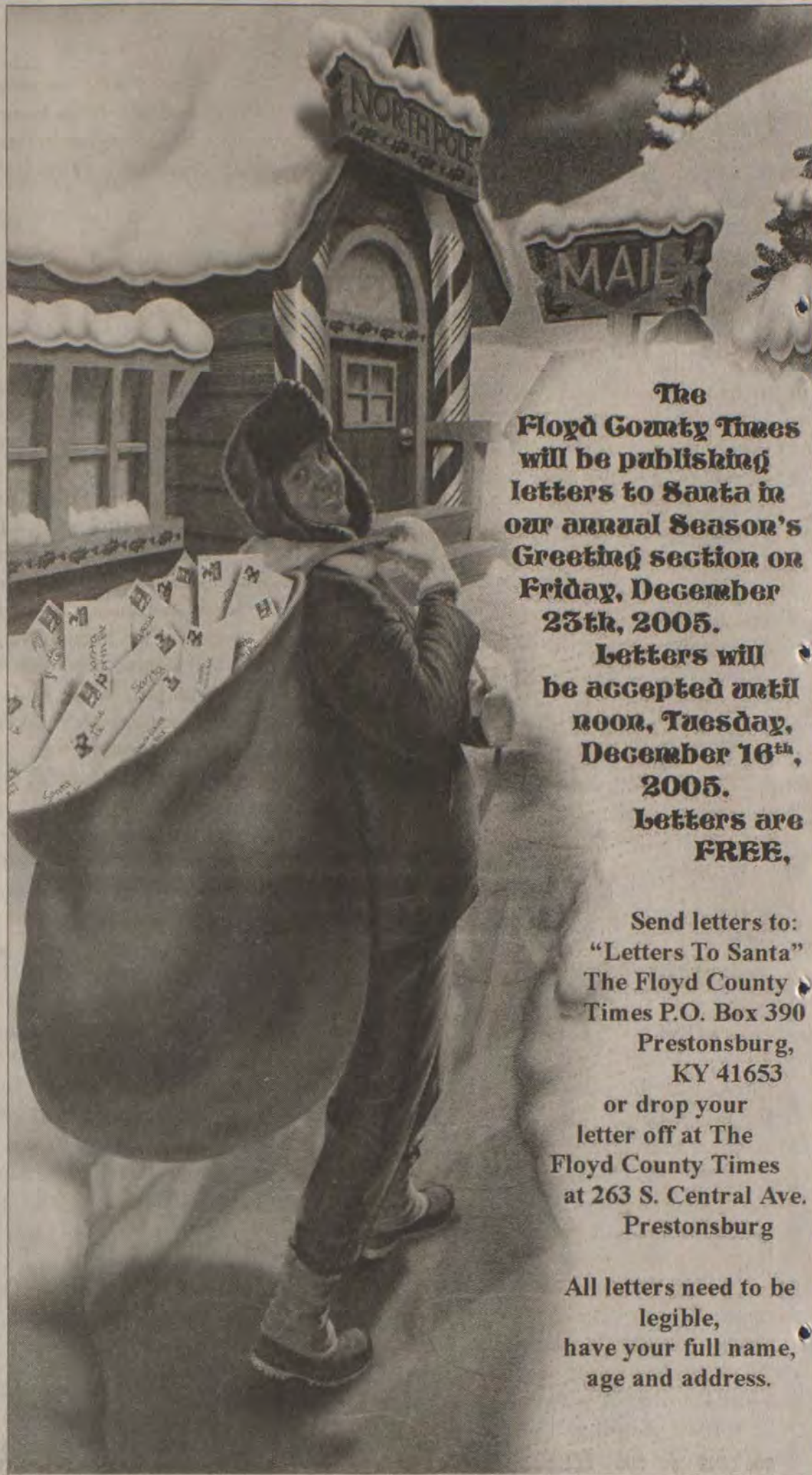
More years have passed now, and Carl and Mommie and Pa, and most of us children, and Mrs. Lloyd have gone to be with the One whose birthday we are about to celebrate.

I think of them often, and especially at Christmastime.

And I think of those little Ben Davis apples, and the beautiful cedar tree, with my doll hanging on its topmost limb.

But, oh, I think most of all about a tiny boy of more than half a century ago - and about a little red truck he didn't find "under a decorated tree, even just once on Christmas morning."

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The Floyd County Times will be publishing letters to Santa in our annual Season's Greeting section on Friday, December 23th, 2005.

Letters will be accepted until noon, Tuesday, December 16th, 2005.

Letters are FREE.

Send letters to:
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AUTOMOTIVE

110-Agriculture

FOR SALE: 474 New Holland Haybine Very good condition. \$2,800. Call after 6 pm. 874-0024.

130-Cars

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210-Job Listing

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630-Houses

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HOUSE FOR RENT: Burke Avem Prestonsburg. References required, no pets allowed. Call 226-0553.

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HOUSE FOR RENT: 257 Edgewood Lane (street behind HRMC) 3 BR, 2 BA brick with fireplace and appliances. 859-272-1511.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 858-5064 AMENDMENT NO. 2

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Ky, 41214, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located approximately 2.5 miles south-west of Odds, in Martin and Floyd Counties. The proposed amendment will underlie an additional 589.43 acres, making a total area of 6462.59 acres. The proposed amendment is approximately 2.5

miles south of Kentucky Route 3's junction with Big Sandy Regional Airport Road, and located at the mouth of Bear Water Branch, on Daniels Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Thomas and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will underlie land owned by Jerry Howell, A.E. Reitz, Pachontas Development Corporation, and William Grider. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, and/or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 01/06/06. (6) A public hearing on the application for 01/09/06 at 9:00 a.m., at the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a public hearing or informal conference is received by 01/06/06. This is the final advertisement of this application.

PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES COMMISSION WATER SYSTEM FLUSHING BEGINS NOVEMBER 27, 2005

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission will conduct its annual water main flushing program throughout their service area from Sunday, November 27, 2005, through December 25, 2005, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. The flushing program helps to ensure our customers receive the highest quality drinking water available. This process is necessary to remove any mineral deposits, and to ensure proper water flow throughout the distribution system. The water mains will be flushed by systematically opening fire hydrants and/or blow off valves for brief periods of time. During this operation, customers may notice a temporary discoloration of their tap water and have fluctuations in water pressure. While the water is safe to drink, we encourage all customers to refrain from drawing water while flushing is being performed in your area. This will help prevent potential staining of laundry, appliances, and plumbing fixtures. If these conditions occur, customers are advised to allow their water to run a few minutes, in order to clear up any disturbance of the system.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that the Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a Phase I bond release on permit No. 836-5450, which was last issued on 06/03/03. The permit covers an area of approximately 26.45 acres, located 2.0 miles south-east of Driit Kentucky, in Floyd County. (2) The permit area is approximately 1.25 mile south-east from KY Rt. 122's junction with Simpson Martin Branch Road, and located 2.0 miles east of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 28' 37". The longitude is 82° 43' 07". (3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a Surety bond in the amount of \$ 1 0 7 , 4 0 0 . Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$107,400 is included in the application for release. (4) Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, seeding and mulching, completed on 11/18/04. (5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of

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REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR CERTIFIED INSTALLERS FOR SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLATIONS

The Big Sandy Area Development District in conjunction with PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment) is soliciting bids from installers desiring to install septic systems for southern and eastern Kentucky. The successful bidder will be required to complete installation of the systems within sixty (60) days of the date of the award. The Scope of Work, Request for Bid, and General Conditions is available upon request. Individual bids will be accepted and contracts awarded for projects in the counties of Pike County, Contract 12-1081 & 12-1082; Martin County, Contract 12-1083. Interested installers should send statements and proposals to Big Sandy Area

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3. No person shall be excluded from participating in, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this program on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex. Females and minorities are encouraged to apply. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides funding for this project. The formal solicitation of seeking qualified installers is being conducted to fulfill the requirements of the funding agency. For Bid Packets or bid information, contact: Jeff Sizemore Big Sandy Area Development District 100 Resource Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606) 886-2374.

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Announcement from Inter Mountain Cable To all Kentucky Subscribers As part of the Kentucky Tax Reform last year, effective January 01, 2006, there is a new tax on cable TV. The tax is 3% on the "retail purchase" of multi-channel video programming service. The tax is billed to customers (as a separately stated item) and then collected and remitted to the Department of Revenue. This new tax will replace any local franchise tax such as the Pike County Franchise Tax, the Coal Run Franchise Tax, the Pikeville City Franchise Tax, and the Magoffin County Franchise Tax.

Announcement from Home Satellite Service

To all Kentucky Subscribers As part of the Kentucky Tax Reform last year, effective January 01, 2006, there is a new tax on direct broadcast television service (DBS). The tax is 3% on the "retail purchase" of multi-channel video programming service. The tax is billed to customers (as a separately stated item) and then collected and remitted to the Department of Revenue.

BANKRUPTCY AUCTION

Friday, December 9th, 10:21 a.m. Hock Shop, Prestonsburg Pawn Shop

Final auction, everything must go to clear the building. Showcases, safes, fixtures, plus all items that have not been picked up from pawn. There are about 50 guns, hunting bows, diamonds, and lots of other jewelry, musical instruments, power tools, hand tools, VCR's, TVs, electronics, antiques and collectibles. We will sell the top items, then group many items for a quick sale. You won't believe some of the items we've found! Come Bid and Buy at the Final Auction of the Hock Shop on Court Street in Prestonsburg. Terms and Conditions - AS IS-WHERE IS, with no warranties or guarantees, either expressed or implied. Must be paid by cash or check the date of sale. A 10% Buyer's Premium and 6% KY Sales Tax applies to all purchases. American Way Auction Jim Gambill, Auctioneer, 789-3538

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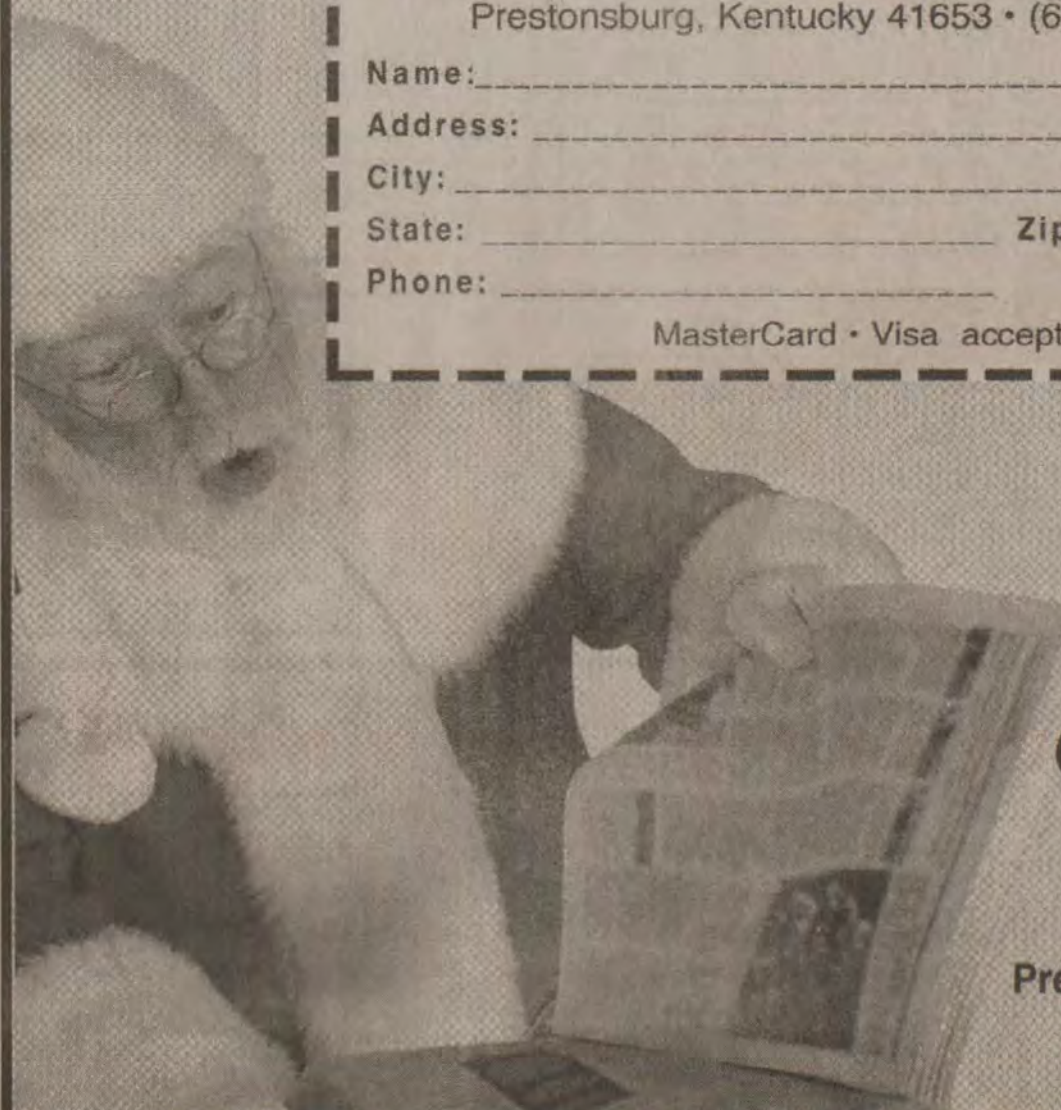


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This Week: Reindeer Games

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Randolph Reindeer's Holiday Brain Builders



Don't let your brain hibernate on winter break! Join in Randolph Reindeer's games and see if you can solve these puzzles designed to boggle your mind!

Change HOT Into TEA

DOG
DOT
COT
CAT

Change the word **HOT** into the word **TEA** in just four steps. Change only one letter at a time. Need help? Look at how Randolph changed a **DOG** into a **CAT**.

Hint: Golfers use the word on line 4.

1	H	O	T
2			
3			
4			
5	T	E	A

Solution at www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html

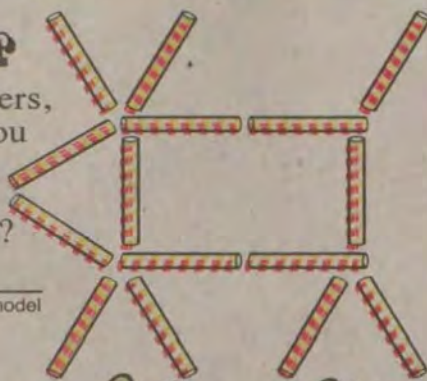
Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade level words correctly; Phonemic Awareness.

Peppermint Puzzler

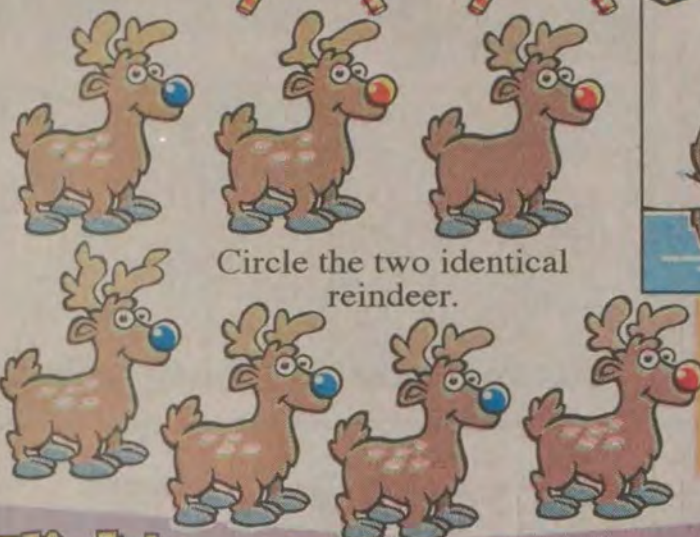
This reindeer has a head, antlers, a tail, legs and a body. Can you move just two peppermint sticks to make the reindeer look in the opposite direction?

Solution at www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html

Standards Link: Math/Problem Solving: Make a model to solve a problem.



Thinking this hard makes my antlers sore!



Circle the two identical reindeer.

How many differences can you find between the two pictures above?

Standards Link: Investigation: Identify similarities and differences in common objects.



Extra! Extra! Headline Values

Pretend each letter of the alphabet could be exchanged for money. Imagine A = \$1, B = \$2 and so forth until you get to Z which would equal \$26.

Find a headline and figure out what each letter in the headline is worth. Add up those numbers to figure out what the dollar value of the entire headline would be.

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Solve addition problems using money amounts.

Food Flight

Rhoda is doing a little flight practice. Elmer Elf left her favorite treats: apples, carrots and sugar cubes. To help her get the treats, look at each math problem and the numbers next to each treat. Place a number in each empty box so that the problem equals the answer. Use each of these numbers only once. (There is more than one possible solution for each problem.)



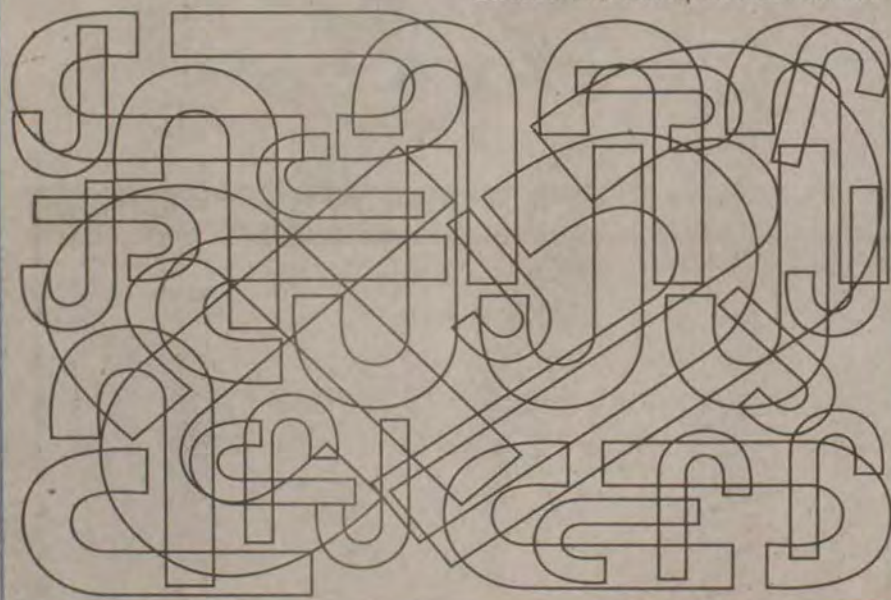
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Standards Link: Math: Solve addition and subtraction problems.

Candy Cane Count

How many candy canes can you find in this box?

Solution at www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- REINDEER
- PUZZLES
- TREATS
- CANDY
- GEOMETRIC
- HIBERNATE
- MONEY
- ANTLERS
- BRAIN
- LEGS
- BODY
- WINTER
- SOLVE
- HARD
- MIND

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

C	E	T	A	N	R	E	B	I	H
I	H	S	R	E	L	T	N	A	R
R	O	M	O	N	E	Y	M	E	Y
T	S	H	A	R	D	L	I	L	D
E	O	T	I	N	E	N	N	D	O
M	L	A	A	G	D	Y	D	G	B
O	V	C	S	E	L	Z	Z	U	P
E	E	A	E	B	R	A	I	N	M
G	E	R	S	R	E	T	N	I	W

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Get In Shape

Find examples of each of these geometric shapes in your newspaper.

- pentagon
- circle
- square
- trapezoid
- triangle
- rectangle
- octagon

Standards Link: Math: Geometry: Identify basic geometric shapes.



Which reindeer have trunks?

ANSWER: The ones going on vacation.

Weekly Writing Corner

Holiday Brain Builders

Make up a holiday math problem that is a story problem. Be sure to use a wintertime holiday.

Marie's Christmas tree had nine white ornaments on one side and 24 red ornaments on the other side. Marie also had six blue ornaments in the middle on both sides. How many ornaments does Marie have in all? (Answer: 45)

Ashley, 4th grade

We had five hundred Christmas lights but fifty of them were broken. We went to the store and bought thirty more. How many working lights do we have now? (Answer: 480 lights.)

Matt, 5th grade

It was a cold winter day. Samira made three snowmen, Paula made two, my little brother made one and I made two. Suddenly someone came and knocked one of Samira's snowmen down. How many snowmen do we have left? (Answer: Seven snowmen.)

Keila, 2nd grade

Natalie and her mom, Rachel, went to the Saint Nick Store and bought 5 juicy oranges for \$2.00. Then they bought 7 apples for \$3.00. Natalie wanted a watermelon so they bought one for \$2.00. They decided to get "Cookies and Cream" ice cream and that cost \$5.00. How much did they spend in total? (Answer: \$12.00)

Jocelyn, 5th grade

I bought a Christmas tree that was five feet three and a half inches tall. My friend bought a tree that was two feet, five inches taller than mine. How tall is my friend's tree? (Answer: Seven feet, eight and a half inches.)

Lauren, 6th grade

On November 1st, the town had 26 inches of snow. Over the next week, they got 11 inches more. Two days later, half the snow had melted. Three days after that there was another snowstorm and 12.3 inches fell. What date is it? (Nov. 13th)

Tate, 6th grade

There are 25 kids who each have 4 snowballs. Twenty kids leave but 65 kids arrive each with 5 snowballs. How many snowballs are there in total? (Answer: 345 snowballs.)

Mjranda, 6th grade

On Thanksgiving, my grandmother bought a turkey with 100 feathers and she plucked 29. How many feathers are there left on the turkey? (Answer: 71)

Emily, 5th grade

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