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briefs

Otter Creek escape prevented

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — An Otter Creek Correctional Center inmate faces an additional charge after she allegedly assisted another in planning an escape.

Because of an ongoing investigation, authorities at the prison will not comment about allegations surrounding a facilitation to commit escape charge against inmate Darla McCormick, 39.

Investigator Dwight Crowell filed a complaint against her, alleging that she tried to help another prisoner escape on Oct. 16. She was served with a criminal summons by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department last Thursday.

Assistant Warden Jeff Little said other charges are pending against other people involved in the alleged escape attempt, but charges against those accused were not filed in Floyd County District Court Tuesday.

McCormick is scheduled to be arraigned on the charge in February.

Wheelwright residents meet with receiver

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — The Wheelwright City Utilities Commission meeting was canceled for lack of a quorum Tuesday, but area residents who came for the meeting remained in city hall to participate in an open forum and a teleconference with an Equitable Energy representative.

Court-appointed receiver, attorney Tom Smith, said the utilities commission continues its search for alternate gas resources. Prior to the teleconference call, he spoke with an area provider who proposed a two-year fixed rate for the city, but details of that call were not disclosed.

Smith said he's had trouble finding companies who are willing to sell gas to the city because of its previous payment delinquencies. They are "nervous" about

selling gas to Wheelwright, he said.

The gas Equitable sells to Wheelwright comes from local wells that have "unstripped" gas (a higher quality gas that can produce more heat.) The city is currently paying the company approximately \$17.25 for that gas.

Currently, the utilities commission is charging residential customers \$21 MCF and commercial customers \$31 MCF. The city's biggest commercial service, Otter

Creek Correctional Center, is also looking for alternate gas resources.

Calling the commission "courageous" for "facing up to what the problems are," Smith said they are open for suggestions on how to solve the gas price problem.

When asked if he agreed with Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson's statement last week that Equitable Energy was

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Christian Wright, 10, of Prestonsburg, waved his arms madly and shouted for joy during the Christmas with a Cop program Sunday. He says he loves police officers because "They do good stuff."

photo by Mary Music

Prestonsburg Shop with a Cop program helps 52 children

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Thanks to many area sponsors, the Prestonsburg Police Department defined or redefined the spirit of Christmas for 52 children in 19 Floyd County families.

One child, Christian Wright, 10, waved his arms madly and shouted for joy when he learned that the "real" santa (Job Corps employee Roy Picklesimer) was in the building.

"This is the best thing that these cops could do for these kids. They've been looking forward to

it for two weeks," said Jeff Potter, of Prestonsburg, who participated in the program Sunday with his wife, Bobbie, and their three children, Kaitlyn, 8, Justin, 7, and Ryan, 5.

Chief Mike Omerod said the

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Suit filed over basketball game scuffle

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The parent of one Prestonsburg High School basketball player has filed a civil suit against the Floyd County Board of Education, alleging that she was "accosted" on the ball court at South Floyd High School while she was trying to protect her son after a junior varsity game on Dec. 7.

"The South Floyd High School provided no security for the players at this game, even though it is commonly recognized practice for all schools to do so," attorney Tim Parker wrote in the suit

on behalf of his wife, Angela Hall. "Had adequate security been present, there would have been no need for anyone to go to the gymnasium floor to protect the players."

Parker asks that the court place a temporary restraining order against the school board because Hall, along with others, has been barred from attending all extracurricular activities in any Floyd County school for the remainder of the year.

Hall will suffer "irreparable harm" by not being allowed to watch her son play, he wrote.

After the Dec. 7 game was

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Board urged to reinstate smoke ban

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

EASTERN — During his tenure as chairman of the Floyd County Board of Education, former board member Johnnie Ross was able to convince his fellow board members to impose a districtwide policy prohibiting smoking on all school-owned properties.

In the time since Ross' departure, school administrators have, according to cur-

rent vice chair Jeff Stumbo, issued complaints in regard to the policy. Most notably, Stumbo says that the administrators he has spoken to have said that the policy is "almost impossible" to enforce. As a result, the board recently repealed the policy, once again opening school properties to the use of tobacco.

"We have ball games and other activities on school

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Today



High: 39 • Low: 21

Tomorrow



High: 45 • Low: 27

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Martin police officer John Smith grins at the camera while Santa talks with an inquisitive child at Saturday's "Christmas with a Cop" community event held at the Martin Community Center.

Martin holds third program

Times Staff Report

MARTIN — Mothers everywhere, teaching lessons on trust, tell their children, "If you're ever in trouble, find a policeman."

Even more, children in the Martin community are learning that not only are policemen people they can trust, they are also people they can love.

(See **MARTIN**, page ten)

Turner trial postponed until June

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell granted a motion to postpone the January trial date for state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner and his cousin Loren Glenn Turner to June 12.

The judge also denied a

motion by Sen. Turner to stay proceedings until a decision is made by the Sixth District Court of Appeals in a case against Glenn Turner and Ross Harris, who were both found guilty last year on similar vote fraud charges. The decision in that case may impact the current case against Sen. Turner and Glenn

Turner. The men were indicted on charges of mail fraud and conspiracy to commit mail fraud and vote buying in connection with the Democratic primary election in 2000. Detectives with the Federal Bureau of Investigations

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photo by Tom Doty

The Brothers of the Wheel, who are out every year on the weekend following Thanksgiving to raise money to help needy children at Christmas, delivered toys and shoes for area kids to the Board of Education on Monday.

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Obituaries

Thurman J. Akers

Thurman J. Akers, age 81, of Dana, husband of the late Jeanetta Jarrell Akers, passed away Monday, December 19, 2005, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center.

He was born October 31, 1924, in Dana, the son of the late Elmon and Ada Akers. He was a retired coal miner, formerly employed by Turner Elkhorn Mining Company; a member of the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church in Dana, since 1966; a member of the Betsy Layne D.A.V.; and was a U.S. Army World War II veteran, where he was awarded two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart, for action in the European Theatre.

Survivors include two sons: Bobby Joe Akers of Prestonsburg, Teddy Ray Akers of Dana; a brother, Billy Ray Akers of Warren, Michigan; a special sister, Margie Conn of Dana; a granddaughter, three grandsons, a great grandson, and two great-granddaughters.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Jeanetta, and three brothers: Richard Akers, Archer Akers, and Hatler Akers.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 22, at 11 a.m., at the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church, in Dana, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Fred Conn Cemetery, in Dana, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Pallbearers: Benny Joe Akers, Dennis Ray Akers, Michael Thurman Akers, Steve Cordial, Jeff Wallen, Ted Cordial, Rick Wallen, Shawn Wallen, Don Wallen, and Brandon Joseph Akers.

Honorary: Lowell Samons, George Smith, Dennis Kidd, Norman Conn, Eddie Blackburn, Gene Davis, French Campbell, and Billy Akers.

(Paid obituary)



Maudie Collins

Maudie Collins, 93, of Pikeville, formerly of Little Mud Creek, died Monday, December 12, 2005, at Pikeville Medical Center.

Born February 27, 1912, in Honaker, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Minerva Jane Adams Collins. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ, (Mouth of Mud), at Harold.

She was twice married, first to Lee Parsons, and later to Alfred Collins. Both preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons: Graham Parsons, Monteville (Barlow) Parsons, and Johnny Ray Collins, all of Honaker; two daughters: Gracie Gladys Dalton of Bucyrus, Ohio, and Mary Ann Hunter of Pikeville; 23 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren, and several step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, and step-great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Leigh, Bob, and Joe; six sisters: Belle, Phoebe, Mollie, Lula, Kelly, and Martha; a grandchild, and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 15,

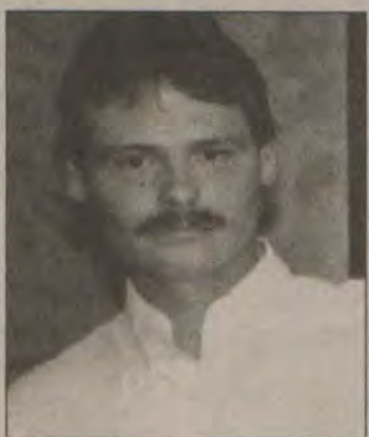
at noon, at the Church of Christ at the mouth of Mud in Harold, with Gary Justice, Ronnie Samons, and Everett (Red) Lawson officiating.

Burial was in the Parsons Cemetery, at Little Mud, in Printer, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was Tuesday, December 13, at 7 p.m., at the funeral home, and on Thursday, December 15, at 10 a.m. at the church.

(Paid obituary)

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Joe Davidson Goodman II

Joe Davidson Goodman, II, of Findlay, Ohio, passed away surrounded by his family at 8:20 p.m., Saturday, December 17, 2005, at the Fox Run Manor, Findlay.

He was born on August 15, 1961, in Prestonsburg, the son of Joe Davidson I, and Lillie (Greer) Goodman, and they survive in Findlay.

Joe was a machinist who enjoyed Nascar, the Cleveland Browns, Chevy's, especially Nova's, and loved fishing. He was a 1979 graduate of Findlay High School.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his sisters: Deborah K. (Randall) Dillingham of North Baltimore, and Carolyn R. (Todd) Clark of Forest; nieces: Melissa Greiner, Anna K. Dillingham, and Kara L. Dillingham; a great-niece and nephew, Kendyl Rain and Asher Haize Sammet.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, December 21, at the Trinity Baptist Church, Findlay, with Reverend David A. Shaffer officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery, Trinity Memorial Gardens.

Visitation was held 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., on Tuesday, at Coldren-Crates Funeral Home, Findlay, and 1 hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory, to Bridge Home Health and Hospice and/or Blanchard Valley Center of MRDD. Online condolences may be made at www.coldrenrates.com.

(Paid obituary)

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Carol Sue Hall

Carol Sue Hall, 67, of 1411 E. Elm Street, Streator, Illinois, died at 10:44 p.m., Monday December 12, 2005, at St. Mary's Hospital, in Streator.

Private family services will be held at the Solon, Baker & Telford Funeral Home, in Streator. Rev. Mark Upchurch, of Central Church of Christ, will officiate.

Burial will be in Poplar Grove



Cemetery in Weeksbury.

She was born September 18, 1938, in Weeksbury, the daughter of the late Willie & Grace (Wells) Johnson. She married Charles E. "Red" Hall on December 10, 1960, in Clintwood, Virginia. He survives.

She is also survived by daughters: Diana Huff of Streator, and Pamela (Mrs. Kenneth) Wright of Ottawa; a son: John (Tricia) Hall of Manville; six grandchildren: Christopher, Benjamin, and Hannah Huff, Blake and Alysia Davis and Brandon Hall; her mother-in-law: Mildred Hatfield of Bypro; sisters: Joanne (Mrs. John C.) Osborne of Miami Town Ohio, Estelle Mosley of Weeksbury, Juanita Johnson of Virgie, and Jackie (Mrs. William H.) Dye of Flatwoods; and a brother: Bobby (Jean) Johnson of Weeksbury.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Jean Jenette and Mildred Campbell; and a brother, Billy Virgil Johnson.

She graduated from Weeksbury Grade School and Wheelwright High School, in 1957. She had resided in Streator since 1962.

She was a member of the Church of Christ in Weeksbury.

(Paid obituary)

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A Warrior of the Cross has fallen.



Rondal Edwin Hayes

Rondal Edwin Hayes, 90, of Lakeside Park, formerly of Hueysville, the husband of Irene Cast Hayes, died Sunday, December 18, 2005, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Edgewood.

He was born in Hueysville, September 7, 1915, the son of the late Frank P. and Lucretia Stewart Hayes.

Rondal attended Berea High School his freshman and sophomore years. He graduated from Maytown High School in 1934, where he was an outstanding basketball player. His family moved to a farm in Hillsboro, Ohio, in 1934. There he attended Wilmington College, and met and married his wife, Irene Cast Hayes, in 1937. He, Irene, their

first daughter, and his parents, returned to Hueysville in 1941. There, three more daughters were born. He was a postal clerk and worked in the F.P. Hayes General Store, later taking over the store when his father became ill. The store became a nighttime gathering place for locals.

Rondal lived in Hueysville, until July of 2002, where he was an elder of the Hueysville Church of Christ. He had also served as youth leader, Sunday school teacher, preacher, secretary and treasurer, church bus driver, adult Bible study teacher, janitor, and repairman. He was best known as the second father to scores of young people, recruiting many of them for service in the church. He never turned away anyone who needed food, a ride to the doctor, money to pay bills, or clothing. Many charges at his store were forgiven, and never collected. He took the youth groups to the swimming pool, Dewey Lake, the skating rink, and pizza restaurants. He organized baseball, softball, and basketball teams, and transported the teams to their games. He donated land that he helped develop into recreational areas for church youth.

When the original two-and-a-half story church, burned in 1981, he retired from the Post Office and spent the next two years building the new church, that he had designed. As elder, he continued to counsel and encourage members of the church and community.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; four daughters: Carol Hiller and her husband, Lanny, of Taylor Mill; Sharon Claypool and her husband, Jim, of Park Hills; Karen Handshoe and her husband, Phil, of Winchester; and Ronda Stachia Knorr and her husband, Marvin, of Edgewood; two sisters: Kathlee Nyman of Sacramento, California, and Marietta Brown

of Victorville, California; a brother, Paul C. Hayes of Wilmington, Ohio; eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 23, at 2 p.m., at the Hueysville Church of Christ, with Bro. Chester A. Varney and Bro. E.W. Damron officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 22, from 5-9 p.m., at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Hueysville Church of Christ, P.O. Box 126, Hueysville, KY 41640.

(Paid obituary)

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Augusta (Gustie) Hurd

Augusta (Gustie) Hurd, 86, of Allen, died Saturday, December 17, 2005, at Riverview Healthcare in Prestonsburg.

Born April 13, 1919, in Dana, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Victoria Smith

Mulkey. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Daniels Creek Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Isaac Lee Hurd.

Survivors include a son, Charles A. Hurd of North Judson, Indiana; four daughters: Leona Samons of Allen, Daisy Lewis of Tram, Thelma Crum of Glasgow and Dovie Stacy of Culver, Indiana; three sisters: Lizzie Spears, Archie Spears, and Lennie Mulkey, all of Banner; 31 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Ernest Hurd and Merrill Hurd; a daughter, Judy Jo Johnson; four brothers: Keene Mulkey, Charlie Mulkey, Ike Mulkey, and Delzie Mulkey; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be con-

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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.

Presbyterians celebrate the "Reason for the Season!"
The First Presbyterian Church invites you to the following special events:

■ Christmas Cantata, on December 18th, entitled "Come to the Manger," during morning worship service at 11:00 a.m.

■ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24th, at 7:00 p.m.

■ Christmas Morning Worship on December 25th, at 11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church is located next to Jerry's Restaurant on Rt. 321, in Prestonsburg.

St. Martha Christmas service

Sat., Dec. 24th, 11:30 p.m., Musical Prelude to Christmas: A Selection of Carols and Hymns. Performed by Jorge and Teresa Alzadon, accompanied by Susan Johnson, pianist. Followed by Christmas Midnight Mass service. St. Martha Catholic Church is located on Watergap Road, in Prestonsburg. Fr. Bob Damron, pastor. For more information, call 874-9526.

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.

Martha's Portion bag sale

There will be a bag sale for Martha's Portion on Tuesday, December 20 and Wednesday, December 21 from 8:30am-2:20pm. Fill a bag with clothing for \$3.00. Hurry in to do last minute Christmas shopping. New things arrive everyday.

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 BSCC 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.

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 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.

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Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.
South Prestonsburg: 3rd

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'04 FORD FREESTAR VAN—Pwr. windows/locks, 37,000 miles.....	Was \$15,995	Now \$13,995
'04 JEEP LIBERTY—4WD, pwr. windows/locks, 13,000 miles.....	Was \$18,995	Now \$16,995
'04 TOYOTA COROLLA LE—Pwr. windows/locks, 31,000 miles.....	Was \$14,995	Now \$13,495
'04 TOYOTA COROLLA LE—Pwr. windows/locks, 27,000 miles.....	Was \$14,995	Now \$13,495
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Viewpoint

Amendment 1

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Worth Repeating ...

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

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Guest View Compromise not worth price

Far from ending bickering and smoothing the way for final congressional action, a recent compromise agreement on extending the USA Patriot Act seems to have generated almost as much controversy as the original law. This is not entirely surprising because the agreement perpetuates two of the law's ugliest features, and the debate over the compromise has highlighted another legal monstrosity that has not received the attention or the censure it deserves.

The law, enacted just 45 days after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, reflected the pervasive fear and hysteria that gripped the country after that traumatic event, and was enacted to help law enforcement prevent another such attack. It contains some 150 provisions, almost all of which are powerful new tools in the fight against terrorism.

But it was perhaps inevitable that a law with so many provisions - especially one that was enacted in haste and emotion - should contain serious flaws. Two of them have drawn deserved attention and scorn. Section 213, the aptly named "sneak and peek" provision, allows federal agents to secretly search a person's home or business and seize personal property without giving notice of the search for days, even months.

Section 215 allows government agents to collect personal data on Americans, such as library and medical records without any evidence linking them to a crime. Also, it makes it a crime for record holders to reveal that the information was collected. Both these unnecessary and potentially dangerous intrusions into the privacy rights of Americans should have been repealed. Instead, the recent House-Senate compromise requires that the subject of a search under Section 213 be notified in 30 days. Under the agreement, Section 215 would be extended for four years, at the end of which time it would expire, unless extended again. The federal government often argues that fears about the rampant use of these two sections are exaggerated, asserting they have been used only rarely. But the sparing use of these two provisions may be explained by the extraordinary growth in the use of National Security Letters, or administrative subpoenas, since the USA Patriot Act was enacted.

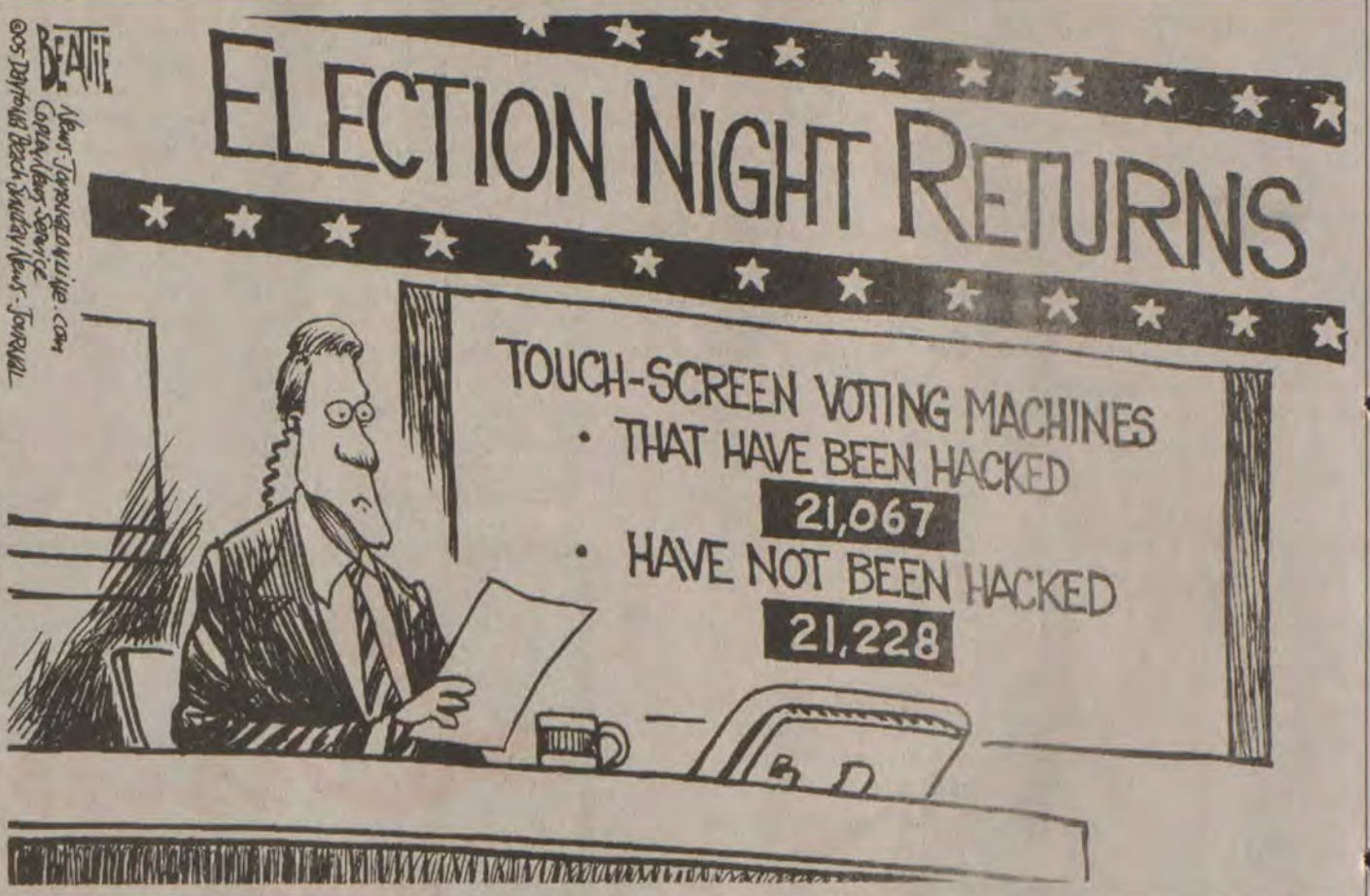
National Security Letters have existed since the 1970s and were used to examine the records of suspected foreign agents. The USA Patriot Act and the Bush administration, however, have transformed their use, so that they now extract information from telephone companies, Internet service providers, banks, credit unions and other businesses.

In early November, the Washington Post reported that the FBI now issues more than 30,000 such letters a year, a hundredfold increase. The Justice Department disputed these figures, but it was unwilling to supply the correct figure. Neither has the administration been willing to offer a single example in which the use of a National Security Letter has helped disrupt a terrorist plot, the Post said.

A judge or other court officer must authorize a conventional subpoena, but a National Security Letter may be issued by the FBI without independent judicial review. The recent House-Senate compromise contains language intended to allow the recipient of such a letter to disclose the fact and challenge the letter, but these protections are woefully inadequate.

On Wednesday, the House approved the compromise, but its future in the Senate is murkier. Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., the only senator to vote against the USA Patriot Act in 2001, says he may try to stop the compromise bill with a filibuster. He portrays the bill as "just plain unacceptable." He's right. It is surely possible to write an effective anti-terrorism law that, unlike this abominable and dangerous "compromise," does not sacrifice some of our country's most precious freedoms. Congress should do its job and write one.

— The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



Capitol Ideas

Study supports the urban-rural division

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
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FRANKFORT — It's a conflict that has long simmered in Kentucky — city vs. country, urban vs. rural, haves vs. have-nots or some other variation on the theme.

A study released by the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Kentucky offers some statistical analysis to support the existence of the disparity between the two and makes some recommendations that are sure to stoke the heat in the argument.

University of Louisville economist Dr. Paul Coomes wrote in the 2005 Kentucky Annual Economic Report that when it comes to distributing public resources, such as tax money for transportation infrastructure and even education, the state is too evenhanded. Urban areas should be getting more because they not only contribute a greater proportion of the tax base, those areas are the only real hope to pull all of Kentucky out of the economic backwater.

"Kentucky's fiscal policies clearly disadvantage the economic competitiveness of its largest cities," Coomes wrote in the article, "Kentucky is missing lucrative office economy growth."

"If Kentucky is ever to catch up in terms of prosperity, it will be led by its cities," Coomes continued. "But its urban areas cannot compete nationally and internationally under an anachronis-

tic tax structure and spending policies geared primarily to redistribution and entitlement."

The concentration of economic activity is overwhelming, Coomes argued. He said one-half of all private sector wages paid in Kentucky are earned in only four of the 120 counties — Jefferson, Fayette, Boone and Kenton. If Warren and Daviess counties are added, those six provide half of all the private sector jobs in the state.

Coomes estimated that the state's three primary urban areas — Louisville, Lexington and northern Kentucky — contributed \$4.2 billion in state taxes and fees in the 2003 fiscal year, but received only \$2.8 billion in return.

"Kentucky state spending policies continue to be geared to providing infrastructure and services to sparsely populated areas, a 50-year economic development mission that is essentially complete and now dangerously close to creating a new entitlement culture," Coomes said.

A change in tax and spending policies is needed to promote the booming knowledge and office industries, Coomes said.

Farming and mining are in decline and Kentucky has done little to help itself attract corporate headquarters and research and development firms, the real engines of future economic growth, Coomes said.

Coomes cites what has become almost a truism for Kentucky's economy — education pays.

Coomes noted the "myth" that the state's low educational attainment level is unique to its rural areas. "In fact, nearly all regions of Kentucky rank low in terms of college attainment and most are

low in terms of high school attainment," Coomes said.

There is not a single county that is above the national average in both education and earnings, Coomes said. "Indeed, only two or three counties are above the national average in either measure," he said.

Coomes doesn't pull any punches with his proposals to turn around the state's economic fortunes:

■ The individual income tax should be lowered or eliminated to signal to enterprising and talented people their success will not be penalized, Coomes said. Cigarette and "other vice taxes" should be increased and gambling could be expanded.

■ Spending formulas for transportation money should be changed to direct money where comes from and the people and needs are located: the urban areas. More local contribution should be required to support schools in less populated areas, leaving more money for urban areas, Coomes said.

■ Local option sales taxes should be allowed, property tax caps removed and school districts should be required to levy local income taxes, Coomes said. All those would allow the state to reduce its obligation to local education, roads and community projects.

"Other bold initiatives should be considered," Coomes said, as if the other proposals weren't quite brash enough. Private management of state resort parks and consolidation of governments are another two that Coomes offered.

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Letters

Soldiers treated unfairly

Just a while ago a young man around Eastern Kentucky, as far as I know, was fired from his job because his employer found it too inconvenient that this young man should be sent to duty in the National Guard, thus being absent from work. It has also been brought to my attention that he is not the only one. He, along with others, was called to duty to assist in the Katrina aftermath. Upon returning, these many week end soldiers were dismissed from their jobs because of this interruption of the necessary times off from work.

I have some questions for those people having done the firing. Do you people fly the Red, White and Blue at home? If so, then you must not really mean it. Have any of you people had a family member, relative, or friend that has served in the military? If, so then that

must be a slap in their face. Do any of you people go to church or are religious? If so, then you may have re-evaluate your ethics.

Were any of the Minutemen during the Revolutionary War done that way? No. Were any of our soldiers done that way when they returned from World War II or the Korean war? No. I don't know about the Vietnam war or the others after.

Is the gap between Corporate America and the United States of America becoming more evident and clear? It seems so. Does everyone who feared that our soldiers would be unappreciated if they were to return from war have reason to feel such? With this happening to just the ones sent to a disaster area here at home just image what some employers might do to those Reserve and Guard members having been gone to war for a long while when they finally return home. Does such an act of dismissal because of such an excuse appear to be a repeat of the Vietnam era, when many of our soldiers received ill response when returning

home? This seems quite evident.

Don't you think it is a sacrifice for Reserve and Guard members to be away from their jobs and families when called to duty? You must have not forgotten about that fact. Do you really care? Only your deep conscience can answer that, although your actions appear to prove otherwise. Is this all they get out of serving their country, a thanks for serving our country and thanks for nothing?

Why were such terminations wrong? It is un-American and un-ethical.

Why do I care? Because I am an army brat, my father served in the military, and a family member spent time in the National Guard and served in the Gulf War. I also have some relatives who served in World War II.

Why is it my business? Because I am an American and I try to give the military members the support they deserve, whether they are regular or temporary.

Thomas W. Elam
Pikeville

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Wheelwright

"gouging" Eastern Kentuckians, Smith said, "I think it is capitalism at its scariest."

One man in the audience Tuesday repeatedly asked that the attorney general or other state offices get involved in helping Wheelwright citizens with price gouging. Smith agreed, but told the man, Joseph Tackett, that the problem falls under federal jurisdiction.

Equitable representative Brian Shefranek suggested that the commission contact the Public Service Commission to find additional assistance programs.

Prior to and during the conference, the most significant questions asked pertained to recent changes in employee salaries and to what happened to money paid by gas customers last year.

Smith said the commission paid "various bills" for gas collections in February, the only month that the commission did not pay their winter gas bill, which topped out when the Equitable refused to turn on winter gas services this year because of a delinquency of about \$96,000.

Since Smith became the commission's receiver, he has authorized the reduction in hours worked by janitor Ruby Preston, mother of city commissioner Don Hall, from five days a week to two. Smith also authorized a 25 percent reduction in pay for Hall's father, Paul Preston, who heads the city gas meters.

Another employee, Mike Tackett, was given a \$2 pay cut on the hour.

Utilities commissioner Shannon Patrick, who was not at the meeting, said that the cuts were unfair because other employees who make high salaries were not cut. Residents previously claimed that some of last year's gas payments went

toward paying salaries of employees related to city commissioners.

"I feel that the reason why the Prestons were cut was due to fact they are parents of Don 'Booty' Hall, and they felt pressured to do so because of the relation," Patrick said Monday. "At every meeting we got, it's always thrown up, 'What are you gonna do about people who are related to city commissioners?' I don't understand why you won't cut health insurance."

Patrick's concerns were mirrored in comments made Tuesday by the Preston's daughter, who asked if cuts would be made to other employees. She said the cuts only saved the commission \$500 a month, and she asked if other employees would be cut.

Smith told her it wouldn't make a huge difference now, but that "it is a start." No definite answer was given regarding other employees.

As the conference continued, concerns were aired about what happened to money paid last year by Wheelwright residents for their gas bills.

The biggest contributor to the \$96,000 delinquent bill last year began when city commissioners, acting as a working utilities commission, decided not to raise consumer rates to meet the increase in cost of the gas, Smith said.

At the end of the meeting, Parker and Smith agreed that city financial records or other requested documents would be available for anyone to view.

Wheelwright received approximately \$110,000 for six years under a contract with Otter Creek. City Clerk Mary Ann Slone said it would be impossible to tell where that money was used because it was distributed to the city's general fund. Mayor David Sammons gave a long list

of expenditures, including the construction of two buildings, a new police car that was purchased a couple of years ago and other equipment used by the city. Sammons did confirm that the city has a job boat for flood rescues, but he wasn't sure if the city or the fire department purchased it.

When asked by Wilma Hall if Wheelwright customers are paying comparable rates to other people in other states, Shefranek said that Equitable customers' gas rates are determined by the time of the purchase and the length of the contract.

Shefranek, who said his gas rates in Pittsburgh raised from \$18 MCF last year to \$20 MCF this year, emphasized that gas rates do fluctuate. He could not answer a question about whether the city could get a line of credit from the company if they paid their delinquent bill. He said corporate credit personnel would have to make the decision.

Hall later asked if Equitable charged "tap-on" customers cheaper rates than they charge city systems like Wheelwright.

Shefranek said he wasn't involved in that aspect of the business and that he didn't know who that question could be directed to.

Parker pointed out that tap-on service customers must do their own line maintenance.

Smith said the Public Service Commission can control what Equitable charges tap-on customers, but that they can't control what is sold to city systems.

"Why can't we pay directly to Equitable, then?" Hall asked.

"Because it runs through the city system," Smith answered.

Sammons also raised a question about a statement made to him by local businessman Anthony "Harpo" Castle. Sammons said that Equitable is paying Castle \$4.01 MCF for

four gas wells that he owns.

Shefranek said he didn't know what they were paying through those types of negotiations. Some "deals," he said, were made years ago and are locked in on contract.

City attorney Timothy Parker, recalling Thompson's statement last week and the fiscal court's decision to pay a delinquent gas bill last year for several small Floyd County communities, said that he would ask Thompson to help pay Wheelwright's gas bill.

When questioned by The Times, Thompson said last year's decision came under different circumstances.

"The reason that the county paid the bill was that they are on bond issue and a gas line restoration loan that parts of it dates back to 1952 and the late 1980s," Thompson said. "We had no choice in the matter to do that ... It's not the same situation that's in Wheelwright."

Before the forum came to a close, Smith related the angst felt by most city residents. "This winter is going to be a horrible time for everybody, on gas prices," he said. "I hope we can get through it. We'll have to be like Tiny Tim, 'God bless us, everyone,' because it's going to be hard."

Residents were then told that financial problems with the city's sewer system are probably greater than the gas problem.

Sewer plant operator Michael Sparkman quit his job last week and utility commissioners previously said that sewer and water rates will also have to be raised.

"If they raise the sewer, water and gas, they can stick this whole place in their eyeball," Hall said.

The Big Sandy Community Action program has extended its winter heating assistance deadline to Dec. 22. Residents needing heating assistance should apply before that date to receive credit for heating costs at whatever company provides their service. Those who don't sign up before that date will not be considered for assistance, which is available, based on need, up to \$125. Big Sandy CAP also provides a "crisis" assistance program in January.

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Board

grounds that are open to the public. Who is supposed to enforce the no smoking policy?" Stumbo asked. "It falls on the backs of the school principals."

Attending Monday evening's meeting, held at Duff Elementary, Ross addressed the board, asking them to reconsider their recent decision to repeal the no smoking ban.

"We need a zero-tolerance school policy. If we want to protect our kids, I think that's where we need to start," Ross said.

Michael Vance, chair of Floyd County UNITE, backed Ross up, saying that "smoking is the first introduction to drug usage." "Let's make it tougher ... you (the board) are to be commended for the drug education programs you have in the schools, and a no smoking policy would be a great step toward discouraging the use of drugs by our kids."

Rosalind Stanley, chair of the Floyd-Pike Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (ASAP), remarked that it was unnecessary to hold a lengthy discussion on the ill effects of tobacco usage, saying that "we are all aware of the numbers and the damage," as she, too, urged the board to reconsider allowing smoking on school campuses.

"I probably started the rescission of the policy," Stumbo said. "You talk to these principals, and you just see how hard it is for them to try to enforce a policy like this ... I think the decision should be put back on the site-based councils. It's the principals who are going to have to enforce the policy ... Let's listen to them, let them decide."

"You ask how can it be enforced," Ross said. "How do you require higher grade standards? You just raise them — you just raise your expectations ... you just expect it."

Board member Mickey McGuire remarked that the evening's discussion had caused him to rethink the decision to repeal the no smoking policy. "Your talk about high expectations makes me feel differently about my vote ... Maybe I didn't raise my expectations."

Regardless of McGuire's comments, the board took no action toward reversing its decision to allow smoking in design-

nated areas on school campuses. Employees of Our Lady of the Way Hospital, members of the UNITE organization and school substance abuse educators appeared in support of Ross, Vance and Stanley at the meeting.

In other business, district high school principals presented a report to board members on the findings of their visit to the Oldham County School District. The principals reported that the visits had been beneficial and positive in nature, and that they had learned many valuable tools to aid them in their current positions.

The board also agreed to accept a current, tentative needs assessment budget for the school year 2006-07, despite McGuire's arguments that the board had not, as a group, thoroughly reviewed the report.

"I move that we not accept this budget," McGuire said. "There is not enough informa-

tion and this is the most important single thing we are responsible for doing for Floyd County schools ... We need to review and get more information before voting."

Board chair Carol Stumbo said that she supported the report.

"It's a working document and I think we need to accept it," she said.

Board member Sherry Robinson agreed, saying that the work had been done in reporting to the board the needs of the individual schools and that the submitted report contained that information.

The board moved to accept the report, noting that changes may be necessary in the months ahead.

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Kentucky's adult literacy comparable to nation

The Associated Press
FRANKFORT — Adult literacy in Kentucky, though slightly trailing, is comparable to the rest of the nation, according to a report released Thursday by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Literacy was defined as "using printed and written information to function in society, to achieve one's goals, and to

develop one's knowledge and potential."

The survey was broken into three parts, to determine literacy with prose, documents and quantitatively.

State officials said they were still studying the data, contained in a 41-page report, but were encouraged by the results, especially that literacy among the 25-39 age group was at least as good as the rest of the nation.

Obituaries

ducted Wednesday, December 21, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jim Smith officiating.

Burial will be in the Jones Cemetery, at Shortwood, in Allen, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Norma Jean Mature

Norma Jean Mature, age 58, of Printer, passed from this life on Saturday, December 17, 2005, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

She was born March 7, 1947 in Blue Moon, the daughter of the late James Marion and Martha Bell Hall Yates. She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Time Regular Baptist Church at Printer.

Surviving are one son: Namon Mature of Printer; two daughters: Amy Leffel of Tazewell, Virginia, and Ima Lowe of Paintsville; one brother, Warren Gene Yates of Harold; four sisters: Inez Kilburn of Prestonsburg, Ella Mae Pyne of Printer, Ruby Jean Wallen of Martin, and Vannie Damron of Printer; and two grandchildren: Christopher Nathan Hess and Bradley Austin Hess.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 20, at noon, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Junior Kidd officiating.

Burial was in the Harvey Cemetery, in Printer, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Chris Hess, Brad Hess, Namon Mature, Wes Leffel, Randy Carroll, Tracy Lowe, and Brandon Carroll. (Paid obituary)

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Zella Mae Salisbury

Zella Mae Salisbury, age 89, of Ivel, passed away Sunday, December 18, 2005, in the Pikeville Medical Center.

She was born April 7, 1916, in Harold, the daughter of the late Lack Salisbury and Cassie King Salisbury. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Pikeville, and owner-operator of the Eastern Heights Motel.

Survivors include one daughter, Connie Lee Cole, her husband, Troy of Ivel; one sister, Bernice Spears of Hurricane Creek; one grandchild, Sandra Lea Tackett, her husband, Greg;

two great-grandchildren: Jordan Gregory Tackett and Derek Houston Tackett; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Dewey Salisbury and Thomas Salisbury; and two sisters: Delcie Hamilton and Gracie Hunt.

Funeral services for Zella Mae Salisbury will be conducted Wednesday, December 21, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Elder Mike Whitaker, and other elders, officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation, is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Estill Lee Scarberry

Estill Lee Scarberry, age 84, of Martin, husband of Ethel Jean Vanderpool Scarberry, passed away Monday, December 19, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He was born August 28, 1921, in Hueysville, the son of the late Malcolm Scarberry and Marsha Grimm Scarberry. He was a retired coal miner, a member of the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church, the UMW, and an U.S. Army, World War II veteran.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include four sons: Paul Scarberry and Kenneth Scarberry, both of Martin, Randall Scarberry of Maytown, and Wayne Scarberry of Harold; a daughter, Myrtle Delores Kaysinger of Whitesville; two brothers: Douglas Scarberry of Mansfield, Ohio, and Donald

Scarberry of Martin; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Estill Lee Scarberry will be conducted Thursday, December 22, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Nathan Lafferty officiating.

Burial will follow in the Martin Cemetery, in Martin, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Marty McKinney, Eddie Scarberry, John Goble, Jeffery Scarberry, Jordan Scarberry, Jonathan Scarberry, Kenneth Ray Scarberry, and Michael Hall. (Paid obituary)

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Ellen Shepherd

Ellen Shepherd, 75, of Hueysville, died Sunday, December 18, 2005, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

Born April 9, 1930, in Hueysville, she was the daughter of the late Lummie and Lurane Miller Sexton.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer Shepherd.

Other survivors include six sons: Teddy Ray (Ella) Shepherd, Vondell Jay (Shirley) Shepherd, Nason Day Shepherd, Ricky Darrell Shepherd, and Garrell (Linda) Shepherd, all of Hueysville, and Timothy Doyle (Tammy) Shepherd of Garrett; a daughter, Judy Sharon Shepherd of Hueysville; two brothers: Velman Sexton (Her twin) of Ohio, and Lowell Sexton of Indiana; a son-in-law, Michael Patton of Hueysville; 16 grandchildren: Tammy Samons, Bridgette Howell, Sherry Shepherd, Trinity Shepherd, Cheryl Owens, Natasha

Shepherd, Lakesha Shepherd, Shayla Shepherd, Kayla Shepherd, Marsha Patton, Mashae Patton, Gary Patton, Whitney Shepherd, Shelton Shepherd, Justin Shepherd, and Tonya Shepherd; and eight great-grandchildren: Austin Howell, Summer Shepherd, Autumn Shepherd, Blake Shepherd, Isabella Dominequez, Nikk Owens, Nikki Owens and Lauren Shepherd.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two daughters: Betty Faye Patton and Brenda Kay Shepherd; three brothers: Clovis Sexton, Milford Sexton and Alton Sexton; five sisters: Avonell Collins, Ressie Reed, Naomi Tussey, Eugal Sexton and Alma Sexton; and a grandchild, Von Edward Shepherd.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 21, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ellis Stevens officiating.

Burial will be in the Shepherd Family Cemetery, at Sage Allen Branch, in Hueysville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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The family of Rosie Campbell Ousley would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, or spoke kind words. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Cold Springs Regular Baptist Church for all the kindness shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.
THE FAMILY OF ROSIE CAMPBELL OUSLEY

Card of Thanks
The family of Goldie Hall would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Zion Regular Baptist Church, for all the kindness shown to our family, Dr. Jurich, nurses and staff, all who traveled many miles to be with us, all our family, friends, sisters and brothers in the Church, and Frell Tackett for visiting with us during Mom's illness, to Mildred and all the care givers, for those who prepared the grave, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.
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Card of Thanks
The family of KayLeann RaeLynn Ambrose, wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family, who helped them in any way upon the passing of our precious one. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, or spoke kind words of sympathy to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman J. M. Slouce for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department, for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.
THE FAMILY OF KAYLEANN RAE LYNN AMBROSE

Card of Thanks
The family of Ruby Gayheart would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors, who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Rev. Bethel Bolen for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home, for their kind and efficient service.
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Clare Day honored by OLW

MARTIN — Our Lady of the Way Hospital recently honored Clare Day as the winner of the Waneta P. Newsome Employee Recognition Award.

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"As we watch Clare in action at Our Lady of the Way, where her role is that of a clinical pharmacist, we see her untiring dedication to patients' comfort," the

hospital said in a statement. "Nothing gives her more satisfaction than to know that patients' medication routines are the most appropriate to their needs. To that end, she monitors patients' progress frequently, closely collaborating with physicians and other care providers. Working with their families further assists her in ensuring patient comfort. Ask any patient at OLW and you'll hear the same message: Clare will do everything possible to make you feel better."

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Industry says state needs more capacity for moving natural gas

by JOE BIESK
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FRANKFORT — Kentucky's problem with its homegrown natural gas isn't its supply, but in transporting the fuel via pipelines to customers, industry officials told a legislative panel Friday.

A planned pipeline in Eastern Kentucky could help relieve some of the pressure, David Spigelmyer, government affairs director for Equitable Resources Inc., told the General Assembly's Subcommittee on Energy. The planned \$80 million pipeline — which still needs federal approval — would

start in Floyd County, and head north 60 miles through Johnson, Lawrence and Carter counties, Spigelmyer said.

"By building this line, many of those with trapped gas will be opened for business," Spigelmyer said. "Your counties and state will be a huge benefactor as you get gas to market."

Currently, there is not enough capacity in the natural gas pipelines to move all the fuel that's produced in eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia, officials said.

Use of existing pipeline space depends on different factors, said Glen Kettering, president of Columbia Gas Transmission. Some producers have bought what are called "firm contracts," which gives them priority when it comes to pipeline access, Kettering said.

Those who do not have such contracts are considered "interruptible" and their priority falls behind those who purchase the so-called "firm" deals. Recently, that has left less space on the system available for smaller producers and has forced them at times to halt production until space opens.

Some of the gas that's produced locally heads to other regions in the U.S., including the midwest, east and north-

east.

Adding capacity through additional pipelines would relieve the system, allowing smaller producers a way to ship their gas to customers, Kettering said. It was in his company's best interest to get as much natural gas through the pipelines it owns as possible, Kettering said.

"Unequivocally, there is no contention to do anything that would limit the amount of gas supply getting to the market," Kettering said. "Our interests are aligned with those who want to maximize the gas getting to market."

Spigelmyer said his company hoped to have the planned pipeline finished by 2007.

House Majority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, called it "a great announcement" that could help some of the smaller natural gas producers in Kentucky.

"Hopefully it is a project that we can be looking at as alleviating some of our small producers' issues," Adkins said.



The Floyd County Farm Bureau was recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement during the recent 86th annual Kentucky Farm Bureau Convention in Louisville. Here, Eddie Akers, center, accepts the award from David S. Beck, right, Kentucky Farm Bureau executive vice president and Roger L. Simpson, executive vice president of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies during a December 9 recognition and awards program.

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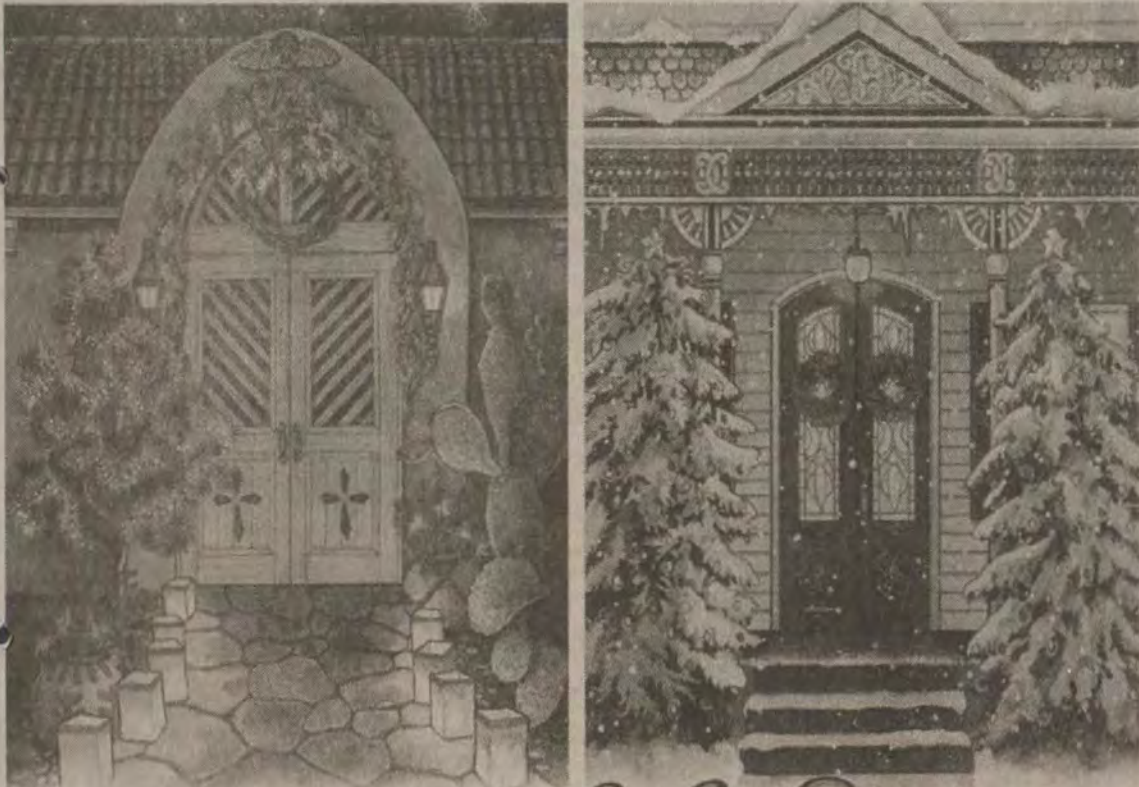
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annual Shop with a Cop program is about local people taking care of local people. During the ceremony, he recognized the service of several officers, fire department workers, 911 center employees and resource directors of five area schools.

Local resident Allan Rose was also recognized. Seven years ago, after Rose watched the department's first Shop with a Cop program, televised by LJ productions, he called and pledged to purchase bicycles for all nine children that were selected that year. Since then, the program has grown each year. This year, Rose and his wife, Sheila, purchased bicycles, triecycles or "ride-ons" for 52 children. He says he doesn't miss the money he spends on the bicycles annually, and that giving has increased his ability to give to others.

"When I called the first time, they thought I was drunk," Rose said. "Then I told them they better take my offer before I sobered up ... If you just see the look of the kid's faces, it's amazing."

Rose and his wife sat in a far corner of the room at the Mountain Arts Center Sunday, watching families enjoy lunch, a visit with Santa and the opening of gifts.

"Thank you," said Chantelle Stewart, 12, smiling, when asked

what she would like to say to the people responsible for the Shop with a Cop program.

The department raised more than \$10,000 for the 19 families, whose sons or daughters were chosen by area resource center directors at five local elementary schools. That money purchased each family a large tote of food for Christmas dinner and several gifts, including clothes, shoes and toys. Additionally, the 19 children chosen from area resource centers shopped at Wal-Mart with police officers who gave them \$100 gift cards. The other 33 children, siblings of those chosen, shopped with \$50 gift cards.

Many of the parents on hand for the program had difficulty fitting all of the gifts in their vehicles, and at least one family asked for assistance in getting their things home, telling representatives there that they didn't think they had room in their car to go shopping at Wal-Mart.

When approached with the problem, coordinator Lt. Mike Conn said that the department would "take care of it."

Conn and Omerod thanked a long list of local sponsors, individuals who donated or purchased raffle tickets and local businesses who donated items or sold them at drastically reduced prices. Without the sponsors,

Conn said the program would not happen.

"Christmas is a special time of year for everyone," Omerod said. "The American Civil Liberties Union can turn their head on us for a minute. The television networks and stores all changed 'Christmas' to 'the holidays,' and that's not what Christmas is and it's not how we celebrate Christmas ... Christmas is for families. This [the police department and city hall] is our extended family ... We welcome you into our extended family to help us celebrate Christmas."

Referring to policy manuals at the department, 911 center and the fire department, Omerod said that helping people is the department's main job.

"Over the years, in law enforcement, there's a lot of situations you get to see firsthand," Conn said. "Some of them are where people are trying, but they're just having a rough time. A lot of children have had publicity with police officers. This will help us have good publicity with him."

Prestonsburg resident Ida Wright, mother of Christian, said that police officers pinned a badge on her son this year. Wright said she took her son, who suffers with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, to Paintsville officers when he was

having trouble in school. Christian, who his mother called a "cop fanatic," was beaming because Conn gave him a hug Sunday.

Major Jerry Fannin, who spent part of the ceremony playing with a baby at the Christmas tree, commended the department and wished every family "the best" Christmas this year.

Though fundraising for the Shop with a Cop Program will not officially begin until the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival, the Prestonsburg Police Department will begin accepting donations for the event in January. Inquiries can be directed toward Lt. Conn at (606) 886-1010.



Hannah Elizabeth Henderson celebrated two birthdays this November. On November 2nd, she celebrated turning 11 years old, and then on November 27th, she celebrated being born again through believer's baptism at the First Baptist Church of Port Saint Joe, Florida. The baptism ceremony also included Hannah's father, Alex Henderson, and her Aunt Risha Henderson, making the day even more

special. Hannah and her mother are members of the church's expressive worship team, DoMao (dance of many for an audience of one). Hannah enjoys drawing, and won 1st place in the Gulf County Scallop Festival art contest. She also enjoys reading and is a great fan of the Redwall series by Brian Jacques. Hannah is homeschooled along with her 8-year-old brother, Conrad. Homeschooling allows them to travel throughout the year and visit with their grandparents, Phillip and Helen Martin of Hueysville, Kentucky. While with their grandparents, they share experiences such as gardening, canning, squirrel hunting, and caring for numerous farm animals. Hannah is the daughter of Patricia M. and Alex Henderson of Port St. Joe, Florida.

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Others' may find it easier to vote in coming primary

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Thousands of "others," people who choose not to register as a Democrat or Republican, should have an easier time voting in the May primary next year for nonpartisan races such as judgeships.

Kentucky has a closed primary system, where only people registered in a given political party may vote in that party's primary. But there are also nonpartisan elections, notably the hundreds of judgeships that will be decided in 2006 and many communities have nonpartisan races for their governing councils.

Independents have often had difficulty voting in primary elections in the past.

"What has frequently happened over the years, there hasn't been anything for an independent to vote on," said Fayette County Clerk Don Blevins.

But there have also been instances where poll workers turned away independents who might have been eligible to vote in a nonpartisan race because of their own misinformation, said Bill Lile, a co-director of the board of elections in Jefferson County.

Also, some old voting machines simply didn't have the option of allowing balloting only for nonpartisan races.

Of the roughly 2.7 million voters registered as of mid-November, 172,324 of them, or about 6.4 percent, chose not to be associated with either of the two major political parties and therefore were designated as "others" on state rolls. But in some counties, notably the northern tier of Campbell, Kenton and Boone, independents comprise more than 10 percent of registered voters.

New voting machines in place all across the state should remove any technical obstacles, officials said.

But people who are on the fence about their party identity are facing a deadline. Dec. 31 is the last day to change party registrations and still be eligible to vote in that party's primary come May 16, Secretary of State Trey Grayson reminded voters on Monday.

There could be hundreds of judicial elections next year because all but two seats on the Kentucky bench, from district court to the Supreme Court, are up for election this year. In addition, many communities have nonpartisan governing bodies, including Lexington's urban county council.

Jefferson County uses machine reader voting machines and Lile said there could be 30-50 different primary ballots in Jefferson County alone next year, including some that contain only the nonpartisan races.

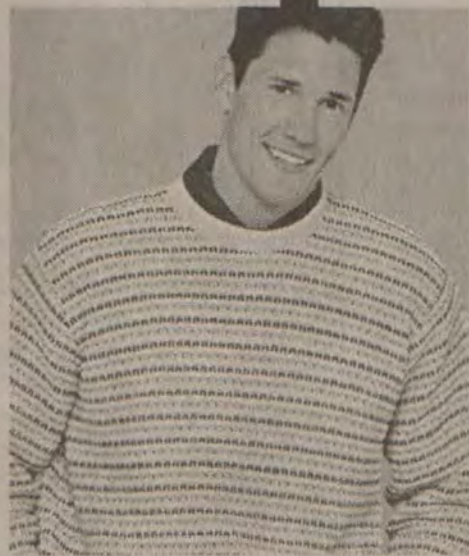
In Fayette and other counties that use regular voting machines, they should also be set up to accept nonpartisan voters, Blevins said.

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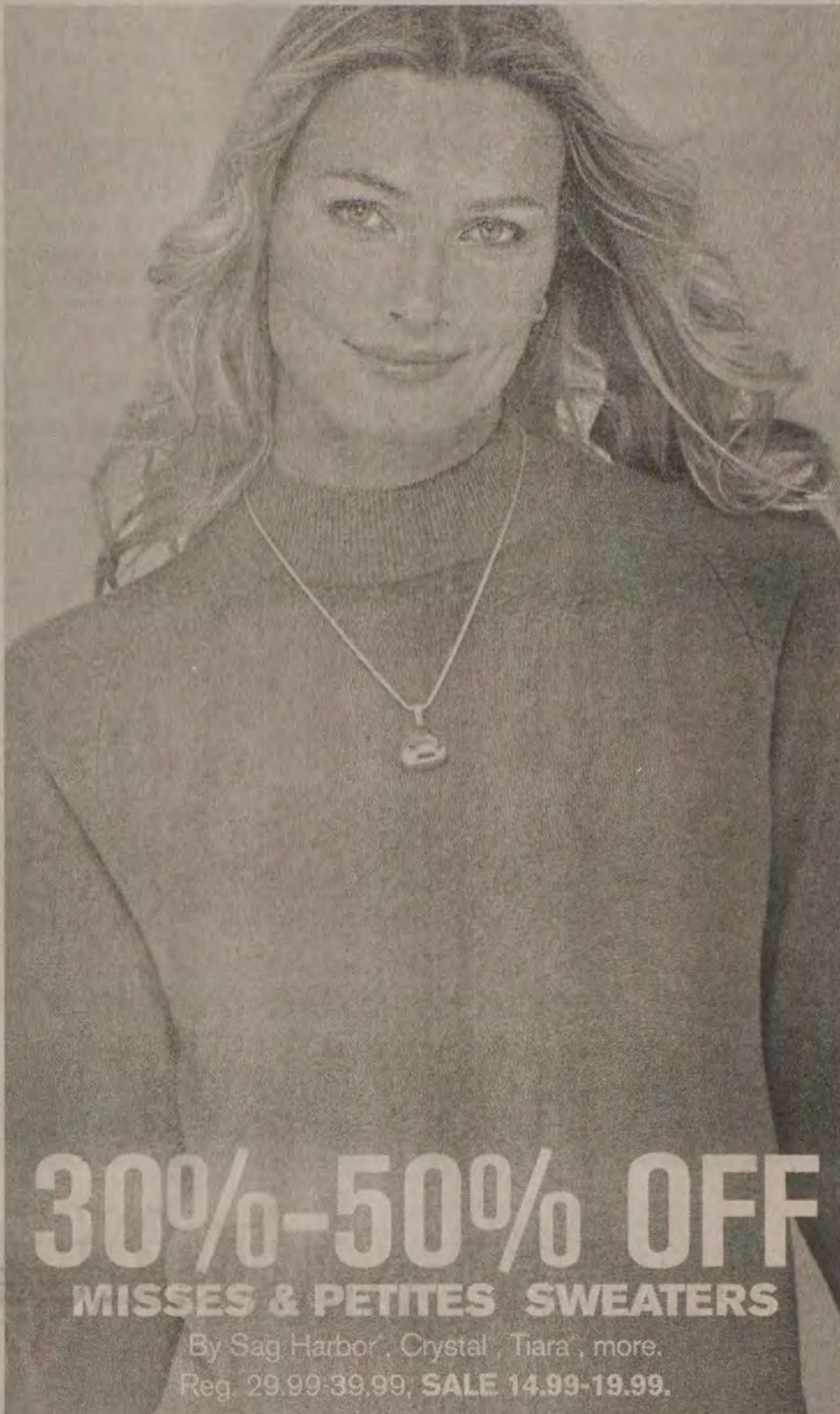
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over, Hall alleges that some of the players began to argue when they walked the traditional hand-shake line on the court. Some of the players were "speaking loudly to and shoving one another," Parker wrote, pointing out that adults in the stands immediately began shouting at the Prestonsburg players and began "to advance" toward them. Hall went to the gym floor to "keep the peace," Webb wrote, and the parents (still advancing toward the players who had been escorted to the locker room) "continued to shout and make threats to various parties."

After Hall was allegedly accosted by one of the adults, a scuffle ensued, Parker wrote, between her and two other adults.

Hall's sister, who also went to the gym floor to stop the fighting, was accosted, Parker wrote, and another scuffle ensued.

"At this point, [Hall] went to the gymnasium floor to try to stop the fighting between the parties," Parker wrote. "Upon reaching the area of the activity, [she] was accosted, was knocked to the floor, and as she attempted to get up, another person laid on her."

Hall, who then left the gymnasium, claims that neither she nor any other witness was ever asked by any school district representative to give testimony about what happened.

"The principal of South Floyd High School allegedly conducted an internal investigation, the

parameters of which are unknown, but which apparently did not include talking to any witnesses of the events ... The failure of the defendant to conduct any kind of meaningful investigation into this matter renders any action taken to be illegal, null and void."

Last week, Superintendent Paul W. Fanning confirmed that the board and principals at South Floyd and Prestonsburg were taking action against parents involved in the fight on Dec. 7. Letters were mailed to those adults, he said, diverting comment.

This week, Fanning referred questions to board attorney Jonathan Shaw, who filed a response to Hall's complaint in circuit court Monday.

Shaw said in the response that the school district has the ability to take action against people who cause disturbances on school grounds by cursing, disrupting school operations, threatening the health or safety of others, using verbal or written gestures

indicating the intention of harm, and acting out with physical attacks.

"The process of educating our youth for citizenship in public schools is not confined to books, the curriculum and the civics class; schools must teach by example the shared values of the civilized social order," Shaw wrote.

Hall has initiated an appeal process with the board, but she failed to exhaust her administrative remedies prior to filing suit, Shaw claims.

"Dr. Paul Fanning received legitimate and substantial evidence to support his decision," Shaw wrote, requesting that the court deny Hall's motion for a temporary restraining order.

Kentucky State Police officers were called to South Floyd in October after a fight broke out during a middle school football game. After that altercation, Hall made allegations against KSP Trooper Mike Wolfe, who was coaching the opposing Breathitt County team. She claimed that

her 15-year-old son sustained head injuries after Wolfe knocked him unconscious during the fight.

Authorities said that the fight broke out between the players on the field, and it grew to an uncontrollable level as bystanders rushed into the melee. One report indicated that the Breathitt County bus was blocked in at the school and that they called 911 for help, but officials could not confirm that allegation. A KSP trooper escorted the Sebastian Middle School bus to Route 80.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said KSP was supposed to complete interviews with approximately 60 witnesses of the fight in October by Dec. 16. Their report would provide information as to whether Bartley would pursue charges, but it has not been forwarded to the county attorney's office.


Bartley said Hall's participation in the basketball game fight shouldn't impact the possible upcoming case related to the football game. If Hall is per-

ceived as an aggressor, however, Bartley said the reality of that may influence his chances of getting a charge or a conviction.

Bartley confirmed that no one, on either side, has pursued any type of charge for the basketball game scuffle.

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Turner

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in Pikeville, who investigated the 2000 election, allege that the defendants illegally obtained money and the "salary and emoluments" of the Senate seat by "material false and fraudulent pretenses and representations."

They allege that the defendants misrepresented campaign contributions to make them appear to be from Sen. Turner, "when they knew" that the contributions came from Ross Harris or another party. Harris, a Pikeville lawyer and coal operator, became an active supporter and participant in the Senate race, officials allege. The mail fraud charge against the men is related to an "amended" post-election report that was sent to the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance after the primary election.

Sen. Turner, accused of using funds provided by Harris to pay for votes, beat incumbent Benny Ray Bailey in the primary. The indictment alleges that Loren Turner, the senator's cousin and campaign finance head in 2000, gave money from Harris to various "straw contributors" to reimburse them for checks that they were asked to write for Sen. Turner's campaign. It also alleges that checks, denoted for "vote hauling" or "campaign worker," written by Loren Turner, were used to influence voters to vote for Sen. Turner.

A final pretrial conference in the case is scheduled for May 18, Caldwell ruled Monday.

The defendants in the case were instructed to submit a brief about the issue of whether they are entitled to grand jury testimony by Glenn Turner and how the matter should be handled.

Neither Harris nor Glenn Turner, who were both found guilty of similar crimes last year, have been imprisoned.

Martin

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For the third year in a row, the City of Martin and the Martin Police Department helped celebrate Christmas by holding their annual "Christmas with a Cop" event.

Children from the Martin and surrounding areas came out Saturday afternoon to meet Santa Claus, and to rub elbows and exchange smiles and hugs with the officers of the Martin Police Department.

"It was a great time," said Rita Whicker, daughter of Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson. "We were exhausted when it was over, but it was well worth it. The children were all very excited and very happy."

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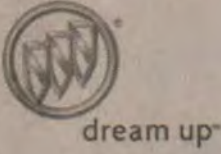
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Lady Rebels rout South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Any thoughts the South Floyd Lady Raiders had of catching the Allen Central girls still reeling from a 58th District loss suffered Tuesday against Prestonsburg were quickly erased Friday evening. The Lady Rebels started to pull away from visiting South Floyd in the opening period. Allen Central outscored the rival Lady Raiders in every period on its way to a convincing 74-48 win.

The Lady Rebels doubled up South

Floyd in the second period, outscoring the Lady Raiders 26-13. Down 18 points at halftime, South Floyd could never recover. Sara Johnson tossed in a game-high 24 points for the Lady Rebels. Senior Amanda Mills followed with 13 points, giving Allen Central two players in double figures.

Allen Central got one of its most balanced scoring efforts of the young season. Liz Dingus added nine points for Allen Central while eighth-grader Brandi Brown, one of Eastern Kentucky's top young girls' basketball players, scored eight points.

In other Allen Central scoring, Alanna

Cline tossed in seven points, Mara Bilterer and Amanda Thacker had five apiece, and Kim Bilterer scored four.

Jennifer Hopkins, in her first season as Lady Rebel head coach, was pleased with her team's effort in the key district game.

"It was real important for us to come out and put the Prestonsburg game behind us," said Hopkins. "I thought our girls played well against South Floyd. Our seniors are really leading for us and a lot of our younger players are also beginning to step



The Lady Rebels pushed and worked the ball up the floor in the win over South Floyd.
photo by Steve LeMaster

(See **LADY REBS**, page two)

Lady Pirates hand Betsy Layne sixth straight loss

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BELFRY - The host Belfry Lady Pirates built up an early lead and never looked back Friday night against visiting Betsy Layne. Belfry kept the defending 15th Region champion winless in the 2005-06 season, defeating the Ladycats soundly, 69-31.

The setback was Betsy Layne's sixth straight setback. The Ladycats continue to search for their first win of the season after graduation took away four starters

(See **BETSY LAYNE**, page two)



South Floyd High head coach Barry Hall talked with his team during a timeout in the fourth quarter of Friday's 58th District game versus Allen Central.

photos by Steve LeMaster

Paintsville Middle to host HoopFest

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - The Paintsville Middle School Hoopfest has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 31 at the Paintsville High School gymnasium. The one-day middle school basketball event will feature nine games and 18 teams.

Teams joining Paintsville Seventh and Paintsville Eighth in the event will include Lexington Catholic, Virgie, Sebastian Eighth, Sebastian, Inez Seventh, Inez Eighth, Dorton, Betsy Layne Eighth, Herald Whitaker (Magoffin County), Inez Seventh and Morgan County Eighth.

Admission is \$5 for an all-day pass for all nine games.

The Paintsville High School boys' basketball program will host the Tiger HOOPS Classic Dec. 27-

(See **HOOPFEST**, page two)

Raiders shake slow start, down ACHS

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - It was another classic chapter in the long-running Right Beaver-Left Beaver high school hoops battle when the Allen Central boys hosted the South Floyd boys Friday night. The host Runnin' Rebels hit the floor running early on Friday night. Allen Central led 15-2 early on in the first quarter. The Raiders, however, thanks to the long-range shooting

efforts of junior Ethan Johnson, just wouldn't be denied in the 58th District clash. Allen Central held on late in the first period. The Rebels clung to a 22-20 at the end of the first quarter, but never led at the conclusion of any of the other three periods. Johnson connected on four-of-seven three-point field goal attempts and poured in 24 points, leading the Raiders to a 78-66 win.

(See **RAIDERS**, page two)



Junior Ethan Johnson (right) worked his way to a game-high 24 points for the Raiders.

Blackcats drop two close ones

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LICK CREEK - Over the past four weeks, June Buchanan has made an effort to solidify its case as one of Eastern Kentucky's top basketball teams. On Saturday in the Warrior Classic at East Ridge, June Buchanan made another strong argument for its case, beating Prestonsburg 77-75 in overtime, and earning its fifth win of the season opposed to just one loss.

Sophomore Clark Stepp bashed the scoring column for a game-

(See **BLACKCATS**, page two)

Boyle pulls away, levels Lady Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BEREA - After holding a slim one-point advantage over Boyle County through one half Saturday morning in the Berea Holiday Classic, Prestonsburg faltered in the game's final two quarters. Prestonsburg's 24-23 halftime lead quickly evaporated in the second half. Boyle County outscored Prestonsburg 27-11 in the third period en route to a 66-42 win.

Before his team departed for the Berea tournament, Prestonsburg Lady Blackcat head coach Jack Pack acknowledged the tough competition his team would face in the holiday tournament.

"The Berea tournament will be good for us," Pack said. "It's always a good tournament."

Three Boyle County players reached double figures. In all, nine

(See **BOYLE**, page two)

Golden Eagles take bite out of Lawrence County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - Lawrence County arrived at the Johnson Central High School Golden Eagle Fieldhouse Friday evening with former head coach Les Trimble on the bench as an assistant coach. The Bulldogs, looking to knock off another 57th District opponent, couldn't build on a one-point halftime lead. Lawrence County, after leading 33-32 at the half, dropped several notches in the

second half. Johnson Central senior Kyle Rice pushed in a game-high 22 points and two other Golden Eagles scored 10 or more points as the host team battled back and won impressively, 74-53.

Mark Starnes is in his first season at the helm of the JCHS boys' basketball program.

The third quarter proved to be the difference in the ballgame as Johnson Central outscored visiting Lawrence County 30-10 in the first quarter after the

intermission period.

Junior Jamie McCarty added 19 points for the Golden Eagles while senior point guard Tyler Whitaker had 10. Shawn Thompson led Lawrence County with 14 points.

Lawrence County is in its first season back in the 57th District.

Across town Friday night, Paintsville hosted and defeated Magoffin County 72-64 in

(See **EAGLES**, page two)



ALL IN THE FAMILY: Allen Central High School head girls' basketball coach Jennifer Hopkins is assisted by her brother Doug (left) and father Jimmy (right).

photo by Steve LeMaster

Rondo earns SEC Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of sophomore guard Rajon Rondo has been named Co-Player of the Week by the Southeastern Conference after scoring a career-high 25 points and seven assists in UK's upset-win over No. 4 Louisville Saturday. The Louisville native shares the

award with Tennessee's Chris Lofton, who had 21 points in the Vols' upset of No. 6 Texas Saturday. Lofton is a Mason County native. Rondo leads the Wildcats in scoring (16.6 pg), rebounding (9.1 pg), assists (5.3 pg) and steals (2.1 pg) this season. He's started all nine games in which he's played, missing the Georgia State game with strep

throat. The All-American candidate has tallied double-figure rebounds on four occasions and has had three double-doubles this year. This is the first Player of the Week honor for UK this season and the first-ever for Rondo. Patrick Sparks earned the recognition twice last year. It's the 15th time a UK player has earned the honor since 2000.



South Floyd junior Heather Dean (41) cleared out a rebound as the Allen Central defense converged on the basketball. photo by Steve LeMaster

Eagles

another 57th District matchup. Magoffin County entered halftime with a 36-35 lead before the Tigers regained control of the game in the second half. Sophomore J.D. VanHoose paced Paintsville with a team-high 18 points. VanHoose was

one of five Paintsville players to reach double figures in the district win. Landon Slone flipped in 17 points, Kevin Williams and Daniel Pugh scored 11 apiece and Shane Grimm added 10. Wes Helton posted a game-high 29 points for the Hornets.

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At Pikeville, Matt Clevenger had 17 points, Tim Honaker 15 and Tim Champlin 13 as the Panthers routed Jenkins 72-47. Pikeville added to its 25-21 halftime lead in grand fashion in the second half, putting up 17 points in the third quarter and 30 in the final period.

HoopFest

30. The HOOPS Classic is staking a claim as one of the Southeast's top prep boys' basketball tournaments. The Paintsville Middle School Hoopfest schedule follows: 9 a.m. — Lexington Catholic-Virgie;

10:15 a.m. — Paintsville Eighth-Sebastian Eighth; 11:30 a.m. — Lexington Catholic-Dorton; 12:45 p.m. — Virgie-Sebastian; 2 p.m. — Dorton-Wolfe County; 3:15 p.m. — Inez Seventh-

Paintsville Seventh; 4:30 p.m. — Paintsville Eighth-Betsy Layne Eighth; 5:45 p.m. — Herald Whitaker (Magoffin County)-Inez Seventh; 7 p.m. — Morgan County Eighth-Inez Eighth.

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Betsy Layne

from the 2005 regional championship squad. Betsy Layne, however, has shown promise throughout the month of December.

figures. Shae Deskins led Belfry in scoring with a game-high 14 points. Three other Belfry players chipped in with 10 points apiece.

Belfry kept Betsy Layne in single digits in each of the first three quarters. The Lady Pirates outscored Betsy Layne 16-2 in the opening quarter and went into halftime with a commanding 35-9 lead.

Candice Meade led Betsy Layne in scoring with 10 points. Meade, the lone starter back from last season's regional championship unit, was the only player to reach double figures in the loss.

Belfry added to its lead early on in the second half, eventually outscoring Betsy Layne 22-5 in the third quarter.

Belfry is back in action this week, playing in Gatlinburg, Tenn. in the Smoky Mountain Holiday Classic. The Lady Pirates are scheduled to take on George Rogers Clark this morning at 9:30 a.m.

The Ladycats have an extended layoff before ahead before they return to the hardwood.

Betsy Layne will begin play in the Boyle County Classic on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

BELFRY 69, BETSY LAYNE 31
BETSY LAYNE (0-6) — Meade 10, W. Tackett 6, Lawson 5, Flanery 7, Hamilton 2, A. Tackett 1.
BELFRY (5-1) — Deskins 14, Moon 9, Chapman 2, Stanley 8, Muncy 10, Robinette 2, F. Thacker 10, Kline 10, Hurley 2, P. Thacker 2.
Betsy Layne.....27 5 17-31
Belfry.....16 19 22 12-69

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Raiders

South Floyd shot 38-percent (eight-of-21) from beyond the arc and held a 37-33 advantage in the rebounding department.

Justin Slone, playing in off of the South Floyd bench, added seven points.

Continuing his steady, solid play, South Floyd senior Ryan Little had a double-double of 21 points and 14 rebounds.

After trailing for most all of the first quarter, South Floyd battled back and led 45-38 at halftime. The Raiders took a 61-49 lead into the fourth quarter.

Ryan Johnson added a second double-double for the Raiders, finishing with 14 points and 10 rebounds. The South Floyd senior guard also had seven assists and two steals.

The Rebels continue to look to put together a complete game and win consistently.

Ethan Johnson, for good measure, added three rebounds, three assists and four steals.

"We still have to learn how to win games," said Allen Central head coach Johnny Martin. "Our kids work hard — this is one of the hardest-working teams that I've had here at Allen Central. We just have to learn how to win."

Mason Hall, who joins with Ryan Johnson to make up South Floyd's senior starting backcourt, added 10 points, four rebounds and four assists.

In the loss to South Floyd, Josh Martin, back from an injury, led Allen Central in scor-

ing with 18 points. Martin was one of three players to reach double figures scoring for the Rebels. Ryan Collins added 13 points for the Rebels and Justin Jacobs flipped in 12.

Josh Prater just missed double figures, finishing the game with nine points. Nick Music added six points, Tyler Slone scored four and Alex Hammond two for the Rebels. T.J. Hall rounded out the South Floyd scoring with two points.

Allen Central and South Floyd are both in Lexington this week. The Rebels are taking part in the Lexington Christian Classic and the Raiders are playing at Bryan Station in the Defenders of the Station tournament.

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Blackcats

high 34 points for June Buchanan while teammate Tate Cox, an eighth-grader, added 24 points. Senior forward Kevin Huff, one of four other June Buchanan players that didn't reach double figures, tossed in seven points for the Crusaders.

Leslie added 13 for the Blackcats.

After beginning the season 2-0, in less than 24 hours, Prestonsburg fell to 2-2.

Senior point guard Michael Stephens just missed double figures for the Blackcats, ending the game with nine points. Another Prestonsburg senior, Nick McGuire, rounded out the Blackcat scoring with two points.

On Friday night, Shelby Valley edged Prestonsburg 59-58.

Prestonsburg was back in 58th District competition last night on the road at Betsy Layne. Results from the district game were unavailable at press time.

June Buchanan jumped out early on and led 20-13 at the end of the first period. The Crusaders took a 37-31 lead into the intermission before Prestonsburg held the scoring advantage in each of the second-half quarters and forced the overtime period.

FRIDAY'S GAME: Shelby Valley 59, Prestonsburg 58 — The Riddles did it. Mitch Riddle scored 21 points and Cade Riddle added 11 to lead Shelby Valley past Prestonsburg Friday night, snapping the Blackcats' two-game winning streak.

June Buchanan managed to outscore the Blackcats 10-8 in the extra session.

The two teams were deadlocked at half with the game tied 28-28. Prestonsburg outscored

WARRIOR CLASSIC AT EAST RIDGE
June Buchanan 77
Prestonsburg 75 (OT)
JUNE BUCHANAN (5-1) — Stepp 34, Cox 24, Collins 4, Howard 6, Huff 7, Conley 2.
PRESTONSBURG (2-2) — Stephens 9, Leslie 13, Barnette 23, McGuire 2, Hall 18, Hughes 10.
June Buchanan.....20 17 10 20 10-77
Prestonsburg.....13 18 17 19 8-75

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Lady Rebs

up and play well." It's a new system and a new head coach, but the Lady Rebels continue to make solid progress. Allen Central (2-5) improved to 2-1 in 58th District play. The Lady Rebels now own wins over both South Floyd and defending 58th District/15th Region champion Betsy Layne. "Our girls continue to work hard and learn," Hopkins added. Valerie Skeens led South

Floyd in scoring with 16 points. Junior Heather Dean, a two-year starter for the Lady raiders, added 11 points. The loss was South Floyd's fifth straight. Allen Central is at Johnson Central this week, taking part in the Country Music Highway Classic. South Floyd isn't due back in action until a Dec. 29 home game versus Hazard.

ALLEN CENTRAL 74, SOUTH FLOYD 48
SOUTH FLOYD (1-4) — Skeens 16, Hall 6, Dean 11, D. Tackett 2, Little 5, J. Tackett 4, Tuttle 4.
ALLEN CENTRAL (2-5) — M. Billiter 5, Mills 12, Dingus 9, Johnson 24, Cline 7, Thacker 5, K. Billiter 4, Brown 8.
South Floyd.....7 13 14 14-48
Allen Central.....12 26 18 18-74

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Boyle

different Lady Colonels dented the scoring column. Boyle County, picked to finish seventh in the preseason 12th Region girls' basketball poll, got a game-high 17 points from Amy McCann. Senior guard Allie Hafley and junior forward Tori Alcorn flipped in 11 points apiece for the Lady Colonels. Senior guard Amber Mills chipped in with nine points. Amber Whitaker led Prestonsburg in scoring with a

team-high 15 points. Darcey Hicks joined Whitaker in double figures for the Lady Blackcats, finishing with 13 points. Pam Slone and Liz Chaffin each had four points for Prestonsburg while Meaghan Slone added three. Prestonsburg, the favorite to win the 58th District title, entered the Berea Holiday Classic following back-to-back wins. The Lady Blackcats will play in Bell County in the First Priority Holiday Classic on

Tuesday, Dec. 27.
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BOYLE COUNTY 66,
PRESTONSBURG 42
BOYLE COUNTY — Hafley 11, Mills 9, Alcorn 11, McCann 17, Hall 3, Groves 2, Hellyer 6, Neal 2, Ross 5.
PRESTONSBURG — M. Slone 3, Fields 1, Whitaker 15, P. Slone 4, Hicks 13, Chaffin 4, Collins 2.
Boyle County.....14 9 27 16-66
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No. 23 Kentucky 73, No. 4 Louisville

by MURRAY EVANS
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LEXINGTON — One game after its worst performance of the season, Kentucky put together its best.

Rajon Rondo scored 25 points, setting a career high for the fourth time this season, and the 23rd-ranked Wildcats rebounded from their most lopsided loss in 16 years to beat No. 4 Louisville 73-61 on Saturday.

Kentucky, which was in danger of dropping out of the Top 25 after a run of 87 straight poll appearances, beat its archrival in consecutive years for the first time since winning three straight over the Cardinals from 2000 to 2002.

"I know everyone in the United States, and especially in this state, talks about this game," Kentucky center Lukasz Obrzut said. "It's the most important game of the year."

Louisville coach Rick Pitino — who restored Kentucky basketball to glory in the 1990s as the Wildcats' coach — has a 34-3

record in December games during his five seasons with Louisville. All three losses have come to Kentucky. Pitino is 1-2 at Rupp Arena as the Cardinals' coach.

The win — before 24,432 fans, the second-largest crowd in the 30-year history of Rupp Arena — was the 350th of Kentucky coach Tubby Smith's career. He is one of seven coaches to have reached 350 wins in 15 seasons or less. His career record is 350-123 in 15 seasons at Tulsa, Georgia and Kentucky.

Kentucky (7-3) had lost two of its previous three games, including a 26-point defeat against Indiana on Dec. 10. Smith juggled his starting lineup, inserting guard Joe Crawford, forward Shera Thomas and Obrzut, and the move paid immediate dividends.

Kentucky wasted little time asserting its dominance against the Cardinals (6-1), never trailing and jumping to a double-digit lead in the first 7 minutes.

"We got off to a great start

and played very energized," Smith said.

Louisville's starting center, David Padgett, picked up two fouls in the first 88 seconds and sat on the bench the rest of the half, taking away a potential inside advantage for the Cardinals. Padgett didn't take his first shot until almost 6 minutes into the second half and his 12 points came as Louisville tried in vain to rally.

Meanwhile, Obrzut — one of Kentucky's much-maligned 7-footers — grabbed a career-high nine rebounds and had two of the Wildcats' six blocked shots.

"We had to start playing defense," said Obrzut, who had two blocks. "We had to recognize that. Kentucky is defense."

Louisville, playing away from home for the first time this season, made one of its first 14 shots while Kentucky jumped to a 13-3 lead. The poor shooting proved to be a trend, not an aberration — the Cardinals finished 21-of-60 from the field (35 percent).

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Lady Bears fall short against Rio Grande

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The oddities were abundant in Rio Grande's 68-61 win over No. 23 Pikeville College on Friday night.

Begin with Pikeville's shooting — 38.5 percent from the field, a respectable 42.9 percent from the arc, but a miserable 38.5 percent from the line.

And with the spread. For 43 seconds, Pikeville trailed by one, 46-45, after Whitney Hogg hit a three with 9:23 to play. Other than that, Rio led by no less than three yet no more than seven the entire second half.

And then this: The Redwomen hit only 2-of-13 (15.4 percent) from the arc yet managed a road win.

The free throw difference was glaring: While Pikeville was 5-of-13, Rio Grande hit 20-of-26 to hold on for the win.

Junior Tonya Amburgey had a season-best 14 points, with eight coming in the final 2:52 as she furiously tried to shoot her team over the top. Camille Cook, one of several talented freshmen on the Lady Bear roster, had 10, thanks to hitting all three field goal tries and going 4-of-5 from the line.

Rio Grande was paced by sophomore Britney Walker, who had 15 despite 4-of-16 shooting. She was a solid 7-of-7 from the line. She also grabbed eight rebounds, one of three Redwomen to tie for high-game honors, and four assists. Senior Tana Richie followed with 10, again going a perfect 4-of-4 from the line.

Rio edged Pikeville 45-44 on the glass. The Lady Bears had six players with between four and six boards. Freshmen Sasha Fields and Kim Clark had six each.

Pikeville will be back in action Thursday, Dec. 29, when they play 10th-ranked Cumberland (Tenn.) University. That game will be played in Honolulu, Hawaii. Rio Grande, getting votes in the NAIA Div. II poll, will visit Notre Dame College on Dec. 21.

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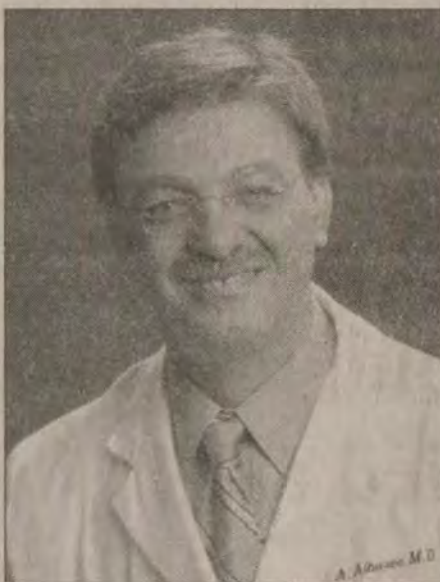
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Web cams let Ky. soldiers in Iraq see families, watch basketball

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
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LEXINGTON — Several minutes into an emotional videoconference Saturday that let Army Sgt. Joshua Fields interact with his parents, Fields learned such high-tech meetings also have drawbacks.

"It looks like your hands are dirty, Josh," ribbed his father, David Fields, of Richmond, Ky. "Don't they have any soap?"

"My hands can't get clean, no matter what I do," the soldier explained.

For the second year in a row, the Louisville-Kentucky rivalry game was an even bigger event for some 50 families who headed to Rupp Arena before the game for a chance to see and hear their loved ones stationed in Iraq.

For many, it was their first chance in months to really interact. Phone conversations and e-mail just aren't the same, they said.

"What was so wonderful about it was that we could see him and he could see us," said Linda Gorton of Lexington, whose son, staff Sgt. Clayton Gorton, is at Camp Fallujah. "I actually hugged the screen."

Gorton and her husband concluded the call by singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" to their son.

Families from across Kentucky were treated to lunch and a chance to watch

the game from a banquet room while the soldiers watched from Iraq. Throughout the day, families also scheduled private 20-minute meetings with their loved ones in three conference rooms.

Just before tip-off, Gov. Ernie Fletcher paraded the families onto the Rupp Arena floor, where the Wildcat fans gave a roaring ovation to the soldiers, who were patched in live on the scoreboard screen. Even the soldier who was a Louisville fan got cheers — until he predicted a Cardinal victory.

"This is the best Christmas present they could receive," Fletcher said. "It's a good way for the commonwealth to thank our soldiers for their service."

The program, known as Freedom Calls, had most of its equipment donated from the Kentucky TeleHealth Network, which uses similar technology in a university program that links doctors with rural patients.

The concept of teleconferences on game day started last year from Freedom Hall in Louisville, where about 20 families participated. Organizers say they plan to make it an annual event.

On Saturday, Cpl. Patrick A. Kidd of Springfield, Ky., got to talk by web cam with his parents and four siblings.

His mother, Mary Kidd, called the experience "gut-wrenching." The soldier, however, did have one gripe: his dad, Michael Kidd, was wearing a red

sweater — the color of Louisville's uniforms. Dad insisted it was an honest mistake.

Vicki Wright and 12 other family

members were waiting to talk with Wright's son, Lance Cpl. Matthew Wright.

"He has great news to tell me, and I

had to wait until today," she said. "I'm hoping he's getting ready to come home, but I don't want to get my hopes up."

UK

"We did what young teams do," said Pitino, who has seven newcomers on his roster. "We panicked and we shot quickly and we took bad shots, and then it mushrooms and goes the other way."

"We did as bad a job as we did all year in running our offense."

Taquan Dean had 14 points and six assists for Louisville, but was 5-for-16 from the field.

After the initial Kentucky burst, the Cardinals scored 10 of the next 14 points to close that gap to 17-13. Then Rondo took over for Kentucky.

The sophomore point guard made a 3-pointer, converted a three-point play, then assisted on a dunk by 7-foot-3 center Shagari Alleyne, extending Kentucky's lead to 25-13.

"He did a good job of taking what they gave him," Smith said of Rondo, who had seven assists. "He really played under control and was poised out there. Lately, he has felt like he has had to do a lot."

After two Louisville baskets, it was

Thomas' turn. The junior forward, who finished with a career-high 11 points, scored on a tip-in, a 3-pointer and two free throws during a 10-2 run that put Kentucky up 35-19. The Wildcats led 39-24 at halftime.

The Kentucky lead was 45-27 when Louisville's Andre McGee was called for a charging foul against Kentucky's Patrick Sparks. The call incensed Pitino, who received a technical foul for his vehement protest.

"I deserved a 'T,'" Pitino said. "I was trying to get our guys (motivated). It was a good call."

But it didn't seem to energize the Cardinals, who found themselves down by 23 points after a basket by Crawford with 13:42 left. Louisville came no closer than 11 points the rest of the way.

"They came out and outplayed us in every area of the game," Padgett said. "They were just the better basketball team today and any time that happens it's not going to leave a good taste in your mouth after the game."

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LOUISVILLE (6-1): Williams 1-7 3-3 5, Palacios 6-9 1-2 15, Padgett 5-8 2-4 12, Dean 5-16 2-2 14, Jenkins 2-6 0-0 6, Gianiny 0-0 2-2 2, Millard 0-0 0-0 0, Huffman 0-2 0-0 0, McGee 1-5 2-5 5, Farley 0-0 0-0 0, B.Johnson 1-7 0-0 2. Totals 21-60 12-18 61.

KENTUCKY (7-3): Thomas 3-6 4-4 11, Obrzut 2-3 0-1 4, Rondo 7-12 10-15 25, Sparks 2-3 2-2 6, Crawford 3-8 3-4 9, Moss 1-4 2-2 5, Bradley 3-6 1-2 8, Perry 0-1 0-0 0, Alleyne 2-3 0-0 4, Sims 0-2 1-4 1. Totals 23-48 23-34 73.

Halftime—Kentucky 39-24. 3-Point Goals—Louisville 7-25 (Jenkins 2-2, Palacios 2-5, Dean 2-10, McGee 1-4, B.Johnson 0-1, Williams 0-3), Kentucky 4-13 (Thomas 1-1, Moss 1-3, Rondo 1-3, Bradley 1-4, Perry 0-1, Sims 0-1). Fouled Out—None.

Rebounds—Louisville 35 (Palacios 7), Kentucky 36 (Obrzut 9). Assists—Louisville 14 (Dean 6), Kentucky 12 (Rondo 7). Total Fouls—Louisville 26, Kentucky 19. A-24,432.

Browning, Seaver take early lead in Reds Hall of Fame voting

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI — If you're a Reds fan, it's time to cast your vote. Pitchers Tom Browning and Tom Seaver have the early lead in voting for the 2006 Reds Hall of Fame balloting. Voting continues until Dec 31.

Ballots are available in The Cincinnati Enquirer, a sponsor of the 2006 voting, and online at reds.com. Fans can also find ballots at the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum, the Reds Team Shop by Majestic at Great American Ball Park, and the Majestic Dugout Shop at the Westin Hotel in downtown Cincinnati.

Closely bunched behind Browning and Seaver, and within just a few hundred votes of the leaders, are Chris Sabo, Paul O'Neill, Dave Parker, Ron Oester and Rob Dibble.

Other players receiving votes for the Reds Hall of Fame include Jeff Brantley, Norm Charlton, Dan Driessen, Tom Hume, Ray Knight, Hal Morris and Joe Oliver.

To date, more than 10,000 votes have been cast. Fans can vote for up to three players; the top two vote-getters will be inducted into the Reds Hall of Fame during on-field ceremonies during the 2006 season.

The 14 players appearing on the ballot were selected by the Cincinnati Chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Players eligible for induction include players retiring from baseball after 1985 who appeared in at least three seasons for the Reds, and who have been retired for at least three seasons.

The 2005 inductees included Eric Davis, Jose Rijo and pioneers George and Harry Wright. There are 68 members of the Reds Hall of Fame. The Reds Hall of Fame is the largest and oldest continually operating baseball team hall of fame.

The Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum opened to the public on Sept. 25, 2004, to honor the home of professional baseball. Spanning the history of the Cincinnati Reds from inception to modern times, the museum showcases the world's largest public collection of Reds memorabilia and artifacts. With over 16,000 square feet of exhibit space on two floors, the Reds Hall of Fame is an interactive facility that focuses on both entertainment and education. The Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. It is open year-round and is located at Great American Ball Park, home of the Cincinnati Reds, at 100 Main St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

NFL: Bengals 41, Lions 17

by LARRY LAGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — The Cincinnati Bengals have shed their laughingstock image, winning their first division title since 1990 against a team that fits their former reputation.

Carson Palmer threw three touchdown passes in the first half and Deltha O'Neal had one of three interceptions to lead the Cincinnati Bengals to a 41-17

victory over Detroit.

"It's a great accomplishment, and it's one of the many goals we set out to do," said Palmer, who has thrown 30 TD passes this season, breaking Ken Anderson's team record by one set in 1981. "We still have two tough games left, and a chance to get a bye."

Cincinnati (11-3) won its fourth straight game to claim the AFC North, adding to a sensational season after 14 straight

years without a winning record.

"Even a garbage can gets a steak now and again," said offensive tackle Willie Anderson, a Bengal since 1996.

Hundreds of fans made the short trek from Ohio to celebrate. They gathered behind the Bengals' bench and near the exit late in the game to cheer in a near-empty stadium that was jeering the home team at every opportunity when it was almost full.

"It was a weird, eerie feeling," Palmer said. "It was quieter when we were on the field than it is at home."

The Bengals have a chance for their best record ever, having gone 12-4 in 1981 and 1988. They made the Super Bowl both years.

If they make it to the title game again, they'll return to Detroit's Ford Field.

"I'm happy and elated, but our biggest goal is to get back here," Anderson said.

The reeling Lions (4-10) lost their fifth in a row, and seventh of eight since sharing the division lead.

"We are suffering," said Detroit's interim coach Dick Jauron, who fell to 0-3.

The tone was set on the opening kickoff when Detroit's R.W. McQuarters fumbled. By the end of the first quarter, the Bengals led 17-0 after Palmer threw two TDs and they forced two turnovers.

"That's what you fear against a team like that," Jauron said.

Palmer was 28-of-39 for 274 yards with three TDs, matching a season high, and two interceptions. He connected with Chad Johnson, T.J. Houshmandzadeh, who left the game with an ankle injury, and Kelly Washington on scoring throws.

Johnson had a career-high 11 catches for 99 yards, and when he caught a 1-yard TD pass in the first quarter, the flamboyant receiver looked around before simply handing the football to the official.

"This game was too important," he explained. "I just wanted to play it safe, because we needed a win."

Rudi Johnson had 117 yards rushing and two TDs. He scored on the first drive after halftime to put the Bengals ahead 31-7, and added a second TD early in the fourth.

Detroit's Jeff Garcia was 13-of-21 for 138 yards with one TD and three interceptions, includ-

ing one to O'Neal, who broke a team record with 10 interceptions on the year. Garcia was replaced by Joey Harrington early in the fourth quarter, a move that drew cheers, and Harrington finished 6-of-7 for 77 yards and a TD.

Harrington, the third pick of the 2002 draft, acknowledged it might have been his last home game as a Lion.

"I realize the cutthroat nature of this business and the produce-now mentality, and we haven't done it," Harrington said.

Artoise Pinner ran for 55 yards for the Lions, playing in place of Kevin Jones (elbow). Roy Williams caught a TD pass in the second quarter. Charles Rogers turned a short toss from Harrington into a 35-yard TD to make it 38-17 midway through the fourth quarter.

Before the game, hundreds of fans marched to protest Lions president Matt Millen, who has led the franchise to an NFL-worst 20-58 record the past five seasons.

As promised, many fans wore orange — Cincinnati's color — during the game. They chanted "Fire Millen!" throughout the game before most fans decided to head home in the second half.

"We understood what they were after," Williams said. "They hoped we would lose so they could get what they want to happen in management, or with players they want gone. I think their plan went well."

Notes: Houshmandzadeh said he will play next week. ... In four games against the NFC North, the Bengals have 18 interceptions. ... Rogers caught his first TD since Sept. 28, 2003, and had three receptions for a season-high 71 yards. ... Cincinnati's S Anthony Mitchell started in place of inactive Ifeanyi Ohalet (ribs) and DT Shaun Smith was in for inactive Bryan Robinson (foot).



A pair of record elk were taken during the recent quota hunt.

photo courtesy of KDFWR

Two bull elk taken this season certified as new state records

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Kentucky has two new state records for bull elk. Paul Cummins of Mt. Vernon, now holds the record for a typical elk for a bull he took Oct. 1, 2005. The bull's antlers scored 319 6/8 in the Boone and Crockett Club scoring system after being officially measured Dec. 15 at the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The old record of 310 3/8 was held by Rita Tharp of Bedford, for a bull she took during the 2004 season.

Kentucky's other bull elk record is now held by Matthew "Train" Hall of Middlesboro, Hall's bull, which had non-typical antlers, scored 320 2/8 in the Boone and Crockett Club system after being measured alongside the Cummins antlers Dec. 15. Hall took the bull Oct. 1, 2005.

A non-typical antler rack has two or more tines growing from the same location on the main antler beam. A typical rack has only one tine growing from the same location. The Boone and Crockett Club system is based on the length, symmetry and mass of the antlers.

Kentucky has not previously recognized a non-typical record for elk. Department officials decided to begin doing so because the antlers on Hall's bull were far larger than any non-typical antlers recorded previously.

Cummins, a veteran elk hunter, was one of 100 people drawn this year for a quota elk hunt in Kentucky. His hunt occurred in Knott County. Cummins said the quality of his Kentucky elk hunt was better than his experiences in the western United States. "We've never taken one this big anywhere else," he explained. "There's no comparison of hunting out West and hunting here."

Hall, who took his bull in Bell County, is a first-time elk hunter. He believes the records established this year will fall in 2006. "Both of these records will be broken," he said. "I've already seen a bigger bull than these the other day."

Only two of the 50 bull elk hunters drawn for the 2005 quota hunt have not taken a bull. Department officials are not aware of a hunter taking a bull with bigger antlers than those harvested by Cummins and

Hall. The state also issued 50 permits for cow elk for this year's drawn quota hunt.

Kentucky began its elk restoration project in Eastern Kentucky in 1997. Biologists estimate the state now has more than 5,000 free-ranging elk. Limited hunting for elk began in 2001.

"That both of our new state record bulls were born right here in Kentucky is a testament to the success of Kentucky's elk restoration program," said Tina Brunjes, the department's elk and big game coordinator. "These are the caliber of animals that folks can expect to hunt in Kentucky in the future."

Quota hunt applications for the 2006 elk hunt are now available wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold, online at fw.ky.gov, or by calling 1-877-598-2401. It costs \$10 to apply. Those wishing to buy an application as a Christmas present for another person can do so by providing that person's name, date of birth, and driver's license number or social security number. In 2006, Kentucky will issue 200 elk permits through its quota hunt drawing.

Freel agrees to two year, \$3 million deal

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Ryan Freel avoided salary arbitration on Monday by agreeing to a two-year, \$3 million deal with the Cincinnati Reds that would increase if he plays regularly.

Freel, 29, has led the Reds in steals each of the last two years. He hit .271 last season with 36 steals despite stints on the disabled list because of a swollen foot and torn knee cartilage.

Freel will get base salaries of \$1.3 million next year and \$1.7 million in 2007. His base salary next year will increase to \$2 million if he gets 200 plate appearances, and would increase with each additional 50

plate appearances to a maximum of \$2.65 million.

He started 89 games at five positions last season, including 48 at second base. The Reds got Tony Womack from the Yankees in a trade for two prospects at the winter meetings, giving them another player of comparable skills.

Womack, who will get \$2 million this season on the final year of his contract, said last week that he intends to win the starting job at second base.



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POISON OAK

Papaw's Christmas different from ours

I remember when I was just a boy, sitting on the steps of his front porch down on Hammond Creek, in rural Johnson County, while my Papaw, Liss Baldrige, talked about his Christmases as a boy back in the late 1800s. I marveled at his memory as he told, in such detail, of things that had occurred sixty or seventy years earlier.



Clyde Pack

He said his presents were few, but he did recall a little wooden wagon carved by his uncle, and as he looked just above my head, as if watching it all unfold on some invisible movie screen, told of how he played for hours with that little wagon, hauling twigs that had become imaginary

(See OAK, page seven)

KIM'S KORNER

The pastor's cat

This past Sunday we visited Garrett First Baptist to see our niece Kennedy and nephew Colby in their 2005 Christmas Play.

The play, titled "Twelve Days of Christmas" was, in a word, "AWESOME!"

Toddlers adorned in brilliant costumes didn't miss a beat when it came their turn at the microphone for each of their parts.



Kim Little Frasure

Little Kevin Chaffins who was the First Day of Christmas was adorable each and every time he got to say, "A partridge in a 'parrrrrrr' tree".

And when it came our 2 year old

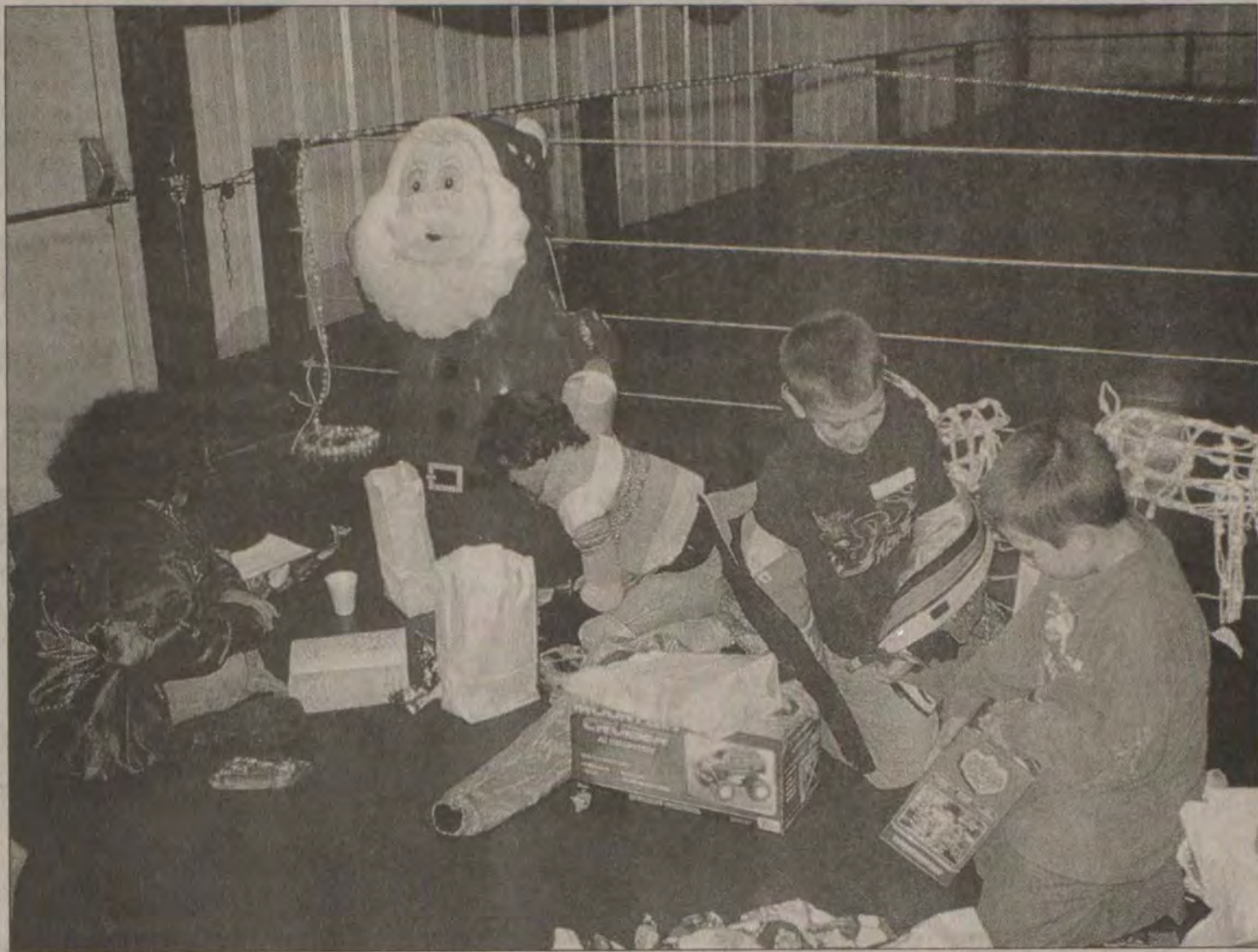
Kennedy's turn, we all got a chuckle for she reaches for the microphone herself and belts "SEVEN SWANS A SIMMIN" as loud as she possibly could muster. It was fantastic. Colby and friends were the "Twelve Drummers Drumming" and they were absolutely the most handsome little drummers this Aunt has ever seen. It was such a blessing to witness.

Speaking of blessings, Shawna Peters has been blessed with one of the most beautiful voices ever heard. Talk about making your hair stand on end when that girl sang "Mary Did You Know" Sunday, children, I just knew every hair on my head was standing straight up. She is one talented young woman.

To the toddlers and youth of Garrett First Baptist Church, hats off for a wonderful 2005 Christmas production!

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This particular story just made me laugh. Every time I think about it, the vision of that poor cat just amuses me. Hope the story leaves a bright spot in your day. Whoever said the Creator



Wrapping paper flew in all directions as children busily unwrapped the gifts that Santa brought with him.

photos by
Kathy J. Prater

'Christmas in the Park' celebrated once again in Archer Park

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Once again, they came out by the hundreds, an invasion of excited children with parents in tow, to see Santa Claus and receive a gift at Archer Park last Thursday evening.

Sponsored annually by the GFWC/KFWC Prestonsburg Woman's

Club, "Christmas in the Park" 2005 was yet another huge success for those volunteering their time and talents to make a special evening for all the special children who attended.

Upon arrival at the Archer Park skating rink, children and their families were treated to Christmastime goodies like fruit punch and an assortment of cookies, along with lots of



Holiday refreshments were available in abundance for hungry boys and girls.



Children waited anxiously in line as volunteers painted Christmas trees, stockings, ornaments, reindeer and other Christmas symbols on the faces of excited children.

games and activities designed to help make curious children a little more patient while waiting to see the star of the show, Santa Claus, himself.

Among the activities were face painting, coloring, and games such as sack toss and bowling. Each child in attendance received a gift from Santa,

as well as a gift bag chocked full of goodies and special treats.

The event, which was sponsored by the Woman's Club, in conjunction with the City of Prestonsburg, Big Lots Corporation and Archer Park, was attended by over 250 children. The annual event is open to the public.

CRITTER CORNER

The animals speak

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris
DVM

I am fascinated with the legend that says animals are able to speak on Christmas Eve. I went on an Internet search to see if I could find out more about the origins of this tradition. Seems this is a common story throughout the world. What I did find out along the way was a lot of other legends that surround the animals who were present at the birth of Christ.

Why are animals given so much importance in the Nativity story? For one thing, they are the first earthly creatures, after Joseph and Mary, to see the Son of God in human form. Second,

There are so many symbols in the Church, from the candles to the rituals, to the very colors of the altar cloths, that I was surprised to discover how much I was missing in the presence of the Christmas animals.

The sheep are pretty obvious. Besides the fact that they are there because the shepherds are there, they are also representational of Christ Himself, the "Lamb of God". Sheep are "clean" animals under Jewish law, and therefore acceptable sacrifices. Jesus' death on the cross was the ultimate sacrifice for sin; sheep are often used in religious context to remind us of this.

Also, in the poem, "The Friendly



This cute little Yorkshire Terrier, "Sable," is all dressed up, ready and waiting for Santa Claus! We're sure Santa will be absolutely delighted when he creeps from the chimney and finds this little sweet-heart waiting! Five year old Sable belongs to Delanna Evans, of

School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ 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 provides 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 Tristram Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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

Character Words for the Month - Respect and Togetherness

■ 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 Weeksby 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

(See SCHOOL, page three)

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(December 20 and December 22, 1995)

A decision could come on who will be selected Floyd County's new superintendent, with the board of education set to meet December 28 to discuss the four finalists. Last week board members interviewed five finalists chosen by the district's superintendent screening committee, but one finalist, Bruce Johnson of Lincoln County, was hired, Monday, by the Mercer County Board of Education as that district's superintendent. Dwayne Harmon, 27, of Elkhorn City, husband of Donna Asberry Harmon, 18, who was charged, last week, with passing forged checks has also been charged in connection with the case. He was arrested Saturday by Prestonsburg patrolman Charles Branham and charged with nine felony counts of conspiracy.

A new satellite office at the Mud Creek Clinic is expected to open soon for residents of the Mud Creek area who need help with Social Security benefits.

Less than a month after government workers—including those employed by the Social Security Administration and Veterans Affairs—returned to work after a government shutdown, some of those employees are home again. The shutdown comes as a result of disagreement between Congress and President Clinton on how to balance the budget.

Floyd County's Solid waste commission wants the county to pick up some of the costs associated with disposal of litter bagged by inmates at the Otter Creek Correctional Facility. At Monday's solid waste commission meeting, commissioner Lowell Sammons was adamant about the fiscal court contributing on the program.

Friday's Floyd County Fiscal Court meeting didn't go as smoothly for Judge-Executive Ben Hale as his first, but Hale continued to fend off some apparent opposition from magistrates. During a discussion related to holding a fiscal court meeting out in the county once every quarter, Judge-Executive Hale jumped to his feet and demanded that court members settle down. The Fiscal Court approved, by a 3-2 vote, 911 Inc.'s proposal to provide E-911 equipment.

Former Prestonsburg Mayor Ann Latta was sworn in as secretary of the Tourism Cabinet, last week, on the first day of Governor Paul Patton's administration.

Since it was formed in May, Floyd County's Domestic Violence Unit has greatly improved the percentage of service on domestic violence orders issued.

Despite his absence in the courtroom, Floyd County Commonwealth Attorney John Earl hunt was honored by his peers earlier this month for his outstanding service and integrity as a prosecutor.

Johnny Johnson, 41, of Dwaile, was indicted by a Floyd County Grand Jury, Wednesday, on a second degree rape charge for allegedly having sex with a minor less than 14 years old.

Anita Coleman of Emma, who was indicted, last week, by a Johnson County Grand Jury, for allegedly embezzling \$16,434 from John Gray Auto Sales, and converting those funds for her own use, has been charged by a Floyd County Grand Jury with stealing more than \$100,000 from the dealership.

By the time the tinsel has come down and preparations are underway for the new year, Floyd

Countians should be receiving their 1995 property tax bills. The second batch of tax bills to be sent this year, are scheduled to be mailed the week after Christmas.

Ricky Lee Hall, a 16-year-old Allen Central sophomore, became the hero of the day, Thursday, when he stopped a burglar at Estill's Stop and Shop.

Donna Asberry Harmon, 18, of Lexington, was arrested, last week, by Prestonsburg Police, and charged with first degree forgery for allegedly passing forged checks at local businesses. She reportedly confessed to the crime.

There died: Adam Coby Spears, infant son of Lloyd Lee and Shawna Lynn Keathley Spears of Harold, Friday, December 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ruby Hopson, 64, of Thelma, Friday, December 15, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center; Roy Gayheart, 80, of McDowell, Friday, December 15, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; John Wess Sparkman, 94, of Dema, Monday, December 18, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Charles Glendall Hicks, 44, of Blue River, Wednesday, December 13, at his residence; Redford Ward, 81, of Auxier, formerly of Bonanza, Sunday, December 17, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center; Maman Gunnell Leslie, 83, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, December 16, at her residence; Virgil Hamilton, 79, of Betsy Layne, Monday, December 18, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Hazel Snipes, 81, of Homer, Michigan, formerly of Bonanza, December 17, at Leitchfield Nursing Care Center; Martin Preston Yates, 89, of Honaker, Wednesday, December 13, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Ellen Meridith "Readie" Lawson, 70, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Elkhorn City, Friday, December 15, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center; Elder Lewis Jr., 78, of Banner, Tuesday, December 19, at the Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington; Clara Meade Spears, 85, of Pikeville, Wednesday, December 20, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Prudy May Tackett, 70, of McDowell, Wednesday, December 20, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington; Joann Bates Johnson, 52, of Wheelwright, Tuesday, December 19, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Nelson Baldrige, 86, of Little Paint, Wednesday, December 21, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home.

Twenty Years Ago

(Wednesday, December 18, 1985)

Prestonsburg City Administrator David Evans is preparing to apply for as much as \$750,000 for renovations at West Prestonsburg.

In a last-ditch effort to keep the Kentucky Railroad Commission alive, its chairman, Jimmy "Gabe" Turner, of Drift, has launched a petition drive aimed at drumming up public support for the agency.

A Brandy Keg man has been reunited with two sisters he last saw in a Louisville orphanage 29 years ago.

Effective Monday, Jimmie E. Goble, of Prestonsburg, became the second conservation officer employed by the state Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to serve Floyd County.

There died: Ethel Slone, 93, of David, Thursday, December 12, at her residence following an apparent heart attack; Laura Wootens

Patton, 92, of Eastern, Friday, at the Humana Hospital, in Louisa, following an extended illness; Elizabeth Myers, 88, of Roseville, Michigan, formerly of Drift, Monday, at the Martha T. Berry Hospital, Mt. Clemens, Michigan; Ida Mae McCarty, 63, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Sally Hicks Scott, 69, of Garrett, Monday, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, following a brief illness; James Edward Alley, 61, of Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, Monday, at the Bethesda Oak Hospital in Cincinnati, following an apparent heart attack; and Oral Delong, 73, of Prestonsburg, last Friday, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home, following an extended illness.

Thirty Years Ago

(December 17, 1975)

"The best year ever" is Prestonsburg Mayor William O. Goebel's description of business at downtown stores, during the current Christmas shopping season.

ABC Agent Ted Salisbury, this week, said he is aware that at several places in the county "fifths" of whiskey are being used as prizes on "punch" or "tip" boards, and also are being offered as prizes at turkey shoots and other places where marksmen compete.

State Police were investigating, Monday, the truck-auto wreck, near Salyersville, in which one Floyd County man and two Salyersville men were killed, and six others were injured, early Saturday night. The dead: Travis Darrell Hamilton, 27, of Teaberry; David Lee Nickels, 21, driver of the auto, and Edward D. Combs, 21, both of Salyersville.

Next to Clay County, which was involved in the original coal severance allocation suit, Floyd County was the heaviest loser as a result of last week's Court of Appeals decision, holding that the severance tax is to go to the county in which the coal seam lies, and not to the county where the coal is loaded, or where the mine opening is.

The Floyd Circuit Court term, which will begin, Monday, Jan. 5, will mark the beginning of the third six-year term of Circuit Judge Hollie Conley, and of Commonwealth Attorney James R. Allen's first term.

Mr. and Mrs. Goble Puckett, of Prestonsburg, observed their 50th wedding anniversary at home, December 12.

"Touch Me Lord," a song written by Mrs. Mary Rose, of Route 1, Prestonsburg, has been accepted by Century 21, Hollywood, Calif., for commercial recording and national promotion, in an album entitled, "Super Sounds of Today".

Competing with more than 100 such clubs from all parts of Kentucky, the Wheelwright Youth Development Club won the second-place award for individual clubs, Dec. 12, at the state community development convention in Louisville.

There died: William Thomas Osborne, 72, of Allen, December 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Sherman Delong, 82, of Louisa, native of this county, shortly after noon, Tuesday, December 9; Luttrell Banner Laven, 66, Saturday evening, at his home at Allen; Jenny Stacey Swims, 78, of Martin, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Tom James, 75, at his home, here, last Tuesday, victim of an apparent heart attack; Mrs. Janie Music Sellards, 85, of

Endicott, Sunday morning, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Forty Years Ago

(December 16, 1965)

Prestonsburg police raided a Prestonsburg grocery store, Saturday, in enforcement of the state law prohibiting the sale of fireworks.

Clive Akers, of Drift, began, Dec. 6, his sixth four-year term of office as Floyd County tax commissioner, and that tenure is believed to be a Floyd County record for that office.

Floyd County's adult education program, which, this year, placed the county in the role of pilot and model for other parts of the nation, has concluded its instruction for 1965, it was announced this week.

The graduating classes of 1955 and 1956 will be honored at Martin High School's homecoming ceremonies on December 18.

Married: Miss Anne Frances Florence, of Flemingsburg, and Mr. William Ernest Osborne, of Prestonsburg, December 11, here.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blakeman Jr., of Richmond, Kentucky, twins, Sabrina Lynn and Thomas, December 8, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington; Mrs. Blakeman is the former Carolyn Tackett, of Allen.

There died: B. L. "Bev" Sturgill, 78, former Floyd sheriff and jailer, last Thursday, at his home here; Togie Salisbury, 64, of Eastern, December 9, en route to Our Lady of the Way Hospital at Martin; Mrs. Mary M. Newsome, 53, formerly of Teaberry, December 13, at the Louisville General Hospital; Mrs. Roxie Lafferty, 75, of Cliff, December 5, at Gary, Indiana.

Fifty Years Ago

(December 15, 1955)

As the year nears its end, coal operators of this section are saying that the outlook for the local coal industry is "promising".

Santa Claus assisted, this year, as in past season, by the Beaver Valley Kiwanis Club of Wheelwright, will visit 13 communities, next Sunday, on Left Beaver Creek.

The Floyd County Health Department ranks among the top 10—actually was listed, last week, in the first five—among all the health departments of the 120 counties of the state.

Ten Kentucky colleges and 71 hospitals, one of which was Our Lady of the Way at Martin, shared in the half-billion-dollar total given such institutions over the nation, Monday, by the Ford Foundation.

Luther Jarrell, 24, of Emma, was seriously injured in a mine on Beaver Creek, this week, by a slate fall.

At the end of the biggest and most colorful inaugural parade in the long succession of Kentucky Governors, A. B. "Happy" Chandler and Harry Lee Waterfield took the oath of office together, Tuesday, and so became, respectively, the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hicks, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Janet Elizabeth, Dec. 9,

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Christmas in Iraq

Sgt. Mark Alexander (crouching, left), is celebrating Christmas "soldier-style" while stationed in Iraq. Refusing to let their holiday be dampened, Sgt. Alexander and his comrades fashioned themselves a "make-do" Christmas tree, found themselves a "reindog" and placed gifts received from home underneath their tree. Sgt. Alexander, a longtime client of Linda Wright, Wright's Barber Shop, sent this picture along to brighten her holiday and to let his family know that he is doing fine. "This picture has made my Christmas for me," Wright said. Sgt. Alexander is the grandson of Glenn and Gladys Brookhart, of Floyd County.

Korner

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doesn't have a sense of humor?

THE PASTOR'S CAT

Dwight Nelson recently told a true story about the pastor of his church. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc.

The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and drove away so that the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.

That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke. The tree went "boing!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air-out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She replied, "You won't believe this," and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, "Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it."

She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her."

Never underestimate the Power of God and His unique sense of humor.

'Til Next Week,
God's Blessings

Yesterdays

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at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bingham, of Jeffersonville, Ind., a son, David Carey, Dec. 3. Mrs. Bingham is the former Hama Lou Craft, of Prestonsburg.

There died: Joe Wheeler Holbrook, 43, Middle Creek native, Wednesday, of injuries suffered in a car wreck at LaPorte, Indiana; Arlie Jones, 54, of East McDowell, last Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Charles Thomas Lynch, 71, of Wayland, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Sarah Little Hall, 86, of Wheelwright, last Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Pearl L. Sells, 68, of Weeksbury, this week, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Sixty Years Ago

(December 13, 1945)

Congressman A. J. May told The Times, Tuesday night, that the board of army engineers had given its approval of the proposed canalization of the Big Sandy.

With engineering work completed on proposed electrification of territory in Floyd, Johnson, and Lawrence counties, the Big Sandy Rural Electric Co-Operative will ask bids, around January 1, on construction of 160 miles of power lines in the three counties.

Jim Jones, of Garrett, was critically wounded, Wednesday evening, at Garrett, when he was accidentally shot through the head during a scuffle with a police officer.

A locomotive and five coal gondolas passed over Harrison Marsillett, 22, of Blue River, as he lay asleep on the spur branch of the C&O Railway Company between West Prestonsburg and David, last Saturday night. Fortunately, he was lying between the tracks, and so is recovering this week at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, his most severe injuries being head lacerations. A two-story brick municipal building is now under construction, and other structures are planned, in the program of the Inland Steel Company for the

improvement of its mining town at Wheelwright.

After being separated for 26 years, Mrs. Effie Sprinkles, 69, and Mr. W. R. Sprinkles, 73, of Drift, were remarried, here, November 20, by the Rev. Alex Stephens.

An influenza epidemic is now sweeping Floyd County with possibly 1,000 persons stricken, health officials reported this week.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Babe Shepherd, of David, a son, November 25, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

There died: Gormley Lee Collins, 41, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Ted Burke, 45, of Wheelwright, at the Paintsville Hospital, Tuesday; Mrs. Charlie Pennington, 66, of West Prestonsburg, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, Wednesday; Henry Johnson, 79, at home at Melvin, Tuesday; Mrs. Abbie G. Walker, 85, at the home of her daughter at Betsy Layne, Wednesday.

Seventy Years Ago

(December 13, 1935)

Four hours after they had made a daylight break from the county jail here, five escaped prisoners were back in custody, Tuesday afternoon.

Ollie Marshall, 35, of Water Gap, was killed, Thursday morning, when his auto left the road on the hill, approaching Maytown, and plunged approximately 75 feet into Beaver Creek.

Willie Cole, of Melvin, is in serious condition as the result of a bullet wound in his abdomen, sustained, Sunday, at Melvin.

J. G. Porter last week sold the Riverside Dairy here to Chester Howard.

Estill "Eck" Branham, former Prestonsburg high school football star, led the Western State Hilltoppers to a 13-6 win over the Centre College Colonels, Saturday. He passed for one score, and set another with a long completion.

There died: Abe Goble, 40, of Martin, last Wednesday, at Martin.

School

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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.

Critter

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Beasts", the sheep provides wool to keep the Baby warm in the cold stable.

The ox and the donkey are probably the animals most commonly seen in nativity scenes, after the sheep. I assumed the donkey was there because Mary rode him into Bethlehem, and the ox was the original occupant of the barn. Their presence can be interpreted in several other ways as well.

Both animals were sacred to the Egyptian gods Osiris and Seth. If they joined the other animals in kneeling at the manger, as one tradition has it, then it is a sign of tuning away from pagan religions.

Other stories tell of the ox and donkey standing over the Infant to warm Him with their breath, and of course, they gave up their feed and trough for His bed.

As beasts of burden, the camels were truly the ones who bore the gifts to the Child. They also came from afar to worship Him.

Apparently these common animals are joined in several depictions of the Nativity by some less familiar creatures.

Birds figure prominently in several instances:

Doves, generally a symbol of purity and peace, may be used in a manger scene as symbols of Christ as the Prince of Peace, the purity of Mary, or the presence of the Holy Spirit. In several old stories, the doves sing the baby Jesus to sleep.

Swallows were once believed to hibernate in the mud during the winter and reappear in spring. They became a symbol of resurrection. They are often found in barns, so they may be included in the pictures.

Goldfinches eat thistles and thorns, so the presence of a goldfinch refers to the crown of thorns, and a foretelling of the passion of Christ.

Roosters symbolize watchfulness and vigilance; they announce the new day, a sign of resurrection and renewal. It is said that a cock crowed at midnight in the stable to announce the Baby's birth. A passage in Hamlet refers to the rooster singing all night long on Christmas Eve to chase away evil spirits and hallow the night.

Peacocks may be a sign of immortality, due to an old belief that the flesh of peacocks did not decay. Also, the "eyes" on the peacock's tail can refer to the always present and all-see-

ing God.

Occasionally an owl is present in the background of Nativities, as well as in portrayals of the Crucifixion. He represents solitude, wisdom and piety, and also, as a nocturnal animal, the coming of light into the darkness.

Although cats are never mentioned in the Bible, they may appear in Nativity paintings. They probably refer to the legend of the *gatta della Madonna*. One version of this tale says that a cat in the stable had kittens about the same time Jesus was born, and received the mark of a cross on her back as a token of the occasion. The other rendering of the story says that a cat curled up in the manger and lulled the crying Christ Child to sleep with her purr. Mary was so grateful that she placed her own initial on the cat's head. In fact, tabby cats today always carry the letter "M" on their forehead and often a cross over their shoulders.

I know that I am going to start paying closer attention to Nativity paintings to see if I can identify more of these overlooked symbols of Christmas. Maybe the animals are speaking to us!

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Duff students collect food for needy families

James A. Duff Elementary Talented and Gifted students recently organized a canned food drive. Students collected a total of 1,388 items of food. The Duff Family Resource Center distributed the food to needy families just before the Thanksgiving holiday. The classroom that collected the most food items was Mrs. Wright's third grade with a total of 459 items. Thanks to each student that brought food for the needy and for making this project such a huge success! James A. Duff Elementary School Talented and Gifted Students include: 5th Grade: Cody Case, Andrew Combs, Caitlin Kidd, McKay Prater, Amber Shepherd, and Bobbie Vanderpool; 4th Grade: Emily Conn, Austin Hoover, Rachel Moore, Morris Slone, Sabrina Stewart, and Gabrielle Waddles.



Prestonsburg Dairy Queen helps make holidays bright

Prestonsburg Dairy Queen employees presented a check to Officer Mike Conn as a donation for the "Shop with a Cop" Christmas program. The store also collects mittens each year on their "mitten tree." Once collected, the mittens are placed with food baskets that are distributed each year by the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church to local families. Store manager Johnny McKinney says that the store attempts to collect 100 pairs of mittens each year.

LOW-FAT COOKING: Holiday beef tenderloin with spiced cranberry chutney

The Associated Press

A roast beef centerpiece for any holiday table gains an added festive touch when it's served with spiced cranberry-pear chutney. Bonus points: Although this dish looks rich and colorful, it's not hard to make and it's low in fat.

Tenderloin is about the most tender cut of beef, and here it's simply seasoned with pepper, garlic and thyme, and roasted without further fuss. The homemade chutney is a spicy, fruity counterpoint to the meat. You can make it while the roast is in the oven, or prepare it a couple of days in advance.

Spiced Cranberry-Pear Chutney

(Start to finish 40 minutes)

- 3 large ripe pears, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup sweetened dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice

Combine all ingredients in large saucepan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer 30 minutes or until thickened, stirring occasionally. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Makes about 3 cups.

Cook's Tip: Chutney can be prepared up to 2 days ahead; refrigerate, covered. Reheat or bring to room temperature before serving.

Recipes for AP courtesy Cattlemen's Beef Board and National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Holiday Beef Tenderloin With Spiced Cranberry-Pear Chutney

(Start to finish 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 hours)

- 1 to 2 tablespoons cracked black pepper
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves
- 1 well-trimmed whole beef tenderloin (about 4 pounds)
- Spiced Cranberry-Pear Chutney (recipe follows)
- Salt

Heat oven to 425 F. Combine pepper, garlic and thyme; press evenly onto all surfaces of beef roast. Place roast on rack in shallow roasting pan. Insert ovenproof meat thermometer so tip is centered in thickest part of beef, not resting in fat. Do not add water or cover. Roast in 425 F oven 50 to 60 minutes for medium-rare; 60 to 70 minutes for medium doneness. Remove roast when meat thermometer registers 135 F for medium-rare; 150 F for medium doneness.

Transfer roast to carving board; tent loosely with aluminum foil. Let stand 15 to 20 minutes. (Temperature will continue to rise about 10 F to reach 145 F for medium-rare; 160 F for medium.) Carve roast into thick slices; season with salt, as desired. Serve with Spiced Cranberry-Pear Chutney.

Makes 16 servings.
Nutrition information per 3-ounce serving, beef only: 173 cal.; 25 g pro.; 1 g carbo.; 7 g fat; 51 mg sodium; 67 mg chol.
Nutrition information per 3-ounce serving of beef with about 2 1/2 tablespoons chutney: 237 cal.; 25 g pro.; 17 g carbo.; 1.7 g fiber; 7 g fat; 55 mg sodium; 67 mg chol.



Leadership East KY graduates 36

Graduation ceremonies were held December 2, for the Class of 2005 of Leadership East Kentucky. Local residents Amy Hatfield-East Kentucky Network, Jeannie Howard and Patricia Goodman-Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Regina Hall-Big Sandy Area Development District, and Mandy Stumbo-Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce, were participants in the class this year. Members of the class came from all walks of life and from throughout East Kentucky. They participated in sessions on various topics including leadership, education, economic development, criminal justice, the environment and other topics, which were held in communities throughout the region. Applications are now being held for the Class of 2006 until March 1, 2006. Individuals who work or live in the region are eligible to apply for the program. There are 8 sessions, beginning in May and concluding in December. Applications can be obtained on the website leadershipeastkentucky.org or from Linda Gayheart, PO Box 105, Hindman, KY 41822, phone 606.785.0606, email gayheart@tgtel.com

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Duff students raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital

Mrs. Bentley and Mrs. Edward, teachers from Duff Elementary School, had nine students to participate this year in St. Jude's Math-A-Thon program. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children who have cancer and other catastrophic diseases. The Math-A-Thon program allowed Duff 5th graders to help the children at St. Jude by raising money for research and treatments. The following students raised a total of \$442.55: Gary Arnett, Andrew Combs, Brian Handshoe, Jr., Caitlyn Kidd, Nikki Mullins, Kaitlyn North, McKay Prater, Corey Terry, and Bobbie Vanderpool.

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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

Hicks Auto Sales David Road
 2001 Impala 60,00 miles, loaded \$5995
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 1998 Camry V6 leather, moon roof. \$5995.

FOR SALE: 2002 Ford Taurus SE. 606-886-8869 or 606-791-9550.

FOR SALE: 1993 Ford Tempo, all power, new tires. Runs, drives, and looks great. \$800 or best offer. 886-0108.

\$500! Police Impounds! Honda, Chevy, Ford and more Cars/Trucks/SUVs from \$500! For listings call 800-439-3998 ext. A919

160-Motorcycles

FOR SALE 2000 YZF Yamaha 600 R motorcycle. 6000 actual miles. Black & silver with 2 helmets. \$3500 Would make great Christmas present. 606-886-6869 or 606-791-9550.

For Sale 1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

175- SUVs

FOR SALE: 2004 Ford Explorer 2x4 Am/FM/CD, cruise, keyless entry. Avg Miles, excellent condition. \$10995 Call 878-4860 or 226-3218.

180-Trucks

FOR SALE: 87 Ford F150. 300 6 cylinder. 4 speed transmission, good work truck. \$800. Call 606-478-5173.

FOR SALE: 1975 Ford dump truck, tilt front end, 12' bed. For more info call 606-478-9150.

190- Vans

FOR SALE: 1998 Ford Windstar Van. v6, Auto, all power, excellent shape. \$3500. 606-886-3082.

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to employment ads that have reference

numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

210-Job Listing

MEDICAL/CLERICAL
 Prestonsburg Multiple openings! Great pay, start immediately! \$8 hr and up. Experience preferred but not required. Fax resume to 972-739-6067.

WAREHOUSE POSITION/

Driver-Position requires ability to perform manual labor in a shop environment, loading trucks and making customer deliveries. Class B CDL required. Must have HS Diploma or GED. Please send resume to: Floyd County Times, BOX 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. ATTN: TONYA.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Steam Cleaning company needs employees. Must have valid driver's license and up to date surface mining papers. Call 606-886-1759 Mon-Fri 9:00 am tp 5:00 pm

MEDICAL SECRETARY WANTED

Full time M-F 9:30- 5:00 and Sat 9:00-12:00. Call 886-1714.

WANTED:

Immediately need Medical Office Manager for busy practice in Prestonsburg. Please do not apply if you don't have experience as a Medical Office Manager. Health/life insurance provided. Contact: PO BOX 2467 Ashland, KY 41105-2467.

MERCHANDISE

445-Furniture

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ving experience. Ref location number 26. Call 800-471-2440.

Oil Field Company has openings for hard working responsible drivers. Must be of age 21 or older. Must have CDL with HAZ-MAT and tanker endorsements, good driving record and some mechanical aptitude. Please apply in person at: Universal Well Services, Inc., 5252 Rt. 1428, Allen, KY 41601 606-874-3487. Accepting applications Mon. thru Fri. between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

220-Help Wanted

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS for motivated people to care for individuals with mental retardation/ developmental disabilities. All training provided free of charge. Available positions include residential house manager hours M-F 5 pm-9 am starting salary \$25000 year. Direct care staff float position hours may vary. Minimum salary \$6.00 per hour. Candidates must be required to pass background screening. Interested parties should call 606-946-2078 or 606-886-8600.

HELP WANTED:

Reno's Roadhouse Prestonsburg is now hiring for all positions. Day shift and night shift. Apply in person only.

HELP WANTED:

Night auditor shift/ Part-time night audit shift available for Friday and Saturday night from 11:00 pm-7:00 am. Call Microtel Inn at 889-0331 or stop by and put in an application.

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480-Miscellaneous

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE:

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COAL FOR SALE

50 acres in Quicksand, Knott County KY. Call 260-347-0259.

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call 377-5055

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Hardwood. \$50 a load. Call 886-4038.

495-Want to Buy

WANT TO BUY property with free gas in Pike or Floyd county. Call 434-4866 or 587-2652.

REAL ESTATE

510- Comm Prop

BUILDING FOR LEASE or rent. Located at Stanville. 2000 sq ft and a 600 sq ft can be joined or separated. Great for office space or retail. Call 606-478-5403.

FOR SALE OR LEASE:

Commercial Property, lvel, KY on US 23. Office building, garage, paved lot, approximately 2 acres. 606-368-2347.

FOR RENT:

Beauty shop equipped with 3 stations and tanning bed. Located on RT 122 1 mile south of Martin, across from Garth Technical School. Must furnish references. 285-9112.

FOR SALE:

New 1320 sq ft house located on Haywood DR, Prestonsburg. 3 BR 2 BA hardwood floor and ceramic tile. You pick the carpet. Call 606-478-9993.

FOR SALE:

Nice home for sale. Marvin Heights subdivision. 3 BR 2 BA 2 car garage. 12x18 deck. Nice storage building. Call 606-587-1163 or 606-791-0187.

HOMES FOR SALE:

A foreclosure! 3 BR only \$16,000. For listings call 1-800-429-7008, ext B 183.

FORECLOSURE!

4 BR 2 BA \$33,000. Must sell, for lisintgs call 1/800-429-7008.

550-Land/Lots

FOR SALE: Great investment property for sale. 2 completely furnished apartments. Owner eager to sell. Call 886-9356.

570- Mobile Homes

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Branham Heights Apts Wheelwright KY

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The Floyd County Times is currently accepting applications for a part-time general assignment reporter. The ideal candidate will possess strong writing skills, dedication to the principles of journalism, strong people skills and a go-getter attitude. Experience is preferred and the ability to work flexible hours is a must.

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 or via email to:
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610-Apartments

APTS FOR RENT HUD accepted. Call 285-5047 or 285-9976.

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"Holiday Special" First Month's Rent FREE with paid security deposit. Through December 31, 2005. 1 BR/\$280/\$309 2 BR/\$304/\$345 Prestonsburg 886-0039.

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1 BR, 1 BA. Utilities included. \$550 per month. Security deposit required. Located at Harold. Call 478-3333 or 478-2423.

APT FOR RENT:

Unfurnished 2 BR with walk-in closet. 2 BA, large living room and kitchen. Located at Stanville, off US 23. Call 478-8100.

FOR RENT

2 BR newly remodeled ground floor apt. Located across from Garth Technical School. RT 122 at Martin, KY. Must furnish references. Not HUD approved. Call 285-9112.

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is accepting application for 1 and 2 BR apts. And 1 BR handicapped accessible apartment. Rent based on income, water, sewage, and garbage are included in rent. Please contact Kathy at 606-452-4777. Office hours M-F 8:00-4:00.

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Storage/Office

BUILDING FOR LEASE 30x60 metal storage building on RT 80. 886-8366.

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for lease in Prestonsburg. Approximately 1850 sq feet with parking only two blocks from courthouse. Call 874-1700, 285-0900 or 874-9976.

FOR RENT:

3 Room office suite. \$600

month. Call 886-1020 ask for C.V.

FOR LEASE:

30x80 building on MTN Parkway. Parking for large trucks. Will re-model.

630-Houses

FOR RENT 2 BR house on Cracker Bottom Road in Martin. 285-3670.

HOUSE FOR RENT:

3 BR \$400 month \$300 deposit. Located at David. No pets. Call 886-8467.

HOUSE FOR RENT:

1500 sq ft 2 BR 1 BA, kitchen, living room, dining room, utilities included, furnished. \$695 month plus deposit. Located at lvel. Call 606-478-5173.

FOR RENT

1 BR house on Highland Avenue in Prestonsburg. \$300 month. \$250 deposit. 889-0036.

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2 BR \$550 per month

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STOP RENTING:

Buy a 5 BR 2 BA home only \$13000. For listings call 800-429-7008 ext B930

640- Land/Lots

Trailer lot for rent on old U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

Trailer Lot For Rent,

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For Rent :

newly constructed Mobile Home Lots in new Allen, reference required call 606-874-2212

650- Mobile Homes

FOR RENT: MH 14 x 80 3 BR 2 BA 886-8366.

MH FOR RENT

3 BR 2 BA doublewide located at Wayland. For more information call 358-2320 or 285-1894.

Psychiatrist Nurse Practitioners

Kentucky River Community Care, Inc., a private, non-profit Community Mental Health Center in the beautiful mountains of Eastern Kentucky, is seeking a qualified candidate for a unique opportunity. This position will provide clinical care in an outpatient setting.

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Please send letter of interest and resumé or CV to:
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SERVICES

713-Elderly Care

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745-Misc

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770-Repair/Services

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780-Timber

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NOTICES

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LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment of, or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or familial status.
Telephone (606) 886-2717
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The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg has decent, affordable rental housing, located in the Prestonsburg area, for all qualified applicants. Rent is based on income. For more information, please call (606) 886-2717 or (606) 886-6423, or stop by the offices, located in the complexes of Green Acres, North Lake Drive, and Dixie, in the Goble-Roberts Addition, in

Prestonsburg, Kentucky. We do business in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Prestonsburg Housing Authority would like to remind anyone who may be making excavations near or on the Housing Authority property, that it is necessary to report to the Housing Authority **before** doing any work and to report any incidence of gas odor in the Housing Authority community. Phone numbers to contact:
Prestonsburg Housing Authority (606) 886-2717
Daytime 8:30-4:30
After Hours: (606) 226-2353 or (606) 226-2363

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 southwest 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, Pocahontas Development Corporation, and William Crider.

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.

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.

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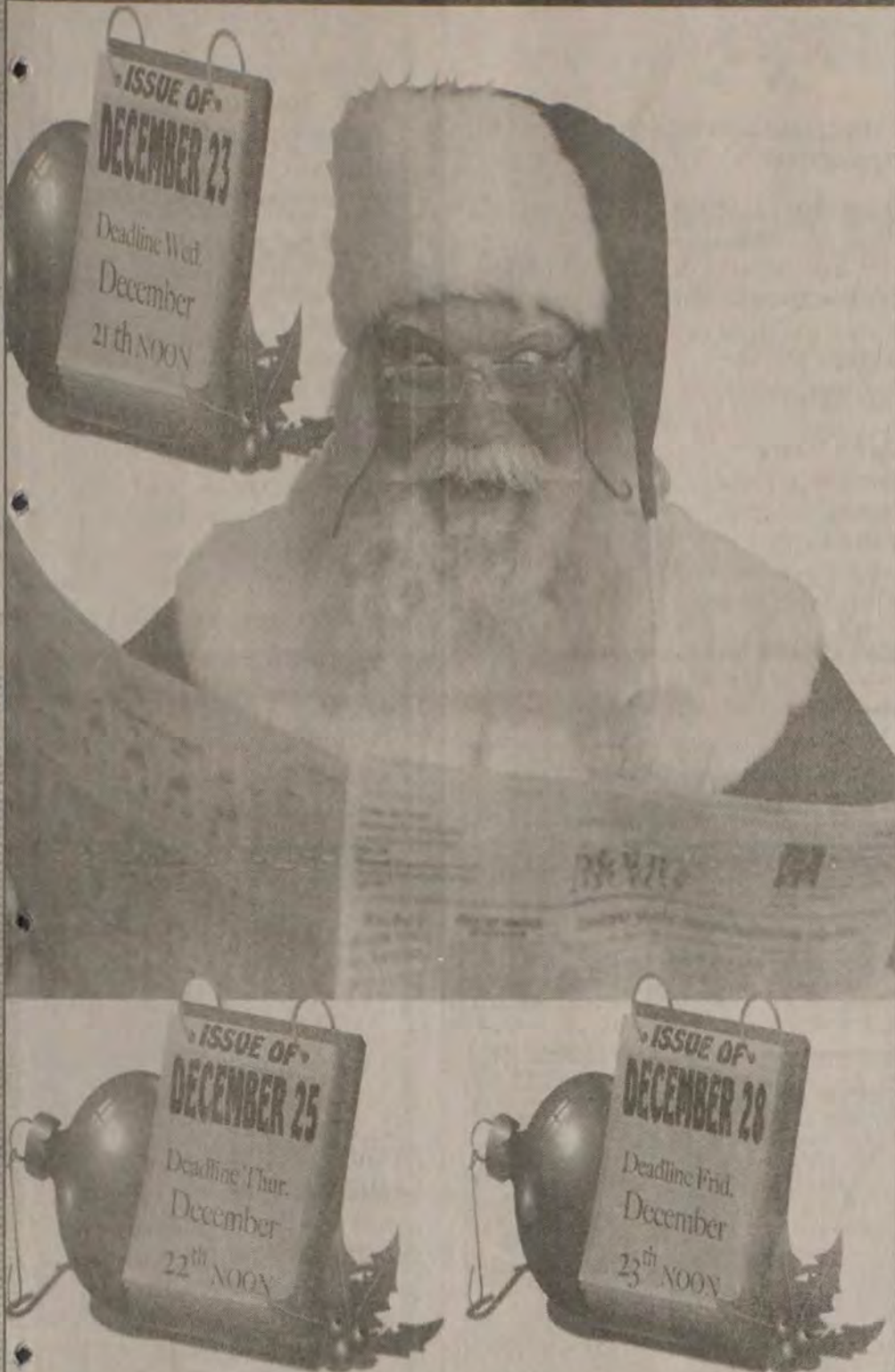
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This Week: Penguins

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The Emperor

The largest penguin is the emperor penguin. It lives in Antarctica. In fact, it is the only wild animal that spends the winter there. Use the Cold Code to learn more.

Height: inches tall (90 cm.)

Weight: pounds (40 kg.)

True or False?

The emperor penguin can dive as much as 800 feet underwater and stay submerged for 20 minutes.

True False

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have different features that serve different functions in survival.



Cold Code

- 0 =
- 1 =
- 2 =
- 3 =
- 4 =
- 5 =
- 6 =
- 7 =
- 8 =
- 9 =

The Fairy Penguin

Fairy penguins are sometimes called little blue penguins because of their bluish color. They live on islands near Australia and New Zealand and are the smallest penguin species.

On Philip Island, fairy penguins put on a parade each day at sunset. Hundreds of the fairy penguins waddle ashore and parade along the beach.

Height: inches tall (35 cm.)

Weight: pounds (1 kg.)



Weekly Writing Corner

Penguin Descriptions

Think of five words that describe penguins. Write three or more sentences describing how it looks, how it lives and what you think it might be like.

Penguins are enduring arctic birds. They are beautiful with a color pattern that looks like a tuxedo. Penguins are cool because they stick together to survive.

Emily, 5th grade

One day a group of beautiful emperor penguins were going to the Christmas Polar Ball. None of the male penguins needed tuxedos because it already looked like they were wearing them!

Baxter, 5th grade

1. Speedy 2. Shiny 3. Smooth 4. Black 5. White
Penguins are smooth, black and white birds. Although they cannot fly, they are speedy underwater. Their shiny feathers are very slick so they can easily swim through water. Penguins are awesome!

Taylor, 6th grade

1. Well-dressed 2. Protective 3. Furry 4. Swimmer 5. Interesting

These well-dressed birds of the Arctic are amazing. They are protective of their furry babies. Penguins may not fly but they are amazing swimmers. These birds can withstand frigid water and arctic winters. Penguins are the most interesting bird.

Lauren, 6th grade

I am a penguin. I waddle along the snow and ice. I have a black body and orange hair. I am a macaroni penguin! I am a brave penguin.

Jacob, 2nd grade

SPLASH! SPLOOSH! One by one they leave the ice and jump into the ocean. They look like a cloud of black and white tuxedos flying through the air like balloons. A plump one, with shining black and white fur does a cannonball into the ocean and another does a belly flop. They waddle proudly and they don't seem to care about the thick snow falling upon their heads.

Daphne, 6th grade

Penguins are very funny looking. They are black and white, and they waddle like a person with no knees. If I ever got a chance to talk to a penguin, I would see if he had fishy breath, and ask him what kind of fish he eats.

Scott, 6th grade

Penguins are black and white with orange beaks. They like to huddle up for warmth. They like to live in cold temperatures and swim in really cold water. They get hunted by a lot of dangerous animals.

Tamas, 6th grade

Penguin Patterns

Circle the penguin that should come next in each pattern.

Standards Link: Math Probability: Extend simple patterns.

CIRCLE

CIRCLE

Bird Beaks Tell All

You can tell what a bird eats by looking at its beak. Penguins' mouths are neatly adapted for grabbing and holding slippery fish. Their bills have sharp edges for cutting, and the insides are lined with barbs, which help them get a good grip on a fish.

Which birds eat which foods? Follow the maze to find out!

Flesh

Fruit

Nectar

Seeds

Fish

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth and survival.

Hot and Cold Hide-and-Seek

One player is THE THINKER and secretly picks a picture in the newspaper. Other players guess which one by asking questions. THE THINKER can only answer, "You're hot," or "You're cold."

Each player starts with 50 points and loses a point for every question asked.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

Penguin Prankster

There are 17 species of penguins world-wide. But when Petrina Penguin made a list of all the species, she added one more to trick you. To discover which is NOT a real penguin species, do the math. The odd-numbered species is the fake.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 16 - 8 = Adelie | 16 - 4 = Macaroni |
| 22 + 4 = African | 40 - 24 = Magellanic |
| 13 + 13 = Chinstrap | 13 + 15 = Rockhopper |
| 19 - 7 = Emperor | 27 - 19 = Royal |
| 32 - 14 = Erect-crested | 12 + 17 = Sidestepper |
| 29 + 19 = Fiordland | 9 + 25 = Snares |
| 14 - 8 = Galapagos | 11 - 7 = Yellow-eyed |
| 17 + 21 = Gentoo | |
| 15 + 13 = Humbolt | |
| 18 + 14 = King | |
| 13 + 13 = Little (Blue, Fairy) | |



Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Solve addition and subtraction problems.

Double Double Word Search

- PENGUIN
- FAIRY
- ANTARCTICA
- BEAKS
- THINKER
- ANIMAL
- ROYAL
- KING
- BARBS
- ISLAND
- GRIP
- PARADE
- BEACH
- WILD
- FISH

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

G	E	E	D	A	R	A	P	N	N
I	G	U	R	E	K	N	I	H	T
S	B	R	A	B	L	U	W	B	L
L	K	I	G	A	G	P	I	E	A
A	N	A	Y	N	I	S	L	A	M
N	O	O	E	R	I	N	D	C	I
D	R	P	G	B	I	K	P	H	N
A	C	I	T	C	R	A	T	N	A
A	R	A	D	H	S	I	F	E	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND KidScoop

Penguin Prose

Look through the newspaper to find 15 or more words that describe penguins. Write a paragraph or a poem about penguins, using these words.

Standards Link: Writing Strategies: Create a single paragraph that develops a topic sentence and includes simple supporting facts and details.



What kind of birds make the best writers?

ANSWER: PENGUINS.

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