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**Briefs**

## Unconscious motorist charged

Times Staff Report

### PUNCHEON CREEK

— A Johnson County woman was arrested Wednesday for driving under the influence and drug trafficking after she allegedly passed out behind the wheel.

Johnson County Sheriff Deputy Terry Tussey responded to a call for motorist assistance on Puncheon Creek and discovered Catherine Ramey, 40, of Flat Gap, unresponsive in the driver's seat with the car's gear selector in "drive."

When Tussey woke Ramey and ran her license, he determined it had been suspended.

The department's K-9 "Storm" came to the scene and found a safe inside the vehicle that held a large quantity of plastic bags. Officers found several items commonly used in illegal drug transactions, prescription medications and an undisclosed amount of cash.

Ramey, who failed a field sobriety test, refused other tests to determine her impairment level.

She was charged with her third DUI offense, driving on a DUI-suspended license, third-degree trafficking of a controlled sub

(See DRUGS, page seven)

# Election filings now up to 39

Times Staff Report

As the filing deadline approaches for area county election races, three Floyd County residents recently included their names to the ballot.

Gary Wolfe, of Prestonsburg, filed to compete in the District 1 constable race against Prestonsburg resident Billy Jarvis and Michael Hall, of East Point.

In District 2, Garrett resident Sam

Duncan filed to campaign against Mike D. Goodman for the constable race.

In District 3, Drift resident Jimmy Gabe Turner will run in the magistrate race against five other candidates.

There are now 39 candidates registered for various county elections. The candidates are:

■ District 1 magistrate: John A. Goble, of Prestonsburg, and current magistrate Gerald DeRossett, of Prestonsburg.

■ District 1 constable: Billy Jarvis, of Prestonsburg, Michael Hall, of East Point, and Gary Wolfe, of Prestonsburg.

■ District 2 magistrate: Kenneth Roberts, of Garrett, and Stuart Robinson, of Langley.

■ District 2 constable: Mike D. Goodman, of Langley and Sam Duncan, of Garrett.

■ District 3 magistrate: Russell Warren Jarrell, of Printer, Marietta

Adams, of Drift, Clinis Hall, of Drift, Jason Moore, of McDowell, Donny Daniels, of Melvin, and Jimmy Gabe Turner, of Drift.

■ District 3 constable: Paul Younce, of Melvin.

■ District 4 magistrate: Arnold Bob McKinney, of Harold, B.J. Newsome, of Betsy Layne, Ronnie Akers, of Harold,

(See ELECTION, page seven)



Americorps representative Misty Conley played "Secret Santa" for several area children Friday.

## Secret Santa program brightens holiday for local families

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Americorps, working with the Big Sandy Area Development District, played "Secret Santa" for several children in Floyd County Friday.

The event, held at St. James Episcopal Church in Prestonsburg, provided stockings and gifts for children in 47 families.

Misty Conley, Americorps representative, heads the Americorps program at the church, where she assists needy families in getting food, clothing and other necessities.

Friday, the program was supposed to begin at 1:30 p.m., but families began lining up hours before that time. The gifts were all given away before 1 p.m.

The gifts and stockings were sponsored by donations given by area residents. Conley said several area lawyers donated and that many people gave anonymous donations or dropped off stockings for the children. This year, the organization raised \$280 for the event through these avenues and through private donations given at local businesses.

Conley says she decided to initiate a Secret Santa program this year after working in the church's pantry and helping a family

whose house burned this year. The family, Conley said, lost everything they owned, and two of their children helped pack bags and boxes from the pantry.

"They put a box of macaroni and cheese in the bag, and they acted like it was made of gold," she said. "I went home and told my husband that we had to do something to help these kids. These are very needy families. There's a lot of single parents, and a lot of them have five or six kids. These are families who otherwise wouldn't have a Christmas."

"This is what makes my holi-

(See SANTA, page eight)

## Grand jury issues 18 indictments

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man who allegedly lied for three years to get reduced rent was among those indicted this week by a Floyd County grand jury.

J.R. Samons, 66, of Elm Street in Martin, allegedly lied about his income between December 2001 and August 2004 in order to obtain reduced rent from the Housing Authority of Martin.

Circuit Judge John David Caudill ruled that the case against Samons, who was indicted on one count of theft by deception, be transferred to district court because he faces a misdemeanor charge.

His indictment came alongside indictments against 17 others Tuesday. Of those, arrest warrants have been served on five of the accused. Indictments on 13 others have been sealed pending the service of the warrants.

Arrest warrants have been served on two Floyd County women accused of forging checks belonging to William B. Little.

Amanda Harrington, 23, of Wheelwright, and Jamie Lynn Martin, 23, of Teaberry, are both facing three counts of second-degree possession of a forged instrument and one count of theft by deception.

(See CHARGES, page eight)

## Man charged with defacing hunter's car

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — An elderly Floyd County man is scheduled to appear in court next month to answer to criminal mischief charges after he allegedly wrote a trespassing warning on the hood of a car.

Thomas L. Jones, 72, of Martin, allegedly caused

more than \$500 to a 1988 Oldsmobile owned by Chris Bentley, of Langley.

Bentley alleges that Jones used a black permanent marker when he wrote, "Trespasser, get off my land. You have no hunting rights here," on the hood of the white car.

(See MISCHIEF, page seven)

## Couple see meth case sent to grand jury

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg couple charged with manufacturing methamphetamine in a barn behind their home saw their case waived to a grand jury after a preliminary hearing Monday in district court.

Deputy Will Holbrook testified that he obtained a search warrant for the home of Frederic and Monica Collins after hearing from a confidential informant

that the couple might have been making meth in a structure behind their home.

Holbrook described the search and noted the group found five meth precursors in the barn before lifting a bucket and finding that a second bucket underneath was producing a powerful chemical odor. He said that the department opted to call in a "clandestine lab" team from Johnson County to investigate

(See METH, page seven)



The football scoreboard is all that remains of the former Charles F. Clark Elementary School on Route 114. The school, which was demolished this year, will be replaced with a new building that will house students from Clark and Prestonsburg Elementary schools. Construction will continue next year on the new facility.

photo by Mary Music

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## Guest view

### New system makes sense

People who don't have car insurance have no business getting behind the wheel of a car and they need to be tracked and made to be insured. Effective Jan. 1, Kentucky will begin tracking drivers on a monthly basis to make sure drivers are insured. This comes after the General Assembly passed a measure last year that will require the roughly 300 companies who issue auto coverage in the state to provide the Department of Vehicle Registration with list of its policyholders, and cancellations in the previous month. The measure is modeled after similar laws in 17 other states.

Upon receiving the information state officials will compare those lists with vehicle registrations and notify uninsured drivers that their registration will be canceled if they don't obtain insurance within 30 days. If the state cancels a vehicle's registration three times in a year, it will forward the owner's name to the county attorney's office for prosecution in district court.

This seems like a very sound system that will keep uninsured drivers off of Kentucky highways. Driving without insurance in our state is a huge problem. It is estimated that 12 percent of Kentucky's approximately 3 million registered vehicles are uninsured.

Many uninsured motorists have limited assets. This has very bad implications if you are involved in a collision where the other driver is at fault. If you are seriously injured, being made financially whole is difficult.

The new law should make it a lot easier for law enforcement to identify in a more timely manner who has insurance and who doesn't.

We are confident that this new measure will have a profound impact on keeping uninsured drivers off the road and prosecuting those who scoff at this very reasonable law.

— Daily News, Bowling Green



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### Rich Lowry Column

#### GM: Sabotaged from within

The announcement by General Motors that it is slashing 30,000 jobs and closing all or parts of 12 plants is the fruit of decades of "victories" by the United Auto Workers that even King Pyrrhus would consider shortsighted. The union has done so well at the bargaining table that it has priced its workers out of jobs.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average hourly manufacturing wage is roughly \$16. Autoworkers for the Big Three, in contrast, earn more than \$25 an hour. Who says the UAW doesn't get results? On top of the wages are cushy benefits that mean it costs automakers roughly \$65 an hour to employ its workers. The expense of pensions for retired workers — and there are more than twice as many GM retirees as current workers — adds about \$2,500 to the

price of every car.

There is a high cost to unsustainably high wages and benefits — they tend to destroy the businesses in question. GM is perpetually shedding jobs. The only thing surprising about a new announcement from a CEO of a Big Three automaker would be if he said he had initiated a hiring binge.

If an enemy conspirator had infiltrated the U.S. auto industry with the mission of undermining it from within, he couldn't have come up with a worse system.

An example: Big Three autoworkers never quite go away. As part of a union-negotiated "jobs bank," roughly 10,000 of them are each paid \$100,000 a year in salary and benefits for not working at all. When a plant closes, workers either have to be transferred to another plant (not more than 50 miles away) or given an expensive early retirement. Otherwise, they stay on the payroll.

It would be wrong to put all the blame for the Big Three's troubles on the UAW. Management is responsible for designing unappealing cars and selling them at a loss with "employee dis-

counts." For all its woes, however, Detroit is improving under the pressure of competition, making major efficiency gains in recent years.

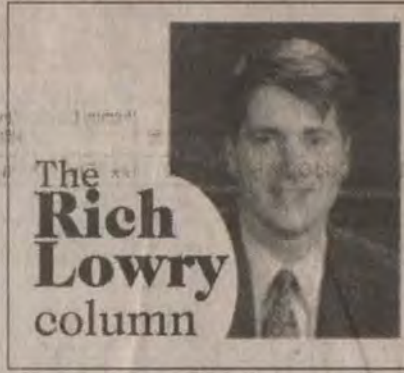
The GM announcement has met the usual laments for the death of U.S. manufacturing. By one key measure the sector is actually robust. Manufacturing productivity has been posting strong gains, as manufacturers make ever more products with fewer workers. But we are witnessing the end of a certain kind of manufacturing, the post-World War II model of heavily unionized, lumbering industry as welfare state. U.S. manufacturers need to be faster, leaner, smarter.

This is the future even in Michigan, even in the automotive industry. A new report by a Southeast Michigan group called Automation Alley notes that the more advanced slices of the auto industry are properly thought of as part of the technology sector. It notes that "the higher-wage, higher-skill jobs in the industry were less likely to be outsourced to lower-cost countries or reduced through internal cost-cutting."

Instead of bludgeoning management, unions should be working to create a better-educated work force. That is the only path to labor victories that aren't Pyrrhic.

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column

### beyond the beltway

#### Now we even fight over Christmas

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

In the war on Christmas, consider me a conscientious objector.

To tell you the truth, I didn't even know there was a war until just a week or two ago, when President and Mrs. Bush sent out Christmas cards of the "happy holidays, best wishes, blah, blah, blah" variety. No mention of Christmas.

From the way the Christian Right responded, you would have thought the president had painted a mustache on the Madonna.

"This clearly demonstrates that the Bush administration has suffered a loss of will and that they have capitulated to the worst elements in our culture," William Donohue, president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, told the "Washington Post."

"I threw out my White House card as soon as I got it," a conservative website editor said. (One thing you have to give hard-core Christians: they know how to hate.)

Apparently, the controversy has been bubbling for some time, with Christian groups boycotting chain stores that fail to emphasize Christmas in their seasonal advertising. There's even a book about the war, zeroing in on recent court decisions that make the display of Christian symbols on public land problematic.

Personally, I feel about the war as many current Republican leaders felt

about the war in Vietnam: I have a strong opinion on it but don't expect me to fight in it. I have other priorities.

My strong opinion is this: I think it right and proper for the president of the United States to acknowledge the fact that we are a multicultural society by sending out a generic holiday greeting.

After all, it's not as though Christmas is the only holiday celebrated at this time of year. There's Hanukkah for one and there have been winter solstice festivals since the beginning of time.

But I won't take up arms for that opinion because I really like Christmas. Really.

You see, although I am a devout agnostic and a firm advocate of the separation of church and state, I was born on Christmas day and for the longest time thought that all the street decorations, the trees and the rest were in my honor.

When my mother finally told me that I was not the primary focus of the celebration I went to my room and sobbed for an hour. I was 32 at the time.

Still I felt that I shared the birthday with Jesus and saw nothing wrong in inviting my Jewish and non-believing friends to share the celebration with us. (I'd have invited my Muslim friends too but I didn't have any.)

So I've never been terribly exercised about the placing of crèches or other Christian paraphernalia in public places. I don't think they should be there, necessarily, but I don't see much harm in them either.

What's really offensive to me is when

a religious group tries to force subversive religious beliefs on society.

Like Intelligent Design being scientific, for example. School boards all over the country, most famously in Kansas where they seem to have voted a box of rocks to the state school board, are instructing teachers to present Intelligent Design and Evolution as co-equal scientific answers to the question: Where Did We Come From?

Briefly, Intelligent Design advocates believe there are certain things in nature so complex and special to their purpose that they could not have "evolved" through the process of natural selection, evolution in other words.

Someone—they don't say who (wink-wink, nudge-nudge)—had to design it. Utter nonsense. There's nothing scientific about the idea—it explains nothing. It is at best a religiously based, easily refutable argument against evolution that has taken hold chiefly because we are a nation of scientific illiterates.

To teach it to high school students and call it science is an outrage of biblical proportions.

If you want to fight a war over the principle that we should teach science students real science I'm ready for duty. Sign me up.

Merry Christmas.

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## HOOPS Classic set to tip off Tuesday

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — The third annual Paintsville Tiger HOOPS Classic will tip off Tuesday morning at Paintsville High School. This year's tournament includes teams from seven different states — Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, Tennessee, Texas, South Carolina, and Georgia. The tournament is quickly becoming one of the Southeast's top prep basketball events. Since its inception in 2003, the Tiger HOOPS Classic has gained momentum as a leading national prep boys' basketball tournament.

The third edition of the HOOPS Classic will include 16 teams in four separate divisions. The field includes two Floyd County schools as well as host Paintsville. Other Kentucky teams in the tournament are Barren County, Seneca, Butler, Apollo and Carroll County.

Paintsville, Hilton Head, S.C., Barren County and Shroder Paideia, Ohio will make up the East Division. Ripley, Ohio, Seneca, Allen Central and Clear Lake, Texas comprise the West Division.

The North Division includes James Madison, Va., Fort Mill, S.C., Butler and Apollo. South Division teams are Oak Ridge, Carroll County, South Floyd and Alexander,

Ga. Defending champion duPont Manual won't be making a return trip to defending its title. Oak Ridge, Tenn., the winner of the inaugural tournament in 2003, does return to for this year's event.

Tournament director Bob Lyons is anxiously awaiting the start of this year's tournament.

"This is the best field we've had," said Lyons. "We're looking forward to welcoming all of the teams in for this year's tournament. We'd also like to invite everyone out to the Tiger HOOPS Classic."

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## Lee takes Country Music Hwy. Classic title

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — In the championship game of the Country Music Highway Classic Thursday evening, Lee County got a late surge, outscoring host Johnson Central 23-7 in the fourth quarter en route to a 63-51 win. Lee County, which trailed at both halftime and the end of the third quarter, had three players in double figures. Junior point guard Kenny Brandenburg led Lee County in scoring with a team-best 15 points. Tyler Rich and Dustin Liesegang both had 12 points for the Bobcats.

Lee County excited the first period with a 17-16 lead, but couldn't hold on to the advantage over the host Golden Eagles. Johnson Central battled back and eventually took a 30-27 lead into halftime. The Golden

(See LEE, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

**BACKS NOT TO THE WALL:** Betsy Layne senior Brandon Kidd (22), pictured getting set to loft a foul shot in Tuesday's game against 58th District rival Prestonsburg, led the Bobcats in scoring again in Thursday's win over defending 15th Region champion Shelby Valley.

## Bobcats upend defending 15th Region champ

### Betsy Layne seniors lead way in big win

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**BETSY LAYNE** — In the offseason, Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose knew his boys' basketball team had the potential to be one of the 15th Region's top teams. After getting out to a rough 0-3 start, Betsy Layne is beginning to show signs of being one of the region's top teams. The Bobcats took a two-game winning streak that consisted of victories over 58th District rivals Allen Central and Prestonsburg into Thursday night's home game against defending 15th Region champion Shelby Valley. The Bobcats had a rough, rocky start in the game against the visiting Wildcats, but eventually recovered. After trailing by 11 points at the end of the opening period, Betsy Layne recovered nicely and

went on to outscore Shelby Valley in each of the last three quarters on its way to a 70-65 win.

Seniors Brandon Kidd, Patrick Stapleton, Brandon Kidd and Derek Case did the most damage for Betsy Layne. All four Bobcats were in double figures in the 15th Region victory. Kidd paced Betsy Layne with a team-best 17 points. Stapleton added 14 points for the Bobcats while Case had 13 and Thacker 11.

Shane McKinney flipped in eight points for the Bobcats while Mane Klokocar scored four and Trai Witt added three. McKinney came into the game and hit a pair of three-pointers.

"Our seniors played real well and they have to every game," said Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose. "We came out slow in the first quarter; our defense just wasn't there early on."

Shelby Valley led Betsy Layne 32-23 at halftime and Rose could sense his team was coming around.

"I thought we had a chance at halftime," said Rose. "Our kids played hard and theirs

(See BOBCATS, page two)



Brandon Kidd



Pat Stapleton

## Receiver commits to Football Cats

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Things just may be changing for the University of Kentucky football program. When Fort Campbell star Micah Johnson committed to UK, he said "things were about to change" for the Wildcat football program. He just may be right. The Fort Campbell fullback/linebacker, one of the nation's top recruits at both positions, has had several promising SEC Football hopefuls follow his lead.

This past week, Kentucky picked up another oral commitment when wide receiver Derrick Stevens informed the UK coaching staff that he would ink with the Wildcats come February. Stevens, a 6-foot, 175-pound wide receiver from Tampa, Fla., drew interest from several NCAA Division I programs. He also had received scholarship offers from Central Florida, Duke, Iowa State, South Florida and UAB.

The Tampa pass-catcher is the sixth wide receiver to make Kentucky his choice. He

(See RECEIVER, page two)

## Lady Hornets handle Rose Hill

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Fifteenth Region preseason favorite Magoffin County posted its second straight win in the Fifth Third Bank Classic Thursday, beating 16th Region favorite Rose Hill Christian 73-70. The Lady Hornets owned 16th Region opponents in the holiday tournament. On Wednesday, Magoffin County beat defending 16th Region champion Rowan County 57-46. In the opening round, in overtime, Newport Central Catholic held off the Lady Hornets, beating Magoffin County 91-83 and handing the Lady Hornets their first loss of the season.

Magoffin County, which reeled off six straight wins before suffering its first loss, maintained a lead over Rose Hill at the end of every quarter. Brittany Manns was the

(See MAGOFFIN, page two)

## UK Women tear up Tennessee St.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Sophomore guard Samantha Mahoney (Detroit) scored a season-high 18 points Thursday to lead six players in double figures as Kentucky rolled to a 105-45 victory over Tennessee State in Memorial Coliseum. It was the first time since 2002 that six players recorded double-digits and the 32nd time in school history the Wildcats scored 100 or more points.

Kentucky improved to 9-1 its best start since the 1984-85 season and shot a season-best 60.3 percent (38-for-63) from the field in the game. The Cats held Tennessee State (0-8) to just 25 percent shooting from the floor (18-of-72) and outrebounded the Lady Tigers 54-34. Senior forward/center Jennifer Humphrey (Memphis) and freshman point guard Carly Ormerod (Louisville) each added 14 points, while sophomore guard/for-

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## Labonte, Parrott open Petty Era at Kentucky Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA — Crew chief Todd Parrott and driver Bobby Labonte ushered in a new era for the storied Petty Enterprises No. 43 NEXTEL Cup Series car with a test at Kentucky Speedway Tuesday.

Labonte, the 2000 series champion who finished 24th in the 2005 standings with Joe Gibbs Racing, and Parrott, who helped Dale Jarrett win the 1999 series title with Robert Yates Racing, will join new Exec. VP of Operations Robbie Loomis, who guided Jeff Gordon to 23 wins and the

2001 championship with Hendrick Motorsports, in an attempt to rejuvenate a Petty program that hasn't scored a series race win since Loomis last worked there in 1999.

Temperatures in the low to mid 20s didn't curb the enthusiasm both crew chief and driver expressed for their new project during their first test together. The new team agreed that the focus of the one-day test was to begin to establish solid team communications.

"It's different," Labonte said. "I was kind of jittery at first because it's been 11 years since I've had anything like

this go on. It's a little too cold here for me, but, so far, so good.

"I'm just real excited to work with Todd and all these guys. Hopefully, I understand Todd and when I talk, he can understand the language I'm talking. For us, today is about getting a feel for everybody and everybody getting a feel for Todd. He's the main character here that everyone will have to look up to. When I'm on the racetrack, they've got to know what to do next and he's the guy leading them."

(See SPEEDWAY, page two)



NASCAR Nextel Cup veteran Terry Labonte (right) was at Kentucky Speedway earlier in the week testing his new Richard Petty-owned ride.

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### Classic

"We've often traveled to South Carolina and other states for holiday tournaments," noted veteran Paintsville High head coach Bill Mike Runyon. "After playing in some of those tournaments, we

knew this is something we wanted to start and get going."

Each participating team is guaranteed a minimum three games. Teams that make it into the Final Four round will get five games.

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#### PAINTSVILLE TIGER HOOPS CLASSIC SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, Dec. 27 Session 1**  
 Barren County-Shroder Paideia, Ohio, 9 a.m.  
 Seneca-Ripley, Ohio, 10:30 a.m.  
 James Madison, Va.-Fort Mill, SC, Noon  
 Carroll County-Alexander, Ga., 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 27, Session 2**  
 Clear Lake, Texas-Allen Central, 4:30 p.m.  
 South Floyd-Oak Ridge, Tenn., 6 p.m.  
 Hilton Head, SC-Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.  
 Butler-Apollo, 9 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 28, Session 3**  
 Shroder Paideia, Ohio-Hilton Head, SC, 9 a.m.  
 Oak Ridge, Tenn.-Carroll County, 10:30 a.m.  
 Ripley, Ohio-Clear Lake, Texas, Noon  
 Butler-James Madison, Va., 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 28, Session 4**  
 Fort Mill, SC-Apollo, 4:30 p.m.  
 Alexander, Ga.-South Floyd, 6 p.m.  
 Paintsville-Barren County, 7:30 p.m.  
 Allen Central-Seneca, 9 p.m.  
**Thursday, Dec. 29, Session 5**

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Hilton Head, SC-Barren County, 9 a.m.  
 Fort Mill, SC-Butler, 10:30 a.m.  
 Clear Lake, Texas-Seneca, Noon  
 Alexander, Ga.-Oak Ridge, Tenn., 1:30 p.m.

**Thursday Dec. 29, Session 6**  
 Ripley, Ohio-Allen Central, 4:30 p.m.  
 South Floyd-Carroll County, 6 p.m.  
 James Madison, Va.-Apollo, 7:30 p.m.  
 Shroder Paideia, Ohio-Paintsville, 9 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 30**  
 East-West, Semifinals, 9 a.m.  
 North-South, Semifinals, 10:30 a.m.  
 Loser East-West vs. Loser North-South, 6 p.m., Session 7  
 Consolation Third - Fourth-place game  
 Winner East-West vs. Winner North-South, 8 p.m., Session 8  
 Championship game



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 Kentucky Speedway remains a favorite testing destination of many NASCAR drivers and teams.

### Speedway

Parrott was encouraged by his team's early results.

"Not to say that we're not looking for great success right off the bat, but I'm throwing things at him, he's feeling it and that's good. Just from some things he's said this morning, I think it's going to be a great year."

Both veterans also spoke about the reasons behind their respective moves to Petty Enterprises.

"I just thought that I needed something different at Gibbs," Labonte said. "Those people treated me great and I had a great time there, but I felt like a change was needed. The Petty operation is very similar in that the people are real sincere. I felt like I could fit in here, kind of like when I went to Gibbs. I had some other opportunities, and they were awesome, but this is the No. 43. When I put my heart to it in terms of my family and myself, I felt like this was the place I'd like to be."

"Robbie was the first domino that fell into place here and that attracted me because I know his leadership will be a plus. Then, we were able to get Todd. What a no-brainer that was. I guess it

goes to show you that the Pettys weren't happy with just sitting there after the way they've run the past couple years."

Parrott's arrival for the 2006 season brings him to the place where he started his NEXTEL Cup Series career and a team that holds sentimental value for his family.

"My dad (Buddy) was a crew chief for Richard Petty in 1984 when he won his last two races. I worked on that team and, now, some 22 years later, I'm in the same role my dad was with Petty Enterprises and the No. 43 car."

"I wasn't real sure what was going to happen at Yates and I'd been talking with Robbie a little bit during the second half of the (2005) season. We would've liked to have kept things the way they were at Yates, but Robert felt more changes needed to be made. Once that was done and they released me, I gave Robbie a call and we sat down and talked."

That talk led to the formation of a new guard at Petty Enterprises which is confident its combined experience, along with that of team owners Richard and Kyle Petty, will

help the No. 43 car become an annual title contender.

"It gives you a lot of confidence knowing you've got a driver that's got a great feel (for the car) and a history of winning races and championships," Parrott said. "He knows what it takes to be there at the end of the day. Robbie learned a lot with Jeff Gordon, and I had 10 great years with Yates and won a championship with Dale. This is a new deal and an opportunity for us as a group to take all the things we've learned and take Petty Enterprises back to the top."

Robert Yates Racing joined the test. Drivers Matt McCall, Steven Leicht, and Justin Diercks split time in a research and development car.

In other testing, Kyle Busch and his No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports machine shared track time with J.J. Yeley and his No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing this past week.

### UK

ward Chante' Bowman (Detroit) and junior guard Jenny Pfeiffer (North Vernon, Ind.) added 12 apiece.

Sophomore forward/center Eleia Roddy (Columbus, Ohio) tallied her second double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

"It's good to be back on the winning side and I think we rebounded well from the loss against LSU," UK Coach Mickie DeMoss said. "We really applied what we worked on all week and that was our offensive production. We had great balance scoring with people pulling the trigger and knocking down shots. I thought we maintained our intensity level even when the score got lopsided and that was good to see. This was a good way to end before we go home for Christmas."

Tennessee State committed 21 turnovers in the game resulting in 21 points. The Wildcats scored 37 points off of TSU's miscues and outscored the Lady Tigers 37-9 in points off of turnovers. The Cats used a potent attack from long distance, knocking down 6-of-9 three-pointers. UK also connected 71.9 percent (23-of-32) of their free-throws. Kentucky's depth proved to be a key as the Wildcats outscored the Lady Tigers 39-22.

Kentucky's stifling defense out of the gate caused Tennessee State to miss 19 of its first 20 shots. The Wildcats thrived on the Lady Tigers' offensive woes, starting the game on a 28-2 run capped off by a Nastassia Alcius (Lexington) basket at the 8:37 mark of the opening period. Three consecutive three-pointers by the Cats, including two by Ormerod extended UK's lead to 41-8 with 3:47 left in the first half. Kentucky led 49-17 at the halftime intermission, holding TSU to a season-low 19.4 percent (7-of-36) shooting from the floor. The Wildcats connected on a season-best 60 percent (18-of-30) clip from the field in the first half.

"We really focused on our offense the last three days," DeMoss said. "We wanted to build on that confidence and know that even against LSU we had open looks, but we were real hesitant. Tonight we were not hesitating. Our confidence level was high and I think that is a mark of a good team when you can bounce back from a loss against LSU and come out and score 105 points."

Kentucky carried the momentum of the first half into the second, scoring the first 10 points of the period and holding the Lady Tigers scoreless for the first four minutes. The Cats con-

tinued adding to their advantage, moving ahead by 34 (77-33) on a jumper by Roddy with 11:07 left.

"Tonight we were focused on Kentucky and working on getting better," DeMoss said. "Both halves we worked on getting better. Even at halftime I asked my team how they wanted to approach the second half and they said they wanted to get better. So we had little goals within the game that we wanted to achieve both offensively and defensively. We focused on our goals and not Tennessee State."

Kentucky breaks for the winter holidays before returning to action Wednesday, Dec. 28 against intrastate rival Louisville. Tip off is set for 7 p.m. EST in Rupp Arena and the game will be carried live on the Big Blue Sports Network (radio and television).

#### GET YOUR TICKETS...

Single-game tickets are available in the ticket office in Memorial Coliseum. They are \$5 adults/\$2 senior citizens and children ages 18 and under. UK students, faculty and staff are admitted free with valid identification based on availability. For ticket information, log on to [ukathletics.com](http://ukathletics.com) or call the UK ticket office at 859/257-1818 or 1-800-928-CATS (2287).

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### Bobcats

did to."

Shelby Valley went into the third quarter leading 52-45 before the Bobcats came through in the final eight minutes.

Jacob Bryant led Shelby Valley with a game-high 26 points. John Johnson, one of the top football players in Class 2A, Region 4, was the only other Shelby Valley player in double figures, finishing with 11 points.

The Bobcats saved their best

for last Thursday night. Betsy Layne finished very strong, outscoring Shelby Valley 25-13 in the fourth quarter.

Betsy Layne improved to 3-3. Shelby Valley is also now 3-3 on the season. The Bobcats will take no Powell County Tuesday evening at 6:15 in the Berea Invitational. Shelby Valley will be back on the hardwood next week at Belfry in the Appalachian Wireless Mountain Schoolboy Classic.

#### BETSY LAYNE 70, SHELBY VALLEY 65

SHELBY VALLEY (3-3) - M. Riddle 5, Johnson 11, C. Riddle 9, Jackson 5, Bryant 26, Thomas 9.  
 BETSY LAYNE (3-3) - Klokocar 4, Stapleton 14, Thacker 11, Kidd 17, McKinney 8, Case 13, Witt 3.

SHELBY VALLEY.....17 15 20 13-65  
 BETSY LAYNE.....6 17 22 25-70

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### Magoffin

leading contributor for Magoffin County in the tournament win over Rose Hill, scoring 10 of her team-best 20 points in the fourth quarter. Manns drained four three-pointers.

Calloray Howard added 19 points for Magoffin County, which had four different players reach double figures in the scoring department. Michaela Howard and Ashley Jade Howard each added 14 points

for the Lady Hornets.

Magoffin County took a slim 15-14 lead out of the first period and led 31-25 at halftime. The Lady Hornets outscored Rose Hill 20-12 in the third quarter before Lady Royals made the late rally.

The Lady Hornets improved to 8-1.

Senior guard Kala Faulkner, one of the 16th Region's top players, led Rose Hill with a

game-high 29 points. Emily Queen had 16 points and Laura Terry 15 for the Lady Royals.

#### Fifth Third Bank Classic

Magoffin co. (8-1) - Mann 20, M. Howard 14, Hall 4, A.J. Howard 14, Powers 2, C. Howard 19.  
 Rose Hill (2-3) - Yates 4, Faulkner 6, Terry 15, Queen 16, Faulkner 29.  
 Magoffin County...15 16 20 22-73  
 Rose Hill.....14 11 12 33-70

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### Lee

Eagles outscored Lee County 14-13 in the third period before the Bobcats busted out in the final quarter.

Senior guard Devin Taulbee tossed in eight points for Lee County while junior guard Caleb Fetters flipped in six.

Senior Kyle Rice, who entered the Country Music Highway Classic as the leading scorer for the Golden Eagles, led Johnson Central with a game-high 19 points. Junior Jamie McCarty was the only other Golden Eagle in double figures,

ending the contest with 12 points. Jesse Meek had seven points for Johnson Central and Ryan Fannin six.

Johnson Central won its way into the Country Music Highway Classic title game following wins over Hart County (75-58), Estill County (76-74) and Bracken County (62-38).

n Bell County edged Hart County 45-43 in the third-place game. In the fifth-place game, Estill County outlasted Bracken County, beating the Polar Bears 61-47.

### Receiver

ended his junior season with 40 catches for 693 yards. Other receivers headed to Kentucky are LaShun Watson (Greeneville, Ga.), Michael Strickland (Marietta, Ga.), Terrance Jones (Atlanta), Steve Johnson (Chabot, Calif., Community College) and Marcus Boswell (Greeneville, S.C.).

Kentucky offensive coordinator Joker Phillips also coaches the Wildcat receivers.

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# PRESTONSBURG JUNIOR BASKETBALL • WEEK TWO GAMES

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

Pee Wee League – Black 13, Red 1: Haley Fitzpatrick led the Black to a 13-1 win over the Red with 4 points. Bailey Slone, Allison Hall, Ryan Slone and John Dotson finished with 2 points each. Blake Slone scored 1 point for the Red team. After leading 8-0 at the half, the Black team added a field goal in the third quarter to take a 10-0 lead after three quarters of play.

Gray 6, Green 2: Candice Campbell finished with 4 points in as the Gray beat the Red 6-2. Michael Taulbee rounded out the scoring with 2 points for the Gray. Chandler Nelson pitched in 2 points for the Green team. The Gray team led 2-0 after one quarter and 4-0 at the half.

Gold 5, Blue 1: Christopher Little

led all scorers with 3 points as the Gold team defeated the Blue team. Jordan Pennington finished with 2 points for the winning team. Greg Slone scored the only point for the Blue team.

Girls Training League – Red 12, Gray 9: Allyson DeRossett led the Red team to a 12-9 win over the Gray team, scoring 8 points in the game. Kate Rose pitched in 4 points for the Red team. Jenna Little led the Gray team with 5 points. Rachel Layne and Macy Minix added 2 points each for the Gray.

Blue 24, Gold 15: Cathryn Calhoun led the Blue to a 24-15 win over the Gold. Calhoun finished with a game-high 16 points in the win. Kaylee Collins tossed in 8 points for the winners. Jessica Hall led the Gold with 13 points. Taylor Bievens rounded out the scoring with 2 points.

Boys Training League – Gold 18, Red 14 (3OT): In what may be the most exciting game in recent years for Prestonsburg Junior Basketball, the Gold team rallied from six down in the final :24 to send the game into overtime. Chris Fitch tossed in 6 points in the final :24 to even the game at 14-14. Fitch finished with 10 points in the come from behind win. Dylan Slone, Jordan Slone, Tate Green and Bradley Ousley each added 2 points for the winners. The Gold team trailed 14-8 in the final minute before coming back to tie the game at the end of regulation. Tyler Bays led the Red team with 6 points in the loss. Robert Campbell finished with 4 points for the Red squad. Byron Marshall and Clay Slone rounded out the scoring with 2 points each.

Gray 13, Green 6: The Gray team

improved to 2-0 on the season with a 13-6 win over the Green team. Keagan Dove and Hunter Brown tossed in 4 points each in the win. Scott Stapleton and Nathan Blackburn pitched in 2 points each for the Gray team. Eric Collins led the Green team with 5 points. Thomas Spears finished with 1 point in the loss.

Gray 20, Blue 16: Cody Hackworth scored 8 points in the first quarter as the Gray team defeated the Blue team. Scott Stapleton added 4 points for the Gray team and Nick Rowe finished with 2. Hunter Brown, Nathan Blackburn and Keagan Dove pitched in 2 points each in the win.

BJ Holliday and Grant Martin tossed in 5 points each for the Blue team. TJ Hager and Austin Bailey rounded out the Blue scoring with 3

points each. Junior Varsity League – Red 13, Blue 1: The Red team held the Blue team to 1 point and came away with the win. Brett Blankenship led all scorers with 10 points on the night. Austin Bertrand finished with 2 points and Allison Conley added 1 point for the winning team. Charlie Joseph scored the only point for the Blue team.

Gray 13, Gold 10: After trailing through three quarters, the Grey team outscored the Gold team 8-2 in the fourth quarter to come away with a 13-10 win. Jarin Hall led the Gray team with 6 points. Wesley Robinson finished with 5 points and Laken Keathley added 2 for the winners. Trey Stapleton and John Gullett tossed in 4 points each for the Gold team. Amy Rice finished with 2 points in the loss.

## Adams A-team beats Wesley, Allen

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – The Adams Middle School A-team reeled off a pair wins over two nights this past week, beating both Wesley Christian and Allen.

In a game played Monday, Dec. 19, Adams beat Wesley 39-32.

Austin McKinney led Adams with a game-high 16 points while Michael Burchett tossed in 12. Tyler Hall added nine points and Anthony Hallan two for the

Blackcats.

Adams led Wesley at the end of every quarter, taking a 22-10 lead into halftime.

In the B-team game between the two schools, Adams got a game-high 15 points from Alex Griffith and defeated Wesley 26-20. Nate Fraley scored four points and Jaden Spurlock three for the Blackcats. Caleb Petry and C.C. Thompson rounded out the Adams scoring with two points apiece.

Kannon Newsome led the

Wesley B-team with a team-best nine points.

Adams rolled to an 81-21 win over rival Allen. Three different Blackcats reached double figures as Adams rolled to the easy win.

Burchett paced Adams with a game-high 27 points. McKinney had 19 points and Josh Blackburn 12 for the Blackcats.

Nine different Adams players scored in the win over the Eagles. Five different Allen players posted points.

### A-TEAM BASKETBALL

ADAMS 81, ALLEN 21

ADAMS – Hall 2, McKinney 19, Burchett 27, Hackworth 2, Stanley 6, Blackburn 12, Conn 7, McCoy 2, Hicks 4.  
ALLEN – Little 3, Wright 6, Slone 2, Bentley 7, Williams 3.

WESLEY 26, ADAMS 20

WESLEY – Meade 7, Jarrell 2, K. Newsome 9, A. Newsome 2.  
ADAMS – Fraley 4, Griffith 15, Petry 2, Thompson 2, Spurlock 3.

## WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: EIU tops EKV, 78-71

RICHMOND – Despite a season-high 17 points and eight rebounds from junior Fatai Hala'api'api, the Eastern Kentucky women's basketball team fell to Eastern Illinois 78-71 tonight at McBrayer Arena. The Lady Colonels, who lost to a conference opponent for the first time at home since the 2003-04 season, fall to 3-8, 3-1 in the OVC while the Panthers improve to 3-6, 2-1 in the league.

After falling behind by 20 points in the second half, the Lady Colonels got within six points but could not overcome the deficit.

Hala'api'api added four blocks

and turned the ball over just two times in 29 minutes of play. Classmate Kiejon Johnson added a career-best 14 points, going 6-6 from the free throw line, and grabbed a personal-high eight rebounds. In addition, sophomore Ashley Cazee reached double digits in the scoring column with 12.

Freshman Megan Edwards led the Panthers with a season-high 21 points and added four steals.

Eastern Kentucky committed a season-high 32 turnovers, 19 in the first half, with Eastern Illinois recording 19 steals.

The Panthers jumped to an 8-0 lead as the Lady Colonels turned

the ball over four times in the first three minutes of play. Eastern Kentucky scored its first basket at the 17:17 mark with a lay-up from Hala'api'api on an inbound pass from senior Laura Shelton.

With just under 14 minutes left in the half, the Panthers took their first double-figure lead (11) and held a substantial advantage for the remainder of the period, heading to the locker room at the break with a 38-28 edge.

After taking a 20-point lead (73-53) with 6:42 left in the contest, Eastern Illinois was unable to connect on another field goal, scoring its final five points from

the free throw line. The Panthers committed eight fouls and five turnovers while missing six shots in the final seven minutes.

The Lady Colonels ended the game with an 18-5 run but missed seven crucial free throws during that span.

Eastern Kentucky was 26-59 (.441) from the field but scored just one basket from the behind the three-point line.

After a break for the holidays, the Lady Colonels are back in action on Jan. 2 when they face Southeast Missouri State at 9:15 p.m. – Times Staff Report

## Western falls to Arizona in OT, 86-81

### SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TUSCON, Ariz. — Hassan Adams scored a game-high 23 points Wednesday to lead four Arizona players in double figures as the Wildcats earned an 86-81 overtime men's basketball victory over Western Kentucky University in the championship game of the

Fiesta Bowl Classic at the McKale Center.

Chris Rodgers added 19 points, Marcus Williams 14 and Mustafa Shakur 11 as UA improved to 7-3 with its fifth consecutive victory.

Courtney Lee had 21 points and a season-best 14 rebounds, and Anthony Winchester added 22 and eight for the Hilltoppers (6-4), who

fell for the second time in as many meetings with the Wildcats.

The Toppers forced overtime by recovering from a 10-point deficit in the final 3:45. Trailing 72-62, a Winchester jumper and two free throws from Butch Joiner helped cut the Wildcats' lead to six with 3:03 remaining. The UA advantage went back to nine when Rodgers

hit all three free throws with 2:28 remaining, but those would be the final points for the Wildcats in regulation.

WKU will next be in action on Thursday, Dec. 29, when the Toppers play host to Kentucky State at 7 p.m. (CST). It will be their first home contest in 19 days.

## West Virginia shoots way to big win over No. 7 Oklahoma

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY – After losses to Texas, Kentucky and LSU knocked West Virginia out of the Top 25, the Mountaineers' run to the final eight last season seemed a distant memory.

They got back on track with a 92-68 victory over No. 7 Oklahoma at the Ford Center Thursday night.

"It felt like 10 years ago that we had beaten a really good team,"

Mountaineers coach John Beilein said. "We didn't have that quality win yet."

Kevin Pittsnogle scored 25 points and Johannes Herber added a career-high 21 to lead West Virginia (7-3) to its fifth straight victory.

The Mountaineers shot 66.7 percent (32-for-48) for the game, the second-best performance against an Oklahoma team since Kelvin Sampson took over the program in 1994.

Pittsnogle was 8-for-11 from the field, while Herber was 9-for-13.

"I don't know that we've had so many layups in a game," Herber said.

Sampson was upset at the Sooners (6-2) for their defensive effort.

"I've been at Oklahoma for 12 years, but I don't remember many times that I've left the court where I was embarrassed as I was tonight," Sampson said.

It was Oklahoma's most lopsided loss since a 66-37 defeat at Texas on Feb. 8, 2004. Sampson compared it to an 86-59 loss to eventual national champion Connecticut that same season, but said that team was overmatched.

"This one hurts more than any other one," he said. "... We're not going to get this thing turned around here unless a loss like tonight hurts them the way it hurts me."

## EKU golf alumni find success in golf careers

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND – Former Eastern Kentucky golfers Collen Yeager and Mike Whitson have both recently found success in their respective careers. After completing Level 1 of the PGA Professional Golf Management Program, Yeager has been hired at the Tournaments Players Club at Avenel in Potomac, Maryland. Whitson, the EKV men's record holder for the lowest single round score (64), was named the inaugural head women's golf coach at

Indiana State University.

Yeager, who has already passed the PAT (Playing Ability Test) must now successfully complete Levels 2 and 3 of the program to become a PGA Professional.

The TPC at Avenel, in the Avenel Community development, opened in 1986 as the fifth Club in the TPC Network. Designed by Ault, Clark and Associates with PGA TOUR player consultant Ed Sneed, the TPC at Avenel is a private, stadium golf facility featuring a 7,005-yard, 18-hole, par 71 golf course.

Yeager, who was named to the

All-OVC Team in 2001, had four Top Five finishes during her senior campaign, earning the top spot at the North/South Women's Collegiate with a 149.

Whitson, who began his duties with the Sycamores on September 1, is in charge of developing a women's golf program that will begin competition in the 2006-07 season. Prior to his first Division I head coaching position, Whitson spent three years as an assistant coach at University of Tennessee and one year at the helm of the Transylvania women's golf pro-

gram.

Whitson played on a number of professional golf tours following college, including the Hooters Tour, Central Florida Tour and Development Players Tour. As a pro, he claimed the 1998 Owensboro Open and finished among the Top 10 in five other events. As an amateur, he won the Club Car Classic in May 1998 and the Michelob Classic in May 1997. He was also a two-time runner-up at the Kentucky State Amateur Championships in June 1997 and 1998.

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD (Thursday's Scores) BOYS' BASKETBALL

Betsy Layne 70, Shelby Valley 65  
Clay Co. 60, Jackson Co. 55  
Glasgow 74, Taylor Co. 66  
Lou. Holy Cross 73, McLean Co. 65  
Mayfield 53, Lou. Butler 46  
Morgan Co. 50, Menifee Co. 37  
Country Music Highway Classic  
Bell Co. 45, Hart Co. 43  
Estill Co. 61, Bracken Co. 47  
Lee Co. 63, Johnson Central 51  
Defenders of the Station Tournament  
Madison Central 60, Lou. Moore 59  
Pulaski Southwestern 54, Muhlenberg South 46  
Russell 47, Lou. Seneca 43  
Woodford Co. 70, Lou. Iroquois 54  
Hoopin It Up Holiday Classic  
North Laurel 69, Ashland Blazer 62  
South Laurel 68, Mason Co. 63  
Jeffersontown Gaslight Classic  
Lou. Jeffersontown 78, Lou. Valley 49  
North Oldham 64, North Hardin 62  
Scott 83, Whitefield Academy 41  
John Robinson Tournament  
Madisonville-North Hopkins 53, Lone Oak 45  
Matewan Tournament  
Phelps 77, Hurlley, Va. 57  
McLean County Invitational  
Whitesville Trinity 72, Ballard Memorial 64  
North American Stainless Tournament  
Carroll Co. 57, Boone Co. 56  
Gallatin Co. 54, Lou. Collegiate 52  
Highlands 68, Anderson Co. 42  
Raceland Derby Classic  
Elliott Co. 78, Lawrence Co. 58  
Fairview 78, Greenup Co. 70  
Raceland 52, Rowan Co. 51  
Rose Hill Christian 67, Breathitt Co. 54  
Russellville-Logan County Holiday Classic  
Campbellville 62, Clinton Co. 55  
Grayson, Ga. 58, Barren Co. 56  
Logan Co. 62, Butler Co. 55  
Russellville 67, Daviess Co. 57  
Smoky Mountain Holiday Classic Tournament  
Belfry 60, Beth Haven 45  
Townsquare Holiday Invitational  
Bob Jones, Ala. 94, Boyd Co. 91  
East Carter 58, Lewis Co. 38  
Toyota Teamwork Classic  
Union Co. 66, Vincennes Rivet, Ind. 47

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Breckinridge Co. 46, Owensboro Catholic 42  
June Buchanan 45, Williamson, W.Va. 35  
North Hardin 74, Caldwell Co. 48  
Notre Dame 53, Corbin 48  
Shelby Valley 61, Pikeville 41  
Spencer Co. 66, Campbellville 63  
Trimble Co. 62, Gallatin Co. 44  
Arby's/KFC Classic  
Lou. Fairdale 55, Letcher County Central 47  
Lou. Moore 43, Scott 34  
McCreary Central 45, Boyd Co. 28  
Pineville 49, Lou. Holy Cross 44  
Country Music Highway Classic Tournament  
Hart Co. 60, Allen Central 46  
South Laurel 54, Johnson Central 47  
Fifth Third Bank Classic  
Apollo 68, Newport Central Catholic 58  
Christian Co. 93, Lou. Mercy 87  
Clay Co. 57, Monroe Co. 54  
Highlands 56, Rowan Co. 48  
Lex. Christian 67, Elizabethtown 61  
Lexington Catholic 66, Lou. Christian Academy 48  
Lou. Assumption 59, Shelby Co. 38  
Lou. Butler 77, Cov. Holy Cross 59  
Lou. Eastern 56, Owensboro 53  
Lou. Sacred Heart 58, Lou. Ballard 53  
Magoffin Co. 73, Rose Hill Christian 70  
Mercer Co. 57, Washington Co. 37  
Paducah Tighman 63, Calloway Co. 43  
Paris 52, Ohio Co. 48  
St. Mary 54, Dixie Heights 45  
West Carter 73, Mason Co. 60  
First Citizen Bank Classic  
Bullitt Central 24, Anderson Co. 22  
Dawson Springs 56, Lou. Atherton 53  
North Bullitt 47, Bardstown 45  
Lady Suns Christmas Tournament  
Grayson Co. 55, Muhlenberg South 40  
Grayson Co. 57, Hopkins Co. Central 41  
Russellville 57, Todd Co. Central 55  
Northern Exposure  
Lex. Bryan Station 62, Harrison Co. 45  
Muhlenberg North 48, Boone Co. 37  
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RW Jackson Invitational Tournament  
Allen Co.-Scottsville 42, Grant Co. 19  
Williamstown 56, Whitefield Academy 44  
Smoky Mountain Holiday Classic  
Belfry 68, Gatlinburg-Pitman, Tenn. 66  
George Rogers Clark 65, Beth Haven 12  
St. Marys Holiday Classic  
Butler Co. 53, St. Mary's, Tenn. 33  
Toyota Teamwork Classic  
Union Co. 62, Vincennes Rivet, Ind. 30

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# Morgan-McClure ink Wimmer, AERO for '06

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

ABINGDON, Va. — Morgan-McClure Motorsports President and Team Manager Larry McClure has announced the signing of a contract with AERO Exhaust as the primary sponsor and with Scott Wimmer as driver of the No. 4 AERO Exhaust Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS for the 2006 season.

"We are very pleased to have AERO Exhaust partner with us going into the 2006 season."

AERO has experience in racing with both the Grand Am Series and NASCAR's AutoZone Elite Division series and we are happy to extend their involvement into the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series level.

"We are looking forward to a long-term relationship with AERO that will bring success to their business and to this race team. We have won three Daytona 500's, something no other single car team can say, and we are ready to be that win-

ning team again. I believe we are on the right track to make that happen," McClure said.

"At the same time, I am very excited to have a young, aggressive, knowledgeable driver like Scott Wimmer join our team," McClure said. "Scott brings a history of building his own race cars along with a winning career to our team and I believe we have a great combination of talents that will put us back in the winner's circle."

"We are very happy to have

Scott and his family become a part of our racing 'family' here at Morgan-McClure."

Crew chief Chris Carrier's looks forward to working with Wimmer.

"Scott is a very talented driver and I am happy that he has chosen to be a part of our team in 2006. I can't wait to get him in the car and start forming a relationship that will bring us success. Scott has built his own cars in the past and knows a lot about what makes them work,

so I'm ready to get to Daytona and test."

"I'm looking forward to next year with Scott — he's visited the shop a few times and everyone is positive and focused on giving what it takes to get this team back in Victory Lane."

Wimmer hopes to start the season by building on his new team's rich history at Daytona.

"I'm very happy to be a part of the Morgan-McClure team. This team has won the Daytona 500 three times and I believe we

can win again. I'm excited to be in a position where I can be more hands on with the cars and I know we can be successful if we all work together."

"I want everyone on the team to talk to us about their ideas so we can bring out the best each of us has to offer. I'm excited to get in the cars and start testing. . . how long is it before we go to Daytona? I really appreciate the opportunity to continue my Nextel Cup career with this team."

# Winning makes for hot Bengals merchandise sales

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Bengals merchandise is a winner for retailers, as fans stock up for the holidays and the team's first playoff game in 15 years.

"We're crushed. We're selling anything Bengals," said Chris Koch, co-owner of Koch Sporting Goods downtown. "I haven't seen anything like this since 1990."

He sold out of 180 "AFC North Division Champions" jerseys by the end of the lunch hour Monday, the day after the Bengals clinched the division title with a victory at Detroit.

Sales of merchandise for the 11-3 Bengals so far this year have almost quadrupled compared with the same period last year, according to SportScanInfo, a West Palm Beach, Fla., market research firm that tracks sporting goods sales at 13,000 stores nationally.

Sales were up to more than \$50 million through Dec. 11, the last week available, the company said.

"Winners sell, no question about it," said Neil Schwartz, the firm's director of marketing. "They're winning, they're fun to watch and they're in the playoffs."

He said for the year, Bengals merchandise sale ranks ninth among National Football League teams, but for the week ending Dec. 11, they ranked behind only the Pittsburgh Steelers, Indianapolis Colts and New York Giants.

Bill Hanifin, 42, a quality-control inspector from suburban Green Township, bought a \$250 team-issued Bengals jersey at Koch's store.

"I'm not a guy to paint my face or anything, but I can't wait to wear it," he said. "I never thought I'd jump on this bandwagon."

Meanwhile, Cincinnati Bell Wireless customers can ring in the new year with funk musician Bootsy Collins' "Fear Da Tiger" team tribute song. He's providing the song, which made its debut at the Bengals' Nov. 20 home game, as a free ring tone.

This is the first time Cincinnati Bell Inc. has offered a free specialty ring tone, which normally cost 99 cents to \$2.99, spokeswoman Jill Cobb said.

"Hopefully, this will help just push (the Bengals) on not only to the playoffs but to the Super Bowl," Collins said of his hometown team.

The video for the song by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member was shot and produced at Paul Brown Stadium and includes vocal contributions from Bengals players Stacy Andrews, Duane Clemons, Jonathan Fanene, Shaun Smith and Ben Wilkerson, and cameos by other Bengals.

# Five Bengals chosen for Pro Bowl

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The five Cincinnati Bengals selected Wednesday for the Pro Bowl are more pleased by the fact they still have a chance to be in the game that will be played the week before.

"The Pro Bowl is a weeklong trip you enjoy, but by six months later, folks forget who played," said offensive tackle Willie Anderson, named to the game for the third time but on his first playoff team this year. "But the Super Bowl, to win the Super Bowl, that's more of a lifetime experience."

"Going to the last two Pro Bowls was good but there was nothing to play for after that," wide receiver Chad Johnson said of being named for the Feb. 12 game in Honolulu. "This year we have something to look forward to."

Carson Palmer, making the

AFC squad in only his second season as a starting quarterback, said the selections are a tribute to the whole team.

"A lot of guys end up going to the Pro Bowl when you have a good team," he said. "I'm definitely honored, but it's not something you really think about a whole lot. You think more of getting to the playoffs and having a chance to run at Super Bowls."

The five are the most Bengals named since 1989, when six Bengals went to the Pro Bowl. The 1988 team had the most Pro Bowlers with nine.

But injuries or other reasons could add Bengals to this season's game: cornerback Tory James, running back Rudi Johnson and guard Eric Steinbach were all named first alternates, and offensive tackle Levi Jones was named as a second alternate.

Making the Pro Bowl was a

form of vindication for cornerback Deltha O'Neal and placekicker Shayne Graham.

"It further lets me know that I can still do this," said O'Neal, who made the Pro Bowl with Denver in 2001, lost his starting job in 2003 and was traded to the Bengals the next year. "Even though they got down on me, it further lets me know that I can cover guys like Chad and big-name guys around the league."

Graham, the first Bengal placekicker to make the Pro Bowl, was cut five times before being signed by the Bengals five years ago.

"It means a lot to me and it's hard to really say how much, because you would either have to be in my shoes or be in that seat beside me on the airplane those five times I got cut and got sent home before I ever got into the league," said Graham, who has made 25 of 29 field goals this year.

# Reds reach deals with LaRue, Hammond

## by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Jason LaRue agreed to a two-year, \$9.1 million contract Tuesday with the Cincinnati Reds, solidifying his role as the starting catcher.

The Reds also added a left-hander to their bullpen by agreeing to a one-year, \$800,000 deal with Chris Hammond. They allowed starter Ramon Ortiz and reliever Joe Valentine to become free agents, declining to offer them contracts for 2006.

LaRue will get \$3.9 million next season and \$5.2 million in 2007. If he's traded after Oct. 15, his 2007 salary will automatically increase to \$5.45 million.

The 31-year-old catcher made \$3 million last season, when he started 104 games and hit a career-high .260.

"As much as anything, it's

his hard-nosed approach to playing the game," general manager Dan O'Brien said Wednesday. "He gives you everything he possibly has, each and every time he's on the field."

Javier Valentin, who is also eligible for arbitration, shared the Reds' catching duties.

Right-handed starter Aaron Harang, outfielders Austin Kearns and Wily Mo Pena, first baseman Adam Dunn and All-Star shortstop Felipe Lopez remain eligible for arbitration. The Reds avoided arbitration with utility player Ryan Freel by giving him a two-year, \$3 million deal on Monday.

O'Brien said the club was not close to a deal with any of the remaining five.

Ortiz and Valentine also were eligible for arbitration, but the Reds decided to cut them loose. The Reds decided parted ways with Ortiz after the season by

declining to exercise his contract option for 2007. The right-hander went 9-11 with a 5.36 ERA last season.

Valentine was 0-1 with an 8.16 ERA in 16 relief appearances last season.

Also Tuesday, the Reds tried to upgrade a bullpen that was short on left-handers last season.

Hammond, who turns 40 on Jan. 21, was 5-1 with a 3.84 ERA in 55 appearances for the San Diego Padres last season, holding left-handed batters to a .164 average. His contract includes a mutual option for 2007.

Cincinnati drafted Hammond in the sixth round in 1986. He went 14-19 in three seasons with the Reds, primarily as a starter, and was traded to Florida. The Marlins moved him into the bullpen in 1996.

Hammond also has pitched for Boston, Atlanta, the New York Yankees and Oakland.

# Yarbrough named to 2006 Wallace Watch List

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University junior first baseman Charlie Yarbrough was one of 120 players named to the 2006 Wallace Watch by the College Baseball Foundation. The Brooks Wallace Award is presented annually to the Division I baseball Player of the Year.

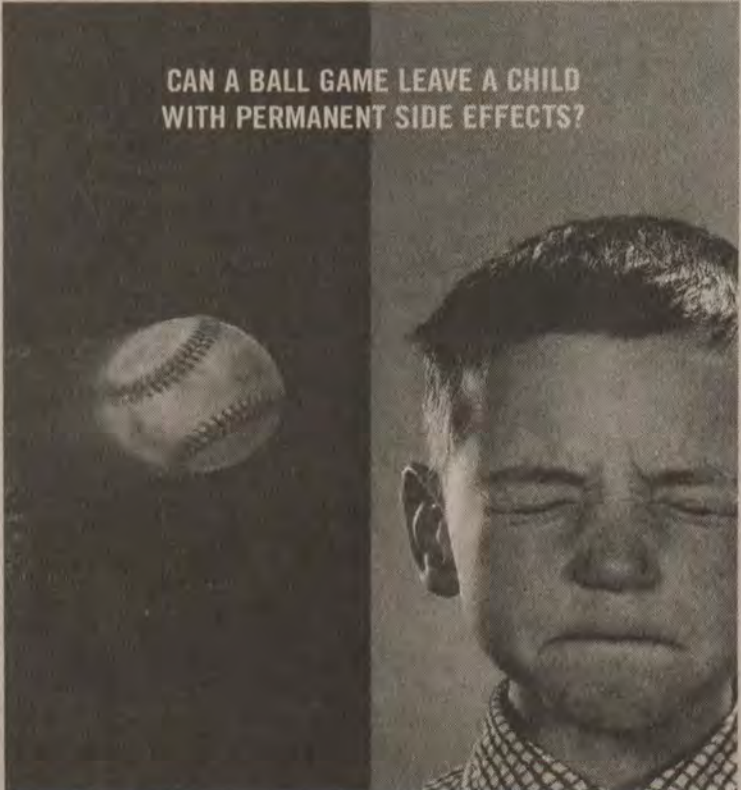
Yarbrough hit .301 with eight doubles, a team-high 13 home runs and 40 RBI for Longwood University last season and was named to the 2005 Division I All-Independent baseball team. He also hit .330 with a league-leading 10 home runs for the Columbus All-Americans in the 2005 Great Lakes Summer League. For his performance with Columbus, he was named GLSL Player of the Year and top prospect in the league.

The Wallace Watch will be trimmed to 12 semifinalists by late May. From there the selection committee will narrow the list to three finalists following the NCAA Super Regionals at a press conference in Omaha, Neb. The finalists, their head coaches, and their parents will be invited to Lubbock, Texas, for a schedule of special events tied to the award banquet, which will again be nationally televised by Fox Sports Network.

The selection committee for

directors, former winners and beat media who most closely follow the sport. Voting for the three finalists and the Wallace Award winner will be conducted

by confidential balloting, with totals tabulated by the J.W. Anderson & Associates accounting firm in Lubbock.

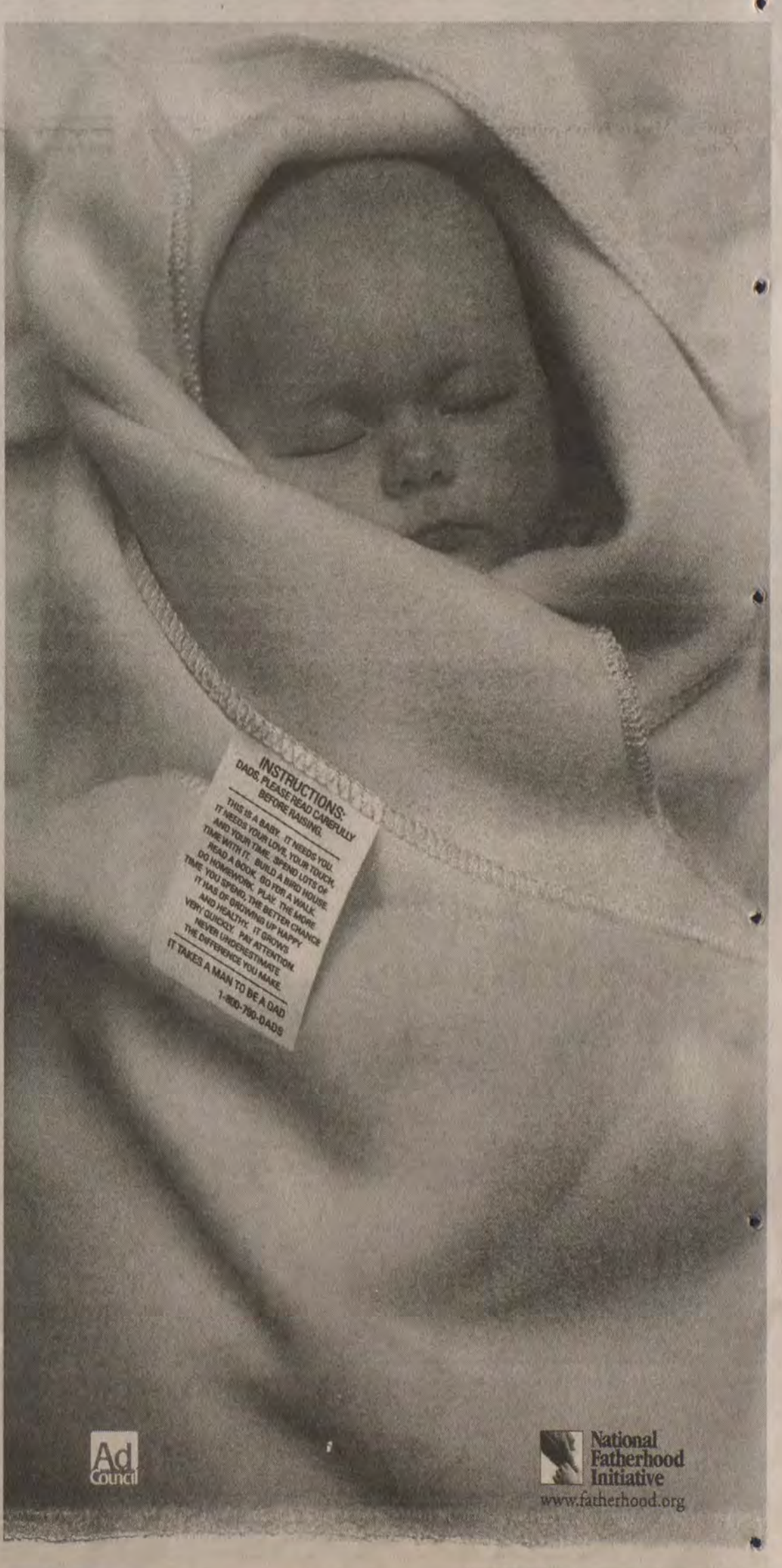


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## This Town, That World

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

### A LUCKY KID AND HIS CHRISTMASSES

You wide-eyed youngsters of this year 1959, have you ever tracked Santa in the snow? Well, I did. Have you ever seen the kindly, bumbling, old saint spill the candy all over the floor and then had the tingling delight of watching him, search for it in the flickering light of a coal fire and carefully pick up every piece of it?

You think Christmas is wonderful! Shucks, kid, you were born fifty years too late.

Think back—can you remember the first orange you ever saw? Did it mean anything to you when you did see it? I remember my first, and that was before I ever knew they were grown in Florida and California. It came from Catlettsburg, in the old timber-rafting days, and Catlettsburg was far enough away for me then. Tales brought back in those days by returning raftsmen of old Front Street were to us as fabulous as Marco Polo's stories of Cathay.

That orange was fished from the toe of a long, home-knitted stocking that had hung the night before from the corner of a mantel. On occasions I can yet sniff the wonderful perfume of it...Just one orange and a "log stick" of peppermint candy, some cinnamon drops—yes, and an apple. And a marvelous popgun...I envy no modern child all his toys and electronic gadgets and things to see, and places to go. For none has known the thrill such as a country boy of five or six, knew of Christmas—ahem!—50 years ago.

Our world was a sequestered place in those days. Only the blue stroke rising from behind a hill told of a distant home and fireplace, where our nearest neighbors lived. Between us was a nigh-impassable road. But there was a warm friendliness pervading it all. There was a third dimension of security, so to speak: living in a little world all your own, held close to those you loved and those who loved you, the length and breadth of all before you cloaked in silence, and overhead, not a Sputnik flirting with the stars nor a jet intruding its thunder.

What do I remember with the deepest comfort of those Christmases? The kindness and care and tenderness of loving hearts. And don't ever think a child doesn't need these! For this is the magic that makes crude toys marvelous playthings, simple games spell-working inventions, and the notes of an old, squeaky organ, music from an aeolian harp.

And now, you who have read this far, do you think the old boy has—as they say now, 50 years later—flipped? Not so. Why shouldn't one look back on such memorable Christmases? Why should not Christmas be a time for reminiscing?

In that spirit I invite you all to think back with me further still, to what we think of as the First Christmas—to the great, good day when earth received its Greatest Gift in the incarnation of a Love that transcends that love our good dads and mothers lavished on us as far as from here to the farthest star.



Excited children were treated to breakfast with Santa on December 17, at the Auxier Historical Society.

photos by Breakfast with Santa volunteer

## Breakfast with Santa a delight for all

by TONYA MILLER  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

AUXIER— Saturday, December 17 2005, the Auxier Historical Society played host to a "Breakfast with Santa" seasonal event. The morning saw more than 50 children pass through the doors of the historical society building to enjoy a sausage and pancakes breakfast while spending time with their favorite visitor from the North Pole. As children were eagerly awaiting the arrival of Mr. Claus, it wasn't long before his coming was heralded by a small child calling out excitedly, "Santa's here! Santa's here!"

The joyous mood ushered in by Old Saint Nick remained in the air throughout the morning as the eyes of the children sparkled with the belief of a hopeful Christmas spirit. After visiting with Saint Nicholas, they were each invited to choose from among a great many donated toys by Santa's special helpers. A few of the most excited children were happy to share their thoughts with us:

Dylan Bishop, age 7, said that he had asked Santa for "Super Cross" tickets and that his favorite part of the morning had definitely been getting to meet Santa.

Brianna Webb, age 4, wanted a "Dora the Explorer" kitchen for Christmas and she also wanted to remind everyone at the North Pole that she would also like a "pink pony" to sleep with.

Jacob Headley, age 3, proudly held his new toy in the air as he informed, "I wanted this for Christmas!"

Neisha Tackett, age 8, asked for a dollhouse and wanted all the readers at the North Pole to know that her friends all said "hello" and that she really loves all the gifts they send



Santa Claus had a lap full of children and a belly full of pancakes at the "Breakfast with Santa" event held recently in Auxier.



Volunteer "elves for the day" helped Santa hand out gifts and goodies to the children who came out to have breakfast and meet Mr. Claus.

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## Reptiles reconciled

by LINDA C. RAYBERN  
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL  
CHRISTMAS TREASURY"

I will never forget the Christmas of my seventh year. I was going to sing several carols with my classmates in the Christmas pageant at school. We had been practicing for about a month. A week before the pageant, my mother's family had their Christmas celebration. Mother had been bragging about how I was to sing at school, and I was cajoled into singing one of the carols for the Coulter clan gathered there.

When my aunt and uncle came to see me sing out as sweetly and bravely as

only a 7-year-old can ... "Hark! Old Harold's angel sings, glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth so mercy smiles, cause God and reptiles reconciled..."

That is as far as I got, because my aunt could no longer play the piano, she was laughing so hard. My uncle laughed so hard he spilled his drink on his lap, and when he tried to mop it up, he lost his balance and slid out of his chair.

I was mortified. I had no idea why everyone was laughing at me. I burst into tears and ran upstairs to my bedroom to cry. I really was so embarrassed. When my uncle and most sure,

aunt came into my room. (I had always been a little afraid of her.) She tenderly took me in her arms and with loving words told me not to cry. Everyone was laughing because of the wonderful new words I had sung for the Christmas carol. And even though everyone else had learned it a different way, mine was so much better.

She kissed me and then washed my face and told me to come downstairs with her because there was a surprise waiting for me. Hand in hand we took the stairs down to the living room. Just as we got there, the music began to play. My uncle and father then began singing my own words. As I stood lis-



tening to them sing my misconstrued version of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," I felt more loved than I ever had in my life.

My lips were still trembling as I stepped forward and began to sing. As my extended family sang carol after carol and arms slipped around each other in a warm familial glow, I realized Christmas wasn't about festive decorations or the Christmas tree or even the gifts under it. Christmas was about love given freely and with joy.

As one of my older cousins gave me a squeeze and a smile, I was sure Hark, old Harold's angel, was singing with us, and I had gotten the words right after all.

(See LAGOON, page six)

## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'Nightwish'

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

The best Christmas presents are surprises. It's that item you never thought you wanted until you opened up the box and saw it nestled amidst brightly colored paper.

This low-budget flick has that same appeal. Don't be fooled by its generic poster art and you can skip reading the plot outline on the back cover cause it doesn't come near to giving you any idea how weird this one gets. Suffice to say this is one weird mamajama and it delivers that certain something you always wanted in a horror movie but gave up expecting — a plot.

This one's hard to describe but here goes.

The film opens on a woman in a red dress leaving a party. She looks down and notices some blood-stained bits of cloth on her path. As she walks along she also spots a few scattered body parts and is promptly set upon by a deranged zombie. Just as the zombie gets a good hold of her and is set to start noshing away, she wakes up and is actually in one of those sensory deprivation tanks.

Turns out she is a grad student in a parapsychology program. Parapsychology gets about as much respect from mental health professionals as Rodney Dangerfield, but who cares?

Next up we get to follow four of these students on a field trip to investigate a ghost town. Problem is that the driver the school has provided for a Burt Reynolds movie and manages to give new meaning to the term "road rage."

Everyone survives the drive only to find that their destination is in bad shape. It appears that the mine which acted as the town's sole host for labor has gone bust and poisoned the water supply. If that weren't bad enough, drinking the unpotent potable has turned the town's residents and their animals into homicidal mutants.

The students, however, don't let these minor obstacles keep them from their goal which is to investigate a mansion built over the mine by the town's benefactor despite the swirling rumors that hostile aliens have chosen to make the home their ground zero for an earth take over.

Their professor greets them at the mansion and gives each one a glowing walkman and asks them to case the house for ghosts. When this doesn't work the Prof insists that they manacle themselves to the walls so he can try to summon a spirit. Surprisingly the students agree (anything for a passing grade) and are soon at the mercy of a green apparition that appears to be the ghost of a snake. This upsets a student or two



Tom Doty  
Staff Writer

# Jim Davidson

## Are you kidding yourself?

One of the nuances we often encounter in this life is something we call kidding. The word kidding is slang and means, "To make fun of; to tease. To deceive or try to deceive someone; fool." We often hear statements or questions such as "Are you kidding me," "I'm just kidding," "No kidding," and "You are just kidding yourself." Another expression that has a similar connotation is "He is just whistling past the graveyard." Here is a practical example of what I am saying. Once in the while someone will have the words "Not dead but sleeping" inscribed on the tombstone of a loved one. Believe me, this person is dead and they are not sleeping. In other words, the person who had



this inscription placed on a tombstone is only kidding himself or whistling past the graveyard. This is just my personal opinion, but I believe good-natured kidding can play a positive role in our society. When I am playing golf with my friends, we kid each other all the time. It's the only way some of us can keep from losing our religion. In the case of good-natured kidding, if it's intended to foster positive relationships and make people feel comfortable around each other, it can be a very good thing. On the other hand, if we kid someone to the point of ridicule and become painful, it crosses the line and becomes a destructive trait and I would be very much

opposed to that. Some people can take kidding and some can't, and all of us need to learn to be sensitive to the needs of those around us. That is, if we wish to be a happy, well-adjusted person. From my perspective, it's fine to kid someone if we know they can take kidding and it serves to build a good relationship, but the essence of what I want to share with you here that may be worth thinking about is to answer the question, "Are you kidding yourself?" When we kid someone else, there are guidelines we should follow, but when we kid ourselves, that's an entirely different matter. Another one of those practical examples occurred several times when Viola and I were first married. While she always denied it, quite often I had the feeling that she would get jealous of some pretty lady who I was especially friendly to, give a hug or say a flattering word.

Back then, and believe me things have changed, when she later confronted me, I would have a little silly grin come over my face. On a number of occasions she has said to me, "I'm going to slap that silly grin off your face." Now, I'm not the sharpest knife in the drawer, but I figured out a long time ago that it was easier to change my facial expression than to suffer the embarrassment and pain of a good slapping. In other words, if I thought I could win that one, I was only kidding myself. I might add that I have matured to the point that I take great pains not to make her jealous about anything, because we are not only a team but we would never do anything intentional to hurt each other. If you are married and don't have that kind of relationship with your spouse, you are missing one of the true joys of this life. What I have just shared is only one small example of how

we can kid ourselves. There are countless other examples, but one in our society that affects many people in a negative way, and sadly these people are only kidding themselves, are those people who believe they are superior, especially intellectually; to the point they believe they are better than most of the people around them. I'm here to tell you that some people may be smarter, some may be richer, some may be shapely, beautiful or better looking, some may be descendants of the bluebloods of a country, a state or a community, but no person as a human being is any better than another. When we learn that our time on earth is brief and that we can't take our superior knowledge with us, we should strive to use that time wisely. I remember a passage in the Bible where Jesus talks about the sin of partiality. He said, "Do not say to the rich man, you come and take this good seat and he says to the poor man, you stand over there or come and sit at my feet." What I am saying here is simple. If you have any tendency at all along

these lines, you are only kidding yourself. The Philippino people have a saying that really sums up what I have been trying to impart to those who have never gotten the word, "The taller the bamboo grows, the lower it bends." This means the higher we get up in society, the more humble we should be. We are each a unique creation, made in the image of God and when a true understanding of our own self-worth produces humility and a deep respect for all those about us, we have then become a true citizen of the world. We should strive to be kind and gracious. If you have never come to that point in your relationships and the way you deal with others, you are only kidding yourself. The great thing about us human beings is that we have the power to change. Sometimes a self-inventory is painful, but after that first slapping I was on my way. Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

## Is it OK to buy salvaged parts?

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:  
I've been having a debate with my boyfriend about the possible defects in parts salvaged from cars that have been totaled. We were thinking of buying front-end parts (tie rods, idler arm) from an old, rear-ended Firebird. The car had rear-frame damage, and I thought it might be better to buy new parts instead of getting cheaper ones off the totaled car, since they could have damage from the accident, or might at least have endured a lot of stress. He says this could not be possible. Who's right? — Joley

RAY: Well, it's unlikely that a rear-end accident would damage front-end components, Joley. Those parts in the front are pretty tough.

and was repaired. What should I do: Sue the dealer who sold the car to my daughter, talk to Toyota USA or just forget the matter? — Father of the Bride

TOM: Well, first things first, FOTB. Your No. 1 priority in the next three weeks is to enjoy your daughter's wedding. Your daughter's wedding is something that happens only once in a lifetime.

RAY: Or, in my brother's case, two or three times.

TOM: And then, after the wedding, start by having a heart-to-heart talk with your daughter. Tell her that if she actually did crack up the car and didn't tell you about it, this would be the time to spill the beans (before you raise your hand and tell it to the judge). But let's take her word for it, and assume that the accident preceded her ownership of the car.



TOM: Even if the car was hit from behind and got spun around so that the car pivoted around the front wheels, those front-end parts wouldn't necessarily be damaged by that. They're designed to take a pretty good shot.

RAY: On the other hand, if the car was pushed from behind over a curb, or pushed up over the hood of a Good Humor truck, then stuff upfront could have been bent. So, it's important to check the specific parts before you buy and not take anyone's word about the details of the accident. If any of the protective boots are ripped on the ball joints or tie rods, or if there are other obvious signs of bending or wear, keep shopping.

TOM: In general, deciding which parts are OK to buy used is a complex calculation — factoring in the amount of money you'd save, how easy it is to assess the used parts before you buy them, and the amount of labor involved in replacing them AGAIN if the used parts fail. We've done the calculations on a number of parts, and have posted the Savings-Risk Matrix on our Web site ([www.cartalk.com](http://www.cartalk.com)). You'll find it in our Guide to Junkyards. In general, front-end parts have low risk and high savings potential.

RAY: Right. On some cars, the control arms and ball joints are expensive, one-piece units. You can save a considerable amount of money if you can find good used ones. So, despite the fact that this idea came from your boyfriend, Joley, it's actually not a terrible one.

RAY: You could sue the dealer, FOTB. And with the facts you present, you'd probably win. But even if you win, that's a real pain in the butt. So keep that as a last resort. Start by giving Toyota a chance to make this right. The national customer-assistance number is 1-800-331-4331.

TOM: Tell them the story. Tell them that you've already hit a brick wall with your dealer. Tell them you'd like to make an appointment to have a factory representative from Toyota come out and inspect the car.

RAY: And while you're waiting for the appointment, go back and ask for written appraisals of the accident damage from the folks at CarMax and the second Toyota dealer. Also ask them for their estimates of what the car is worth to them now — with the accident damage — and what it would have been worth had there been no accident.

TOM: If Toyota sends someone out, they'll first want to see if there actually IS evidence of a serious accident. Assuming they agree it's there, they'll want to make sure that it wasn't you — or your daughter — who had the accident. So make sure you go through the car and remove any receipts in the glove box from Frank's Auto Body.

RAY: But if they agree that there's been damage, and they have no reason to believe that you caused it, then the only conclusion is that the dealer is a sleazeball. In that case, you can ask Toyota to buy back the vehicle from you at the price that it would have sold for had it not had accident damage.

TOM: Now, if Toyota stonewalls you, you still have options. One is to take the written appraisals you got from the two other parties back to the dealer, present the facts to the dealership's general manager and give him a choice: Tell him he can either buy the car back from you at a fair price, or you're going to use this evidence to take him to court for fraud.

RAY: If he refuses to make a fair deal with you, that's what you'll have to do. Contact your local bar association, and ask for the name of a lawyer who specializes in just this kind of issue.

TOM: Then sue for the lost value of the car, your legal fees and the cost of the wedding cake (just for good measure).

RAY: This is a good reminder to everybody that "Toyota Certified" (or any manufacturer certified) or not, you MUST get a used car checked out by your own independent mechanic before you buy it. Good luck, FOTB, and whatever you do, don't let anything spoil the wedding!

You want to buy a used car, but how do you find a good one? Tom and Ray can help! Order "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at [www.cartalk.com](http://www.cartalk.com).

## Santa

each year. Ryan Webb, age 12, asked Santa for anything "Star Wars" and wanted to wish all our readers a "Merry Christmas."

Emily Salisbury, age 3, asked Santa for a baby doll to play with and said she had been a very good girl. However, she also wanted the elves to know that she would like some "pink hats" under her Christmas tree this year.

Nick Collins, age 10, said he would like "some wrestlers" and that he also wanted to wish everyone at the North Pole a "Merry Christmas," too.

Noah Tackett, age 10, asked Santa for a "four-wheeler" and said that his favorite part of the day was

getting to pick out what he wanted from among the toys. He closed by saying that he wanted to say "hi" to all our readers.

The true spirit of Christmas fairly pulsed through the tiny building, fueled by the very smallest of guests. Adult volunteers and family members listened to an 8-year-old girl that was more concerned with making sure that Santa knew what her baby brother wanted for Christmas rather than making her own petitions heard. Santa's eyes grew large as a small girl told of how she didn't have a daddy, but that she had been a "very good girl" and had "helped her mommy" all year long. Each wish of innocence was passed along with joy

throughout the morning, reminding all present that Christmas wasn't about the rush and bustle, but rather all the magic and love of the special season. Angie and Andy Headley, working alongside the Auxier Historical Society, would like to thank everyone that donated supplies, as well as their time, to make this year's breakfast event such a success. They also send a special "thank you" for the donations that came all the way from Lexington from William and Belinda Amburgey and "Gifts for His Children," founded by James Arthur Hughes. Anyone interested in the activities of the Historical Society may reach a member by calling 886-9807.

## Lagoon

but they are put back in line by the Prof, who summons a hulking henchman who then proceeds to lay down the law by knifing one student and snipping off another's thumb.

At this point things get a little weird, but you won't get any spoilers here. Suffice to say there are several more occurrences before the final reel involving spider attacks, zombie attacks and dog attacks. There's even an appearance by a character who should be

dead and still might be. There a lot of scares along the way and a plot that appears to go everywhere until snaking back to where the whole mess started.

This one is a fine example of how imagination can overcome budget limitations. The script is actually pretty smart with plot twists that never stop coming. There is also a fair amount of talent involved with some exceptional special effects provided by the KNB company, who did similar

chore on "From Dusk Till Dawn." The acting is also pretty good for this kind of thing though one thespian manages to mispronounce the word "jaguar."

The ending incorporates a double twist which manages to take you off guard but doesn't insult the audience's intelligence (which is rare in a lot of these efforts).

Best line: "I mean it was not real but not fake."  
1989, rated R.



ABOVE: The Betsy Layne Girl Scouts adopted the names of 20 children from the Kentucky Home for Baptist Children and provided them with a wide variety of toys, books, games and stocking stuffers. The girls also donated two large baskets of fruit for the children's Christmas party.



AT LEFT: For some Christmas fun, the Betsy Layne Girl Scouts participated in "Skating with Santa" at the Archer Park Skating Rink on Dec. 8 for an entertaining night with Santa on roller skates and a homemade ornament exchange.

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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 60,000 miles, loaded \$5995  
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**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 478-4860 or 226-3218.

### 180-Trucks

**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. 606-686-3082.

## 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

**FULL TIME CNA's** 6am-6pm shift and part time CNA's 1:30-10:30 pm shift. Pay based on experience/ Excellent benefits. Please call 606-886-2378. (Lynn or Elaine)

### 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.

### WANTED: Drivers

1 mini-van transporting railroad crews in the Shelby area. Clean MVR. Drug screen required. 7 years driving 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

### OUTREACH WORKER/ Case Manager

Works in communities to identify target populations and encourage their participation in our Pikeville Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program. Associates Degree in Human Services or related field or equivalent training and experience; two years related work experience; honorably discharged veteran with at least six months served on Active Duty; valid driver's license. Send resume to: Volunteers of America, 933 Goss Avenue, Louisville, KY 40217. Attn: HVRP. See CareerBuilder.com \*\*EEO/AA\*\*

### IMMEDIATE OPENING

Leasing Assistant for local area apt complexes. Prior management experience preferred. Good people skills required. Benefits after 90 days. Fax resume and 3 references to LRMG 606-683-3300.

### 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.

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

is seeking caring applicants to fill opening posi-

tions to assist individuals with mental retardation. Applicants must have high school diploma or GED. Experience is preferred but not required. Apply in person at Community Connections, 4663 US 23 South, Ivel, KY (Old Unisign Building)

### OTTER CREEK

Correctional Center is now taking applications for the following positions: LPN and CORRECTIONAL OFFICER. Interested applicants may apply online at www.correction-sc.org or in person at HWY 306, Wheelwright KY 41669. Otter Creek Correctional Center is an equal opportunity employer. M/F/V/D

### 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.

## MERCHANDISE

### 445-Furniture

### RAY'S BARGAIN CENTER

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### 480-Miscellaneous

**WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE:** Size 12, pearl and sequins

intricate design on bodice and train. Must see to appreciate beauty. For more information, call 886-8506 ask for Tonya or after 5:00 call 886-0048 and leave message.

### COAL FOR SALE

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

### FIREWOOD FOR SALE

call 377-5055

## 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, Ivel, 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.

### 530-Homes

**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 listings 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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## RENTALS

### 610-Apartments

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Townhouse at Timberline Estates in Prestonsburg  
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### FOR RENT 1 room

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### APT FOR RENT:

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### APT FOR RENT:

Final clearance 2004 lot models and

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.

### 1-2 BR FURNISHED Apts.

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### 620-Storage/Office

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

### OFFICE SPACE 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.

### 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.

### FOR RENT 1 BR

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

### HOUSE FOR RENT:

2 BR \$550 per month plus utilities. If interested call 886-0124.

**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

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## SERVICES

### 745-Misc.

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**LEGALS**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

To: Sean Francis Smith, Respondent  
Take Notice that a Civil Action, Petition for Legitimacy, Adding Biological Father's Name to Child's Birth Certificate has been filed against you under file number 05 SP 148, in Yadkin County, North Carolina, by the Petitioner, Michael Williams.

You are required to make defense to said pleading not later than the 20th day of January, 2006, said date being at least 40 days from the first publication of this notice, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 6th day of December, 2005.

Amy E. Allred, Attorney for Respondent  
Attorney & Counsellor at Law  
1416 W. First St., Ste. B  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
Telephone: 336-917-0037

**NOTICE OF INTENTION**

**TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION 836-5479**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Dekalb Recovery, Inc., P.O. Box 166, Eastern, KY 41622, has applied for an underground mining operation, located approximately 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The operation will disturb 4.68 surface acres, and will underlie 16.72 acres, and the total permit boundary will be 21.40 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.50 mile southwest of the junction of KY 550 and KY 80, and is approximately 0.03 mile northwest of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Martin 7 1/2 U.S.G.S. minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Ned Hall, and underlies land owned by Ned Hall.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, at 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0307**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice

is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.6 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 113.16 surface acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.70 miles north-east from Sugarloaf Branch Road's junction with KY 1428 and is located on Dials Branch of Sugarloaf Branch of the Levisa Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe A. and Barbara Burchett, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Wade and Ora Blackburn Heirs, John Dallas and Vina Sue Branham, Clark D. Pergem and Jesse L. Rudd, Tri-Star Development, Inc., E. L. and Bertha Cline, Jefferson Coal, John G. and Billie Goble, Malcolm Layne, Rebecca Jarrell, Timmy Ballard Plummer, Osie Foley, Charles Michael Harris, Rex Reynolds, Tom and Melissa Reynolds, Albert and Janet Ratliff, Taulbee and Renisa Branham, Michael Hunt, Ransom and Betty Hunt, and Billy Yonts.

The operation will use the area method of surface mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg

Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

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