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## RAIDERS SPLIT IN TOURNEY

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## briefs Wreck with ambulance kills one

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

**HAROLD** — Heavy rains Wednesday were blamed for a collision on U.S. 23 that claimed the life of Zina K. Kidd, 59, of Harold.

Kidd was traveling north on U.S. 23 in Harold when her maroon 1991 Buick began hydroplaning and crossed the median into the path of a 1996 Ford ambulance driven by John Cruse, 30, of Glade Spring, W.Va.

Kidd was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

Cruse and his passenger, Wayne Niff, 19, of Shelbiana, were taken to Pikeville Medical Center and admitted for injuries sustained in the collision.

Det. Eddie Crum has been charged with investigating the accident and was assisted at the scene by several troopers, Nelson, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, the Floyd County Rescue Squad and the Betsy Layne Fire Department.

# Father, sons arrested for bank robberies

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

**WHEELWRIGHT** — A 45-year-old father and his two sons were arrested this week in conjunction with an investigation into three bank robberies which plagued Citizens National Bank since June and continued with two more bank robberies

executed in November and December. Kentucky State Police detectives Byron Hansford and Kevin Newsome led the investigation, which culminated with the arrests and Hansford noted that the case required a fair amount of "blood, sweat and tears." He said that several witnesses were helpful during the course of the investigation and observed that it

would be up to Citizens National to decide if any of the informants are eligible for the \$5,000 rewards that the bank was offering for any information in the case.

Citizens Regional Manager Mark Wiete said, "Several people came forward but didn't want the reward. We put them in touch with the KSP, who did a great job

with the case." Wiete also noted that his staff at both branches were terrorized by the robberies and said that the news of the arrests was, "The best Christmas present we could have hoped for. Our staff will sleep easier now and the community really came

(See ROBBERIES, page two)



Attorney Terry Jacobs explains to his client, Dottie Neeley, that she needs to go with Lt. Greg Clark, who would escort her to jail. Neeley entered a guilty plea to three counts of drug trafficking and will be lodged at the jail until her sentencing in March.

photo by Tom Doty

## Neeley pleads guilty to drug trafficking charges

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Dottie Neeley, 87, of Hueysville, has received a fair amount of media attention after being arrested on drug trafficking charges during an Operation UNITE roundup.

On Thursday, she pleaded guilty to three counts of drug trafficking in circuit court and may spend up to five years in jail if her plea agreement is honored.

The plea was almost terminated at the outset when Judge John D. Caudill produced a printout from CNN.com which contained

a new story in which Neeley denied selling drugs. Judge Caudill asked that Neeley talk with her attorney about the article and said he would not accept a guilty plea from her if the story was accurate.

Neeley then conferred with her attorney, Terry Jacobs. Shortly thereafter Jacobs stood before Caudill and said that Neeley denied making such a claim to a reporter. He said that Neeley recalled getting a call from a reporter requesting she pose for a picture and said that she declined the request.

Dottie Neeley, 87, was taken to

jail after entering her plea, although her attorney did ask the court to alter its policy in Neeley's case due to her age and ill health. The request followed a protracted plea entry that had to be stopped twice because Neeley, who apparently suffers from poor hearing, had a difficult time responding to questions posed by Judge Caudill.

At one point Neeley neglected to respond that she sold drugs to an agent of Operation UNITE and instead said, "I didn't know he was a UNITE officer."

(See GUILTY, page seven)

## Paintsville dentist faces fraud charges

Times Staff Report

**PAINTSVILLE** — A Johnson County dentist was arrested Tuesday for allegedly defrauding the state Medicaid program.

Gary D. Brown, 49, who practices on Main Street in Paintsville, was indicted this month in Franklin Circuit Court on six felony counts of "devising or engaging in scheme to defraud" the Medicaid program.

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services Office of the Inspector General referred the case to Kentucky Bureau of Investigation Agent Chris Dunkle, who headed the investigation.

Brown billed and was

paid for dental retainers that weren't provided to patients or were not provided as billed, the Attorney General's Office alleges.

"My office is absolutely committed to prosecuting Medicaid providers who billed for products or services they do not deliver to patients," Attorney General Greg



Gary D. Brown

Stumbo said. "These prosecutions are critical to our state's ability to continue to provide desperately needed medical and dental care."

The charges against Brown each carry a maximum term of five years in prison.

To report suspected Medicaid fraud or patient abuse, call the attorney general's tip line at (877) 228-7384.

## Stabbing case sent to grand jury

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — A Printer resident who was arrested last week on two charges of assault for stabbing two other men saw his

case sent to a grand jury Wednesday to determine if he will be charged in circuit court.

Matthew Wright, 31, appeared for the hearing with

(See STABBING, page three)

## Judge denies defendant's request to leave state

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — An Elkhorn City man accused of trespassing at Allen Central High School last March and taking two special education students off campus for a sexual tryst was denied a motion to leave the state in circuit court Thursday.

Pikeville attorney Wayne Hancock made the motions on behalf of Jonathan Belcher, 24. Hancock first petitioned the court to drop a charge of unlawful transaction with a minor lodged against his client. He argued that the victim was

over 16 and that the sexual contact was not illegal.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor objected, pointing out that Hancock misunderstood the statute saying that it reads that a minor is under the age of 18 and not 16. Judge John D. Caudill agreed and said that criminal courts do not make summary judgments and so would have to leave the matter of whether the behavior was criminal up to a jury.

Hancock then asked the court to allow his client to leave the state to work in New Orleans.

(See DENIED, page three)



Raelynn Morrison, a 2000 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, met Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in Pakistan. Morrison, 23, the daughter of Lexington native Bud Morrison and Van Lear resident Daisy Music, is stationed with the Marine Corps in Camp Wahlen, in Shinikari, Pakistan. She had been stationed in Okinawa for more than a year, and moved to Pakistan after an earthquake.

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# Obituaries

# Coal mine fatalities down nationwide in 2005

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — Coal mining fatalities were down nationwide in 2005, according to federal regulators.

Barring more accidents before year's end, 2005 could go down as perhaps the safest coal-mining year in the country's history.

As of Wednesday, 21 deaths related to coal mining had been recorded by federal regulators. Seven occurred in Kentucky, and just three died in West Virginia — which often documents more mining deaths annually than Kentucky.

"As far as I know, it's a record," said Bill Raney, president of the West Virginia Mining and Reclamation Association. "We're awfully proud of it, but you also get awfully pensive this close to the end of the year."

The federal numbers come from the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration, which compiles nationwide fatality statistics for all U.S. mining operations. The previous national record was 27 in 2002.

But officials in Kentucky

said the count here is lower than what federal regulators have recorded, since the state and MSHA use different counting criteria.

As of Wednesday, Kentucky officials listed only four fatalities this year, said Chuck Wolfe, a spokesman for the state Office of Mine Licensing and Safety.

That would be a decrease from last year, when state officials reported five coal-mining deaths, Wolfe said. MSHA said Kentucky had six fatalities in 2004.

A 1988 MSHA policy says that if a person is killed on mine property, the death is counted as a mining-related fatality, even if the victim is not a mine employee.

Kentucky does not count miners who die of natural causes at work, Wolfe said. Kentucky statistics also do not include deaths at tipples, which are not licensed by the state, he said.

That would exclude the deaths of two men killed in Bell County when a coal truck rolled down a hill and crashed into a building where they were having lunch, he said.

Both state and federal records show Kentucky's record low for mine fatalities is five — in 1997 and again in 2002.

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said that, regardless of whose numbers are used, they generally show coal mining safety is improving.

Wolfe agreed, but added, "They don't take any fatalities lightly around here, no matter how low the number goes."

Caylor said several factors

— including fewer underground mines and miners, improved safety training and the proliferation of surface mining — have reduced mining accidents and deaths over the years.

Four coal-mining deaths were reported this year in Alabama and Pennsylvania and there was one each in Ohio, Wyoming and Oklahoma. Several coal states, including Virginia and Tennessee, reported none, according to the federal numbers.

**Pastor Sterlin Bolen**  
Pastor Sterlin Bolen, 56, of Garrett, died Monday, December 26, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.



**Leonard Roger Garrett**

Leonard Roger Garrett, age 34, of Stanton, passed from this life on Monday, December 26, 2005 at the residence, following a sudden illness.

He was born at Prestonsburg, on July 21, 1971, the son of Laura Reynolds Wilson of Stanton, and the late Dennis Roger Garrett.

He was a carpenter with Denios of Louisville, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Stanton, a graduate of the Powell Co. High School, and attended Eastern Kentucky University and DeKalb College, in Decatur, Georgia.

Survivors include: his mother, Laura Reynolds Wilson of Stanton; a brother, Rodney Marcum Garrett of Carnesville, Georgia; his maternal grandparents, Marcum and Gilva Reynolds of Allen; paternal grandmother, Ruby Garrett of Stanville; uncles, Jim (Libby) Reynolds of Harold, Ricky (Linda) Reynolds of Betsy Layne, Johnny Reynolds of Winchester, and Bill Smith of Prestonsburg; aunts, Carol (William) Lyons of Stanton, and Ethel (Corky) Hurt of Pelham, Alabama; niece, Ashley Nicole Garrett, and nephew, Joshua Marcum Garrett, both of Mt. Sterling.

In addition to his father, Dennis Roger Garrett, he was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Leonard Garrett; aunts: Delores Smith and Linda Coleman.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, December 30, at 1:00 p.m., from the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with David Rule officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Jim Reynolds, Ricky Reynolds, Johnny Reynolds, Shannon Reynolds, John P. Reynolds, William Lyons, Derick Todd, Bill Smith and Bill Smith Jr. (Paid obituary)

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 30, at 11 a.m., at the Rock Fork United Christian Baptist Church, in Garrett, with Elijah Gross, James Kelly Caudill, and Willie Collins officiating.

Burial will be in the Robert and Opal Bolen Cemetery, in Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is after 6 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home, with 7 p.m. services on Thursday evening, and after 9 a.m., on Friday, at the church. (Paid obituary)

Born October 1, 1949, in Knott County, he was the son of the late Robert and Opal Huff Bolen. He was a disabled coal miner and pastor of the Rock Fork United Christian Baptist Church, in Garrett.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Bradley Bolen.

Other survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law: Jeffrey Ray, (wife, Polly Anna) Bolen of Garrett; Sterlin Jr., (wife, Lisa Ann) Bolen of Hindman; brothers and sisters-in-law: MacArthur, (wife, Marjorie) Bolen, Ray E., (wife, Ollie) Bolen; Bethel (wife, Dorothy) Bolen, all of Garrett; sisters and brothers-in-law: Nancy (husband, Arthur) Shepherd of Willard, Ohio, and Annis Mae Shepherd of Garrett; five grandchildren: Zackary Nathaniel, Austin Tyler, Sterlin Christopher, Jacob Stanley, and Natasha Larae; special nieces: Lisa Howard and Valerie Minor; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Coett Shepherd.

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Burial will be in the Robert and Opal Bolen Cemetery, in Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is after 6 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home, with 7 p.m. services on Thursday evening, and after 9 a.m., on Friday, at the church. (Paid obituary)



**Thomas Howard Cesco**

Thomas Howard Cesco, age 56, of Prestonsburg, passed away Wednesday, December 14, 2005, at his residence.

He was born February 4, 1949, at Tram, a son of Otto Cesco and the late Elizabeth Blackburn Cesco. He was a disabled contractor, and a member of the Church of Christ at Prestonsburg.

Survivors include one son, Terry Wayne Cesco of Prestonsburg; one brother, Otis Ray Cesco of Cleveland, Ohio; one sister, Deborah Porter of Prestonsburg; and his stepmother, Geraldine B. Cesco of Prestonsburg.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by one sister, Glenda Mae Cesco; and one brother, Kenneth Forrest Cesco.

Funeral services for Thomas Howard Cesco were conducted Sunday, December 18, 2005, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin, with Evangelist Rick Kelly officiating.

Burial was in the Mayo Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the professional care of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Tim Blankenship, Mike Dye, Curt Jarvis, Josh Newsome, Joe Ryan, and Jeff Wells. (Paid obituary)

## Park to hold mystery dinner Saturday night

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Jenny Wiley State Resort Park will host its annual "Murder Mystery Night" on New Year's Eve.

The program begins at 8 p.m. at the convention center.

This year's show, "Happy New Year! Call the Cops!" includes dinner at rates of \$35 per person. Group rates of \$205 for a table of eight and \$255 for a table of 10 are available.

Couples wishing to attend

can do so with a special package of \$115 that includes one night's lodging at the park.

The person who solves the murder mystery will receive prizes.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park will also continue elk tours on Jan. 12, 21 and 28, Feb. 4, 11, 25, and on March 4.

For inquiries, call Park Naturalist Trinity Shepherd at (606) 889-1790 or (800) 325-0142.

## Harold man charged with cruelty for shooting dogs

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

HAROLD — A Floyd County man is facing a cruelty to animals charge after he allegedly shot two dogs on Dec. 19.

Eddie Tibbs, 24, of Harold is expected to be arraigned for a

second-degree animal cruelty charge on Jan. 25.

Complaining witness Scott Tackett signed a complaint against Tibbs the day after the alleged incident.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Office served the criminal summons Tuesday.

## Robberies

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together in this instance and did some good."

On Tuesday evening, officers arrested Ellis and Jason Hunter around 5 p.m. in Wheelwright and later nabbed their father, Freddie Hunter, just after midnight. All three were arraigned in district court Wednesday, at which time each was charged with three counts of first-degree robbery for the string of heists which saw the bank at the Allen location robbed twice, on June 28 and Nov. 30, and the Garrett branch burglarized on Dec. 15.

A preliminary hearing date of Jan. 3 was set for each suspect.

Jason Hunter was arraigned first and had to answer to three other cases before being arraigned on the robbery charges. Bench warrants had been issued for him pertaining to three other cases which included his being arrested a week before the June robbery for driving without insurance. Jason Hunter was ordered to pay fines totaling \$2,656.50 for the three previous cases. In lieu of the fines he will have to spend 150 days in jail. Jason Hunter will most likely opt to serve the time, as his bond on the robbery charges was set at \$100,000 and he told the court that he cannot afford an attorney and was granted a public defender.

Freddie Hunter was arraigned next and was ordered to pay

\$235 for a previous case and then was placed under a \$100,000 cash bond for the robbery charges.

Ellis Hunter appeared last and was given the same bond of \$100,000 for the robbery charges and then placed under an additional bond of \$75,000 for a secondary case which finds him accused of stealing the license plate from a vehicle.

Next week's preliminary hearing will determine if the charges merit consideration by a grand jury. If the grand jury indicts the trio, the case will move to circuit court, where the Hunters will be looking at a 10- to 20-year penalty on each robbery charge, which is classified as a class B felony.

### Card of Thanks

The family of Thomas Howard Cesco would like to thank all those relatives, friends and neighbors who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thank you so much for the visits, food, flowers, cards, prayers and consoling words. We deeply appreciate it.

We especially want to thank the minister, Rick Kelly, for his words of comfort, as well as the singers from the Prestonsburg Church of Christ; Sheriff John K. Blackburn and the deputies for their assistance in traffic control; and the owners and staff of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF THOMAS HOWARD CESCO

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The simple way you always had,  
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You brought such joy to all around,  
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You crossed over Jordon, with a trumpet sound,  
what a new life you have found,  
You'll never be lonely or sad,  
because of this, I am glad.  
I know you'll be waiting for me someday,  
and we'll go fishing every day.  
When I cross over some sweet day,  
what a great joy will be displayed,  
I'll never miss you again,  
we'll all be together again.  
I know you're waiting patiently,  
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# For the Record

## Marriage Licenses

Tamara Ray Fowler, 45, of Guilford, N.C., to Roger Dale Adkins, 33, of Martin.

Nina Marie Boyette, 21, to Brent Hamilton, 22, both of Pikeville.

Brittany Suzanne Webb, 19, of Cleveland, Ohio, to Joseph Russell Shepherd, 20, of Pikeville.

Brandi Dawn Johnson, 19, to Dustin Lee Gross, 23, both of Pikeville.

Kimberly Johnsdon, 21, of Martin, to Michael Keith Samons, 22, of Prestonsburg.

Ada Siena Mullins, 23, of Prestonsburg, to Duane I. Conley, 38, of Shelby, Ohio.

Wanda Marie Blanton, 22, of Paintsville, to James Maverick Whitaker, 23, of Prestonsburg.

## Civil Suits Filed

Eula Shepherd vs. Robin Jacobs; petition for health care insurance.

Bobbie Deaton vs. Jeremy Fugate; petition for health care insurance.

Linda Compton vs. Sheldon Compton; petition for health

care insurance.

Beulah Flora vs. Trampus Evans; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Melinda Collins vs. Michael Collins; petition for health care insurance.

Delleda Slone vs. Jamie Slone; divorce.

Nicole Smith vs. Shawn M. Smith; divorce.

Glen and Joyce Martin vs. Wesley Martin, Anita Lazar; petition for defacto custody.

Tiffany Stratton vs. Ricky Stratton Jr.; divorce.

Regina Nichols vs. Bruce Nichols; divorce.

Twila Endicott vs. Brandon Endicott; petition for child support and health care insurance.

## Charges Filed

Millis D. Hall Jr., 33, Prestonsburg; driving under the influence, failure to produce insurance card, criminal possession of a forged instrument, no or expired registration receipt.

Vernon Sparkman, 47, Topmost; felony theft by unlawful taking.

Ricky Lewis, 21, Betsy

Layne; second-degree burglary, second-degree forgery.

Charles Hall Jr., 36, Garrett; driving under the influence, driving on a DUI-suspended license, failure to maintain required insurance, improper registration plates, no or expired registration plates, no or expired registration receipt, reckless driving, failure to produce insurance card, first-degree wanton endangerment, fourth-degree assault, theft of a motor vehicle registration, second-degree controlled substance possession, controlled substance not in original container, failure to wear seat belts, failure to use child restraints.

Tonya Farmer, 31, Wheelwright; two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.

Jennifer Akers, 31, Harold; felony theft by failing to make required disposition of property.

John Moore, 36, Nicholasville; flagrant nonsupport.

Alfreda K. Moore, 34, McDowell; public intoxication,

leaving the scene of an accident.

Christine Lamartz, 42, Minnie; public intoxication, leaving the scene of an accident. Nathaniel Blackburn, 19, Stanville; public intoxication, carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

Richard Maynard, 29, Inez; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

James Lewis, 21, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Joseph Kidd, 25, Tram; fourth-degree assault, resisting arrest.

Sherry Vanhoose, 26, Prestonsburg; second-degree hindering prosecution or apprehension.

Brandon Meade, 22, Richmond; public intoxication. David Cantrell, 19, Oil Springs; public intoxication.

Kevin Slone, 24, Hueysville; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, endangering the welfare of a minor, third-degree criminal mischief.

Jody Pauley, 40, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Eddie Tibbs, 24, Harold; second-degree animal cruelty.

Glenda Blanton, 47, McDowell; controlled substance not in original container.

Earl Wright, 44, Drift; second-degree and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bradley Newsome, 22, Dorton; public intoxication.

Jason Newsome, 21, Teaberry; public intoxication.

Cory Thompson, 20, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Joshua Henson, 21, Myra; public intoxication.

Stanley Henson, 47, Myra; public intoxication.

Earl Thomas, 49, Raccoon;

public intoxication. Kalen Ousley, 19,

Prestonsburg; unlawful transaction with a minor.

Jesse Peck, no age available, Auxier; misdemeanor theft by deception.

Jessica Kidd, 25, Tram; fourth-degree assault.

Jennifer Akers, no age available, Harold; two counts of parent to send child to school.

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## Stabbing

his attorney Jerry Patton and listened to an account of the incident that saw him arrested on Dec. 18, when an altercation which began at a Spurlock residence involving two other men ended with all three men seeking medical attention.

Det. Byron Hansford testified that he got the call to investigate the case after the stabbing occurred. By the time he got to Our lady of the Way Hospital to interview the alleged victims, they had been airlifted to Cabell Huntington Hospital. He noted that he did speak with Wright and that Wright said he had stabbed two men following an argument.

Hansford said that he interviewed the men at Cabell Huntington last Thursday and that each reported that Wright was taken from Spurlock to his home after an argument broke out and that the altercation escalated at his home, where he stabbed the men. Hansford admitted that no one interviewed could recall what started the fracas.

Coincidentally, one of the victims was Ellis Hunter, 22, of Wheelwright, who Hansford arrested Tuesday evening for his alleged part in three bank robberies.

Hansford was questioned by Patton and revealed that Kentucky State Police photographed Hunter because of some wounds he had suffered included a black eye and several abrasions. Patton asked if Hansford was aware of reports

that the victims attacked Wright with axe handles. Hansford indicated that he heard no such report and added that everyone involved in the incident appeared to have been intoxicated.

Judge Eric Hall waived the case to a grand jury and ordered that Wright remain under a \$20,000 cash bond. Patton argued for a property bond or

possibly a bond reduction for Wright. Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum argued that Wright, who has a history of alcohol intoxication and disorderly conduct arrests, should be granted a separate hearing regarding bond due to the nature of the charges. Judge Hall agreed and set a bond hearing for Wright on Friday, Jan. 6.

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## Denied

Taylor again objected and said that several agencies are still examining the hard drive of Belcher's computer, which he allegedly used to contact the students. Taylor noted that more charges may be pending and offered that in any case it would be inappropriate to let someone accused of crimes such as custodial interference and unlawful transaction with a minor to leave the state.

Judge Caudill agreed with Taylor and pointed out, "There are plenty of jobs right here," before overruling the motion.

Belcher bolted out of his seat

at the back of the courtroom and left the building upon hearing the ruling. He has been charged with two counts of criminal trespass for allegedly entering the school grounds as well as two counts of custodial interference for allegedly taking the two students off campus. He also faces charges of unlawful imprisonment, operating a vehicle on a suspended license and the unlawful transaction charge.

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## Obituaries


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ducted Sunday, December 25, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ronnie Samons and Roy Robinson officiating.

Burial was in the Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

**Margaret Alice Thompson Wright Smith (Peggy)**  
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— Albert Einstein

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## Guest View

### Editorial roundup

#### The Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal, on Arctic drilling:

The country received an early holiday present this week when the U.S. Senate axed a plan to drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-New Mexico, should not play Scrooge and follow through on threats to reinsert it into a reconciliation bill next year.

This is an ill-conceived plan that does not solve the country's oil needs. At most, it would provide only one year's worth of oil for America, which consumes 1 million barrels of oil a day. Also, relief would be slow in coming. Even if approved, oil production would not start until 2015. ...

There are better ways to solve the country's dependence on foreign oil supplies. Rather than tap into one of the last remaining wilderness regions for a fleeting supply, oil conservation should be embraced. Stricter fuel standards for autos would help tremendously, as would concerted conservation efforts and support for alternative energy sources. ...

The Senate dropped the issue and it should not resurface. If Washington is serious about reducing the country's dependence on foreign oil and it should be, a comprehensive, effective conservation plan needs to be developed. Arctic drilling will not solve the country's energy problems.

#### Journal Star, Peoria, Ill., on religion in science classes:

Since the term "intelligent design" entered the lexicon, its meaning and educational merits have been extensively debated. No one has summed up the matter better than U.S. District Judge John E. Jones, ruling this week in a landmark Pennsylvania schools case. Judge Jones wrote that its presence in the Dover, Pa., biology curriculum "violates the centuries-old ground rules of science by invoking and permitting supernatural causation," and that it is nothing less than "a religious view, a mere relabeling of creationism." ...

Predictably, some denounced Jones as an "activist judge," which is code word for liberal. Considering that the jurist is a church-going conservative appointed by President Bush, that's unlikely to stick.

Not that this will put an end to the "breath-taking inanity" the judge said characterized the policy in Pennsylvania. The National Science Teachers Association reports that a third of its members feel pressure from students or parents to teach creationism or intelligent design. ...

The whole uproar brings to mind the words of Clarence Darrow, who in 1925 defended the teaching of evolution during the Scopes Monkey Trial: "History repeats itself. That's one of the things wrong with history." For now, let history note the Pennsylvania ruling and maintain that intelligent design, as a matter of personal faith, does not belong in the science classroom.

#### St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times, on Medicare's premium prices:

The marketplace Congress created for Medicare prescriptions is looking more like Neiman Marcus than Wal-Mart. Though the government has flooded the market with 43 million seniors, the group discount is, at best, pennies on the dollar.

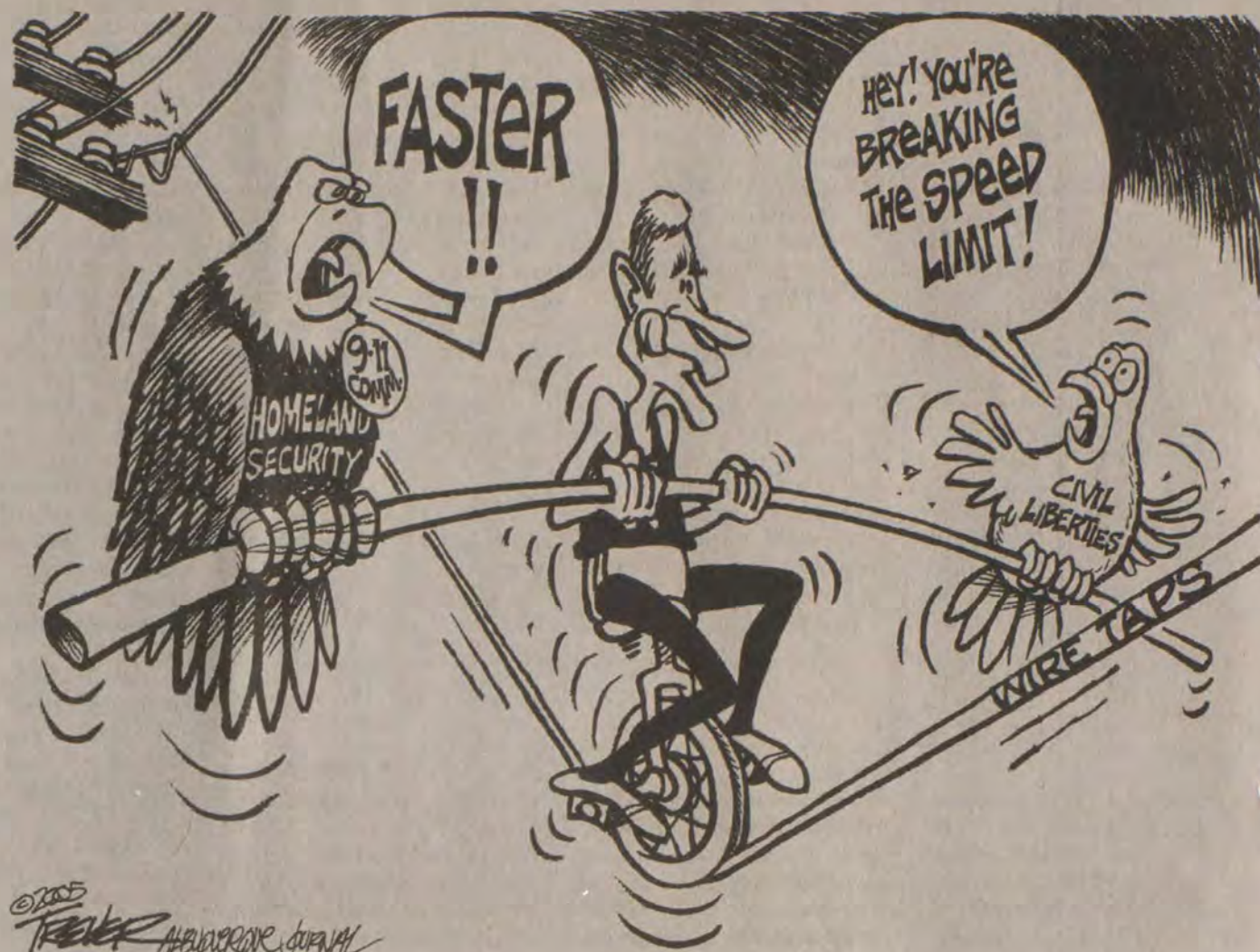
New price comparisons compiled by Families USA, in fact, reveal a Medicare drug plan that is gouging seniors and taxpayers alike. Here's one jarring example:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs pays \$253 for a year's supply of Protonix, a common prescription for acid reflux. The lowest-priced Medicare Part D insurance company in two regions offers the drug for \$1,080.

Oddly enough, price never has seemed to matter to the self-described conservatives in Congress who approved the Medicare Modernization Act. They were so eager for pharmaceutical and insurance industry campaign donations and so enamored by privatization that they refused to accept the lessons of their own VA. Through its group purchasing power, the VA has been able to get deep discounts on generic and brand-name prescriptions and even for drugs that are not on its formulary.

Now that the Medicare prescription companies have released their prices, the differences are impossible to ignore. And these are not matters of degree. Of the 20 most common drugs for seniors, the median price differential between VA and Medicare Part D is 48 percent. The VA pays \$497 for a year's supply of Lipitor, used to lower cholesterol levels, and the lowest price for Medicare plans is \$718. ...

The Medicare prescription plan, thanks to the conservatives who created it, amounts to a government-created and government-subsidized economy with virtually no buying power. ...



## Guest Column

### Bush's secret surveillance state

by ANTHONY GREGORY

*The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.*

— The Fourth Amendment

"[B]y the way, any time you hear the United States government talking about wiretap, it requires—a wiretap requires a court order. Nothing has changed, by the way. When we're talking about chasing down terrorists, we're talking about getting a court order before we do so. It's important for our fellow citizens to understand, when you think Patriot Act, constitutional guarantees are in place when it comes to doing what is necessary to protect our homeland, because we value the Constitution."

— President George W. Bush, April 20, 2004

The Bush administration appears to consider public knowledge of its illegal surveillance of American citizens to be more dangerous than the surveillance itself.

On December 16, 2005, the New York Times reported that President Bush has been secretly ordering the National Security Agency to spy on American citizens within the United States without first getting judicially issued warrants. Asked repeatedly about the controversy during an interview with Jim Lehrer on the day the story broke, Bush evaded the questions. He responded, "We don't talk about sources and methods. Don't talk about ongoing intelligence operations. I know there's speculation. But it's important for the American people to understand that we will do — or I will use my powers to protect us, and I will do so under the law, and that's important for

our citizens to understand."

The same day, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice also defended Bush's vague and secret "powers to protect us," insisting that Bush "has always said that he will do everything that he can to protect the American people from the kind of attack that we experienced on September 11, but within the law and with due regard to the civil liberties of Americans."

On December 17 Bush conceded that he had in fact ordered the secret spying, saying that it made it "more likely that killers like these 9/11 hijackers will be identified and located in time." He described the program as "critical to saving American lives."

By December 19, the administration appeared visibly emboldened on the issue. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales went so far as to say that the president had the "inherent authority" to perform such secret, warrantless wiretaps of people in the United States. The president, on the same day, vowed that the program would resume "for so long as the nation faces the continuing threat of an enemy that wants to kill American citizens." Even more remarkably, he called the disclosure of the program a "shameful act" and said, "The fact that we're discussing this program is helping the enemy."

So in just a few days, the administration had gone from refusing to discuss the program to outright defending it, all the while suggesting that the Constitution and Congress's authorization of power to the president immediately following the 9/11 attacks together give the executive branch any number of unchecked, secretive powers over the American people — and that all the president has to do is claim that his actions are for "national security" and we should all shut up about them lest we assist the terrorists.

Just this last Saturday, December 24, the New York Times reported that the administration gathered much more information through the NSA program than it had so far admitted, including a wide range of data to perform "pattern analysis," "the profiling for certain calling behaviors — a process that reported-

ly exposed the entire U.S. telecommunications system, including e-mail, to surveillance — and that the program monitored both domestic and international calls. This news of domestic spying comes less than a week after one of the administration's top intelligence officials said at a White House briefing, "I can assure you, by the physics of the intercept, by how we actually conduct our activities, that one end of these communications are 'always outside' the United States."

The secrecy and dishonesty surrounding this program are especially troubling. What has the administration got to hide? For a full year, the New York Times kept the story secret at the request of the administration. Bush even invited the newspaper's publisher and executive editor into the Oval Office on December 6 in one last desperate attempt to dissuade them from releasing the story, according to Newsweek.

Will the president actually get away with such blatant disregard for the Bill of Rights, the balance of powers, and the right of the American people to know what their government is doing to them and in their behalf?

So far, the main argument to sustain the secrecy of the surveillance state seems rather circular. We can trust the government to do what is right because it tells us it is doing what is right. On December 17, the president himself defended the powers, claiming that while in the United States, two of the 9/11 terrorists, Nawaf Alhazmi and Khalid Almihdhar, had contacted suspected members of al-Qaeda, but that U.S. intelligence, constrained by the traditional checks and balances, "didn't know they were here until it was too late." However, according to a 2002 report by the House and Senate intelligence committees, the problem was not a lack of power but rather bureaucratic bumbling: "NSA and the FBI did not fully coordinate their efforts, and, as a result, the opportunity to determine Almihdhar's presence in the United States was lost." (Incidentally, it was also bureaucratic incompetence, not a

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## Letters

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ner. In addition to the above, Santa gave out over 300 treat bags on Dec. 31.

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Charles E. Hackworth  
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# Entertainment Extra

## Last year Regis Philbin was Dick Clark's sub, now they have competing parties

by DAVID BAUDER  
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — New Year's Eve is the biggest party night of the year, and television is among the most youth-obsessed media, so guess who will be the top hosts this weekend when the ball drops in Times Square?

A couple of guys in their 70s, that's who.

Dick Clark and Regis Philbin have long cultivated a sort of ageless appeal and that will be put to the test during New Year's Eve specials on ABC and Fox, respectively. Clark partner Ryan Seacrest and NBC's Carson Daly are also on duty.

The septuagenarian send-off to 2005 — one of a handful of interesting television subplots for the night — is particularly rich in irony. ABC and Fox are among those TV networks that usually pretend people over age 50 don't exist.

"Regis can do anything these young punks can do," said Philbin, 74. "I fit right in there with my Fox people. They want Regis to dance, Regis will dance. They want Regis to lift weights with them, Regis will lift weights with them. Whatever they want!"

Good thing he's bringing a fighting spirit, because the line-

up of performers Fox has given him — Nick Cannon, Tyler Hilton and John O'Hurley — is awfully thin.

The fact that Clark, 76, is now the father figure of New Year's Eve is a vivid example of how time flies. Some revelers, the ones with gray hairs, can remember when he started "New Year's Rockin' Eve" in 1972 as a hipper alternative to Guy Lombardo.

Despite increased competition, it's still the dominant show of the evening. This year, "Rockin' Eve" adds a curiosity factor: it will be Clark's first appearance on television since he suffered a stroke last December. Philbin was his emergency sub last year.

Rumors that Clark would not appear again have been fueled by his decision not to give interviews and a doctored publicity photo distributed by ABC that inserts an image of a pre-stroke Clark supposedly standing next to co-hosts Ryan Seacrest and Hilary Duff. Clark's representatives insist he will be in Times Square this week.

Clark can do as much or as little as he wants, Seacrest said.

"For those who have grown up watching him, they want to see him," he said. "They want to see him doing all right, and they

want to see him on the show. But we haven't nailed down exactly what he's going to do."

Seacrest will be with Clark in New York, while Duff will anchor and perform at a Hollywood segment. ABC nailed the night's biggest booking with the year's dominant singer, Mariah Carey, set to perform in Times Square.

The Bangles, Chris Brown, Sean Paul, the Pussycat Dolls, Sugarland, 3 Doors Down and 311 will also be part of ABC's party.

Seacrest spent the last few years competing against Clark on Fox. But this year he signed a deal with Clark and ABC to co-produce the show and essentially become Clark's heir apparent. The hope is that Seacrest will seamlessly take over when Clark decides he doesn't want to do it anymore.

Seacrest, 31 on Christmas Eve, said he always watched "New Year's Rockin' Eve" while growing up in Atlanta.

"My parents would leave me at home with a baby sitter," he said. "It was my sister, me and Dick Clark celebrating New Year's."

As an adult, he's studied Clark's career and used him for a model. "One of the reasons I wanted to do a New Year's Eve

show was because Dick did a New Year's Eve show," he said.

In one sense, that's already a big victory for Seacrest over NBC's Carson Daly, 32, another Clark acolyte. Daly takes pains to avoid being seen as a competitor to Clark. Even though there's a clear opportunity to paint himself as the youthful alternative on New Year's Eve, he almost needs to be coaxed into it.

"There will be something for everyone," Daly said. "If my dad wants to watch Regis, and I'm sure he will, then God bless him. If my brother, who's my age — and I know he's a big Mary J. Blige fan — I know he'll watch my show. We're all going to have the ball drop and we're all going to have a good time."

He's been watching old tapes of — who else? — Clark to help prepare.

Comic Wanda Sykes joins Blige as Daly's featured performers. Daly gets his shot this year because of the calendar; lately NBC has let Jay Leno's "Tonight" show keep the time slot when New Year's Eve landed on a weeknight.

Prime-time champ CBS is sitting out New Year's Eve.

(See PARTIES, page seven)

## Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

Christmas week was light on big releases (they were all issued earlier in the month as stocking stuffers), but what was released offers up plenty of entertainment if you're still in the market for it.

"Into the Blue" — This one came and went very quickly last summer but is definitely worth a look. The packaging sells the movie short as a Baywatch clone with A-list stars. It even starts out that way with lots of bikinis on view, but the story takes shape after a young couple, eking out a meager existence in the Bahamas, gets wind of some lost treasure. They pick up the treasure's trail only to find that it is mixed undersea with a demolished plane which sports a coveted cargo of high-grade cocaine. The discovery brings in some shady characters out to retrieve the drugs and soon the couple is up to its ears in gangsters and the film develops a darker tone and delivers some solid thrills without resorting to ridiculous coincidences.

"Dark Water" — Jennifer Connelly stars in the latest Hollywood remake of a Japanese horror film. This one doesn't deviate from the original film, which was also heavy on the dread factor. The story follows a recently single mother who moves into a low-rent apartment building with her daughter. Problem is that cheap rentals usually mask major plumbing problems and that holds true here as the pair is faced with various leaks which are nothing compared to the ghost inhabiting the apartment above. This one is heavy on the atmosphere and provides an adequate amount of PG-13 scares.

"Empire of the Wolves" — Exotic locales help this thriller which features French film star Jean Reno as a cop investigating serial killings in Turkey. Good of its type and Reno's screen presence helps in a big way.

"One Dark Night" — Back in distribution after a 20-year absence is this thriller featuring a young Meg Tilly and lots of atmosphere. Tilly stars as a young lady desperate to enter a sorority and fit in with the A crowd. To that end she agrees to spend the night in a crypt and then all heck breaks loose as the sorority shows up to scare her and must compete with some evil spirits out to make it a tough evening for everybody. Lighter than air but well executed.

Two direct-to-video flicks came out without fanfare this

week, so consumer beware. One is the fourth "American Pie" outing entitled "Band Camp," which finds Stifler filling in as a camp counselor. The other is "Black Dawn" with Steven Seagal looking to beat up on assorted extras. Neither was available for preview.

Veteran character actor Vincent Schiavelli, 57, of

Brooklyn, passed away this week and was one of those actors whose face you know from countless roles in films as diverse as "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest," "Batman Returns" and "Amadeus." He is perhaps best known for his brief appearance in "Ghost," where he cameoed as a spirit who helped Patrick Swayze channel

his anger in order to interact with the real world. He was also the grandson of a chef and authored several cook books. Schiavelli died of lung cancer at his home in Italy.

Next week brings the summer comedy "The Wedding Crashers," with Vince Vaughn and Luke Wilson.

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 home phone 285-3385  
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**Rock Fork Freewill Baptist:** Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.  
**Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett:** Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Jerry Manns, Pastor, Willie Crace Jr., Assistant Pastor.  
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**Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.  
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**Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers):** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.  
**Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist:** Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m., Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.  
**Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist:** Intersection of U.S. 29 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.  
**United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville:** Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.  
**Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

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PSALMS 121:8

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**Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.  
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**Martin Church of Christ, Martin:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.  
**Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley:** Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.  
**Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.  
**Weeksbury Church of Christ:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

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**Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.  
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**First Church of God:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.  
**Garrett Church of God, Garrett:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.  
**Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.  
**Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.  
**The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

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**Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David:** Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.  
**Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line:** Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.  
**Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat. 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.  
**Free Pentecostal Church, Dwale:** Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

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**Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Conley Fork of Spurlock, Prestonsburg:** Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.  
**Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.:** Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.  
**Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin:** Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Services, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.  
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**Guilty**

Judge Caudill responded by noting, "If he hadn't been, you probably wouldn't be here."

Neeley's attorney consulted with her and informed Caudill that Neeley was confused about saying yes to the statement because she didn't know at the time that the man she sold hydrocodone to was a UNITE operative but she said that she was indeed guilty of selling the

man drugs.

Neeley pleaded guilty to three separate drug trafficking sales, which were aggravated by her possession of a firearm, and included sales of methadone and marijuana. She entered her plea upon a recommendation by special prosecutor David Jorjani, from the state Attorney General's Office, that she serve five years and be probated for an

additional five years. Jorjani also made it part of the agreement that his office would not oppose shock probation for Neeley due to her age and poor health.

However, a clause in the plea agreement did require that the Neeleys forfeit certain items that included firearms and several scales as well as cash seized when they were arrested and supposedly linked to drug sales. Each had to also admit under oath that they sold drugs for profit and that they will pay restitution fees to Operation UNITE, which average \$50.

Judge Caudill noted for the record that the court was not bound to the shock probation clause and did not indicate how he might rule on such a motion which cannot be requested until Neeley has served at least 30 days of her sentence.

Jorjani took the case after Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner was forced to recuse himself after it came to light that Kentucky State Police had a recording in which Neeley talked about having Turner killed as well as her son Russell's girlfriend, Verna Elliot.

Russell Neeley and Verna Elliot were both present and entered guilty pleas for trafficking as well. Russell Neeley also received a 10-year sentence and will serve five and be probated for five, while Elliot's case was postponed for six months pending her recovery from a self-



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**Column**

lack of power, that impeded the FBI investigation of Zacarias Moussaoui; the feds relied foolishly on the FISA process, when an old-fashioned search warrant would probably have been attainable.)

The NSA spying program is especially egregious, given that the administration circumvented the already lower standards for surveillance set forth by FISA and unleashed an arm of the military to spy on Americans' communications. But it is only the newest blunt tool of the secretive surveillance state to come to light.

Since 9/11, the FBI's powers to issue National Security Letters and to coerce institutions to reveal customers' personal and financial information have been expanded, notably by the USA PATRIOT Act passed in October 2001. Recipients of these letters must comply with them without telling anyone, including the customers whose personal information is being revealed. By late in 2005, the FBI was issuing about 30,000 of them annually.

In August 2005, the FBI admitted to secretly collecting thousands of files on nonviolent activist and anti-war groups, including the ACLU. The newest released files include documents on the Catholic Worker Movement, an anti-poverty organization which the documentation notes has a "semi-communistic ideology."

Just this month, NBC News obtained a secret 400-page database maintained by the Pentagon that contained information on anti-war gatherings and demonstrations within the United States, including a meeting of anti-war Quakers in Florida that the database describes as a "suspicious incident" and a "threat."

The real threat to American liberty, the defense of which the administration still insists is the purpose of the war on terror, is a federal government without strict checks and limits on its power, whose executives feel comfortable using the military to spy on peaceful Americans,

while telling the media not to report their secret and unconstitutional surveillance activities. The use of a military intelligence agency against the American people, with or without judicial oversight, is far more a "shameful act" than reporting such activities to the American people, who have a right to know.

A government that spies on its own people must be in turn be watched even more carefully by those people. And a government that does not trust the people to know about its spying cannot itself be trusted.

Anthony Gregory is a research analyst at The Independent Institute, a policy advisor for The Future of Freedom Foundation, and a writer and musician.

**Parties**

Young viewers certainly have other options. MTV's annual soiree features Kanye West, Shakira and Adam Levine. ESPN is also getting into the New Year's business, with Stuart Scott as host of a party on ESPN2 with guest Little Steven Van Zandt, mixing sports highlights with a roster of garage rockers.

ESPN sensed that more and more of its young male viewers were interested in inviting friends over rather than going out on New Year's Eve, Scott said.

CNN's Anderson Cooper will also be prowling Times Square for a special on the news network.

While he's there, he may spot Philbin leading the crowd in a verse of "New York, New York" from his perch outside Planet Hollywood. Philbin caught the New Year's bug last year when he filled in for Clark; now he's a competitor.

"They could have had Regis back this year if they wanted," Philbin said, with a rare edge. "Ratings were pretty high."

But he said he understood Clark's desire to set up the "New Year's Rockin' Eve" franchise for the future.

"The Regis-Ryan network swap is kind of a fun dynamic and I certainly wish Ryan the best," said Phil Gurin, executive producer of Philbin's Fox show. "I know Dick as well. Everyone doing these types of shows, we all know each other and we'll probably have a drink when our shows are over, somewhere in Times Square, and just salute New Year's together."

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**"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."**

— Attributed to Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic Games



2002 Olympic Gold Medal

### Biathlon

The **biathlon** is a combination of cross-country skiing and rifle shooting that originated in Northern Europe as a hunting and combat skill. An early form of the biathlon was a demonstration sport at the first Winter Olympics. It was a medal sport in 1928, 1936 and 1948. Due to disagreements regarding the rules, the sport was dropped — until 1960, when it became a formal Olympic sport once more.



**Sandra Keith** is a member of this year's Canadian biathlon team.

Biathletes shoot standing up and lying down.

### Bobsled

There are two disciplines in this sport, the bobsled and the skeleton. In the **bobsled** there are two-man and four-man events. The course is a steep, narrow run covered in ice. The **skeleton** is thought to be the first sliding sport. The sport is named for a sled introduced in 1892 which many thought resembled a skeleton. Bobsledding was included in the first Winter Olympics. The skeleton was on the Olympic program in 1928.



### Some historical highlights of the Winter Olympics

<b>Chamonix, France</b> 293 athletes from 16 countries compete in a winter festival.	<b>Lake Placid, New York, USA</b> Sonja Henie wins her second gold medal in figure skating.	<b>St. Moritz, Switzerland</b> The Olympic Games return after 12 years (a result of WWII).	<b>Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy</b> The Soviet Union enters the games for the first time.	<b>Innsbruck, Austria</b> Snow is in short supply for the third time in four Olympiads.	<b>Sapporo, Japan</b> Alpine skiing is criticized for its commercialism.	<b>Lake Placid, New York, USA</b> Eric Heiden dominates speed skating.	<b>Calgary, Alberta, Canada A</b> warm wind, the "Chinook," delays some events.	<b>Lillehammer, Norway</b> Figure skater, Nancy Kerrigan wins silver.	<b>Salt Lake City, Utah, USA</b> Vancouver Program has 78 events.
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<b>St. Moritz, Switzerland</b> holds the second Winter Olympics; 464 athletes from 25 countries compete.	<b>Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany</b> Alpine skiing is introduced. Sonja Henie wins her third gold medal.	<b>Oslo, Norway</b> Women's cross-country skiing was introduced.	<b>Squaw Valley, Calif., USA</b> The Winter Games are televised for the first time.	<b>Grenoble, France</b> East and West Germany participate as separate countries.	<b>Innsbruck, Austria</b> Denver, Colo., was chosen to host the Games but cost issues got in the way.	<b>Sarajevo, Yugoslavia</b> Heavy snow storms delay Alpine skiing.	<b>Albertville, France</b> The last time the Winter and Summer Games take place in the same year.	<b>Nagano, Japan</b> Curling, snowboarding and women's ice hockey are introduced.	<b>Torino, Italy</b> About 2,500 athletes from 80 countries are expected to compete.
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### Curling

**Curling** can trace its roots to 16th century Scotland. It was a demonstration sport at the first Winter Olympics in 1924, and again in 1932, 1988 and 1992. Curling made its Olympic debut as an official event at the 1998 Nagano games.



**Sandra Schmirler** became a Canadian hero at Nagano in 1998. She died of cancer in 2000.

U.S. figure skater **Michelle Kwan** won a silver medal in 1998 and a gold medal in 2002.

### Ice Hockey

**Ice hockey** has been an Olympic sport since 1920 (before the Winter Olympics existed). Women's ice hockey became an Olympic sport in 1998.



**Dominik Hasek** of Czechoslovakia made 38 saves against the U.S. at the 1998 Olympics.

### Skiing

Skiing has been on the program since the first Winter Olympics. There are six disciplines: Alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, freestyle skiing, nordic combined, ski jumping and snowboarding.



Japan's **Hiroyasu Shimizu** won the speed skating gold and set an Olympic record in 1998. He earned a silver in the 2002 games.

### Luge

Luge made its Olympic debut in 1964. The word "luge" is French for sled. The luge and the skeleton are similar, but the skeleton is twice as heavy as a luge at about 100 pounds. In luge, the athlete makes the run feet first, while in skeleton the slider goes down head first.



**Georg Hackl** won five medals consecutively in singles luge.

Alpine skiing is divided into five events: downhill, slalom, giant slalom, super giant slalom, and combined.



**Pirmin Zurbriggen** of Switzerland competed in five Alpine events in 1988.

### Did you know?

The Canadian ice hockey team brought home the gold in 2002, a feat the team hadn't seen since 1952.

Only four Olympians have won medals in both the Winter and Summer Games: American Eddie Eagan won a boxing gold in 1920 and a bobsled gold in 1932. Norway's Jacob Tullin won gold for ski jumping in 1924 and a silver for yachting in 1936. East Germany's Christa Ludding-Rotherburger won golds in speed skating (1984, 1988, 1992) and a bronze (1992). She also won a silver for cycling in 1988. Clara Hughes of Canada won two bronzes for cycling in 1996, and a speed skating bronze in 2002.

Canada won 15 medals in 1998 (the first time Canada topped the U.S. in medal standings).

**Norway** has won 263 medals at the Winter Games — the most by any nation.

The United States has won 193 Winter Olympic medals.

Germany won a record of 36 medals in 2002 at Salt Lake City, Utah. The U.S. won 34 medals that year.

There were 78 events at the 2002 Winter Olympics, twice the number of the 1980 Lake Placid Games.

In 2002, 160 countries watched the Winter Olympics on television. It was aired in more than 50 languages.

### Torino by the numbers

**Timeframe** 17 days of competitions: Feb. 10-26, 2006

**Number of disciplines** 15: biathlon, bobsled, nordic combined, curling, freestyle skiing, ice hockey, figure skating, speed skating, ski jumping, alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, short-track, skeleton, luge, snowboard

**Number of athletes** 2,500

**Number of coaches and team officials** 2,500

**Number of judges/referees** 650

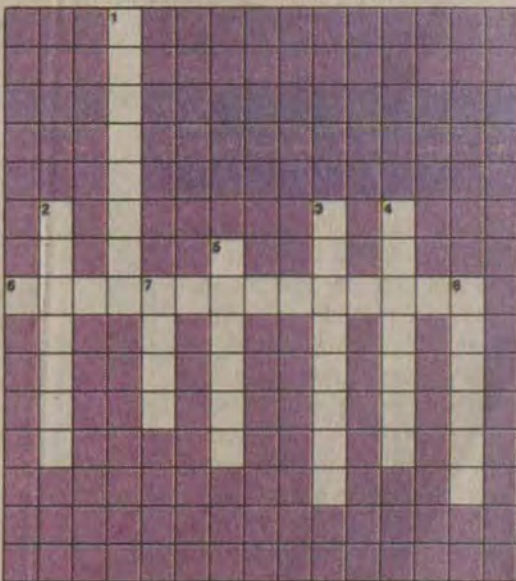
**Number of spectators** 1 million

**Competition sites** 8: Bardonecchia, Pinerolo, Pragelato, Cesana-Pariol, Cesana-San Sicario, Sauze d'Oulx, Sestriere, Torino



### Test your knowledge

- ACROSS**
- 6 Skating can be a form of this.
- DOWN**
- 1 Possibly the first sliding sport
  - 2 Sport with roots in Scotland
  - 3 Combination of skiing and shooting
  - 4 Japanese speed skater
  - 5 This was a sport before the Winter Olympics.
  - 7 Luge is the French word for —
  - 8 Country with the most Winter Olympic medals



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# Betsy Layne girls beat Morgan County for first win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DANVILLE – Defending 15th Region girls' basketball champion Betsy Layne recorded its first win of the 2005-06 season Wednesday, beating 16th Region member Morgan County 54-48 in the second of the Boyle County Winter Classic.

The Ladycats overcame a 15-point first-quarter deficit en route to the vic-

tory. After the turbulent first period, Betsy Layne regrouped and outscored the Lady Cougars in each of the three remaining eight-minute frames.

Kaitlin Lawson led Betsy Layne in scoring with a game-high 20 points. Eighth-grader Megan Hamilton followed with 12 points for the Ladycats.

Candice Meade, the lone returning starter from last season's regional championship squad, added nine

points while Whitney Tackett added six.

Meade and Tackett are two of four Betsy Layne seniors.

The Ladycats opened play in the Boyle County tournament with a loss to the host Lady Colonels.

Morgan County, coached by Floyd County native and former Allen Central High School player Donna Robinson, had only one player reach double

figures in the scoring department.

Betsy Layne is scheduled to host Prestonsburg Monday evening in a key 58th District matchup.

Boyle County 62, Betsy Layne 36: In the opening round of the Boyle County Winter Classic, host Boyle County outscored Betsy Layne 24-7 in the first quarter and rolled to the 26-



Kaitlin Lawson



Candice Meade

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## Out with the old and in with the new

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

It's difficult to believe, but today's is the final newspaper of 2005. It doesn't seem like it's been a year, but the calendar says it's so. As a result, we'll take a look at five of the top sports stories of the year.

It could be argued that I'm wrong, which is why I said five "of the" top and not "the" top. You can decide on your own.

However, among those under the heading "also receiving votes" are:

Eastern Kentucky University made its first trip in ages to the NCAA tournament in March. Even though they were wronged by the committee who thought it'd be a hoot to match them up with Kentucky in the first round, it was nice to see the Colonels getting a dance ... Although many people took it to mean they'd gotten over the hump (they haven't), the UK women had a terrific run in the NIT before being ousted in the national semifinals. They still finished 10th in the SEC last year (and still took a 30-point whipping in their SEC opener last week), but it's nice to have some excitement in Memorial Coliseum for a change ... Belfry's new football home, Central Appalachian Mining Stadium, is the palace the Pirates deserve ... King Kelly Coleman made a triumphant return to Eastern Kentucky ... Pikeville College graduated its first full class of football players in May, and then qualified for the playoffs for the first time in November ... Randolph Morris, well, that's about enough said there.

Now, on to the countdown ...  
**No. 1:** Coaching changes. (Bold) First, Shelby Valley's Bobby Spears left in midseason after some players voiced their displeasure with him over issues as important as uniform styles, and then Pike Central's Tammy Tussey stepped down just before the start of practice this season at the

(See BENTLEY, page two)



Ryan Johnson, pictured working against an Alexander, Ga. defender, poured in a game-high 31 points Wednesday evening to lead the Raiders to a pool play victory.

photos by Steve LeMaster

## Raiders split first two games in Paintsville tournament

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – South Floyd headed into its third Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic pool play game Thursday evening one shot short of being undefeated. The Raiders opened play in the Paintsville boys' basketball tournament Tuesday evening against Oak Ridge, the winner of the inaugural tournament held in 2003. After leading for most of the game, Oak Ridge held on and edged the Raiders 87-85. South Floyd hit the Tiger hardwood Wednesday night against Alexander, Ga., its second out-of-state opponent in as many games. South Floyd hit its free throws down the stretch in a second overtime, sealing a 92-85 win over the Peach State opponent.

At press time, South Floyd was

playing Carroll County, a team out of the 8th Region.

**Oak Ridge, Tenn. 87, South Floyd 85:** Senior guard Ryan Johnson finished with 28 points, six assists and three rebounds, but it wasn't enough to lift the Raiders over Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Quinche Dowdell paced Oak Ridge with 23 points. Grant Domsic pushed in 19 points for the Wildcats while Florida State football signee Revel Coffey and Steve Younkin had 17 apiece.

Mason Hall added 21 points, four rebounds and two assists for the Raiders.

Ryan Little posted South Floyd's only double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Ethan Johnson was also in double figures for the Raiders, finish-

(See RAIDERS, page two)



Senior center Ryan Little had a double-double in each of South Floyd's first two Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic games.

## Blackcats fall in Snowball Classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT – The road was again rocky Monday evening for the Prestonsburg High School boys' basketball team. Prestonsburg took to the road for a fourth straight game and for a fourth straight time came up on the losing end, falling to Hopkins County Central in the Farmers Bank Snowball Classic at Frankfort Convention Center. The Storm came out on top, winning 62-48.

Hopkins County Central, a team out of the Second Region, got points from 10 different players, two of whom reached double figures.

Prestonsburg took a 12-10 lead out of the first quarter. The Black-

(See BLACKCATS, page two)

## Rebs routed in Tiger tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – December tournament games haven't been the least bit kind to the Allen Central High School boys' basketball team. The Rebels dropped a pair of games last week in the Lexington Christian Classic, losing to both host Lexington Christian and Middleboro. Allen Central couldn't return to the winning side in each of its first two Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic games, faltering in each outing.

On Tuesday, Clear Lake Texas, one of the top teams in the

(See TOURNEY, page two)

## Tigers open 2-0 in Hoops Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic tournament host Paintsville is off to its most successful start in the tourney's three-year history. The Tigers defeated Hilton Head, S.C. soundly Tuesday night, winning 78-50. Returning to its home hardwood for a second game Wednesday night, Paintsville beat Barren County 69-54.

Paintsville 78, Hilton Head, S.C. 50: The South Carolina team

took a slim 30-29 lead into half-time, but couldn't make it stick in the opening round tournament game. Paintsville settled in quite well early on in the second half, outscoring Hilton Head, S.C. 27-13 in the third period. The Tigers sealed the deal in the final period, outscoring the Seahawks 22-7.

Paintsville got one of its most balanced scoring efforts this season with four different players reaching double figures. Sophomore J.D. VanHoose paced

(See TIGERS, page two)



Kevin Williams (left) and Landon Slone worked for a rebound in Paintsville's win over Barren County.

photo by Steve LeMaster

## Pike Central gears up to host Coca-Cola tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK – For an eighth consecutive year, Pike County Central will host the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic boys' basketball tournament. This year's tournament field features six teams – four from the 15th Region and one each from the 14th and 16th regions.

Belfry, busy playing at home this week in the Appalachian Wireless Schoolboy Moun-

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### Blackcats

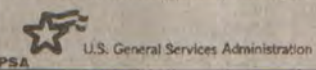
cats, however, were ultimately outscored in each of the final three periods.

The Storm struck Prestonsburg (2-4) hard in the second period, outscoring the Blackcats 17-8. After leading 27-20 at halftime, Hopkins County Central added to its lead early on in the second half.

Senior Sean Leslie led Prestonsburg in scoring with a team-best 19 points. Jordan Hall had 10 points for the Blackcats. Tyler Mullins, a transfer from Pike County Central, added eight points for the Prestonsburg boys.

The Blackcats will return to the hardwood on Tuesday, playing in the 8th Annual Coca-Cola Hoops Classic at Pike County Central. Prestonsburg will take on Letcher County Central in the opening round of the Pike Central tournament with tip-off

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scheduled for 8:15 p.m.

#### INJURY UPDATE...

Prestonsburg High School junior guard Lincoln Slone has a high ankle sprain and is out of action for the Blackcat boys' basketball team.

Slone is a three-sport athlete for PHS, also playing football and competing in track and field for the Blackcats.

#### PRESTONSBURG BLACKCATS UPCOMING GAMES

- Jan. 3 Letcher County Central, 6 p.m. (Coca Cola Classic at Pike County Central)
- Jan. 10 Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 14 South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 19 at Wolfe County, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 24 Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 27 Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.

### Tigers

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Paintsville with 19 points. Fellow sophomore Landon Slone pushed in 18 points and the tandem of Blake Bundy and Daniel Pugh scored 12 apiece.

Sophomore Shane Grimm added eight points in off of the bench for the Tigers. Daniel Meade, another Tiger reserve, netted five.

Danny DiGenova led the South Carolina squad in scoring with a game-high 29 points.

Paintsville 69, Barren County 54: Host Paintsville maintained a lead at the end of every quarter en route to a 15-point win over Fourth Region member Barren County.

Landon Slone led Paintsville with a game-high 22 points. J.D. VanHoose added 16 points and Daniel Pugh tallied 14 for the Tigers. Shane Grimm came in off of the Tiger bench and gave Paintsville a boost for a second straight game, flipping in 10 points, giving the host team four players in double figures.

Six-foot-seven center John Bonnewell led Barren County in scoring

with 18 points. Guard Ryan Ganci pitched in with 12 points for the Trojans.

#### Tuesday's game (Opening round) Paintsville 78, Hilton Head, S.C. 50

HILTON HEAD, S.C. - Grant 4, Akin 12, DiGenova 29, Cuspa 1, Cosba 1. PAINTSVILLE - Williams 2, Pugh 12, Grimm 8, VanHoose 19, Slone 18, Bundy 12, Meade 5, Sublett 2. Hilton Head.....11 19 13 7-50 Paintsville.....17 12 27 22-78

#### Wednesday's game

Paintsville 69, Barren Co. 54 BARREN CO. (9-3) - Ganci 12, Brewington 5, Glover 2, Bonnewell 18, Edwards 8, Hubbard 6, Edmonds 2, Poynter 1. PAINTSVILLE (6-3) - Williams 2, Pugh 14, Grimm 10, Vanhoose 16, Slone 22, Bundy 1, Meade 2, Keaton 2. Barren Co. ....10 17 12 15-54 Paintsville.....18 9 20 22-69

### Bobcats

ing with 11 points.

The Raiders trailed throughout the game. Oak Ridge led South Floyd 22-16 at the end of the first quarter. The Raiders put together a run at the end of the second quarter and went into halftime down 10. Oak Ridge eased out of the third period with a 67-61 lead.

South Floyd 92, Alexander, Ga. 85: Regulation couldn't hold the South Floyd-Alexander, Ga. game. Neither could one overtime. In a second overtime, South Floyd went ahead and forced Alexander to play catch-up basketball. Ryan Johnson checked in with a game-high 31 points along with six assists and five rebounds, leading the Raiders to the hard-fought second pool play game victory.

Johnson was one of four players in double figures for South Floyd. Mason Hall ended the game with 20 points while Ethan Johnson scored 19 and Ryan Little had another double-double (16 points, 10 rebounds).

"We got a real good effort," South Floyd Coach Barry Hall commented, following his team's win. "It was just a real solid team effort. Ryan Johnson is developing his maturity and has become a real good leader for us. We also got some real

good play in off of the bench. Our young kids real push these older players in practice."

Junior guard Terrell Caldwell led Alexander with 20 points. Kareem Morris connected on five three-point field goals and added 17 points for the Cougars.

T.J. Hall and Matt Little added three points apiece for the Raiders.

South Floyd led 29-27 at halftime and outscored Alexander 23-20 in the third period before the game was forced into

a first overtime.

#### RAIDERS IN TIGER HOOPS CLASSIC

OAK RIDGE, TENN. 87, SOUTH FLOYD 85 SOUTH FLOYD - R. Johnson 28, M. Hall 21, R. Little 13, E. Johnson 11, T.J. Hall 3. Slone 6, M. Little 1, L. Johnson 2. OAK RIDGE - Wells 6, Dowdell 23, Domsic 19, Coffey 17, Threat 5, Younkin 17. South Floyd.....16 21 24 24-85

### First

point victory.

Nine different Lady Colonels scored in the opening round win.

Candice Meade led Betsy Layne with 12 points. Kaitlin Lawson just missed double figures for the Ladycats, finishing with nine points.

#### Boyle County Winter Classic (Opening Round) Boyle County 62, Betsy Layne 36

BOYLE CO. - Hafley 9, Mills 3, Alcorn 7, McCann 13, Hall 7,

Hellyer 7, Paynter 3, Neal 8, Ross 5. BETSY LAYNE - Meade 12, Spurlock 2, Tackett 4, Lawson 9, Hamilton 5, Martin 2, Hott 2. Boyle Co. ....24 9 13 16-62 Betsy Layne.....7 12 4 13-36

#### Boyle County Winter Classic (Second Round) Betsy Layne 54, Morgan Co. 48

BETSY LAYNE (1-7) - Spurlock 2, Tackett 6, Hamilton 12, Flannery 2, Lawson 20, Meade 9, Mar-

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Oak Ridge, Tenn. ....22 25 20 20-87

#### SOUTH FLOYD 92, ALEXANDER, GA. 85

SOUTH FLOYD - R. Johnson 31, M. Hall 20, E. Johnson 19, R. Little 16, T.J. Hall 3, M. Little 3. ALEXANDER, GA. - Gates 22, Ellison 16, Samuel 2, Caldwell 20, Cooper 8, Morris 17, Brown 7, Thoms 13. South Floyd.....16 13 23 17 12 11-82 Alexander, Ga. ....15 12 20 22 12 4-85

tin 3. MORGAN CO. (4-7) -Curd 17, Eagle 20, Bowesock 1, Kelly 8, Fugate 4, Linkous 2, Howard 6. Betsy Layne.....3 20 16 15-54 Morgan Co. ....18 9 10 11-48

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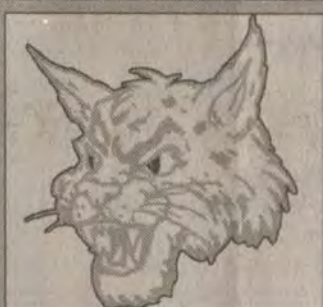
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# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Mason Hall, South Floyd High School Boys' Basketball



Kaitlin Lawson, Betsy Layne High School Girls' Basketball

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Let me say up front I have nothing against their replacements; Greg Napier is a good guy who's been a solid lieutenant for years at Shelby Valley, and I really don't know Steve Butcher. But this isn't about them. It's about the folks who went before them.

The two of them inherited programs with immense histories for schools that aren't even 20 years old and it's all because of the work of Spears and Tussey. They deserved better than they got.

The time comes for even the best coaches to step aside, but when they're still healthy in body and mind, that time hasn't come. It was sad to see for both of them.

No. 2: Statewide Realignment. The 15th Region wasn't as drastically altered as it could have been based on the initial plans, but still, many schools and some fairly important ones in basketball circles have been moved with the new plan.

The initial realignment saw both Knott Central and Cordia move into the 15th. In the end, they both stayed in the 14th, but Lawrence County was moved into our region from the 16th.

The biggest changes, I guess, were the additions of David and Piarist to the KHSAA family and the Pike County districts. That allowed Betsy Layne to keep its traditional affiliation with the 58th and the rest of Floyd County.

No. 3: Regional Basketball Tournament. Forgotten how special this was? Let me refresh your memory with only two games being mentioned.

The tournament opened with a bang as Shelby Valley knocked off Paintsville 90-86 in double overtime. Landon Slone had 51 for the Tigers. Oh, yeah, almost forgot. He was a (ital) freshman. (ital) Patrick Tackett answered for the Wildcats with 27 points and seven rebounds, going 6-of-6 from the line down

the stretch with his head wrapped after taking an elbow to the skull.

Then came the title tilt, which saw the Cats hold off Belfry 79-71 and bring to an end one of the top prep careers we've seen in ages. Patrick Tackett scored 22, grabbed nine rebounds and handed out six assists, which was barely enough to offset the night of Belfry senior Doug Howard.

Howard had a remarkable 40 points, including 19 in the final quarter of play, hitting 15-of-26 from the floor and six three-pointers. He also had 10 rebounds, five steals and two assists.

This came only four months after he posted 278 yards and three touchdowns in the final high school game of his career, helping the Bucs to a 28-21 win over Owensboro Catholic in the Double-A championship game.

No. 4 Regional Softball Championship. Check this out: Not only did East Ridge lead 1-0 in the bottom of the seventh but also they had five pitches with two strikes and two outs in the frame before seeing it all melt away.

Cortney Bentley and Lucinda

### Tourney

Paintsville tournament, defeated the Rebels in convincing fashion, winning 88-53. Allen Central returned to the Paintsville gym floor late Wednesday night and played better, but still finished short of a win, losing to Seneca. The Redhawks went ahead early on went on to outlast Allen Central, 80-67.

"We haven't played well lately," said Allen Central Coach John Martin. "Earlier in the season, we were playing much better than we have the last two weeks."

Allen Central was back in action in the Hoops Classic Thursday evening against Rip-

ley, Ohio. Results from the game were unavailable at press time.

Awesome. No. 5: The Phelps Fiesta. The KHSAA allowed a new rule to go into effect in mid-sports season, one which said three-team districts must seed and the No. 1 would get an automatic bye into the finals and therefore the regional tournament. In the 60th District baseball tournament, that was Phelps.

Until it was not. An obscure rule that said any district game held after the tournament meeting wouldn't count cost the Hornets and Coach Jamie Keene the top spot and removed much of the steam from their sails, and the result was they went from automatically in the regional tournament to eliminated in the district's opening round in 48 hours.

I still maintain the students at Phelps were wronged by this, but it'll all be taken care of from here on out... assuming David and Piarist field baseball and softball teams.

#### ALLEN CENTRAL REBELS UPCOMING GAMES

- Jan. 4 Elliott County, 6 p.m. (Elliot June Buchanan, Crusader Classic)
- Jan. 5 at Junie Buchanan, 7:30 p.m. (Crusader Classic)
- Jan. 10 Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 17 at Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 21 David School, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 26 Sheldon Clark, 8 p.m. (15th Region All "A" Classic)



# In winter, clean food, water boost birds as well as bird-watching

by STEVE VANTRESE  
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PADUCAH — While people enjoy attracting songbirds to where they can watch them, the underlying motivation for most bird feeding is to support and sustain the feathered flocks.

Particularly in the winter, that's a valid effort.

"Feeding birds is very helpful to them, especially in the winter when there is more stress on them and natural foods are in shorter supply," said Danny Watson, a wildlife biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Its most valuable to them, of course, when there is snow or ice cover that locks up their food and water sources."

Watson said a well placed

dining spread can draw an assortment of both year-round resident songbirds as well as winter migrants that are sprinkled across Kentucky latitudes from breeding territories to the north.

Resident cardinals, tufted titmice, Carolina chickadees, Carolina wrens and multiple varieties of woodpeckers might turn up a man-made feeding stations, Watson said. And slate-colored juncos, evening grosbeaks, white-throated sparrows, purple finches, ruby-crowned kinglets and others on winter vacation from colder northern climates may join them.

To benefit the most species and to increase bird viewing opportunities, offer a variety of foods, Watson said.

"Putting out sunflower seeds

and small thistle seeds in separate, appropriate feeders will cover you for a whole lot of species," he said.

"Its best to feed seed separately instead of buying those mixes of wild bird seed that you see in stores," Watson said. "A lot of the stuff in those mixes is milo or millet that a lot of songbirds won't readily eat, so a lot of it goes to waste when they pick through the mix and just eat what they really like."

"Some of the mixes have cracked corn, too, which mourning doves will like, but it tends to attract starlings that will dominate a feeding area and run off more desirable native songbirds," according to Watson.

Watson said additional variety in the form of overripe fruit will feed mockingbirds and

peanut butter/cornmeal blended paste or suet (fat) in a mesh bag or special feeder will cater to woodpeckers, especially. A hanging suet feeder will suit woodpeckers while it discourages starlings, which otherwise can bully less-aggressive species.

Not to be overlooked is the value of offering water, Watson said.

"When you get regular sub-freezing temperatures, birds lose their regular watering sources to ice," he said. "Winter kills often occur when birds cant find water and you get a die-off from dehydration."

Change water frequently to provide unfrozen liquid, or consider a water source like a bird-bath with a submersible heating unit to keep it from icing over,

he said.

With providing food and water, however, comes an obligation of sanitation efforts to keep feeders from becoming a disease conduit.

"The only negative about feeding is that it can lend itself to birds passing diseases among themselves where they concentrate through bacteria or direct contact," Watson said. "But you can avoid that problem just by keeping feeders and water sources clean."

Sanitize feeders by emptying them once a week, washing them down in a 10 percent solution of household bleach — one part bleach to nine parts water — then rinsing in clean water, he said. Air dry and refill them with fresh seed.

Bird seed should be kept dry

so it won't mold or harbor soaring amounts of bacteria. Watering sources likewise should be cleaned and fresh water added to reduce chances of contaminated liquid spreading infections from one bird to others, according to Watson.

Where birds are highly concentrated for food, it's best to offer multiple feeders of the same food to spread them out somewhat, reducing competition and stress.

Place feeders near where there is "escape cover" for fly-in diners, shrubs or trees for hide-away perching, Watson said. But feeders should be clear of low ambush cover from which house cats or other predators can launch sneak attacks on songbirds, he said.

## Classic

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tain Classic, will open the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic against Morgan County Tuesday evening in a 6:30 p.m. game. Prestonsburg is pitted against first-year school Letcher County Central in Tuesday's nightcap.

Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-Letcher County Central game is set for 8:15 p.m.

On Wednesday, in the lone tournament game slated, Pike County Central will play

Breathitt County. The Pike Central tournament is pool play format with each team receiving three games. Trophies will be awarded for first-, second-, and third-place teams. An all-tournament team and MVP award will also be handed out.

Floyd County teams have fared well in the Pike County Central-hosted tournament. Betsy Layne defeated Prestonsburg in the championship game of the inaugural tournament back in 2000. Allen Central has twice won the tournament (1999, 2000) and South Floyd also owns a tournament title.

Shelby Valley took the 2005 Coca-Cola Hoops Classic title, defeating tournament host Pike County Central in the championship game. Belfry finished

third in last year's tournament.

### Eight Annual Coca-Cola Hoops Classic At Pike County Central High School Tournament Schedule

#### Tuesday, Jan. 3

Belfry-Morgan County, 6:30 p.m.  
Prestonsburg-Letcher County Central, 8:15 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 4

Pike County Central-Breathitt County, 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, Jan. 5

Losers of Tuesday's games, 6:30 p.m.  
Pikeville-Breathitt County, 8:15 p.m.

#### Friday, Jan. 6

Winners of Tuesday's games, 6:30 p.m.  
Pike County Central-Pikeville, 8:15 p.m.

#### Saturday, Jan. 7

Seventh-place game, 2 p.m.  
Fifth-place game, 3:30 p.m.  
Third-place game, 5:15 p.m.  
Championship game, 7 p.m.  
First team listed is the home team and will wear light colored uniforms.

## Powell, Jackson sink Bobcats in Berea tourney opener

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BEREA — Betsy Layne took on Powell County Tuesday night in the opening round of the Berea Invitational Tournament. The Bobcats led 31-27 at halftime before falling and giving Powell County its second win of the season. The Pirates did the majority of their damage in the second half, outscoring Betsy Layne 27-19 in the fourth quarter.

Junior center Ryan Romans paced Powell County with 15 points. Romans was one of three players in double figures for the

Pirates.

Powell County led 27-19 at the end of the first quarter.

Derek Case led Betsy Layne with 15 points. Brandon Kidd followed with 14 points for the Bobcats. Pat Stapleton and Brandon Thacker each had eight points for Betsy Layne.

On Wednesday night, Betsy Layne returned to competition in the Berea tournament, but again came up short. Jackson County held on and edged the Bobcats 58-55 in what was the second game of the holiday tournament for both squads.

## Eagle Softball to hold Winter Clinic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State University softball team will hold its winter clinic, open to all girls in grades 4-12, on Feb. 4-5. Information on this year's clinic and a registration form are available in pdf format on the softball page at [www.msueagles.com](http://www.msueagles.com).

The brochure can be accessed by clicking on the link "Softball Clinic Information" in the links section of the softball page online at [www.msueagles.com](http://www.msueagles.com) on the lower right side of the page.

For more information, contact the MSU softball office at

606/783-5283 or email either head coach Jill Karwoski ([j.karwoski@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:j.karwoski@moreheadstate.edu)) or Assistant Coach Gina Ramacci ([g.ramacci@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:g.ramacci@moreheadstate.edu)).

The clinic will be divided into a two-day format with pitching and catching emphasis on Saturday, Feb. 4 and hitting emphasis on Sunday, Feb. 5. Players can register for either camp or participate in both. The fee for either the Saturday or Sunday clinic is \$35, and the fee for both clinics is \$65.

Players will be split into age levels and skill levels, and high school coaches and parents are all welcome at the clinic.

## Floyd NWTF sets date for annual banquet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) will hold its fifth annual Hunting Heritage Banquet Feb. 4, 2006 at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center.

The local chapter of the NWTF is very active in the community, supporting an annu-

al scholarship award to an outstanding graduating senior pursuing an education in conservation, 4-H programs, Archery in Schools Programs, and an annual Jakes (juniors acquiring knowledge, ethics, and sportsmanship) event for members 17 years of age and under. The chapter also support Wheelin' Sportsmen Programs and Women in the Outdoors pro-

grams.

The National Wild Turkey Federation is a national, non-profit, educational conservation organization comprised of state and local affiliates working for the restoration and wise management of the American Wild Turkey and other valuable natural resources. It supports scientific wildlife management on public, private, and corporate

lands. It also supports traditional American sport hunting and every citizen's right to enjoy clean air and water and an esthetically pleasing outdoor environment.

FCT FYI — The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation holds its regular meeting at the Martin City Hall the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

## State's top racing veterinarian sacked

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The state has fired its top racing veterinarian a month after he complained that the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority's staffing and funding

levels put horse safety at risk.

Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet Secretary Lajuana Wilcher fired Gary L. Wilson last week, a cabinet spokesman said. The state sent Wilson a letter that said his termination was effective Friday, spokesman Chuck Wolfe said. The racing authority is part of Wilcher's cabinet.

Nancy B. Davis, a racing authority veterinarian, has been appointed acting chief veterinarian.

Recently, Wilson said racing authority officials had assured him his concerns would be

addressed, but he had seen no action.

Among his concerns, Wilson said then, was that four state veterinarians usually on duty at thoroughbred meets were having to take on too much work.

State-employed veterinarians during races are supposed to monitor post-race collection of blood and urine samples, watch the paddock area as horses are saddled and be at the starting gate when horses are loading. They also are supposed to monitor the equine ambulance, and in between races they perform examinations.

At the time Wilcher said Wilson, who she recommended for the job, did not appreciate state government's complexity. State government has more regulatory veterinarians working for it and is studying veterinarian salaries, Wilcher said.

Davis said some of Wilson's concerns were being addressed. However, most of the racing authority's needs were budgetary ones that the General Assembly could address in 2006, Davis said.

"State government doesn't do things overnight," Davis said.

## NASCAR to restructure regional touring divisions

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR has announced it will restructure its regional touring series divisions beginning in 2007.

Citing declining support for the Elite Division style of racing at all levels, NASCAR said it will focus its resources and efforts on those divisions that will help build and sustain a better developmental program for the future.

"Support for the Elite Divisions has been on the downswing for a number of years," said Jim Hunter, NASCAR vice president of communications and regional touring. "This change will allow NASCAR to focus more attention on the Grand National and Modified touring divisions."

Following the 2006 season, the four current Late Model Elite Division tours will be discontinued. The Elite Division tours were formed nearly 20 years ago, in the Southeast, Midwest, Southwest and Northwest regions of the country.

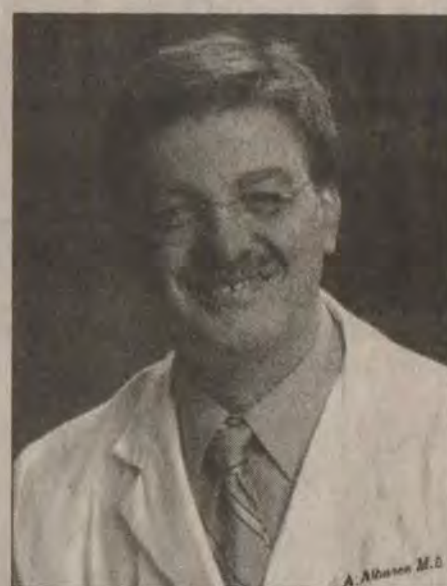
"These tours were originated to offer NASCAR's weekly member tracks special events once or twice a year," Hunter said. "The Elite Division was designed to allow the best local racers an opportunity to race periodically at an advanced regional level."

"The cost of competing at this level has escalated significantly over the years, and participation has continuously declined in every region. It has also become extremely difficult for our member tracks to successfully host these events."

Beginning in 2006 and continuing in 2007, NASCAR will implement several Grand National Division changes in an effort to reduce the cost of competing in the Busch North Series (which will be renamed the Busch East Series) and the AutoZone West Series. These changes include a less-costly "spec" engine, as well as composite bodies.



## ALBAREE Health Services, LLC Internal Medicine



Dr. Ayman Albaree



Dr. Eyad Albaree

Albaree Health Services will open an Internal Medicine Practice on January 5, 2006. The office is located at 5187 Kentucky Rt. 321 near Highlands Regional Medical Center. Drs. Ayman and Eyad Albaree are Internal Medicine specialists and will treat more serious illnesses in adult patients. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments are being accepted at this time and can be made by calling 889-9933. An Open House will be held on Tuesday, January 3, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. A drawing will be held for a gift basket.

Call 889-9933 for an appointment



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### POSTSCRIPT

## Getting real

OK, the new year is looming large. On this eve of New Year's Eve, let's make some resolutions that will make us better people in 2006.

- Lose weight (on the list for 15 years).
- Exercise more (ditto).
- Stop spending; save (on for more like 30 years).
- Write more and get published (ditto all over again).



Pam Shingler contributing writer

Go to Europe (that boat may have sailed).

Stop smoking (oops, been there, done that).

But, hey, who(m) are we trying to impress? We pretty much know what's going to happen.

According to an article earlier this week in the Lexington Herald-Leader, about 90 percent of us who make New Year's resolutions will renege on them by the middle of February.

In addition, fewer of us are

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### POISON OAK

## The higher the hornets build their nests, the higher the snow will be

Turn on The Weather Channel and you get complete and accurate local forecasts "on the eights." Or, you might want to go look out the window.



Clyde Pack

In both cases, you can get a pretty good idea of what it's doing, as well as what it might do a little later on.

"It's snowing," the prognosticator might say. Or, "It looks like it might come a good'n."

It hasn't been that long ago, however, when The Weather Channel was nothing more than science fiction, if that, and weather forecasts were more or less left up to The Farmer's Almanac. But even the ole almanac might have proven too high tech for some of our ancestors, who, through necessity, had to keep an eye on the sky, in order to grow the food that fed their families.

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# Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child



Allen Central High School winners



Allen Central Middle School winners



Allen Elementary School winners



Adams Middle School winners



Betsy Layne Elementary School winners

PRESTONSBURG — It was a cold winter night and children with red cheeks and cheery smiles greeted one another at this year's Christmas through the Eyes of a Child Reception at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center.

The room was brimming with writers who had written about their most favorite Christmas memory or what Christmas means to them. The reception is held each year to recognize student winners, their families, and community partners.

Christmas through the Eyes of a Child, now in its eighth year, invites all the girls and boys in Floyd County Schools, from Kindergarten through grade 12 to write about a Christmas memory or what Christmas means to them. Students are encouraged to utilize the writing process as much as possible when preparing their pieces. They also consider audio presentation requirements in the writings as school winners read their pieces on WMDJ radio throughout the month of December.

The program began in 1998 with partners WMDJ Radio, McDonald's and Floyd County Schools. Wal-Mart and BellSouth have each been contributors in past years. This year our partners are WMDJ Radio, McDonald's and Lafferty Enterprises.

Each school selects its top twenty writings to submit to the district for district judge to determine the top twelve pieces from each school. The top twelve students read their selections at WMDJ Radio. Recordings of these readings are played each day, beginning December 1 through Christmas. Different schools are spotlighted through a rotation system each day, meaning twelve students' voices may be heard daily.

McDonald's presents each of the top school winners with a tee shirt and all twelve winners [from each school] receive an "All American Meal". The school district presents each winner with a certificate of recognition. In addition, each school, depending on its classification, has grade level winners: K-3; 4-5; 6-8; and 9-12. The winners from these grade divisions receive a book. The 2005 book selection was *Winter's Gift*, written and illustrated by Jane Monroe Donovan.

Nadine Hicks, Parent Involvement and Reading Coordinator, coordinates the project at the district level. Each school has a coordinator who collects and arranges the work at the school level. School coordinators are:

Community members who helped to select the top twelve winners from each school included: Judy Bowen, John Carroll, and Melissa Forsyth, from Big Sandy Community and Technical College; Patricia Watson, Connie Parson, Tristan Parsons, Vicki Pack and Melissa Allen community volunteers.

The evening was filled with student performers/readers for the audience to enjoy. Performers for the evening were: Kaitlyn Minix, Adams Middle School; Daniel Halbert, McDowell Elementary School; Mickeah Johnson, Osborne Elementary School; Brittany Gibson and Amanda Newsome, Stumbo Elementary School. From Allen Central High School Kayla Shepherd, flutist performed "Camel Kneel Softly." Two Allen Central High School students now at Eastern Kentucky University who are part of an eleven piece classical group there also entertained with several songs. The classical ensemble was made up of James Meade, Jared McKinney, and Ricky Wells, band director at Allen Central High School.



Clark Elementary School winners



Duff Elementary School winners



Floyd County Area Technology Center winners



May Valley Elementary School winners



McDowell Elementary School winners

## Christmas through the Eyes of a Child Overall Winners by School

**Prestonsburg Elementary:** Tyler Jarrell, primary grades winner; Elizabeth Vaughn, intermediate grades winner;

**Opportunities Unlimited:** Anthony Gillespie, Miranda Martin-tie

**Allen Central Middle School:** Sarah Wilson, overall winner

**Stumbo Elementary:** Amber Taylor, primary grades winner; Blake Boudle, intermediate

(See EYES, page six)

## Saying goodbye

"Bye" "Goodbye!" "So long!" "Farewell!" "See you later!"

There just seems to be multiple ways in which to say you are leaving and the present is changing. Like other communications, it is how it is said, such as the tone, volume, emphasis, and circumstances, that "give" it emotional meaning. It is also the circumstances, with its history and its future expectations. How do you usually say "Good Bye?" Is it quietly, loudly, or not at all? What was the setting of your most painful one? When was your most pleasant one?

## THINGS TO PONDER

times I didn't realize the impact the "Good Bye" would have on my life. Some early instances occurred when I was about 7 years old. My older sister left to attend high school in Pikeville and stay in the dormitory through the week and my older brother joined the Army. From that point on, being the baby of the family, I was the only one left at home. I certainly missed my siblings, but was always excited when they returned.

The next "Good Bye" to make a significant impact on my life was when the family moved from Grapevine Creek in rural Pike County of eastern Kentucky to the east coast of Florida. Being a child, I never thought about the changes that would occur and how I would be influenced

change during the first year I was gone. I didn't have any thought about how I might have changed.

Then there was the "Good Bye" of leaving home for nursing school when I was 17 years old. I was again so excited that I was doing what I desired, that the real bang of it all didn't hit me for several weeks. Guess that's what you call the "honeymoon" period of adjustment. Also guess I was so in the "throw" of everything, new friends, new expectations of me, and such, that again I didn't realize the impact it was and would have on me. There was a lot of growing up for me those three years, learning to be more independent and less dependent on my family. Now, I can't imagine life without having that education and

ly as a career, to take care of my family for almost 20 years.

Even though there were many significant "Good Byes" throughout the years, the next major one had to do with my decision to return to school at 40, taking a 12-year-old son and 65-year-old mother with me. But again, I'm glad that I obtained my Ph.D in Psychology and am able to practice my profession as a psychologist. I enjoy my work as a child psychologist with children, adolescents, and families and being a child advocate. It is very rewarding to see the positive benefits of people making the changes they need and want to make. In contrast, it is also very disappointing when folks so fear or resist changes to the point that they do not allow



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.



**Ponder**

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themselves to work toward their potential and perhaps a way of life that they would enjoy better than what they have.

Guess all of this gets me down to my most recent need to say "Good Bye." For those of you that might not know, I closed my private practice in Prestonsburg December 1. I certainly miss my good friends, neighbors, and wonderful clients at Prestonsburg. It has been hard to leave everyone, but I felt it was the best for me at this time to move on. I did not have any family in Prestonsburg and I felt it was the time of my life for me to move closer to my son and his family. I have a solo private practice now in Georgetown and plan on continuing to do so as long as my health is adequate. Of course, the pace might eventually slow down, but I can't imagine

not doing what I enjoy as long as I can.

As I look over these past "Good Byes," they seem to reflect "passages" or developmental issues that everyone typically have to address as a part of life. Suppose, like everyone else, I've tried to do the best I could at the time and also tried to realize that I was not perfect.

This is also "Good Bye" for the Things to Ponder column. I've enjoyed writing the weekly articles over the past seven-plus years, but there seems to be such limited time for everything. It is my hope that folks have benefited from the articles in some way. I learned also as I went about finding out the best information. "Good Bye" for now and please try to make your life the best you can for you. You are worth it! Happy New Year!

**Oak**

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For more than 20 years, I have been a collector (of sorts) of old-time cures and superstitions, and have found it extremely interesting, sometimes even fascinating, to learn how my grandfather, and even his grandfather, predicted the weather.

For example, they knew that if it rained on Easter Sunday, they could expect rain every Sunday for seven Sundays. Since Sundays were pretty much devoted to church going, anyway, that was probably O.K. by them. Of course, depending on the amount it rained, it could possibly have meant that it was too wet to plow on Monday, and they might have been able to squeeze in a chance to do a little fishing.

They were, no doubt, also ever mindful of the fact that red skies in the morning meant foul weather ahead, but if it rained before seven, it would stop by eleven. They knew too, that if it rained while the sun was shining, it would also rain at that exact time the next day. When fog came up in patches, rain was on the way.

Somewhere along the way, they even learned how to avoid drought conditions. They could make it rain for three days and three nights by killing a blacksnake and

hanging it in a tree with its belly toward the sun.

For long-range forecasts, our ancestors looked at the night sky and determined that if there was a ring around the moon, bad weather was on its way. By counting the number of stars inside the ring, they could determine just how many days it would be before that bad weather got there. They kept their ears open, too, and knew that if it thundered in February, it would frost in May.

Out papaws checked out the critters, too, and was very much aware that if they saw a terrapin heading for high ground, it was a sure sign of a flood. Fair weather was ahead if a spider spun its web close to the ground, but the higher the horns built their nests, the higher the snow would be. They also paid close attention to the type of coat the woolly worm was wearing. A heavy, dark coat meant extremely cold weather.

Wonder if they know all this stuff at The Weather Channel?

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As we move into 2006, we wish for you, rain when you need it, snow when you want it, and many days of sunshine.

Happy New Year.



**Sarabeth is 5!**

Sarabeth Renea, the daughter of Bryan and Amie Johnson, of Prestonsburg, turned five years old on August 31, 2005. She celebrated her birthday at Archer Park skating rink on Sunday, September 4, with a "Disney Princess" theme party. Sarabeth is the granddaughter of Faron and Sandy Johnson, and Johnny and Debbie Ousley, all of Prestonsburg. She is the paternal great-granddaughter of Fred and Flora Johnson, of Salyersville, and Ruth Couch, of Prestonsburg, and the late James Couch. Her maternal great-grandparents are the late Clyde and Sarah Ousley, formerly of Dock, and the late Pheonis and Naomi Vanhorn, formerly of Lancer.



**Celebrates 70th birthday**

Darvin Reed, of Endicott, celebrated his 70th birthday on September 18, 2005, with family and friends. Pictured with him are his daughter, Rebecca, grandson Russell, and friend Rosie. Darvin is a member of the Endicott Free Will Baptist Church. He is also a beekeeper and very much enjoys taking care of his honeybees.

**New Arrivals**

**Highlands Regional Medical Center**

December 8, 2005 A daughter, Cheyenne McKenzie Kidd, to Marica and Bradford Kidd  
 December 8, 2005 A daughter, Abigayle Janease Collett, to Dena and Lucky Collett  
 December 8, 2005 A son, James Walter Lee Moore, to Crystal Dawn Bowling  
 December 9, 2005 A daughter, Alexis Faith Akers, to Kelly and James Akers  
 December 9, 2005 A son, Joseph Brook Amburgey, to Brandi and Brock Amburgey  
 December 9, 2005 A daughter, Trista Gail Wooton, to Emily Marie Roark  
 December 12, 2005 A daughter, Madison Marie Salyers, to Helen and Shawn Salyers  
 December 13, 2005 A daughter, Cadence Nicole Whittaker, to Myra Sue Ratliff  
 December 13, 2005 A daughter, Jordyn Grace Burnett Hall, to Trena and Gregory Hall  
 December 13, 2005 A son, Joshua Blake Perry, to Elizabeth and Roy Perry  
 December 14, 2005 A daughter, Makayla Lynae Pratt, to Connie White  
 December 14, 2005 A

daughter, Kristian Danielle Melton, to Crystal and Wallace Melton  
 December 14, 2005 A son, Joshua Cameron Allen, to Tiffany Elizabeth Allen  
 December 14, 2005 A son, Mark Anthony Lee Fugate, to Frances Landum  
 December 15, 2005 A son, Jaxson Dwight Williams, to Kimberly R. Williams  
 December 15, 2005 A daughter, Keisha Leighann Brown, to Jassica Claressia Hunt  
 December 16, 2005 A son, John Cameron Combs, to Lora and John Combs  
 December 16, 2005 A son, James Landon Hughes, to Heather and James Hughes  
 December 16, 2005 A daughter, Brianna Nicole Webb, to Ashley and Christopher Webb  
 December 17, 2005 A son, Reid Harryson Patrick, to Taza and Mitchell Patrick  
 December 18, 2005 A daughter, Allison Faith Yates, to Cristy and Timmy Yates  
 December 18, 2005 A son, Kenneth Ray Harris, to Anita Kay Hayden  
 December 19, 2005 A daughter, Carlee Raygan Pinson, to Kimberly and John Pinson  
 December 20, 2005 A son, Lucas Owen Wolford, to Kellie and Joshua Wolford

**Evolution of the banjo featured in art exhibit**

by CARL HARTMAN  
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WASHINGTON — Consider the evolution of the humble banjo.

It morphed from a hollow gourd, strummed by African slaves, into an elegant toy for Victorian society ladies. Later, it grew into one of the mainstays of bluegrass music.

This story is told in a new exhibit at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. "Picturing the Banjo" brings together 72 works of art with a sampling of actual instruments.

Among the artists are Mary Cassatt, Thomas Eakins, Thomas Hart Benton and William Wegman. Some of the instruments are themselves elaborate works of art, adorned with inlaid designs and carvings of gargoyles, Masonic emblems and dis-

creet nudes. Richard Norris Brooke's 1881 "A Pastoral Visit" shows a black family serving a meal to a dignified visiting minister. A banjo is prominent in the foreground.

Norman Rockwell's 1926 "The Banjo Player" depicts an old black man playing the banjo while a white boy, rapt, sits on the floor facing him and keeping time with a couple of sticks.

Curator Leo G. Mazow said the calabash, the gourd from which the original instruments were made, was central to west African life. It could serve as a dipper, a bottle, a pipe or even an oar. The hollow gourd was made into a musical instrument by stretching an animal skin tightly over its opening and adding catgut strings.

(See BANJO, page six)

**School Happenings**

**Adams Middle School Youth Services Center**

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

**Allen Central Middle School**

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

**Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center**

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

**Betsy Layne Elementary**

The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.  
 Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

**Clark Elementary**

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

families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

**Duff Elementary**

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

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

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

**May Valley Elementary**

Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.  
 Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

**McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center**

Floyd County Health Department Monday to administer immunizations,

T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

**Mountain Christian Academy**

Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.

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

**Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center**

The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.  
 After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.  
 Call 886-7088 for information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

**South Floyd Youth Services Center**

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

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

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

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

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

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

munity as well as students.

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

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

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

**Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center**

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

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

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

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

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

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

If you would like more information on the programs and services offered by the FRC, please call or come by for a visit. Center is located in the main building at

Monday thru Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.





# Family Medicine



**Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.**  
Associate Professor  
of Family Medicine

## Friends don't let friends drive under the influence

**Question: Can you give me some advice on making this New Year's celebration a safe and enjoyable one?**

**Answer:** It's almost time to ring in the new year — an occasion that many people will celebrate by raising a few toasts. While sensible, restrained drinking is acceptable in our society, drinking to the point of getting drunk is not. And, when a person is drunk, there's absolutely no excuse for trying to drive a car.

Statistics from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration show that alcohol-related deaths among younger drivers have decreased

significantly since 1993. That's good news. Here are a few party tips that will help you do your part to make this laudable trend continue:

■ Suggest your guests come in groups and that each group select a "designated driver."

■ Make non-alcoholic beverages available, preferably served in the same type of glasses as the alcohol, for the designated driver and for anyone else who chooses not to consume alcohol.

■ Guests should not be persuaded to drink, nor ridiculed if they choose not to.

■ Snacking should be encouraged.

■ Coffee should be served in the last hour or so of the party.

On the last point, let me make it clear that coffee does not counteract the alcohol as some people believe. However, it does offset drowsiness, and a lengthy period of socializing over coffee provides guests time to sober up before heading home.

**Question: How can you tell if you are too drunk to drive?**

**Answer:** It takes the average person one to two hours to eliminate the average alcoholic drink, such as a jigger of distilled liquor, a bottle of beer, or a glass of wine. Given this fact, a good, conservative rule of thumb is that if you have had more than one drink for each two hours that you have been at a party, don't drive. Also, remember that inebriation is generally brought on quicker if you drink on an empty stom-

ach.

Even if a person passes the conservative rule of thumb I just mentioned, they should not be allowed to drive if they appear obviously drunk. This is no longer just a moral responsibility. In many states you can now be held legally liable for damages caused by people who leave your party and then drive while intoxicated.

To summarize: any person who has more than one drink for every two hours of the party, or who shows signs of drunkenness, should not be allowed to drive. Instead, insist that they stay overnight, go home with somebody else, or take a taxi.

By following these steps and remembering that old adage "friends don't let friends drive drunk," you can help to assure that 2006 will get off to a safe start.

On behalf of all of us at the Ohio

University College of Osteopathic Medicine, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy, peaceful New Year.

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### Postscript

even bothering to make resolutions in the first place. It used to be more than 80 percent of us made resolutions (to break), but now fewer than half of us fool with the mostly futile ritual.

The article quotes Gary Cox: "When you do this every year, and every year you are setting the same stupid goal, that should tell you something."

Cox, by the way, is identified as a "life strategist." Does anyone have a clue what that might be? Does anyone you know have a strategy for life? I certainly can't say that I do — which may be why I operate most days at less than capacity.

The article further indicates that the latest philosophy in dealing with the change of year is to set a theme for your year. I immediately think about the Chinese designations: Year of the Rat, Year of the Monkey, Year of the Pig (all of which I've unwittingly had, I think).

Seriously, though, there is some merit to this idea. The example given is to make health a theme for the year. Just determine that your theme is good health and focus your life on achieving it. The strategy part, I suppose, comes in as you pursue ways to help you become healthy, such as diet,

exercise and positive thinking.

Likewise, you could select travel as a theme for your life in 2006 — I know I'm intrigued by that one. However, I probably need to postpone that to 2007 and concentrate on the theme of money this year.

On another note, every year, it seems, we see more lawns decorated this time of year with inflatable figures, mostly Santa and his entourage, giant snowmen, and sometimes holy figures.

I applaud all those people who put up these

characters for the enjoyment of all who pass by.

For sure, I get a tremendous kick out of them. There are few things funnier, to my mind, than seeing the figures lying prostrate or prone on a colorful lawn. The interpretations are endless. Is Santa drunk or just pooped out? Is he getting too old for the job? Has he been mugged? Is he trying to sneak 40 winks before his next gig?

To all of you who spend the holidays pumping up and re-pumping these plastic pretties, thank you. You provide a bright spot in a hectic season. Happy New Year!

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### Now comes 'The Hitler Book' of Hitler books

by **NORMAN N. BROWN**  
AP WEEKLY FEATURES

*"The Hitler Book: The Secret Dossier Prepared for Stalin From the Interrogation of Hitler's Personal Aides." Edited by Henrik Eberle and Matthias Uhl. Public Affairs, 370 Pages, \$27.50.*

According to Henrik Eberle and Matthias Uhl, editors of "The Hitler Book," Adolf Hitler has been the subject of more than 1,000 biographies aside from countless other writings.

A few of those biographies can be considered definitive and most of the details of life have become known, but that was not the case for many years. Upon his rise to power in Germany in 1933, Hitler chose to obscure his background and little was known about him.

"The Hitler Book" contains the text of a report on Hitler's life compiled for Josef Stalin, Hitler's counterpart in Russia, after Hitler's death. Stalin had closely followed Hitler's political career with awe and even admiration, but knew very little about the man. The two never met, and their contact was through third parties and only for political and diplomatic reasons.

Hitler and his wife, Eva Braun, committed suicide in his Berlin bunker on April 30, 1945, and their bodies were burned with gasoline. Autopsies were performed on their remains, which were recovered on May 4 by Russian agents.

Stalin wanted to be certain that Hitler had died and by what means, so he ordered his secret police to investigate. By mid-1946, with the supporting evidence of Hitler's and Braun's dental records and jawbones, its report was completed and delivered to Stalin.

This was followed by a more detailed survey of Hitler and the Third Reich, which was given to Stalin in late 1949. This document is what makes up "The Hitler Book."

It is not known whether Stalin read the report. It had been his habit to highlight passages and jot marginal comments on pages he read, but his copy is unmarked.

The report was mostly the work of two state security officers who drew largely on the interrogations of Hitler's personal assistant and on one of his military adjutants.

Both aides were taken to Moscow and kept imprisoned for 10 years. They were treated harshly, kept apart and interrogated repeatedly.

Approximately 35 percent of the resulting report is devoted to the last few months of Hitler's regime. It abounds in details of the daily lives of Hitler and his military and domestic entourage.

Uhl discovered Stalin's copy of the report in a Moscow archive two years ago. "The Hitler Book" presents the document with only a few annotations and corrections of minor inaccuracies, mostly dates.

"The Hitler Book" enriches the body of literature about its subject with the description of many previously unknown episodes of Hitler's life.



Osborne Elementary School winners



South Floyd Middle School winners



Opportunities Unlimited winners



Stumbo Elementary School winners



Prestonsburg Elementary School winners



Prestonsburg High School winners



### Dream

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grades winner; Jeramiah Johnson, middle grades winner;

**Allen Central High School:** Kelli Allen, Kayla Shepherd;

**McDowell Elementary:** Daniel Halbert, primary grades winner, Emily Hall, intermediate winner;

**Osborne Elementary:** Taylor Berger, primary grades winner, Allyson Tufts, intermediate grades winner

**Betsy Layne Elementary:** Roger Hall, primary winner, McKenzie Akers, intermediate winner, Keleigh Wagner, middle grades;

**South Floyd High School:** Veronica Smith, winner;

**Betsy Layne High School:** Margo Hunt, winner;

**Clark Elementary:** Hannah Arnett, primary winner, Tamera Hamilton, intermediate winner;

**Floyd Tech:** Sureka Scott, winner

**Adams Middle School:** Hailee Hall, overall winner

**Allen Elementary:** Brandon Goble, primary winner; Christian Goble, intermediate; Emily Bryant, middle grades winner

**May Valley Elementary:** Jordan Pack, primary winner; Taylor Banks, intermediate winner

**South Floyd Middle School:** Reta Adams, winner

**Duff Elementary:** Logan Conley, primary winner, Brooklyn Martin, intermediate winner;

**Prestonsburg High School:** Cody Osborne, Taylor Clark, winners

Front cover designed by Amy Crum, P4, Osborne Elementary

### Banjo

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Thomas Jefferson, in "Notes on Virginia," wrote of slaves, "The instrument proper to them is the Banjar, which they brought hither from Africa."

A poet of Jefferson's time urged slave owners, "Permit the slaves to lead the choral dance, to the wild banshaw's melancholy sound."

"Some people spoke of the horrific noise," Mazow said, "but people hear what they want to hear."

Women of the "gilded age" in the late 1800s used elegant versions of the banjo to show off their musical skills. Society women plucked banjos with more enthusiasm than their granddaughters could summon to strum guitars.

In the 1890s, one company came out with what it called an "electric" banjo. There was nothing electrical about it at all, said Mazow.

"It was just a fancy word," he said, "the same way later ordinary products were described as 'jet' or 'atomic' because it sounded up to date."

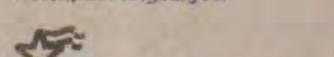
Earl Scruggs brought the five-string banjo alive on stage of the Grand Ole Opry. Current banjo masters include Emily Robison of the Dixie Chicks and jazz-bluegrass instrumentalist Bela Fleck.

The exhibit can be seen in Washington through March 5. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and U.S. military and \$4 for students. It will travel to the Palmer Museum in Philadelphia March 30-June 25, and to the Boston Athenaeum July 26-Oct. 21.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-8050 RENEWAL**

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Mare Creek Sand Company, Incorporated, P.O. Box 598, Allen, Kentucky 41601, intends to file for renewal of permit number 836-8050. The operation disturbs 3.97 acres; no new acreage is affected by this renewal.

The operation is located on the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, at Emma, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 4,200 feet southwest of State Route 1428's junction with State Route 194, on the north bank of the Levisa Fork. The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37d 37m 58s North, and longitude 82d 42m 28s West.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for

Surface Mining and Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this notice. All comments or objections must be received within 30 days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 880-0124**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky, 41214, has applied for Phase I Bond Release on increments 1, 6, and 7 of permit number 880-0124, which was last issued on 08/10/05. The application covers an area of approximately 959.40 acres, located 1.82 mile northwest of Thomas, in Martin and Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 1.8 mile north from Kentucky Route 194's junction with Wolf Branch Road.

The bond now in effect for increment #1 is a surety bond for \$203,000.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$138,000.00 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for increment #6 is a surety bond for \$186,100.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$111,660.00 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for increment #7 is a surety bond for \$185,400.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$111,240.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding and mulching, completed Summer 2003.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 3, 2006.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 6, 2006, at 9 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 3, 2006.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Peter Fork Mining Company, P.O. Box 2666, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase I, II and III Bond Release

on Increment No. 7, and Phase II and III Bond Release on Increment No. 8, of Permit Number 898-0042, which was last issued on October 20, 1997. The application covers an area of approximately 260.87 acres, located 2.0 miles south of Owsley, in Pike and Floyd Counties.

The permit is approximately 1.0 mile south from KY Route 1384's junction with Dog Fork, and located 0.5 mile southeast of Left Fork of Big Creek of Toler Creek. The latitude is 37°28'05". The longitude is 82°35'08".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 7 is a certificate of deposit in the amount of ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500.00), which is the remaining bond in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 8 is a certificate of deposit in the amount of fifty-four thousand eight hundred twenty-one dollars (\$54,821.00), which is the remaining bond in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed on the permit area includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching, completed in the spring of 1987. Results thus far, include the establishment of the approved post-mining land use.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 6, 2006.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 7, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, located at 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 6, 2006.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0322**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface and auger coal mining operation, located 2.2 miles northeast of Handshoe, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation will disturb 41.0 surface acres, and will underlie 15.4 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 56.4 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.1 mile northwest from KY 2029's junction with KY 7, and located on an unnamed tributary of Raccoon Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland, Handshoe, and David U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Edward & Dora Handshoe, Timothy Francis, and Dallas Sparkman. The operation will

underlie land owned by Edward & Dora Handshoe, Timothy Francis, Dallas Sparkman.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0308 AMENDMENT NO. 1**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 4.5 miles northwest of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The amendment will add an additional 22.7 acres of surface disturbance, and will add an additional 12.1 underground acres, making the total area within the permit boundary, 485.0 acres.

The amendment area is approximately 1.8 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Plummer Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use

the contour strip and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Sylvia Warrix and Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road KY 7. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or

requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0303 AMENDMENT NO. 2**

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located near Craynor, of Floyd County. The amendment will add

125.06 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 380.95 acres, of which 250.25 acres underlie surface and/or auger, in another seam, making a total area of 840.22 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road, and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Richard and Ryan Hamilton,

Arnold Turner, Levi Blankenship, Bobby Page, Eddie Blankenship, Freddie Blankenship, Daniel Newsome, Ruby Hamilton, Pervis Hamilton, Walker and Jeromia Tackett, Maggie Hamilton, Keathy Enterprises Inc., Roger Paige, Hershel Tackett, Anthony Tackett, and Carmel and Marie Clark. The amendment will underlie land owned by Richard and Ryan Hamilton, Arnold Turner, Levi Blankenship, Bobby Page, Eddie Blankenship, Daniel Newsome, Ruby Hamilton, Pervis Hamilton, Keathy Enterprises, Inc., Roger Paige, and Hershel Tackett. The operation will

use the area, contour, and extended depth auger method of surface mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. 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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