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## Practice facility nearing completion early

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — New indoor ball practice facilities on Stonecrest Golf Course are nearing completion a little ahead of schedule for next year's season.

With the season starting in February, Ritchie Schoolcraft with the High School Baseball Boosters, says it has been a long road, but he's looking forward to seeing the facility put to use. Construction began Oct. 2 and since then, volunteers have poured a lot of time and muscle into the project.

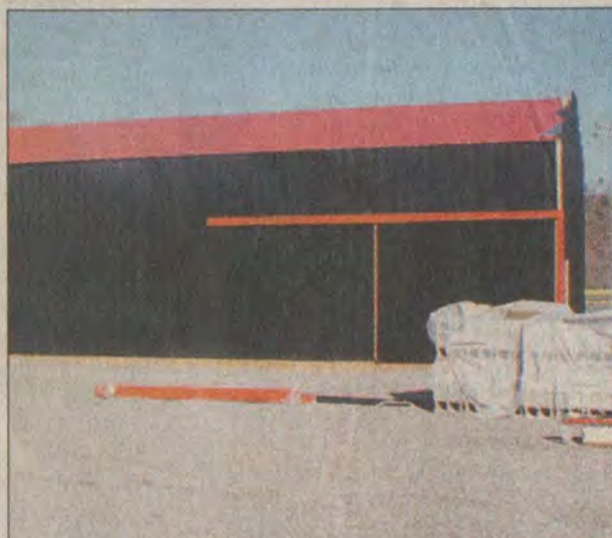
The large indoor practice facility will feature three batting cages and two practice mounds that will be used by the Little League and high school baseball

and softball teams.

From the beginning, Schoolcraft said the current Prestonsburg City Council has played a key role in getting the ball rolling for the project. Layne's Hardware, Taylor Metal, City Utilities, West Virginia Electric, Bob Carpenter Sr., Mountain Enterprises and Prestonsburg city employees have also contributed to the completion of the facility. The Pepsi company will also be working to get the concession stand ready for business.

According to Schoolcraft, volunteers consisting mostly of parents and coaches have worked nearly every evening after their regular jobs in order to get the facil-

(See FACILITY, page five)



All that is left is a little trim work to finish on the new indoor practice facility located at the Stonecrest recreational area. The facility, which will be used by the Little League and high school baseball and softball teams, is expected to be completed before Christmas.

photo by Jessica Hale



### LETTERS TO SANTA

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### briefs

### Governor orders flags at half-staff for fallen soldier

FRANKFORT — Governor Ernie Fletcher has directed that flags at all state office buildings be lowered to half-staff in honor of Pfc. Theodore M. West.

According to the Department of Defense, West, 23, of Richmond, died November 29 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations. West was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, at Fort Hood, Texas.

Flags will remain at half-staff throughout the state until sunset on the day of West's funeral. Arrangements have not yet been determined.

### 3 DAY FORECAST

**Today**

Partly cloudy

High: 52 • Low: 30

**Tomorrow**

Some snow

High: 33 • Low: 16

**Friday**

Sunny

High: 34 • Low: 20

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### HARD ROCKING CONCERT



photo by Alex Smith

Godsmack frontman Sully Erna began playing just after some pyrotechnics at the opening of the band's set caught many people off guard Sunday at the East Kentucky Exposition Center. The band had the crowd in a frenzy before they took the stage as cameras followed members to the stage as they jumped right into material from their new album, "IV."

## East Kentucky Utilities gas bills heading down

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

Garrett, Hueysville, Lackey, Middle Creek, Minnie and Wayland.

PRESTONSBURG — Lower temperatures during the winter usually mean higher gas prices for Eastern Kentuckians. This winter, customers served by Eastern Kentucky Utilities will likely see a significant decrease on their heating bills.

According to Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, the Kentucky Public Service Commission granted a request by East Kentucky Utilities to reduce its natural gas rates for the upcoming winter months. The reduction became effective on Dec. 1 and will impact residents living in and around the communities of Allen, Dwale, Estill,

According to Larry Rich with East Kentucky Utilities, prices have taken sort of a downhill slide over the past year.

Of course, rates are dependent on several factors, including cost of transportation and weather. Rich said Hurricane Katrina, which struck the Gulf coast last year, greatly impacted the price of natural gas and the effects have even been felt here in Eastern Kentucky as well.

The average rate for gas has most recently been approximately \$21.87 for the first 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas and \$17.12 for each additional thousand.

(See BILLS, page five)

## Drugs, tougher enforcement seen raising jail numbers

by ALEX SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Three percent of the U.S. adult population spent time in jail or prison or was on probation or parole last year according to a report released by the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics.

There were 1,525,924 prisoners being held by state and federal correc-

tional authorities as of Dec. 31, 2005, with the number of adult men and women in the U.S. correctional system topping 7 million overall for the first time.

The state of Kentucky saw the third highest increase in the country of its prison population, rising 10.4 percent in 2005, just behind Montana (10.9 percent) and South Dakota (11.9 percent).

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor said he believes that in Floyd County the majority of people in a part of the correctional system come from drug trafficking cases or from other cases, such as burglary and robbery crimes that are committed in an effort to obtain drugs.

Taylor said the reason the numbers are on the rise in Floyd County is because numerous local agencies have

stepped up their efforts to clean up the increasing prescription drug problem in the area. Eastern Kentucky is sometimes called the prescription drug capital of the country, and Floyd County is no exception, with a majority of those arrested for drug-trafficking being arrested for prescription pill offenses. Taylor said the area has seen a surge in

(See INMATES, page five)

## Experts: Coal must build new 'culture of prevention'

by VICKI SMITH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Coal companies must replace by-the-book compliance with a culture of prevention if they want to eliminate the underground fires and explosions that are killing miners, says a panel of experts releasing recommendations for the industry Tuesday.

The Mine Safety Technology and Training Commission has studied 25 years of fires and explosions to produce more than 70 recommendations aimed at eliminating deaths and serious injuries in an industry that has had its worst year in decades.

Complying with state and federal regulations is insufficient because not every risk can be addressed in a rapidly changing environment, said Larry Grayson, commission chairman and a professor of mining engineering at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

"Unfortunately, it's easy to interpret that if I comply with the minimum requirements of the law, I'm going to be OK," Grayson said. "That's often a bad assumption."

The report, which was to be unveiled at a mining conference in Pittsburgh, also aims to increase the odds of survival when accidents happen. Suggestions range from investment in new breathing devices and

communications technology to reality-based training scenarios for miners and rescue teams.

The report also urges a shift in status quo for the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration when it comes to deploying mine-rescue teams. The commission said companies should be able to relax safety standards when lives are at risk and tighten them when property recovery is the sole objective.

Rescue teams did not enter West Virginia's Sago Mine until 11 hours after the January explosion that trapped and ultimately killed 12 men.

"In cases where miners are trapped, mine operators should exercise their authority to direct rescue teams to

begin operations," the report said. "They should not wait for MSHA direction to do so."

MSHA must balance the potential for a secondary explosion that could endanger the rescuers with the likelihood of a successful operation. Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health, said he looks forward to reviewing the report, which covers some issues MSHA "has been rigorously studying for some time."

"Anything that can be done to create a safer and healthier environment for our nation's miners is worthy of our

(See SAFETY, page seven)

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# Obituaries

## Bert Allen

Bert Allen, age 82 of Betsy Layne, passed away on Sunday, December 3, 2006, in the Thomson Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore.

He was born October 23, 1924, in Harold, the son of the late James and Lilly Sturgill Allen.

He was a retired barber, a World War II Navy veteran, and a member of the Betsy Layne United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two sons: Herbert Allen of Varicrus, Mexico, and Randy Allen of Harrodsburg; a daughter, Pacilla Allen Conn of Banner; three sisters: Eda Belle Marshall and Naomi Mullins, both of Sumpter, South Carolina, and Mary Lou Gilmore of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Clara Allen, and brothers: L.J. Allen, Curtis Allen, Dewey Allen, James Preston, and Larry Buford Allen.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 6, at the Betsy Layne United Methodist Church, with Rev.

Randy Blackburn officiating.

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

(Paid obituary)

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## Elder Monford Howell

Elder Monford Howell, age 60, of Grethel, died Monday, December 4, 2006, at Huntington V.A. Medical Center.

Born April 24, 1946, in Craynor, he was the son of Susan Newsome Howell of Grethel, and the late Milford Howell. He was a disabled loader operator for Ensol Coal Company; a U.S. Army veteran; and a member and moderator of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church in Teaberry.

He is survived by his wife, Roma Lou Howell.

Other survivors include two sons: Kelvin Blake Howell (Sandra) and Anthony Jarvis Howell, both of Grethel; a daughter, Sandra Lynn Stumbo (Jeffrey) of Harold; three brothers: Daniel Howell of Honaker, and Edgar Howell and Walker Howell, both of Teaberry; two sisters: Verbal Akers of Grethel, and Emogene Prater of Bloomington; and three grandchildren: Nicholas Bryon Stumbo, Madison Blake Howell, and Megan Dawn Stumbo.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a sister, Della Lene Compton.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 7, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church in Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Hall Cemetery, in Grethel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation, at the church, with nightly services at 7 p.m.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

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## Helen C. Stumbo

Helen C. Stumbo, age 81, of McDowell, wife of the late Ted Stumbo, passed away Friday, December 1, 2006, in the Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington.

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She was born June 23, 1925, in Perry County, the daughter of the late Bob Campbell and Eliza Jane Caldwell Campbell. She was a retired school teacher for the Floyd County School System, a member of the Floyd County Retired Teacher Association, and the KEA.

Survivors include two grandchildren: Kristi Lynne Pack of Somerset, and T.T. Pack of McDowell; and a sister, Sara Carter of Hapster, Ohio.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Karen Lynne Pack; and two sisters: Para Lea Vanderpool and Effie Combs.

Funeral services for Helen C. Campbell were conducted Tuesday, December 5, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers: Buggy Stumbo, Johnnie Stumbo, Ronnie Combs, Ricky Ramey and Rudy Tackett.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

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## William E. (Willie) Wright

William E. (Willie) Wright, age 91, of Oil Springs, died

Saturday, December 2, 2006, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center.

Born February 20, 1915, in Beef Hide, he was the son of the late Ben and Liza Ann Henson Wright. He was a retired coal miner; a member of the First Baptist Church, in Martin; and a World War II veteran of the United States Army.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alberta Little Wright.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law: Wayne and Glenna Wright of Oil Springs, and Ronald and Loretta Wright of Martin; a daughter, Mary Jane DeBord of Martin; a sister, Arizona Sowards of Pound, Virginia; 26 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by three sons: Rex Wright, Glennis Wright, and Torrence Wright; a daughter, Lois Hamilton; three brothers: Irvin Wright, Johnny Wright, and Jarvey Wright; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 5, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Ronnie Halbert and Chuck Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Wright and DeBord Cemetery, in Dinwood, in Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

## Card of Thanks

The family of Ocie Hamilton Moore wishes to thank all of those friends, neighbors and family, who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, prayers, or words of comfort expressed. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital and Staff, the Floyd County Rescue Squad, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and trusted services.

THE FAMILY OF OCIE HAMILTON MOORE

## Card of Thanks

The family of Rev. Abe Vanderpool would like to express our appreciation to Riverview Health Care Center staff for their loving care of our Dad during his last days. To all who sent flowers or perhaps said a kind word, to Hall Funeral Home for their excellent care, Rev. Bethel Bolen for his comforting words, and the pallbearers who honored their Grandfather on his last walk.

THE FAMILY OF REV. ABE VANDERPOOL

## Card of Thanks

The family of Eunice Mae Flanery Hall would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one; those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke kind words. We are especially grateful to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for all the love and support shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family.

THE FAMILY OF EUNICE MAE FLANERY HALL

## Card of Thanks

The family of Eva A. Carpenter would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Bethel Bolen and Nathan Lafferty for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their unsurpassed service.

THE FAMILY OF EVA A. CARPENTER

## Card of Thanks

The family of Braskan Hall Yonts wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for the comforting words, the Little Rock Regular Baptist Church for all the love and support shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home, for their kind and professional services.

THE FAMILY OF BRASKAN HALL YONTS

## ~ In Loving Memory ~

### Cassandra Hall (age 49)

#### "Sandy Baby Girl"

Passed away November 22nd, 2006, at Martin, Ky. She lived in Eastern, Ky., formerly from Middlesboro. Born on January 1st, 1957.

She will be deeply missed by all her family and friends. She has touched so many hearts, especially mine, I want to thank every-



one for their donations and all the kind words throughout this tragedy. Some of her family and friends include: Kim Mynhier, Roberta Martin, Pearlie Hicks, Sue Damron, Virginia Hughes, Chad Mynhier, Brandon Click, Becky Rice, Cyrena Rice, Mary Lou, Shannon Mynhier, Michele (Georgie), Charles Hicks, Miranda (Muddle), Gladis Cornett, Whitney Kelly and Eric, Connie, Heather, Penny Branham, Terry Bellamy, Billy Jo, Paul, CJ, Jonathan, Mary Lynn, and all the people from the auction. If I forgot anyone, she loved you all. She will be sadly missed and was deeply loved. I love you, Sandy, and miss you so much. We all do. All our love!

Love Always & Forever

Kim

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### Prestonsburg Community College Mountain Dew Festival Basketball Players!

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# Community Calendar

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

### Diabetes Support Group

The Floyd County Health Department Diabetes Support Group will meet on December 19, from 11:00 to 12:00. Classes will be held at the Floyd County Health Department and are free of charge. This month topic is Holiday Eating with Diabetes. For more information, contact Cheryl Younce at 886-2788, ext. 214.

### Carl D. Perkins Job Corps

to host Toys for Tots 2006. The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, in cooperation with the Marine Corps Reserve, will be hosting Toys for Tots 2006 for Johnson County residents on December 21, and Floyd County, on December 22, at the Perkins Gymnasium. Anyone interested in donating a new unopened toy can drop them off at the following locations:

Floyd County locations:

All First Commonwealth Bank

- locations
- Big Sandy RECC
- Brad Hughes Toyota
- Cash Express
- Dollar Trees
- Honda of Prestonsburg
- East KY Tire
- IGA at Stanville
- Layne's Hardware
- Messer's Department Store
- Save-A-Lot
- WQHY

Johnson County locations:

- All Citizen National Bank
- locations
- Brown's Ford
- Fashion Bug
- Glenda's Little Nook
- Ramada Inn

All toys collected will be distributed to local children. Anyone in need of receiving toys, for ages infant to 13 years old, need to contact your Family Resource Center at your local elementary and middle schools.

For more information, contact Marsha Hackworth at (606) 886-1037, ext. 105, or Lisa Moore at ext. 127.

### Charles' Grilled Subs Breakfast with Santa Toy Drive

Presented by Charley's Grilled Subs and Carl D. Perkins Prestonsburg Job Corps on December 9, from 8-11:30. Charley's Grilled Subs, 483 University Drive, Prestonsburg, Children donating an unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tots" will enjoy a complimentary breakfast and

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photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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### Live Drive Through Nativity

Christ United Methodist Church, in Allen, will hold a Live Drive Through Nativity on December 16 and 17, from 6 till 9 p.m. "Come, go back to the night when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Experience the wonder of the special night from the comfort of your own car."

### HRMC December Calendar

- \*Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28 - Kiwanis, Meeting Place A&B, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- \*Dec. 12 - Autism Support Group - Meeting Place B, 7-8 p.m.
- \*Dec. 15 - Highlands Blood Drive, Meeting Place A&B, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Coat & Toy Drive

Toys, coats, shoes (washable) and non-perishable food items will be accepted for drop-off at Cash Express, located at 536 North Lake Drive, until Dec. 15. All items will be distributed at the annual Job Corps Christmas party, held for area families. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

### Hillbilly Travel Club

Now scheduling trips for the upcoming year to: Myrtle Beach (Golf), March 11-15; Washington, DC, Memorial Day weekend; Niagara Falls, Canada, Labor Day weekend. All trips include roundtrip motorcoach, lodging, selected meals. Others include rounds of golf (with cart), guided tours, entry to area attractions (Maid of Mist boat ride, IMAX theater, and more). Call Ed at 452-4149 for more information.

### ACHS Class of '96

The Allen Central High School Class of 1996 will be holding their 10-year reunion. For more information, call Amanda at 285-9491 or Leslie at 886-8003.

### PHS Class of '97

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1997 is currently planning their 10 year reunion. The reunion is scheduled to be held on July 14,

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<p><b>Cinema Two • PG</b></p> <p>HELD OVER</p>  <p><b>DECK THE HALLS</b>                  Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:20;                  Fri. (4:20), 7:05-9:20;                  Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:20), 7:05-9:20</p>	<p><b>Cinema Seven • PG-13</b></p> <p>STARTS FRI., 12/8</p>  <p><b>THE HOLIDAY</b>                  Mon.-Sun. 6:45-9:25;                  Fri. (4:00);                  Sat.-Sun. (1:30-4:00), 6:45-9:25</p>
<p><b>Cinema Three • PG</b></p> <p>HELD OVER</p>  <p><b>HAPPY FEET</b>                  Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:20;                  Fri. (4:00), 6:50-9:20;                  Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:30), 6:50-9:20</p>	<p><b>Cinema Eight • R</b></p> <p>STARTS FRI., 12/8</p>  <p><b>BLOOD DIAMOND</b>                  Mon.-Sun. 6:40-9:25;                  Fri. (4:00);                  Sat.-Sun. (1:20-4:00), 6:40-9:25</p>
<p><b>Cinema Four • R</b></p> <p>HELD OVER</p>  <p><b>TURISTAS</b>                  Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30;                  Fri. (4:30), 7:15-9:30;                  Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30), 7:15-9:30</p>	<p><b>Cinema Nine • R</b></p> <p>STARTS FRI., 12/8</p>  <p><b>APOCALYPTO</b>                  Mon.-Sun. 6:45-9:25;                  Fri. (4:00);                  Sat.-Sun. (1:30-4:00), 6:45-9:25</p>
<p><b>Cinema Five</b></p> <p>HELD OVER</p>  <p><b>SANTA CLAUSE 3: The Escape Clause</b>                  Mon.-Sun. 7:05;                  Fri. (4:20), 7:05;                  Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:20), 7:05</p> <p><b>VAN WILDER: The Rise of Taj</b>                  Mon.-Sun. 9:20 only</p>	<p><b>Cinema Ten • PG-13</b></p> <p>HELD OVER</p>  <p><b>DEJA VU</b>                  Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:15;                  Fri. (4:15);                  Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:15), 6:50-9:15</p>

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# Parent charges principal with assault after paddling

The Associated Press

PAINTSVILLE — An Eastern Kentucky parent has obtained an assault warrant against an elementary school principal after his son came home with bruises on his backside from a paddling.

Roger D. McGuire, 44, of Van Lear, said his son, a student at Central Elementary School in Johnson County, was paddled Nov. 27 for wrestling with another student at recess. McGuire said his son had bruises on his buttocks in the shape of a paddle a week later.

"He crossed the line," said McGuire. "You're talking

about a straight-A student who's never been in trouble before and, in his first whipping, you tear his backside off."

McGuire obtained the warrant against principal Ben Hamilton, 43, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported.

Hamilton referred questions to his attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, who said he has filed a motion to dismiss the warrant because Hamilton is immune from prosecution under state law. Principals have the right to use necessary

force to promote discipline, Pillersdorf said Tuesday.

The corporal punishment "was not excessive, hurtful and was routine in nature, and was designed to instill discipline in the child," teacher Beth Lemaster, who witnessed the paddling, said in a court affidavit.

The school board is investigating, attorney Michael Schmitt said.

Kentucky allows its 175 school districts to set policy on corporal punishment, even though it has been banned in

28 states, said Lisa Gross, a spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department of Education.

The number of paddlings reported in Kentucky has been dropping, from 43,019 in 2001-02 to 34,060 in 2004-05. And, generally, it's confined to the rural areas of the state, said Jon Akers of the Kentucky Center for School Safety in Richmond.

In the 2004-05 school year, the most recent for which figures are available, McCreary County reported 471 pad-

dlings, Pike County 441, Martin County 117 and Lincoln County 112.

"When I first started, the number of districts paddling students was in the 70s," Akers said. "Each year, it dwindles."

The falloff in use is consistent with what's happening worldwide. Only one Australian state and the United States allows corporal punishment in the industrialized world, Akers said.

In Johnson County and most other districts that still

allow it, parental permission is required and punishment must be administered in private, with a witness.

McGuire said he gave permission for his child to face corporal punishment, but Hamilton went too far and should be arrested instead of subpoenaed into district court on Jan. 8.

"If I'd hit my child that hard, they would have slapped the handcuffs on me 30 minutes after they found the welts on his butt and put him in a foster home," he said.

## Marsh Foundation offers piano scholarship competition

PAINTSVILLE — A new piano scholarship competition for young people in Eastern Kentucky who have not yet graduated high school has been announced by the Marsh Foundation, Inc., a Maryland-based foundation whose principal, Lawrence B. Marsh, is a native of Paintsville in Johnson County.

Named the Dorothy G. Marsh Piano Scholarship Competition in honor of his late mother, the first event is scheduled for late spring 2007, according to an announcement from Lawrence B. Marsh, President of the Marsh Foundation.

Dorothy G. Marsh, an accomplished pianist and organist who studied classical piano for more than 12 years, performed at local churches and community organizations for almost 50 years until her retirement to Florida in the mid-1970s. Her musical gifts inspired an untold number of young pianists to further their own musical careers.

Lawrence B. Marsh, a graduate of Paintsville High School and Georgia Tech, created the Marsh Foundation, Inc., following a successful entrepreneurial career in electronic product development. The purpose of the Foundation, Mr. Marsh said, was to encourage the development of small, privately owned businesses in Eastern Kentucky in addition to providing piano scholarships to assist gifted Eastern Kentucky high school graduates in continuing their studies at the college of their choice. Details of the Foundation's small business development program will be announced at a later date.

"The Dorothy G. Marsh Piano Scholarship Competition will award a prize of a \$2,000 scholarship and a Silver Medallion to the First Place Winner and a prize of a \$1,000 scholarship and a Bronze Medallion to the Second Place Winner of the 2007 competition," Lawrence B. Marsh explained.

Piano teachers and students residing in Eastern Kentucky who wish to apply for the 2007 Dorothy G. Marsh Piano Scholarship Competition may obtain more information and application forms by contacting the Marsh Foundation, Inc., at PO Box 209, Buckeystown, Maryland 21717 or through e-mail at marshlb@adelphia.net.

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the number of cases against people trafficking in prescription pills and methadone, but said it just depends on where you live in the state as to what kind of drugs you are more likely to see.

"I would say it's pretty uniform throughout the state, just different drugs around the state," Taylor said.

Taylor also said the numbers may show a population with more people being incarcerated, but when attorney's come down hard on people who commit certain crimes, it sends a message to potential offenders out there and will result in less people attempting to break the law. He said when prosecuting a case, attorneys need to decide

if they are going to take a consistent stance against certain crimes, and when they do, that leads to more jail terms.

Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb said the Floyd County Detention Center is housing an average of 146 prisoners per day this year, up three from an average day in 2005. He said 54 percent of all people lodged

in the facility are there for direct drug or alcohol related offenses, while 90 percent are in the jail because of drugs or alcohol or because they committed a crime while on them or to obtain them.

"The jail is a necessity in any county," Webb said.

At the end of 2005 there were 2,193,798 prisoners being held in Federal or State prisons or in local jails, an increase of 2.7 percent from 2004. Overall, the number of people

behind bars fell slightly from the average annual growth of 3.3 percent since 1995. Many jails nationwide reported facilities not filled to capacity, a change from previous years. The report lists 33,398 beds being added to jails by the middle of 2005, with 95 percent of them accounted for.

The average national growth of the number of people on probation or parole also fell in 2005. By the end of 2005 over 4.9 million adult men and

women were under Federal, State or local probation or parole jurisdiction, a growth of 0.6 percent nationwide, down more than a fifth of the average annual increase of 2.8 percent since 1995.

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The Floyd County Farm Bureau was recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement during the recent 87th Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting in Louisville. Here, Eddie Akers, center, accepts the award from David S. Beck, right, Kentucky Farm Bureau executive vice president and Roger L. Simpson, executive vice president of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies during a December 1 recognition and awards program.



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**Hiring probe cost taxpayers more than \$2 million**

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The lengthy investigation into Gov. Ernie Fletcher's hiring practices has cost taxpayers at least \$2.1 million, but that's not the full cost.

The exact amount remains unknown because Fletcher and Attorney General Greg Stumbo can't say how much time their staffs spent on the case, which involved 18 months of legal wrangling.

The Fletcher administration has paid at least \$1.9 million to eight law firms to defend the governor's office and state agencies. The Courier-Journal of Louisville reported, Attorney General Greg Stumbo's office spent \$182,100 on a consultant, scanning services and overtime pay, the newspaper said.

It cost more than \$10,000 for the Franklin County special grand jury to meet for 15 months to investigate whether Fletcher's administration illegally rewarded political supporters with state jobs.

The grand jury indicted Fletcher on misdemeanor

charges that were dropped in August in a deal with prosecutors.

The grand jury's findings, released last month, said Fletcher had approved a "wide-spread and coordinated plan" that was designed to skirt state hiring laws. The grand jury's report said it found instances when existing state employees were fired or reassigned so the governor's supporters, some with fewer qualifications, could get their jobs.

The grand jury returned 29 indictments in the case — including 14 that remained sealed. Fletcher pardoned everyone, except himself, who could face charges from the investigation.

Stumbo said the cost of the investigation was "worth it." "Kentucky will see the benefits of this investigation as its work force in state government is allowed to function as the law intended it to, where jobs are awarded on merit and what you know, not who you know," Stumbo told The Courier-Journal.

Jim Deckard, Fletcher's general counsel, however, said

it's up to Kentucky taxpayers to judge whether the investigation was worth it. He maintains it should have been a matter left to the state Personnel Board.

"But an inordinate amount of resources were spent — resources that could have been dedicated to projects that could have truly had an impact on the safety of Kentucky citizens — time that will never be returned to Kentucky taxpayers," Deckard said.

Lawyer bills continue to come in. But so far, the bulk of the Fletcher administration's legal expenses were to Frost Brown Todd of Louisville, which was paid \$777,000. Hurt Crosbie & May of Lexington accounted for the second largest expense at more than \$660,000.

Lee Jackson, president of the Kentucky Association of State Employees, said he thought the investigation was worth the expense.

"Because people now understand the merit system and how important it is in protecting employees from political abuse," Jackson said.

**Bills**

With the new price reduction however, prices have taken a significant dive to \$15.97 for the first 1,000 cubic feet and \$11.23 for each additional thousand after that. There's no doubt that customers within the reduction area will see a dramatic decrease on their bill the next several months.

Thompson and Magistrate Larry Foster Stumbo, who both serve on the board of directors of East Kentucky Utilities, played a key role in making the price reduction happen.

"We have been working hard for the last couple of

months to get a rate reduction in place before winter," said Thompson. "Larry and I are both very glad that we were

able to get the rates reduced for the customers of East Kentucky Utilities before going out of office."

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ity up and running. They have already begun to gain sponsors including First Commonwealth Bank, Music Carter, Respond Ambulance, and Taylor Metal along with several others and are still looking for more. Each of the sponsors will be featured on a permanent sign at the facility.

With no labor costs since all of the work has been done by volunteers, Schoolcraft says they haven't had any real financial problems. He estimates the indoor practice facility to be worth nearly \$85,000. "This will benefit the kids for a long time," said Schoolcraft.

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All teachers from 1993 to 1997 are also welcome. Classmates may send their information to pbs97@bell-south.net or mail to Mark McKinney, 69 Hospital St., Martin, KY 41640

Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.

Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Social Security Rep to be at Mud Creek Clinic

Date: Dec. 12, 26. The representative will assist in filing claims for

Social Security retirement, disability, and survivor's benefits. Those visiting may also apply for SSI, Black Lung, and Social Security numbers.

The representative may also assist in filing appeals and answering questions.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self."

"Lunch is served at noon and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075; David Kraus at 886-3082; or Nancy Johnson at 886-1156 for more info.

UNITE

The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the FIRST Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the

old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

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

Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

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GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

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

Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.

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

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ. Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.

Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.

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

Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.

Special interest groups: Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.

Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

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

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

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A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive

Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

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

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

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## New sections of U.S. 119 open today

The long-awaited opening of four new sections of U.S. 119 in Pike County will happen at 6 a.m. today.

This means motorists traveling from Pikeville toward Johns Creek and South Williamson will be able to go from the traffic signals at the top of Town Mountain Road (end of Buckley's Creek) through Burning Fork, over Raccoon Creek, over Winns Branch, and over Johns Creek (Route 194) before they exit the four-lane.

People traveling from South Williamson and Belfry toward Pikeville will be able to get on the new four-lane sections at the intersection of Route 194 at Meta.

"Everyone needs to use more caution than usual until they get used to the new road, especially at the Johns Creek interchange," said Danl Hall, Executive Director of Highway District 12. "There is an abrupt stop on Route 194 before the left turn onto the on ramp. Likewise, there is an abrupt stop at the end of the off-ramp as you exit the four-lane and get back on Route 194 to turn left toward Old U.S. 119."

In addition, Hall cautioned that the speed limit on the new sections is 55 miles per hour.

"It is tempting, we know, to exceed the maximum allowable speed," Hall said, "but people need to know that KVE and KSP officers will be patrolling this area. More than half of the traffic accidents and fatal injury accidents in our district are due in part to excessive speed. We want this new section of four-lane roadway to provide a more safe and timely route than the old two-lane road people have traveled for years. It will only be safer if motorists respect the speed limit and contain their urge to go more than 55 miles an hour."

Message boards with travelers' advisories will be posted at Burning Fork and at Johns Creek. There are no exits at Raccoon or Winns Branch.

"The basic story here," Hall said, "is this: The road will be open. The speed limit is 55. You can't get off at Raccoon or Winn's Branch. And we urge everyone to be safe out there!"

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**Bid #3** - County Line (West 82 degrees 56' 33.62" North 37 degrees 41' 51.87") to Intersection of KY Route 404 & KY Route 114 (West 82 degrees 48' 55.90" North 37 degrees 39' 3.82") in Floyd County, Kentucky, through funding from the PRIDE Community Grant Program. In order to participate in the bid process, all interested contractors must participate in a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference for these three (3) projects, as proven by the signatures of their authorized representatives on the sign-in sheet at the Conference.

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**Safety**

time and consideration," he said.

Grayson said the United States has long led the world in efficient coal production, and "there's no reason why — if we just refocus a little bit — we can't lead the world in safety, too."

The industry made steady improvements after the 1977 passage of the Mine Safety and Health Act, and between 1993 and 1999, not a single underground coal miner died in a fire or explosion.

There was a setback in 2001, when 13 miners died in explosions at the Jim Walter Resources No. 5 Mine in Alabama, but in 2005, the industry had a record low of 22 fatalities.

Then came explosions and fires at the Sago and Aracoma coal mines in West Virginia, and at the Darby Mine in Kentucky, followed by a string of smaller accidents.

So far this year, 46 coal miners have died on the job. And the report suggests a con-

tinuing urgency for change.

"The best coal reserves have already been mined, and less favorable and more hazardous conditions in future mines will inevitably be encountered," it says.

At the same time, older miners are retiring, and their replacements lack the experience to adapt to changing work conditions.

The commission was appointed by the National Mining Association, a Washington, D.C.-based

industry group, but operated independently, with representatives from coal companies, the United Mine Workers union, mine-rescue teams, and health and safety experts.

"We wanted to have an answer ... was this just a year of tragically bad luck, or are there things we should be doing differently?" said Carol Raulston, spokeswoman for the NMA. "Clearly, the commission believes there are things we should be doing differently."

But the call for more individual responsibility will likely find a mixed audience, with some companies readily embracing the idea and some remaining leery.

"We've been able to use it not a cookie cutter approach, then something very close. There were certain training practices that worked well for everybody," Raulston said. "What the Grayson report says is that if we're really going to get to zero fatalities — and that's where we want to be — we're going to have to use a different process to get at the

rest of this."

UMW President Cecil Roberts said he is pleased with the breadth of the report and its emphasis on operator responsibility. But the provisions should be mandatory or companies that scrimp on safety will have a competitive advantage.

"We shouldn't be competing in this industry based on

who's willing to spend money on miner health and safety," he said. "Companies that have done this are to be commended, but that should be the example the entire industry has to follow."

The association will share the report with its 325 member companies and may hold workshops and seminars on its suggestions, Raulston said.

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**Mine safety recommendations**

The Mine Safety Technology and Training Commission studied 25 years of fires and explosions in underground coal mines to identify persistent problems. Below are some of the more than 70 recommendations for building what the report calls "a culture of prevention."

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

Every mine should have an individualized plan for assessing and minimizing the threat of fire, explosion or flood.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health should develop case studies that could be used for workshops and seminars nationwide.

**COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY**

A two-way voice system should be developed, but in the meantime, mines should use mine-pager phones and "leaky feeder" systems, which spread a radio signal via surface cable.

Current systems should be hardened to withstand fire and explosions and used routinely, not just in emergencies.

Within three years, a hybrid wireless system should be developed by adapting and refining military technology.

A battery-powered portable WiFi system currently used by some police and firefighters should be adapted for use by mine-rescue teams.

NIOSH should take the lead in creating standards for underground communications systems.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND MINE RESCUE**

Increase training for rescue team members to eight hours a month.

The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration should set detailed qualifications and training requirements for rescue teams and observe and validate such training.

State and federal governments should partner to offer more training opportunities.

Rescue teams should be familiar with and have current mine maps.

Coal companies should give rescue teams 20 hours a month to work on skills, and reward individual and team success in both monetary and nonfinancial ways.

After any major incident, rescue teams should report on their experience, lessons learned and possible recommendations, then share them nationwide.

Companies should carry

extra life insurance on rescuers so families "are not penalized for their voluntary sacrifice."

**RESPONSE TIMES**

In entrapments, mine operators should use their authority and discretion to allow rescue teams to begin work, rather than awaiting MSHA approval.

Mine operators should be given the flexibility to relax safety standards for rescue teams depending on the conditions they face.

**INCIDENT COMMAND**

Mine managers, MSHA officials and rescue teams should receive formal training in the Incident Command System and how to communicate effectively.

Links between teams and the command center should be strengthened, and teams should have a clear, single point of contact.

Industry should develop protocols for communicating with the media, and all mines should train in them.

The integrity of internal communications should be protected and information leaks should be prevented by isolating communications between the command center, fresh-air base and teams.

**EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

Investment should be made in new technology, and MSHA should streamline the approval and certification process for products that could save lives.

Mines should consider ways to keep power on for safety support systems or establish a separate electrical circuit for the water system and compressed air underground.

Each mine should have competent survey personnel and equipment readily available to quickly identify locations for drill sites.

**PREPAREDNESS**

MSHA and NIOSH should develop new training materials and focus on conceptual and reality-based exercises for miners. Lessons would

focus on emergency decision-making, smoke training, team-building exercises, leadership training for supervisors and dealing with stress.

Better breathing devices should be developed to offer miners a renewable source of clean air without forcing them to remove their face pieces.

Lifelines with fireproof metal cores should be installed in escapeways.

Oxygen caches should be stored in protected areas between escapeways.

Compressed-air breathing devices and refill stations could replace self-contained self-rescuers, as long as the two devices are not mixed.

Strategically locate ventilation or escape shafts with hoists.

Develop standards to harden a "safe room," where miners could take off air packs, get food and water, and communicate with the service through a borehole.

Create fire brigades as first responders and require one at every mine.

Establish new criteria for seal design and installation, both of which should be certified.

Congress should consider an appropriate spending level to support research and development, cultivation of safety professionals, ways to address the shortage of miners and supervisors, and other issues.

**MINER TRAINING**

The focus must be on escaping, not barricading and awaiting rescue.

Training should be risk-based and mine-specific. It should focus on performance and look at such things as the physical capability of miners to walk their escapeways.

Real emergencies, accidents and near-misses should be dissected for possible lessons.

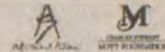


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# Viewpoint

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Worth Repeating ...

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

— John Greenleaf Whittier

## Guest View

### Swinging into the absurd

Five-year-old Steven Olson of Minnesota was playing on the swings when he noted a remarkable thing. If he yanked on the chains just right, he could make the swing go side to side instead of back and forth.

It is a technique well-known to kids on playgrounds, but Steven's dad was a patent lawyer. Hence the U.S. Office issued Patent No. 6,368,227, "Method of Swinging on a Swing," in 2002. Although the application seemed tongue-in-cheek — it suggested that swingers yell like Tarzan — kids everywhere were suddenly patent infringers. "Licenses are available from the inventor upon request," the application said.

Steven thus became a poster child for a larger problem in America: It's possible to patent nearly anything these days, from the absurdly obvious to the obviously absurd. Last year a would-be spaceman patented plans for a galaxy-hopping anti-gravity spaceship.

Those goofy patents are harmless, but others aren't. Patents are supposed to encourage real innovation by giving inventors exclusive rights to them, usually for 20 years. But there's been a trend recently to patent things that are obvious intermediate steps or minor adaptations of existing technology, like the ability to buy things on the Internet with one click.

Inventors build on what's already known and done. If lots of trivial stepping-stones are patented, then bona fide inventors must hire lawyers and negotiate licenses. That discourages invention.

Nearly as bad are the instances of an undeserved patent stopping anyone else from building a similar product. Less competition means higher prices for consumers.

The result is a mad rush to the patent office — and then to the courthouse. The legal profession has evolved a species of "patent troll," which specializes in buying up trivial patents then suing people who use them in truly useful inventions.

That gets us to a case now before the U.S. Supreme Court. After decades of virtually ignoring patent law, the court has taken on a series of patent cases.

Patents generally are supposed to be denied for things that would be obvious to people in the same line of work. But lower courts have made it difficult to prove obvious things obvious. The case argued this week involves extendable gas pedals that help short people drive cars and trucks. Since the 1990s, automakers have been using electronic sensors on gas pedals to adjust speed. Teleflex, a Pennsylvania company, was the first to move such sensors to the extendable pedals. Teleflex got a patent and sued another company that tried the same thing.

Here we have an existing technology, the electronic sensor, that simply is moved a few inches. What could be more obvious? But lower courts upheld the patent. In recent cases, the Supreme Court has tended to loosen patent rules that stymie commerce rather than encourage invention. The court should declare that "obvious" means obvious.

Congress could help here, first by limiting patents to significant, useful innovations, not minor adjustments or vague "business methods." Then it could better fund the Patent Office, which is overwhelmed by the stampede of applications.

It also could end the perverse incentives that make the patent office a rubber stamp. The patent bureaucracy in effect is paid more for granting a patent than for rejecting one. For a patent examiner, granting a patent cuts the workload, because he doesn't have to deal with appeals.

Getting a patent shouldn't be as easy as swinging sideways.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



## Letters

### Opposition to flag is ignorance

This is in response to the board of education member Mickey McGuire's comments on Allen Central High School's use of the Confederate battle flag in their school symbol at the board meeting on Nov. 27.

Mr. McGuire, first let me state that I do not attend and have never attended Allen Central High School. I believe before you start making statements about the Confederate battle flag that you should be educated in the history of the flag itself and what it represents. The Confederate battle flag was designed with and emblazoned with the cross of St. Andrew, one of Christ's disciples and the patron saint of Scotland. St. Andrew was crucified on an X-shaped cross. The X cross also is the Greek letter chi, which stood for "Christos" or "Christ," hence the use of "Xmas" as an abbreviation for Christmas.

The Civil War was fought not because of slavery but because the South did not have fair representation in the federal government. In 1860, 75 percent of the federal revenue was being paid by the South, which as a whole only comprised 30 percent of the nation's population. Over the course of the war, over 200,000 Southern men and women (over 600,000 dead on both sides) gave their lives upholding the rights that our founding fathers lived and died for, rebelling against taxation without representation.

Kentucky was claimed by both sides in the Civil War, as it was a border state. Many of the students of Allen Central High School and most people that call this region home had ancestors that died under both sides of the war. It is their and our heritage that is represented in that flag.

Modern day thinking is polluted

with lies and half-truths in concern to the Civil War and the causes of it. Bear in mind that it is the victor that writes the history books. Most people, if asked, would say that slavery was the cause of the Civil War. As stated before, it was not. Even the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, that we are taught in school was the man responsible for freeing the slaves and a great friend of the black man, was in reality a racist. Below is an excerpt from a debate with Steven Douglass, in Lincoln's own words:

"I will say, then, that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races — that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people; and I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together there must be the position of superior and inferior, and I as much as any other man am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white race."

This changes a lot of perceptions for a lot of people. In Charleston, S.C., in 1860, 125 free blacks owned slaves. Six of them owned 10 or more. Union Gen. Ulysses Grant did not free his slaves until 1865, when forced to free them under the 13th Amendment. Slavery is not the cause and is simply an excuse.

If people in Louisville or yourself, Mr. McGuire, or anyone else is offended by the flag or thinks that it is "inappropriate," as you stated, then it is simply ignorance. Public schools should encourage respect for the culture and heritage of all their students,

including those of Southern heritage.

I urge you and other school administrators to not foster ignorance and resentment among the innocent students at ACHS, who only want to be proud of who they are and where they attend school. I urge students at ACHS to stand up for their First Amendment rights. It is the mandate of our schools to educate their students, not censor them.

Andrew Maxwell  
Teaberry

### Flag controversy ridiculous

I think that it is ridiculous the way that Allen Central is getting judged for using the "rebel" flag to represent them. It's no different than sporting a cardinal to represent the state of Kentucky.

Everyone knows that it doesn't reflect a gang that's totally against another gang, nor a race of people that's against another race. It was picked up back around 1972 to represent a new school that was intended to bring together in harmony several feeder schools that already had rivalry amongst them. It brought together different schools that were already having problems with each other and allowed them to unite as one and let the hard feelings go. And the rivals became family.

So the Confederate flag being flown when representing the Allen Central Rebels is the exact opposite of what it's being accused of. It represents friendship and acceptance. Not what they're trying to paint it to look like.

Pride has no specific color nor preferences. So fly it high.  
Rebels. Fly it high!  
Donnie Titlow  
Ashland



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# From Santa's Mailbag



**F**orwarded directly from the North Pole, we're pleased to brighten your holiday season by reprinting some of Santa's favorite letters from our area's kids.

# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jasmine, I am 7, and I'm in 2nd grade at John M. Stumbo.

I would like for you to bring me a pair of logleg boots, leopard, clothes, a real microphone, a Hannah Montana DVD and CD, a Vanessa Anne Huggins CD and a blond wig to and I have a little sister named Jaiden. She is 2 1/2. She loves Sponge Bob and I want to get her a Spongebob chair, the same kind of leopard clothes and I have two cousins named Shyana and Sontana and they are twins. and they are also 2 and they love Dora and I want them a Dora chair and a Dora toy and I have a mamaw and she loves leopards and pink T diamonds and purple and I would like to get her a leopard bedroom and a diamond ring, a pink tanktop and a purple tanktop and a DVD.

Jasmine Carroll  
Harold  
Merry Christmas  
and Thank-You.

Santa,  
My name is Andrew. I want a remote control Mustang. My little brother Aeryn wants a motorcycle.

Andrew Moore  
Age: 6 years  
Bevinsville.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jolene Adaryl Boyd. I am 3 years old. I love you, Santa. Please, bring me an angel, a flower, plankton, a soda, a teddy bear, a little blanket for my brother Jacob. And a little pillow for Jacob, bring me a bicycle, a shirt, a gown, crayons, a pretend telephone, a clock, and a BB gun, and a Spiderman mask. I've been a very good girl. I will leave you chocolate milk and cookies to eat and drink.

Jolene Adaryl Boyd  
Bevinsville

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl all year long. So I hope you will bring me some of the things on my list. I want a digital camera, craft kits, because I like to make things for my family. I would also like to have a teddy bear maker, clothes and anything else you would like to bring me, I will like. Please, remember to bring my brother, mom and dad some nice things too.

Kennedy Brooke Stumbo  
11 years old  
6th grade, Allen Central Middle School

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good boy all year long. So I hope you will bring me, some of the things on my list. I want a shotgun so I can go hunting with my dad and papaws, but I promise I will be careful. I also would like to have a castle, construction toys, clothes and anything else you would like to bring me, I will like. Please, remember to bring my sister, mom and dad some nice things too.

Jeffery Kaleb Scarberry  
8 years old  
3rd grade, May Valley Elem.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Alesia Tackett and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me some toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Alesia  
5 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Colin Howell and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a bicycle and a race car and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Colins  
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Autumn and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me a Real Baby doll and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Autumn Adkins  
Age 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Skyler and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me a General Lee and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Skyler Adkins  
Age 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Davy and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me a race car and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
David Bentley

Age: 4  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Kagan and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Kagan Bentley  
Age 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Nicky and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me a 4 wheeler and a toy and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Nicholas Castle  
Age 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ariana and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me a doll and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Ariana Collins  
Age: 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Clayton and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me motorcycle and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Clayton Hamilton  
Age: 5

Dear Santa,  
My name is Skylar and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me a baby doll with lots of clothes and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Skylar Hamilton  
Age: 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Whitney and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me a baby Amanda and scooter and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Whitney Hamilton  
Age: 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaylee and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me a camera and a keyboard and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Kaylee Howell  
Age: 3

Dear Santa,  
My name is Scott and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me Power Ranger game and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Scott Kidd  
Age: 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jacob and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me a Slushey maker, race car track and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Gary Jacob Kiser  
Age: 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jacob and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Jacob Martin  
Age: 5

Dear Santa,  
My name is Emily and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me a baby doll and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Emily McKinney  
Age: 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brandon and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me trucks and big trucks and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Brandon Newman  
Age: 3

Dear Santa,  
My name is Gabriel and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me Spiderman and Superman and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Gabriel Parsons  
Age: 3

Dear Santa,

My name is Brance and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me a fire truck and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Brance Spradlin  
Age: 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaitlyn and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me Amazing Amanda and a pony and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Kaitlyn Swain  
Age: 4

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ashley and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me a radio/cd player and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Ashley Tackett  
Age: 5

Dear Santa,  
My name is Destiny and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Deb's room. Please, bring me toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Destiny Tackett  
Age: 3

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kambra Tackett and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a dress and shoes, Dorothy doll, toto doll and munckins and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Kambra  
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jacob Hall and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a bicycle and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Jacob  
3 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Makayia Hall and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a monkey, and a mermaid doll and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Makayia  
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Blake Hamilton and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a bicycle and some toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Blake  
3 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is April Howell and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a baby doll and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
April  
3 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kayla Morrow and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a baby doll and a kitchen set and Dora phone and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Kayla  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Triston Randolph and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a Thomas the Train and toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Tristan  
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brooklyn Tackett and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a dress, new shoes, crown and toys and remember, all the children in the world.

Love,  
Brooklyn  
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dalton Taylor and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a shake and go race track/Spiderman bicycle and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Dalton  
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tiara Thacker and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a kitchen set and a Dora phone and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Tiara  
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Alyssa Thacker and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a bicycle and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Alyssa  
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ashley Akers and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a Barbie Jeep and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Ashley  
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jazmine Akers and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me some toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Jazmine  
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ryan Bradley and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me on incredible Hulk, spiderman, bicycle and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Ryan  
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Syrvrelvia Clark and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a crown, dress and shoes and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Syrvrelvia  
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dalton Hall and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me Toy Escavator and a Play Station 3 and remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Dalton  
5 yrs. old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Glenn David Conn and I am in the 5th grade at Betsy Layne Elementary. Please, bring me a Play Station 3.

Love,  
Glenn David

Dear Santa,  
My name is Claudia Fitch and I am 15 months old. Please, bring me a Dora the Explorer Power Wheels.

Love,  
Claudia Fitch

Dear Santa,  
My name is Taylor Fitch and I am in the 4th grade at Betsy Layne Elementary. Please, bring me a Bratz doll and clothes.

Love,  
Taylor

Dear Santa,  
My name is Nikki Bevins and I am in the 5th grade at Betsy Layne Elementary. Please, bring me a Lap-Top computer and a razor phone.

Love,  
Nikki

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ariyonna Friend and I am in the 1st grade at Prestonsburg Elementary. Please, bring me clothes and a T.V.

Love,  
Ariyonna

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brady Fitch and I am in Kindergarten at Betsy Layne Elementary. Please, bring me X-box 360.

Love,  
Brady

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sebastian Friend and I attend Head Start at Prestonsburg in Ms. Pat's room. Please, bring me a T.V. and some toys.

Love,  
Sebastian

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jacob Hall, Im 4 years old and I live in Wayland, Kentucky. I have been really good this year and I would like for you to bring me a Polar Express train, a CSX train and some GEO Tracks.

Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,  
My name is Alexis Hall. Im 7 years old and from Wayland, Kentucky. I have been a very good girl this year so I would like for you to bring me a Dreamlife Game, Kids Bop CD, A Fly Pen and Skateboard.

Thank you, Santa.  
Love,

Alexis  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Abigail Hall. Im 3 years old and Im from Wayland, Kentucky. I have been a really good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a Dora the Explorer talking house, a Dora the Explorer cash register and a doctor kit so I can take care of my baby dolls.

Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
Abigail

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bryce Hall and Im 6 years old. I live in Wayland Kentucky. I have been a pretty good boy this year. There are several things I would like to have this year for Christmas. I would really like to have a new Playstation game, G.I. Joe Helicopter, Air Hockey table, Tony Hawk DVD and some Wrestling action figures to play with. My Sister and I will leave you a plate of cookies beside the tree.

Thanks Santa!  
Love,  
Bryce

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a makeup case, a diamond ring and a diary. Can I please have Bambi back? I will leave you milk and cookies, beside the fireplace.

I love you,  
Santa,  
Love Cheyenne

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## Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I love you very much and I also love Rudolph. I have been a very good boy this year. What I really want for Christmas this year is a Nintendo DS, I do, Mario games. And that's all I want this Christmas season. I hope I receive all the gifts I wish for.

Sincerely, Seth

Dear Santa,  
I have been a really really good girl this year. So will you please bring me presents such as a computer game, Ariel toy, jewelry, puppy, some movies, a dress, shoes, that are pretty littlest pet and some baby dolls. I am six years old. I will leave you lots and lots of cookies and milk.

Love,  
Makayla Lowsie Slon

Dear Santa,  
I asked my 19-month-old daughter what she wanted you to bring her for Christmas. Her response was pop and a Dee Dee. My baby has been very good this year and really enjoyed helping mommy decorate the Ho-Ho tree.

Sunshine  
19 months

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bethany Faith Newsome and I want a pony, a dolly, a dora kitchen, a aquadoodle and everything else in the toy book, I have been a really good girl.

My sister Lilly Grace wants everything in the toy book for babies, she is a great baby sister!

Love You Santa,  
Bethany Newome age 3  
Lilly Grace Newsome age 7 months  
Raven

Dear Santa,  
My name is Taylor Briana Caldwell. I am 10 years old. I am in the 4th grade at Betsy Layne Elementary. I am in Mrs. Brown's homeroom. I get good grades, and my mom and dad said I have been a good girl this year.

For Christmas this year could you bring me a Nintendo DS, the suite life of Zack and Cody game, the cheetah girls 2 game, hannah montana game, some cd's, a video now player, bratz on ice, some bratz dolls, clothes, make-up, bratz beads,

and anything else you would like to bring me.

Could you please bring my mom and dad something nice. And my brothers Chris and T.J. and please don't forget about my aunt Sharon.

I love you very much Santa, and I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table, I would leave them under the tree, but our dog Hector would eat it.

Love,  
Taylor

### Janice Hamilton's class at Allen Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want a Zoom Box for Christmas please. I've been good all year and I really want it too! Please get it for me.

Love,  
Jordan Spiggle  
Age 9  
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,  
Santa, please get me a new Play Station 2. If you do I will be very happy and I will thank you. I also want two new games, Gun and Destroy All Humans 2.

Thank you,  
Dustin Howell  
Age 9  
Slick Rock

Dear Santa,  
I want a Paintball gun and a Play Station Portable for Christmas this year.

Thank you,  
Nicholas Tyler Reed  
Age 10  
Dwale

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a I-pod and a 5 CD player and a DVD player for my room. I would also like a cell phone.

Love,  
Katie Bailey  
10 years old  
Banner

Dear Santa,  
I want a box of footballs and basketballs. I am 9 years old and I go to Allen Elementary. My parents are Jessica and Scott Holcomb. See if you can get me what I asked for.

Thanks,  
K.P. Hastings

Dear Santa,  
I want a drum set and a Mario game for Christmas and some other kinds of instru-

ments.  
Kendrick Powell  
Age 9  
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,  
I want you to get me a Baby Alive. I would like one that can speak Spanish and one that can speak English. That is all I really want.

Your friend,  
Shantale Collins  
Age 9  
Right Fork of Bull Creek

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a new baby doll. I want a new born baby Cabbage Patch Kid. I would like a boy one. I've read many books about you and I know you use to be on this earth. I think you are a great man. Thank you Santa!

Sincerely,  
Audrey Mosley  
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year and I have been making good grades and the reason I am writing this letter to you is because I believe in you and since I have been good I was wanting you to bring me a trampoline for Christmas. That is what I have been wanting for Christmas and I hope you will be able to get this for me. Santa, you are the best thing in the world and on the table beside the Christmas tree I will set you a plate with cookies and milk on it. I hope you like it and Santa, I Love You!

Your friend,  
Latisha Jervis  
Age 10 years old

Dear Santa,  
I have been good and I am being good at school too. So for Christmas I would like a Playstation or a Laptop or even a go-cart. Thanks a lot Santa.

Your friend,  
Lakin Branham  
Dwale  
Age 9

Dear Santa,  
I want an Electric Scooter and a laptop for Christmas. If you can not get me that I just want a Play Station. I have been a good girl this year.

Sincerely,  
Chrystal Stewart  
Prestonsburg  
Age 10

Dear Santa,  
I have got in a little trouble this year so I hope you will get me at least one thing and if you do I would like a Silver Cell Phone. I have been wanting one for a long time. If you don't care that would be all I would ask you for. If you can't get it I understand and I will try to do better in school and to be good. Love always,  
Latessa Jarvis  
9 years old  
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,  
I want a MP3 Player for Christmas. I want it because it plays a lot of songs and you can take it anywhere you want to. I also want a PS2 because I don't have one of them and they have a lot of games for them.

Your friend,  
Dakota Hall  
Age 9  
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good this year. What I really want for Christmas is a trampoline so that when summer comes I can jump on it every day. I also want an electric scooter. That's all the presents that I really want this year.

Sincerely,  
Britni Lashae Wright  
Age 9  
Allen

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas this year is a PS3, a Nintendo DS and a laptop computer. I have been a good boy and I hope you will bring me these presents.

Sincerely,  
Zach Ratliff  
9 years old  
Allen

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year and hope that you have a Merry Christmas. What I would like for Christmas is roller skates. I would like to be able to skate around.

Sincerely,  
Kassidi Spurlock  
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,  
What I would like for Christmas is a dirt bike, four wheeler, remote control car, BB gun, Play Station 2, Guitar Hero

2, and a MP3 Player. I want all of it because I have been really good this year.

Sincerely,  
Michael Blackburn  
Age 10  
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year and I have good grades. What I want for Christmas is Smackdown vs. Raw 2007 for my Playstation 2 and I would also like a laptop computer.

Your friend,  
Joshua Cook  
Banner  
10 years old

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy so for Christmas I want a 4-wheeler and a Guitar Hero 2 and a laptop computer and a spy car. I would also like a new bike and a go-cart and a cell phone and a new book bag and a bill fold.

HO HO HO,  
Kyle Bradley  
Allen

Dear Santa,  
I have been being good for a long time so can you get me Spy Car? It is a camera car and that is all I want because it costs \$150. Thank you and Bye.

Your friend,  
Nick D. Hall  
Age 9  
Allen

Dear Santa,  
My brother and I want Star-War transformers and just 2 of them each. We don't care which ones you give us.

Love,  
Kevin an Aaron Reid  
Allen  
10 years old

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I really want a doodle bug, Muchz Bratz Video Game and a Muchz Pal. Thank you and have a Great Christmas!

Love,  
Gabrielle Johnson  
Age 9  
Banner

Dear Santa,  
I want a MP3 Player for Christmas. I also want a PS3, a PSP Nintendo DS, Pokemon Ranger and a Pokemon Red Rescue team for Gameboy Advanced SP. Can you please also bring my sister whatever

she wants.  
Sincerely,  
Austin Flowe  
Emma

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy. I also want a dog collar, a doghouse and a new bowl for my dog to drink from. I would also like a cell phone with minutes on it and a SpongeBob game.

Thanks,  
Allie Adkins  
Emma Road  
Prestonsburg  
10 years old

### Ms. Liz and Ms. Bobbie's Head Start class at Osborne Elementary

Lillian Taylor: Barbie guitar  
Shayla Hall: All squeaky toys  
Tianna Redford: Dora kitchen, Merrial kitchen, stethoscope, new bike, play desk, writing center  
Alexis Hall: Strawberry Shortcake, mermaid toys, Dora toys

Hannah Hall: Karaoke machine and microphone, bear, hula hoop, bean bag chair  
Skyler Jones: Princess kitchen, Dora Jeep, Dora chair, Dora book, Dora kitchen set  
Kaitlyn Collins: Dora car, Dora swing set, Dora costume  
Dalton Boyd: Superman laptop

Markus: Batman costume, Batman laptop, Batman cars, puzzles

Nathan Collins: Guitar, a real cat and his name will be Bird  
Chloe Branham: Baby Alive, doggy, Dora bike with a basket and a horn, a fake turtle

Lauren Hamby: Kitchen, Baby Alive, spy gear  
Carl Bolen: A big present remote control car or truck

Alyssa Pinson: Snow jacket, princess gloves, a bunk bed, princess doll, trampoline  
Blake Little: Race track, train set

Janna Caudill: Santa, I just want a Baby Alive and that's all  
Braxton Spears: Wrestlers and Nintendo games

Garrett Hall: Trucks and cars, blocks  
Gunner Hall: Books, Scooby-Doo toys

Santa, would you please try to bring these boys and girls what they want for Christmas? They have been really good!

Remember the teachers, too. We have been pretty good, too.

From Our Family To Yours: "Merry Christmas!"

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# Belfry, Sheldon Clark lead gridiron group

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Gridiron honors have been handed out in Class 2A, Region 4, District 8. Belfry's Philip Haywood and Sheldon Clark's Shawn Hager were each named co-coach of the year. Belfry, Sheldon Clark and Prestonsburg finished this past regular-season tied for the district's top spot. Sheldon Clark's Adam Dials and Belfry's Dustin May shared the district top individual honor as each was named co-player of the year.

Nine Prestonsburg High players were named to the All-District team. Another five Blackcats received an honorable mention nod.

Belfry claimed the District 8 championship this season, defeating Prestonsburg in the playoffs.

## Nine Prestonsburg players named All-District

The Class 2A, District All-District Team breakdown follows.

Belfry: Bobby Burton; Corey Chapman; Chad Steele; Gerald Epling; Devon Kohari; Phillip Hickman; Jessie Church; Aaron Warren; Derek McCoy.

Sheldon Clark: Dustin Meade; Ryan Kelly; Danny Hinkle; Daniel Harless; B.J. Slone; Sam Schmidt; Damen Hensley; David Hinkle; Ricky Burgess.

Prestonsburg: Wes Woods; Lincoln Slone; Sam Chaffin; Tyler Layne; Chayse Martin;

Dalton Taylor; Nathaniel Stephens; Seth Setser; Seth Moore.

Shelby Valley: John Johnson; Tyler Cable; Colby Newsome; Jonah Justice; Brock Kinney; Cody Mitchell.

Pike Central: Gordon Varney; Quirvon Merchant; E.J. Hampton; Steven Engle; Corey Carter.

Magoffin County: Curtis Bradley; Anthony Gipson; Jordan Howard; Casey Ginter.

East Ridge: David Ratliff; Michael Rowe; Caleb Epling.

A list of the Honorable-Mention selections follows.

Belfry: James Stanley; Charley Dotson; Adam Bowens; Andrew Elkins; Glen Earnest. Sheldon Clark: Jared Walter; Kevin Sites; Roger Damron.

Shelby Valley: Tyler Johnson; Chris Yates; Taylor Newsome; Daniel Gillespie.

East Ridge: Brad Branham; Tommy Bingham; Cory Mullins; Larry Bennett; Keith Miller.

Magoffin County: Calvin Ratliff; Shane Allen; Tanner Stephens; Jeff Horton.

Prestonsburg: Wes Hall; Matt Blevins; Allan Craynon; Carmen Maines; Owen Wright.

Pike Central: Daniel Coleman; Ryan Palazzolo; Jake Hall; Zack Ratliff; Joe Nichols.

## Harlan holds off Rebels in Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HARLAN - The Allen Central Rebels opened their season on the road Saturday at Harlan against the host Green Dragons in the last game of the I.R. "Doc" Gray Classic. Allen Central, which connected on just 10 of 26 shots in the first half, nearly pulled off a come-from-behind win over Harlan. The Rebels went on a 19-2 run late in the game and were within three

(See REBELS, page two)

## Lady Rebels drop two in Cordia tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

CORDIA - The Allen Central High School girls' basketball team dropped a pair of games in the Cordia Tip-Off Tournament, losing to host Cordia and Cawood.

The Lady Rebels opened the Cordia tournament Thursday with a loss to the host Lady Lions. In a low-scoring game, homesteading Cordia held on and defeated the Lady Rebels 45-37. Allen Central returned to action in the tournament Saturday against Cawood. Second-year head coach Jennifer Hopkins got more offensive production from her team its second time out. However, Allen Central

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## Bears corner Lions in consolation game

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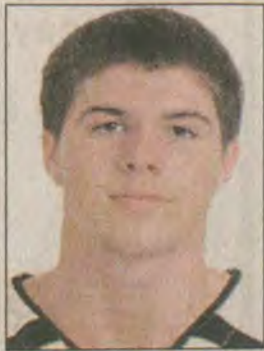
GEORGETOWN - Pikeville College forced 25 turnovers and got strong play from the bench Saturday to pick up a 67-61 win over Freed-Hardeman University in the consolation game of the 11th Annual Jim Reid Classic.

Pikeville led 29-28 at the half despite allowing the Lions to hit five three-point baskets in the first 20 minutes as they shot 50 percent in

the first half. But the Bears were aggressive on both ends of the court in the second half, getting to the free-throw line 16 times after recess to only six for Freed, making the difference in the six-point win.

Pikeville got 19 points from senior Donnell Dobbins, who hit 4-of-7 from the arc. Freshman Brad Lowe came off the bench for 14

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Brad Lowe

## Lady Blackcats fall to Letcher in fifth-place game

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD - Prestonsburg ended play in the Queen of the Mountains Classic at Perry County Central High School Saturday. After dropping its tournament opener to Knott County Central, Prestonsburg didn't fare any better in their second and final game. The Lady Blackcats met up with defending 14th Region Champion Letcher County Central in the tournament's championship game. Letcher Central made the most of a quick

start. The Lady Cougars led Prestonsburg 27-12 at the end of the opening quarter and never looked back. Letcher Central outscored Prestonsburg in every quarter en route to a 96-49 win. The Lady Cougars finished very strong, outscoring Prestonsburg 30-10 in the final quarter.

Sexton paced Letcher Central with a game-high 21 points. Sexton was one of three Lady Cougars to reach double figures scoring.

In a balanced scoring effort, four other

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## DOWN AT THE DOME



photos by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne fell in overtime to visiting Magoffin County Friday night. Brandon Blair (above) went for a loose ball for the Bobcats late in the game as a Magoffin County player tried to gain possession.

## Bobcats lose 2OT thriller

Keathley's 26 points not enough, Hornets win 81-80

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BETSY LAYNE - After opening the season with a 30-point loss to Shelby Valley, the Betsy Layne Bobcats were more than happy to return to the hardwood on Friday, with hopes of erasing the lopsided loss from their minds. Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose was looking forward to seeing how his team would respond in their home opener after

Tuesday's loss. Betsy Layne returned only Trai Witt and Brennan Case with significant playing experience from last year's regional semifinal team. Friday's opponent was a much-improved Magoffin County squad. Magoffin County is led by one of the 15th Region's most underrated players in Eric Arnett. Arnett got Magoffin County started in fine fashion Friday night, tossing in seven of his game-high 34

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Betsy Layne senior center Trai Witt anticipated a pass from a teammate.

## Golden Eagles outlast South Floyd in OT

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - Evidently, playing the defending 15th Region champion on the road Friday night was something the South Floyd Raiders were up to doing. Despite losing four starters from last season's squad, South Floyd took on the look of a confident basketball team Friday night against defending region champ Johnson Central. The Raiders held various double-digit leads before Johnson Central senior Jamie McCarty put his team on his back and carried it to a season-opening win. Johnson Central outscored South Floyd 5-3 in overtime, defeating the Raiders 94-92.

McCarty led all scorers with a

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## Paintsville tops 15th Region All 'A' rankings

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND - Paintsville tops the latest Coaches Preseason 15th Region All "A" boys' and girls' basketball team rankings. In individual player rankings, Paintsville senior Kendra Carroll, who has already signed to play basketball at Western Carolina University next season, tops the list.

Paintsville junior Landon Slone is ranked as the top boys' player.

Paintsville is the defending 15th Region All "A" girls' basketball champion. The Lady Tigers made it to the semifinals of last season's Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic state

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**Bobcats**

points in the first quarter as the Hornets built an early 11-3 lead. The initial lead wouldn't hold up, but Magoffin County would win. In the end, finishing out in front in a game which featured numer-

ous lead changes, Magoffin County prevailed 81-80. Betsy Layne was led in scoring by Samuel Keathley. The junior guard tossed in 26 points to lead the Bobcats. Betsy Layne would run off

11 straight points to take a 14-11 lead with only :09 remaining in the first quarter. However, a halfcourt bomb from Arnett to end the first quarter would even the score at 14-14. Betsy Layne would

proceed to outscore Magoffin County 20-11 in the second as the Bobcats took a 34-25 lead at the half. Magoffin County would then cut the lead to 48-43 at the end of the third quarter.

Witt, a senior center, tossed in nine of his 20 points in the second half for Betsy Layne. Magoffin County trailed 59-56 with only :03 left in regulation, but Arnett would knock down a long three at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Devin Rice added 18 points for Magoffin County. Senior guard Justin Collins tossed in 15 points for Betsy Layne. After jumping out to a four-point lead in the overtime, Betsy Layne looked as if it would pull out the win, but another three from Arnett to end the first overtime would send the game into a second extra period. Betsy Layne would play without Case - its junior point guard - from the 3:00 mark of the fourth quarter

throughout the remainder of the game. Case was out of action after being whistled for his fifth foul. Magoffin County would take a four-point lead late in the second overtime. The late lead allowed the Hornets to hold off the Bobcats. Keathley hit a three-pointer as time expired to make the final score. Magoffin County opened the season 1-0 while Betsy Layne fell to 0-2.

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**Lady Rebs**

suffered its second straight setback as Cawood posted a 61-52 win in the tournament's fifth-place game.

Emily Boggs did the most damage for Cawood, scoring a game-high 29 points. Boggs sunk seven three-pointers in the tournament game.

Junior center Whitney Middleton netted 12 points for the Trojanettes (2-1).

In the loss to Cawood, Amanda Thacker scored a team-high 25 points for the Lady Rebs.

Liz Dingus and Jessica Toole each had eight points for

Allen Central. Brandi Brown added six points for the Lady Rebs.

Allen Central (0-2) is due to return to action Friday at home against Betsy Layne in a key early-season Floyd County Conference/58th District matchup.

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**Bears**

points, with junior Paul Frazier following with 13.

Pikeville's rebounding effort was led by freshman Rob Walker with nine to go with six points, and senior Ben Valentine who came off the bench for six boards and four points.

Freed-Hardeman (2-7), a

member of the powerful TranSouth Conference, was led by Kristoffer Smith's 20 points. The sophomore point guard had five rebounds and five assists as well. Tyler Jennings followed with 12 points and a team-best seven rebounds for the Lions, who won the board battle 32-28.

Dobbins and Frazier were named to the all-tournament team of the Jim Reid Classic, as was Smith of Freed-Hardeman.

Pikeville (4-8) is off on an extended break as the first semester concludes with exam week. The Bears will play host to Brescia University Saturday at 4 p.m.

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**Blackcats**

players each had nine points for the Lady Cougars.

Amber Whitaker led Prestonsburg (1-3) with 17 points. Meaghan Slone added 11 points for the Lady Blackcats and Linsey Fields scored nine as she just missed double figures.

**Queen of the Mountains Classic at Perry Co. Central Fifth-Place Game Letcher Central 96, Prestonsburg 49**

PRESTONSBURG (1-4) - Me. Slone 11, Mo. Slone 3, Fitzpatrick 2, Whitaker 17, Chaffin 1, Fields 9, Hughes 1, Frye 4, DeRossett 1. LETCHER CO. CENTRAL (1-2) - Kincer

19, Baker 9, Sexton 21, Newsome 2, Brashear 9, Mynster 9, Griffie 12, Bentley 4, Adams 2, Whitaker 9. Prestonsburg.....12 15 12 10-49 Letcher Co. Central.....27 19 20 30-96

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**All A**

tournament. South Floyd is the defending 15th Region "A" boys' basketball champion.

The Preseason 15th Region All "A" Rankings follow.

Girls' Players: 1. Kendra Carroll, Paintsville; 2. Ashley

Sumpter, Sheldon Clark; 3. Sara Davis, Pikeville; 4. Jessica Russell, Paintsville; 5. Sara Johnson, Allen Central.

Girls' Teams: 1. Paintsville; 2. Sheldon Clark; 3. Phelps; 4. Betsy Layne; 5. Allen Central.

Boys' Players: 1. Landon

Slone, Paintsville; 2. Ethan Johnson, South Floyd; 3. Robert Gannon, Phelps; 4. J.D. VanHoose, Paintsville; 5. Matt Clevenger, Pikeville.

Boys' Teams: 1. Paintsville; 2. Pikeville; 3. South Floyd; 4. Phelps; 5. Betsy Layne.

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**Rebels**

points of Harlan with less than one minute remaining. The Green Dragons, however, showed some fire and turned back the Rebels, winning 77-72.

Allen Central could do little to slow down Harlan guard John Smith. The senior guard ripped the nets for a game-high 43 points. Derek Sheffield was also a productive offensive performer for the Green Dragons, pushing in 10 points.

Harlan exited the first quarter with a 23-14 lead. The Green Dragons went into half-

time leading Allen Central 49-22.

Allen Central senior guard Ryan Collins helped to key the Rebels' rally. Collins tossed in a team-high 23 points for the Rebels. Senior center Josh Martin was Allen Central's second-leading scorer, finishing the contest with 15 points.

Josh Prater and Farley Joseph also played pivotal roles in Allen Central's comeback bid. Prater tossed in 10 points and Joseph netted seven.

Allen Central owned each of the second-half quarters.

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The Rebels finished strong, outscoring Harlan 31-19 in the final quarter.

In other Allen Central scoring, Tyler Slone scored eight points and Ryan Hammonds netted six. J.R. Robinson added three points and rounded out Allen Central's scoring.

**Harlan 77, Allen Central 72**

ALLEN CENTRAL (0-1)-Martin 15, Slone 8, Hammonds 6, Joseph 7, Collins 23, Prater 10, Robinson 3.
HARLAN (1-0)-Smith 43, Ron. Curtis 4, Sheffield 10, Rhodes 5, Harrison 7, Rob. Curtis 6, Frazier 2.
Allen Central.....14 12 15 31-72
Harlan.....23 26 9 19-76

**Raiders**

game-high 38 points. He was one of four Johnson Central players to reach double figures. Justin Murray added 14 points, Jesse Meek scored 10, and Jaryd Crum, a transfer from Sheldon Clark, netted 10. Crum, who made his debut in a Golden Eagle uniform, fit in well as Coach Mark Starns' Johnson Central team opened the season victorious.

Ethan Johnson and Lyle Johnson each had 25 points for visiting South Floyd. Wes Akers scored 23 points and Adam Slone added 14 for the Raiders.

South Floyd led the Golden Eagles at the end of each of the first three quarters. The Raiders outscored Johnson

Central in each regulation period expect the last one.

South Floyd led 19-12 at the end of the first quarter. The Raiders, after leading 45-40 at the half, outscored Johnson Central 34-21 in the third quarter. South Floyd went cold in the final quarter, only scoring 10 points.

**Johnson Central 94,**



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**South Floyd 92 (OT)**

SOUTH FLOYD (0-1) - E. Johnson 25, Hall 1, L. Johnson 25, Akers 23, Slone 14, Brown 4.
JOHNSON CENTRAL (1-0) - Whitaker 4, Murray 14, McCarty 38, Crum 10, Blankenship 4, Sargent 1, Meek 13, Welch 6, Bratton 4.
South Floyd.....19 26 34 10 3-92
Johnson Central.....12 28 21 28 5-94

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# Lady Raiders level Jackson City in opener

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

JACKSON — The South Floyd Lady Raiders are back in the win column. South Floyd posted a big win on the road Saturday, beating host Jackson City 74-36 in its season-opener.

The Lady Raiders controlled Saturday's game. South Floyd connected on nine three-pointers and outscored Jackson City in each quarter. The Lady Raiders hit 20 field goals and shot 50 percent from the free throw line.

Kayla Hall drained five three-pointers and led South Floyd with a game-high 22 points. Kiana Hall and Chelsie Tuttle were also in double figures for the Lady Raiders, finishing with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Senior Heather scored eight points, pulled down 13 rebounds and blocked four shots. Dean's rebounding and shot-blocking efforts were game-high totals.

Danielle Tackett also had eight points for the lady Raiders.

Only one player reached double figures for Jackson City.



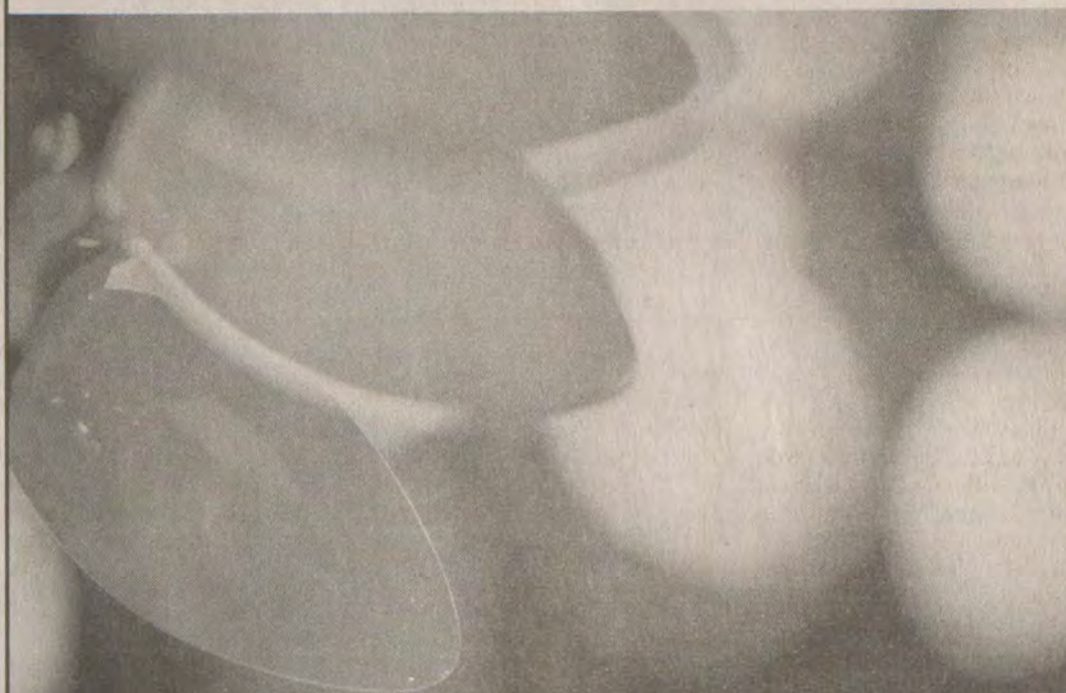
**GETTING DEFENSIVE:** South Floyd senior Heather Dean blocked a total of four shots in Saturday's win over Jackson City. Dean also pulled down 13 rebounds and scored eight rebounds for the Lady Raiders.

Andrea Conn scored four points, Laken Hall and Gabriel Bailey netted three apiece and

Faith Little and Ashley Castle each had two in South Floyd's blowout victory.

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# Bears lose to Spalding in Jim Reid Classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN — Three days after playing the nation's fourth-ranked team to a six-point game, the Pikeville College Bears played flat and dropped a 61-58 overtime decision to Spalding University in the Jim Reid Classic.

Pikeville, coming off a run of three straight wins and arguably the season's most impressive outing in the 72-66 loss to powerhouse Mountain State, was lifeless early on and built a deficit out of which it could not crawl.

Spalding (6-6), playing its 11th game away from home this season, built a 13-6 lead early on the strength of a rebounding edge of 14-8. The two categories would mirror each other for most of the

game, with Pikeville closing both gaps to below three but not being able to overcome.

Trailing 31-19 at the half — thanks to four three-pointers from senior Adrian De Las Heras — the Bears charged out of the gates and quickly scored the first six points of the half, five coming from senior Donnell Dobbins.

But from that point on, the teams played mostly even with Spalding's lead bouncing between two and seven.

The Bears finally drew even at 53 in the final two minutes and took a lead when junior Paul Frazier scored inside. But the Pelicans quickly regained the edge, and after the possession changed hands three times in the final three seconds of regulation, the rams went to overtime tied at 55.

Spalding, however, scored the first four points in overtime and was never headed, moving into the finals of the 11th Annual Jim Reid Classic.

Pikeville shot only 33.3 percent for the game, thanks largely to a first half that saw the Bears sink only 25.9 percent from the field. Senior Donnell Dobbins had 24, followed by 17 from Paul Frazier.

Freshman Rob Walker had five points but 11 rebounds, while senior Donald Thomas had seven markers, eight rebounds and four steals.

(See BEARS, page five)

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# Clemson, Kentucky to meet in Music City Bowl

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Clemson and Kentucky will meet in the ninth annual Music City Bowl on Dec. 29, bowl officials announced Sunday.

The game, sponsored by Gaylord Hotels and Bridgestone, will be televised live at noon CST on ESPN from LP Field.

It's the first Music City Bowl appearance for Clemson (8-4) and the second for Kentucky.

The Tigers finished tied for second in the Atlantic Coast Conference's Atlantic Division and lost to the only Southeastern Conference team they faced this year — a 31-28 loss to in-state rival South

Carolina on Nov. 25.

Clemson features one of the nation's most prolific running back duos in James Davis and C.J. Spiller.

"We are excited to be selected for the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl Presented By Bridgestone," said Terry Don Phillips, Clemson University director of athletics. "This will be our first appearance in the bowl and it will be Clemson's first appearance in the city of Nashville for a college football game since 1960.

"Nashville is a great city and has a lot to offer in terms of entertainment for our fans," Phillips said. "It is also a game that will take place in a state of the art NFL facility against

Kentucky, an outstanding team from the SEC."

Kentucky finished third in the SEC's East Division and did not face an ACC opponent this season.

"What to me is more significant is for us to make this a common occurrence, which it hasn't been at Kentucky," said head coach Rich Brooks. "The goal is to get to bowl games every year, start winning them and climb up the conference ladder."

The Wildcats' Andre Woodson is the SEC's leading passer, averaging 268 yards per game.

"I'm so happy that all of the hard work and effort put forth by our football team is being rewarded appropriately," said

Mitch Barnhart, Kentucky athletics director.

"It is going to be a great matchup, and I'm sure the big blue nation will

descend upon Nashville in force to support the Wildcats."

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## No. 7 North Carolina 75, Kentucky 63

by JOEDY McCREARY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — North Carolina was sloppy, slow and allowed Kentucky to snatch a loose ball in a tight situation. It was the perfect time for coach Roy Williams to bench his starters and give his young players a scare.

"He pulled us off and showed us how important it was to get on the floor for loose balls," freshman Wayne Ellington said of the second-half benching en masse. "It's intense. He showed a little bit of fire."

He and the rest of the Tar Heels finally got the message. Ellington scored 17 points, fellow freshman Brandon Wright added 16 and No. 7 North Carolina went on to rout the Wildcats 75-63 on Saturday in a game between college basketball's winningest schools.

Reyshawn Terry also scored 16 points and capped the Tar Heels' decisive run with a pair of 3-pointers.

"I felt like early on, I got in the rhythm going, got some defensive stops, got some assists and it just opened up a lot of things and I got in the flow," Terry said.

North Carolina (6-1) never trailed and won its second high-profile nonconference game of the week at the Dean Smith Center, where the team is 3-0 this season.

The Tar Heels overcame Randolph Morris' 23 points on 11-of-12 shooting to earn their third straight victory in this series. North Carolina is 41 behind the Wildcats' NCAA record of 1,930 victories.

Wright has scored at least 10 points in each of his seven games as a Tar Heel. For Terry, this was his second consecutive strong performance against Kentucky. He had a career-high 25 in the Tar Heels' win last December.

"It just happened to be Kentucky," Terry said. "Last year, I had a good game against them, and I had a good start early on today (this time) and it seemed to work out for me for the whole game."

The pivotal 11-2 stretch in this one started with Williams' lecture. He pulled his five starters with 17:16 remaining, upset that they allowed Kentucky to make its first three shots in the second half, pull within 36-33 and get to one loose ball in particular.

"The basketball was rolling on the floor and we're tiptoeing through the freaking tulips reaching over to get the ball," Williams said. "It is so stupid. We're going to dive after the ball. We had four guys daintily trying to get the ball. If it's on the floor it says North Carolina basketball and if you're not going to get it, I'll get somebody else in who will."

Moments after Wright started the run with a hook shot, he and the other starters were benched for about 2 1/2 minutes while they caught grief from their coach.

"We had to get down and dirty with it," Wright said.

When they returned, Terry got hot. He made two 3-pointers 26 seconds apart to push the Tar Heels' lead into double figures for the first time, 47-35, with just over 13 minutes left. Kentucky never got closer than nine the rest of the way.

"It was just in the flow of the game — Ty (Lawson, the point guard) got some open

looks, he penetrated, their guys helped and I was able to get open," Terry said.

Joe Crawford had 16 points and Bobby Perry added 12 for the Wildcats (4-3), who outrebounded North Carolina 42-36 but lost their third game against a ranked team this season.

North Carolina, playing three days after a wild 98-89 victory over No. 3 Ohio State in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge, found itself in an entirely different style of game against the Wildcats.

"It was one of those games where we had to grind it out," Terry said. "The younger fellows, they're starting to realize how important it is to take one game, and just deal with it and get ready for the next game."

For the most part, Morris was Kentucky's offense in the first half. He was 5-of-5 shoot-

ing with 11 points during the opening 20 minutes. The rest of the Wildcats were a combined 6-for-23 and went 0-for-9 from 3-point range — out of character for a team that entered shooting 36 percent from beyond the arc.

"Obviously, they let me catch the ball in the post," Morris said. "Anytime I feel like I catch the ball with somebody behind me, I have the potential to score. I was just making shots today."

Tyler Hansbrough, the star of the Ohio State win with 21 points, struggled against the Wildcats for the second straight season.

The sophomore preseason All-American has failed to reach double figures three times in his career — and two of those came against

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# Championship winners are familiar faces

by WILL GRAVES  
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LOUISVILLE — The Kentucky High School Athletic Association is expanding from four classifications to six in football next season, partly in an effort to give more teams a chance at a state title.

It also means there will be fewer roadblocks for some of the annual state powers, teams who have made a late-fall trip to Papa John's Stadium a yearly tradition.

Two of those teams are Louisville-Trinity and Newport Central Catholic, who continued their dominance with resounding wins in the Class 4A and Class A title games.

The Shamrocks (14-1) put the cap on their record 17th state title with a 41-7 win over Union-Ryle (12-3) in the 4A title game. Quarterback Nick Petrino threw for 247 yards and four touchdowns as Trinity took control in the second quarter and never looked back.

The Shamrocks will move to Class 6A when the new classification system takes effect next fall. Whoever their new foes are, they'll have to find a way to stop a machine that has won the state crown five times in the last six years. And consider this: coach Bob Beatty thinks his program is only getting better.

"I don't ever recall having a ball club I've enjoyed coaching as much as these kids," Beatty said. "What a commit-

ment they made. It's a great run of success. You're not successful in this game unless you have great kids."

And for all of Petrino's offensive brilliance, the Shamrocks were just as flashy on the other side of the ball. Trinity didn't let Ryle past midfield until the fourth quarter.

"Those kids stepped it up," Beatty said. "They did a tremendous job. They flew to the ball. They played real fast."

Like Trinity, Newport Central Catholic knows a thing or two about winning state titles. The Thoroughbreds' 37-34 win over Danville was Newport's second straight state title and third overall.

They did it in remarkable fashion, rallying from 17 points down in the fourth quarter to stun the Admirals (13-2), who were seeking their 11th state crown. Newport Central Catholic running back Michael Vickers rolled up 268 yards of total offense (199 rushing, 69 receiving) and three touchdowns, including a 52 catch-and-run for the game-winning touchdown reception with 1:45 remaining.

"It was a screen pass, I was expecting 20 yards, 10 yards, get out of bounds," said Newport quarterback Jared Harris. "He was wide open. In the open field, he's great. It was unbelievable, unexplainable."

In Friday night's last game, Covington Catholic won its sixth state title. The Colonels are undefeated in champi-

onship games. They beat Bowling Green 27-8. The Purples haven't been so lucky. This was the second consecutive year they lost in the championship game.

The Colonels led the Purples 17-0 at halftime but Colonels' coach John Rodenberg wasn't happy. They scored their first touchdown when defensive lineman Nathan Kater returned a Purples' fumble 14 yards to the end zone. Their second came on the first play after Purples' quarterback Trent Steelman threw an interception inside their own 30-yard line.

"We weren't happy with ourselves in the first half," Colonels' running back Brent Buckley said. "We knew we were getting our points off of our defense."

Buckley made the Colonels' opening drive his own personal showcase, carrying the ball for 69 yards on 13 carries during a 97-yard drive.

"They dominated the line of scrimmage," Purples' coach Kevin Wallace said. "We couldn't get the ball away from them."

Not all the faces who walked off with the championship hardware were familiar. Mercer County, which had never advanced past the second round of the state playoffs before, won the Class 2A title with a gutsy 15-12 win over defending champion Russell.

The Titans (15-0) capped their perfect season by proving to their coach that they could overcome a little adversity.

Mercer County hadn't trailed in a game all season, but found itself behind twice in the first half against the defending state champions.

But the Titans — who will move to Class 5A next fall — survived behind 140 yards rushing from running back Cory Jackson and a defense that forced five turnovers.

"It will be rocking in Harrodsburg," joked coach Marty Jagers.

Despite being held to a season-low 196 yards rushing, the Titans set a new state record for rushing yards in a season, according to Jagers. Mercer County finished the season with 5,782 yards on the ground, breaking the record of 5,671 set by Lexington-Bryan Station in 1999.

The win was sweet vindication for Mercer County, which had to deal with the fallout of a merger between the Harrodsburg and Mercer County school districts. Jagers admitted the decision was met with significant resistance within the community.

though not with his players.

"There were a lot of people against this," Jagers said. "I can understand that, because if my school closed down, I'd be upset about it. But it's a

great thing for the crowd and the community."

Associated Press Writer Malcolm Knox contributed to this report.

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## Late basket lifts Morehead State over Western Illinois

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MACOMB, Ill. — Quentin Pryor's layup with four-tenths of a second remaining gave the Morehead State University men a 57-56 win over Western Illinois Saturday evening at Western Hall.

Trailing 30-29 at halftime, the Eagles built a 51-40 lead by the 9:18 mark. But, MSU then went 7:33 without scoring to fall behind, but never by more than one point in the final 2:25.

"We survived a scoring drought of more than seven

minutes, but still find a way to win," MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall said. "Even when you don't play well offensively, if you defend and rebound, you can win."

"We held them to 38 percent shooting and out-rebounded them 40-33. Then, Quentin came up with a big shot to win the game."

Pryor led MSU with 11 points. Shaun Williams and Cordaryl Ballard each had 10 points. Pryor and Ballard each had seven rebounds.

Western Illinois was led by David Jackson, who scored

nine points.

The Eagles are 3-3 on the season. Following the loss, WIU fell to 2-4.

### Wildcats

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Kentucky. A year after scoring just six points against the Wildcats, Hansbrough finished this one with a season-low seven.

"We just tried to help pack it in on the inside and eliminate his touches, and trap when he gets the ball," Morris said.

### Bears

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De Las Heras finished 7-of-13 from the arc to lead all scorers with 25 points, while William Ford had 16 and nine rebounds. Point guard Chartreaf Hall had only four points but finished with a dou-

ble-double thanks to 12 rebounds and as many assists.

Spalding won away from home on a night it shot only 37.1 percent from the floor and attempted 20 fewer free throws than the Bears.

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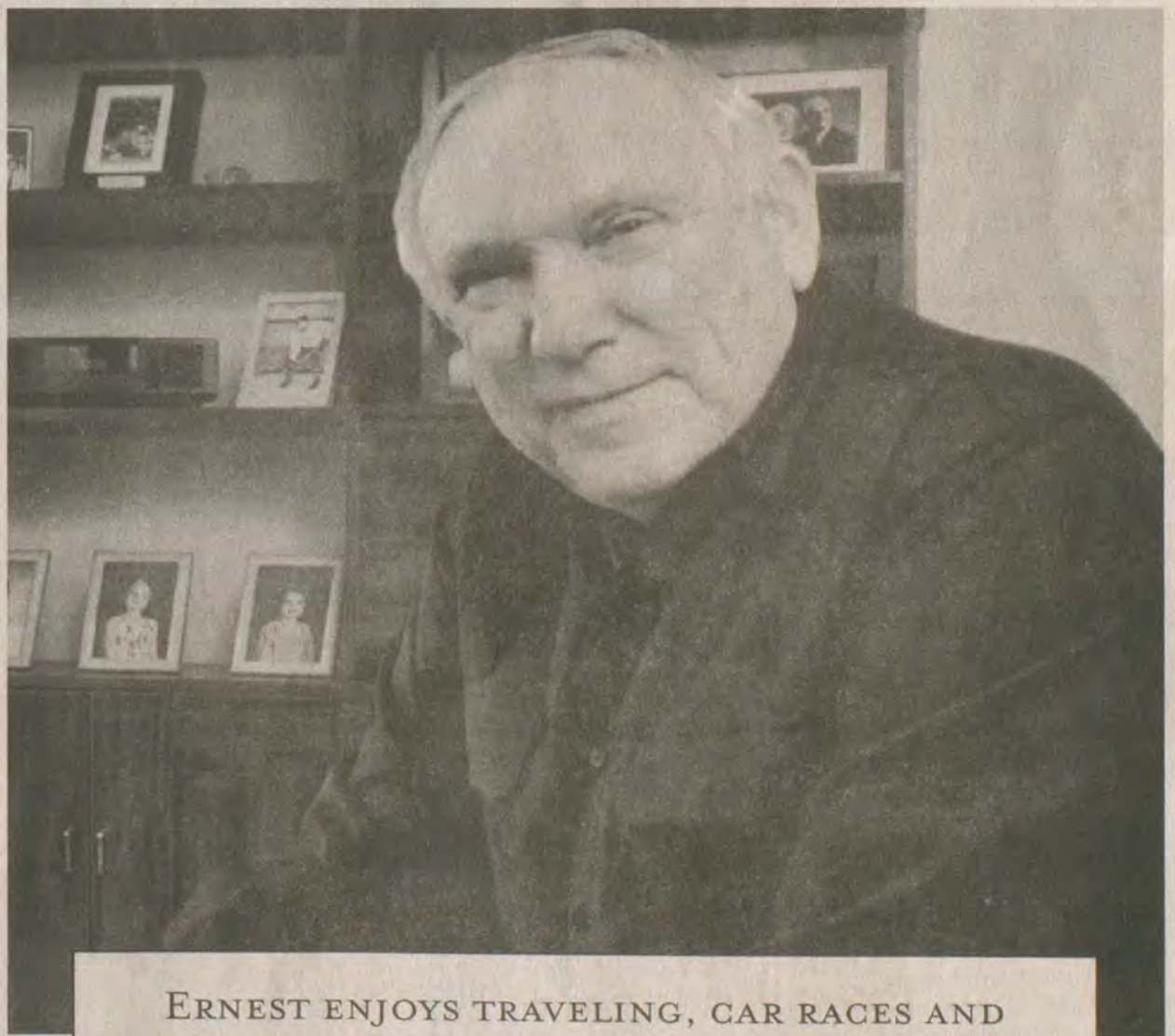
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### KIM'S KORNER

## Morphing into Menopause

By: Kim Little Frasure

It's almost been a year now experiencing little changes taking place in my mind and body. There have literally been times where out of body experiences have taken place. Times like Spouse and I sitting side by side in our recliners enjoying a Sunday evening television show and all of the sudden, fire engulfed my entire body to the point



Kim Little Frasure

I jumped to my feet, opened up the front door and began to fan myself in the 30 degree temperatures of the outside.

Spouse pleading all the while to shut the door for he was freezing to the bone. These little bouts of fire flashes don't last long, although at the time they occur they sure feel like an eternity. In desperate attempts to save the rest of the household from freezing temperatures, the freezer door on the fridge has become my "fan" of choice. I do believe I've actually melted ice before.

Then there are the times where these odd lines of light appear for no apparent reason. No one else around sees them and after getting those "you're a nut" looks for asking, I've resorted to trying to remove myself to the nearest corner of a room alone

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### POISON OAK

## When we each had 50 cents

by Clyde Pack

The older I get, the more I'm amused at how people today compete.

I'm not talking about sports events and stuff like that. I'm talking about that age-old bit of "keeping up with the Joneses."

I mean, sometimes it borders on the ridiculous, how so many people spend money they don't have, to buy something they don't need, just because somebody they don't like in the first place bought one.

Maybe the way I feel about it has something to do with my upbringing. Sometimes I wonder if perhaps society in general wouldn't be better off if everybody had an attitude like folks reared in a 1940s eastern Kentucky coal camp.

Looking back, there's no doubt it was a hard life for adults. Furthermore, it's now pretty obvious that those days weren't nearly as good as our childhood memories make them out to be.

At any rate, though, times were indeed better than they are now.

For instance, when I was growing up in Muddy Branch, we always felt that everybody was equal. It was like we were all in this thing together. As a friend of mine once said, "During those times if I had a dollar and you didn't have anything, we each had 50 cents."

I guess it's safe to say we had poverty, before it became popular...before food stamps...before we could really make a living at it. But at the same

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This week, we begin a series of articles entitled, "Meet the Big Sandy Singers." The Big Sandy Singers is a group of individuals who are students at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The singers, who receive scholarships for their participation in the group, share a love for music and the performance arts. They are led by director, Laura Ford Hall, a former member of the KY Opry. The group will release their second album, "Going Home," on December 16 during a special Christmas concert that will be held at 7 p.m., in BSCTC's Gearheart Auditorium. We begin our series with an introduction to the leader of the group, Mrs. Laura Ford Hall. In the weeks to come, we will introduce other members of the singing ensemble.



Laura Ford Hall

## Laura Ford Hall, Big Sandy Singers Director; BSCTC Music and Drama Director

Laura Ford Hall, of Pikeville, serves as director of the Big Sandy Singers. She is the BSCTC Music and Drama Director and organizes BSCTC's InHarmony Women's Community Chorus; Serenade - community and student singing group; the BSCTC Theatre Troupe; the BSCTC Children's Music and Drama Program, and the Big Sandy Singers. She is also an Instructor of Communication for the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus.

On the new Big Sandy Singers album, Laura sings a beautiful religious song by Whitney Houston on 'The Preacher's Wife' soundtrack called "I Love the Lord."

Ford earned a bachelor's degree from Pikeville College and a masters degree from Morehead State University, with an emphasis in Communication Speech & Theatre. She also has a minor in music. Laura began teaching at BSCTC in August of 2004. Prior to working at BSCTC, Laura worked for the Mountain Arts Center as the center's first Arts Education Director. She then worked with the Pikeville Independent School System and taught in the Communication Department at Morehead State University.

Laura is a 14 year veteran member of the Kentucky Opry. Through her affiliation with the Opry organization, she was chosen as a representative for Kentucky during State's Days Performances at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. in 1999. She was a featured performer on Live from the Governor's Mansion aired on KET in 2001. She has also been seen on KET

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Laura Ford Hall began singing very early on, here she is pictured singing in the Pikeville Church of Christ Christmas play, "Jesus is the Greatest Gift of All," at age 5.



At age 17, Laura was asked to sing "The National Anthem" at the opening of the University of Kentucky vs. University of Tennessee Basketball Game. She is pictured here standing on the floor of Rupp singing for a crowd of 24,000.



Laura is a 14-year veteran member of the Kentucky Opry, where she performed from age 14 to age 28. "Miss Billie Jean, Keith Caudill, and my Opry experiences helped me to become who I am today. If it weren't for Miss Billie, I am not sure what I would have ended up doing with my life."

### CRITTER CORNER

## Where do pets come from?

A newly discovered chapter in the Book of Genesis has provided the answer to the question "Where do pets come from?"

Adam and Eve said, "Lord, when we were in the garden, you walked with us every day. Now we do not see you any more. We are lonesome here, and it is difficult for us to remember how much you love us."

And God said, "I will create a companion for you that will be with you and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and

will love you as I do, in spite of yourselves."

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam and Eve.

And it was a good animal.

And God was pleased.

And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and Eve and he wagged his tail.

And Adam said, "Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal."

And God said, "I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG."

And Dog lived with Adam and Eve and was a companion to them and loved them.

And they were comforted.

And God was pleased.

And Dog was content and wagged his

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Just as the cat in today's story, "Sugar," owned by Randy and Sandy Bentley, just doesn't care. Traveling at "light speed" as Papa Randy says, Sugar shows just how fast and furious she can make her engine run. We're wondering, have you had to replace those blinds yet, Randy?

# School Happenings

**\*\*"Parent University" to be held Dec. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. KSP Trooper Scott Hopkins and Lola Ratliff, Title V, FCBE, will speak on the topic of "School Safety." A free meal and door prizes will be provided.**

## Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

**\*\*Canned food drive now going on. The homeroom that brings in the most canned food will win a party from the YSC. Food items will be donated to local food banks to help with the upcoming holiday season.**

**\*\*AMS is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts may be given to any AMS student or dropped off at the school office.**

**Book Club will meet on Thursdays, after school until 5 p.m. New members can still sign up in the YSC office.**

**\*Sponsors needed for the YSC Secret Santa program. Call 886-1297.**

**The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297. Please call for information on center programs and services.**

## Allen Central High School

**Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.**

## Allen Central Middle School

**\*\*Collect Food City receipts and turn them in to homeroom teachers!\*\***

**\*Can Food Drive going on now at school.\***

**Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.**

**The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center 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

**Lost and Found items will be located in the center. Items not claimed within two weeks will become FRYSC property.**

**Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.**

**The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. 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.**

**Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.**

## Clark Elementary

**\*\*On Sale Now: Clark ornaments and framed pictures (autumn and winter scenes). Contact a Clark student or the Resource Center at 886-0815 to purchase. Will make great Christmas gifts and mementos! Boxed ornaments - \$15; framed pictures - \$10.**

**Dec. 11 - KSP "Shop with a Cop" program.**

**Dec. 12 - Connect with Kids: "Internet Generation," 4 p.m., on WYMT.**

**Dec. 15 - Christmas Dance for Clark students.**

**Dec. 17 - Prestonsburg City "Shop with a Cop" program.**

**Dec. 18 - School Christmas program, 7 p.m., in gym.**

**F.I.T. Club meets each Tuesday and Wednesday after school, 3:15-4:15 p.m. (Fitness activities for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.)**

**\*\*Fridays are "School Spirit" days! (All year long!) Wear Clark colors (green and gold) or Clark t-shirts. Students, staff, parents - show your support for CES!!**

**Dec. 8, 14 - Nurse services: Floyd County Health Department nurse will be in the Resource Center. Now taking appointments for 6th grade exams, WIC, and well-child exams for birth-18 years. Flu shots may also be scheduled. Call 886-0815 for an appointment.**

**Lost and Found located in Resource Center. Items not claimed by Dec. 7 will be donated to "One**

Warm Coat" program or become a part of FRC Clothing Closet (for Clark students).

**The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.**

## Duff Elementary

**\*\*School is collecting Food City receipts again this year! Please drop off your receipts at the school, or mail them to: Duff Elementary School, P.O. Box 129, Eastern, KY 41622.**

**Yearbooks on sale - \$22.**

**Christmas is fast approaching and needs are great while funds are few. Please call the FRC at 358-9878 if you would like to sponsor a child.**

**FRC is also in need of clothing, sizes 3T thru adult, for emergency clothing use and burnouts. If you have clothing to donate, please call the FRC.**

**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.**

## 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

**Dec. 12 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 6 p.m.**

**Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-**

child exams, WIC, prenatal and postpartum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

## Mountain Christian Academy

**Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.**

## 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.**

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

## South Floyd Youth Services Center

**SFHS and SFMS will be participating in the Apples for Students program. Please save and turn in your Food City receipts.**

**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.**

**Call center for: list of visiting speakers and presentations to be held throughout year; to make appointments to attend Parent Volunteer Training sessions; or for information in regard to Adult Education programs.**

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

**The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.**

**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 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.**

## Stumbo

## Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

**Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.**

**The Mud Creek FRYSC is**

located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

## W.D. Osborne

### "Rainbow Junction"

**Family Resource Center**  
**Lost & Found located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within 2 weeks become the property of the FRC.**

**The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.**

**The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.**

## Wesley Christian School

**WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.**

## BSCTC Adult

### Education & GED

#### 2006 Fall Schedule

**Mondays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Ctr., Auxier Learning Ctr., and BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House, BSCTC; 4:30-9 p.m., Auxier Learning Ctr.**

**Tuesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Dixie Apts., Betsy Layne FRYSC, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.**

**Wednesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - David Craft Center, BSCTC; 6-9 p.m. - BSCTC.**

**Thursdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC, Mud Creek Clinic, Weeksby Comm. Ctr.; 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC, Betsy Layne YSC., Weeksby Comm. Ctr.; 4:30-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.**

**Adult Education teachers are: Ron Johnson, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bornes, Vanessa Adkins and Susan Stephens.**

**Program manager: Kay Hale Ross (886-7334).**

# YESTERDAYS

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## Ten Years Ago

(December 11 and December 13, 1996)

Former Supreme Court Justice Dan Jack Combs was arrested, Tuesday afternoon, and charged with third degree unlawful transaction with a minor, for allegedly allowing his 15-year-old son to use marijuana in his home. Combs' juvenile son was also taken into custody, Tuesday, by State Police trooper David Watkins. The arrest warrant alleges Watkins was at the residence to serve a warrant for Combs' other son, and smelled marijuana...Property owners may have gotten a reprieve on their taxes in Prestonsburg's hilltop annexation, but business owners will have to pay the city's occupational tax. The amount of revenue to be generated by the incorporation of Costain's mining operation into the city limits is not immediately known, Mayor Jerry Fannin said, Tuesday...Prestonsburg city officials have approved refinancing just over \$300,000 in revenue bonds owed to the federal government by the Prater Creek Water District, which the city agreed to buy last March...Former Floyd County resident Doris Frances of Georgetown, waited 10 months for a life-saving liver transplant at the University of Kentucky. That wait could have been longer if proposed rules governing liver allocations are implemented, and Frances doesn't want that to happen. In an effort to stop changes in the liver transplant program, Frances a daughter of Dolly Dotson of Middle Creek, will testify before a Health and Human Services Department panel on Thursday, in Washington, D.C...The Floyd County Board of Elections has ruled that Tiger Mart, located on Route 23, near Prestonsburg, is within the West Prestonsburg boundary line, a wet precinct, and is permitted to sell alcoholic beverages...The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad extricated two female victims from a vehicle which was struck by a U-haul truck, Saturday night, at the mouth of Arkansas Creek. All four persons in the car, and the two persons in the truck, were transported in Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin...The

House of Representatives posted a workers' compensation bill last week that makes radical changes in the state's system. The bill passed by an overwhelming majority and is now headed to the Senate for consideration...Although the Big Sandy Area Development District (BSADD) has requested to "make reductions...by reducing administrative costs, while striving to minimizing the impact on current service levels," the administration will currently be absorbing less than 8.5 percent of nearly \$100,000 in budget costs. Programs and services for the elderly will feel the biggest impact from the funding reductions...Dance Etc. participants danced their way through the streets of Prestonsburg, Saturday, during the annual Christmas parade...Construction schedules at Prestonsburg High School are set to be changed after numerous complaints from parents and "some" near misses of construction materials hitting students and teachers. In a letter to the Floyd County Board of Education, from Joe Jones, president of Johnson Romanowitz Architects: Jones outlined actions to be taken by contractors to ease tensions at the school...U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers and Floyd County officials held a ribbon cutting ceremony, Thursday, to kick off the renovation of the Wheelwright swimming pool...Prestonsburg public works employee Norm Chaffins was slightly injured, Wednesday, when the truck he was driving slid over an embankment at Mays Branch. Another unidentified worker in the vehicle with Chaffins was not injured. Chaffins was treated and released from Highlands Regional Medical Center...When Jessica Bates looked at her science test score, Wednesday, she wasn't happy. She had gotten only 28 answers out of 30 questions. "I knew those (two) answers," she said as Opportunities Unlimited Principal Jerry Fultz looked at her work. Bates' achievement and her effort to do her best seemed to be typical of students at the alternative school...A hunger strike, Thursday, at the Floyd County Adult Detention Center didn't last long for most of the prisoners. In fact, most of the inmates only went without one meal. An inmate who was convicted of complicity to commit arson, called The Times, Thursday, about a hunger strike at the jail.

Another caller also advised that the prisoners were not given any soap, shampoo, or deodorant, but they were permitted to get cigarettes...Anna Neeley Snipes, 81, of the Left Fork of Abbott Creek, died Thursday, from injuries she suffered when the vehicle in which she was a passenger, collided with another car on Route 23, on Tuesday...The Floyd County school system's 1995-96 budget deficit was not as much as originally reported, according to a report, Tuesday, from the district's auditor...There died: Ronald Dale Trafelet Jr., 3-month-old son of Wanda Ann Stapleton Trafelet and Ronald Dale Trafelet Sr., of Raccoon, Saturday, December 7, at the residence; Susie Ousley DeRossett, 77, of Martin, Saturday, December 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Randall Akers, 48, of Teaberry, Sunday, November 24, at his residence; Hazel Smith, 67, of Pikeville, Monday, December 9, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Ted Stumbo, 85, of McDowell, Thursday, December 5, at his residence; Justin Daniel Martin, 13, of Teaberry, Sunday, December 8, at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, in Memphis, Tennessee; Cora Cross, 89, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Ligon, Saturday, December 7, at her daughter's residence; Kenneth Earl Prater, 68, of Prestonsburg, Friday, December 6, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; Iris F. Fuller, 78, of Brantley, Alabama, Friday, December 6, at her residence; Rebecca Jane Stanley, 81, of Harold, Sunday, December 8, at her residence; Anna Neeley Snipes, 81, of Abbott Creek, Tuesday, December 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, from injuries received in an accident, Tuesday; Glenda "Bug" Garrett Ousley, 37, of Lexington, formerly of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, December 11, at her mother's residence; Myrl David Blevins, 71, of Tram, Friday, December 6, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, following an extended illness.

## Twenty Years Ago

(December 17, 1986)

A legislative task force heard from area res-

idents at the May Lodge, Wednesday, during a meeting to find out why home and auto insurance is harder to get in eastern Kentucky, and more expensive...A house fire in Estill, Sunday, claimed the life of three-year-old Megan Suzanne Slone...A West Virginia man died last Wednesday, when his twin-engine plane crashed on a mountaintop at the head of Ivy Creek while he was en route to Pikeville Airport from Huntington...A resident's complaint that Left Beaver Creek was "running as black as soup," Thursday, led to a citation of Wheelwright Mining Company for pollution...It was an argument over politics that led to the stabbing and hospitalizing of Milton Conn, 39, of Florida, and the arrest of Alvin Barnett, 60, of Buck's Branch...Former Prestonsburg City Council member Robert Ranier left town owing them around \$67,000. First Commonwealth Bank officials claim in a suit filed last week in Floyd Circuit Court...There died: William Stumbo, 84, of Martin, last Wednesday, following a brief illness...Grace Noe, 83, of Wayland, Monday, following a brief illness...Melda Triplett Messer, 71, of Estill, Tuesday, following a brief illness...Edgel Jones, 54, of Hueysville, Tuesday...Gus Yates, 76, of Martin, Thursday, following an extended illness...Frenchy L. Moore, 38, formerly of Price, Sunday, at the Good Samaritan Hospital...Mary Archer Van Patten, 87, of Prestonsburg, Thursday...and Perry Newman, formerly of Hi Hat, Sunday, after an apparent heart attack.

## Thirty Years Ago

(December 15, 1976)

What promised, Saturday afternoon, to be an old-fashioned Democratic donnybrook, when precinct delegates met at the courthouse to elect an executive committee, developed into a show of party unity as the two candidates for the county party chairmanship reached agreement...In its last scheduled meeting of the year, the Floyd Fiscal Court, Monday, accepted the bid of the Adams Construction Company to

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supply, within 45 days, 10,000 tons of gravel at \$5.93 per ton, plus sales tax...Prestonsburg residents are being notified this week of the rate increase of 20 cents per 1000 cubic feet which went into effect on natural gas here, December 1...Development plans for Centennial Mall, the first fully-enclosed regional shopping mall in southeastern Kentucky, were announced, Tuesday, by an official of the Pikeville-based Centennial Company...Rumors of devil worship spilled over from Pike County into Floyd, this week, and at Betsy Layne a reported 10-15 pupils were kept out of school, Monday, by parents who had become disturbed...A second gas company strike was averted, this week, when union employees of the Columbia Transmission Corporation voted to accept the 8 1/2 percent wage increase offered by the company...There died: Mary Magelene Conn, 81, died Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Clyde Jarrell, of Cow Creek, died Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Ollie Caudill, 73, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Hi Hat, Wednesday, December 8, in a hospital in Springfield, Ohio, Elder Ernest Ward, 71, Monday, at his home at Mousie.

awarded by the Highway Department...75 sauger pike were released in Dewey Lake, December 6, by state Fish & Wildlife Resources officials...Former Governor Bert Combs has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Appalachian Regional Hospitals, it was announced, last week...Acquisition of an additional 21 acres of land to make possible future expansion of the Prestonsburg Community College, was authorized, Tuesday, by the board of trustees of the University of Kentucky...Desultory attempts at contract negotiation, and scattered line blasting, marked another week of the strike affecting the United Fuel Gas Company...The Maternity and Infant Care Project of the Division of Maternal and Child Health has expanded its program for high-risk mothers and infants, to include Floyd County...The undefeated Maytown Wildcats scored win No. 11 against the Wayland Wasps at Maytown, Monday...Married: Miss Elizabeth Carol Bentley, of Langley, and Mr. Delbert Stephens, of Spurlock, Dec. 3, at the Free Will Baptist Church, Martin; Miss Rita Lee Cahill, of Drift, and Mr. Raymond Curtis Henschen of Bellvue, November 26, at St. Juliana's Church, Martin...Born: to the Rev. and Mrs. Gary Harrison, of Louisville, a son, Gregory Lane, Dec. 2...There died: Mrs. Pearl Allen Napier Conley, 71, of Lancer, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Jess Hopper, 81, of Topmost, November 27, at a Perry County hospital; Mrs. Henrietta Taylor, 92, of Weeksbury, last Wednesday, at the home of a daughter, in West Virginia; Mrs. Mary Page, 68, of Dwale, Friday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

**Fifty Years Ago**  
(December 13, 1956)

Fire which followed the burglary, early Monday morning, of the Fountain Korner, Prestonsburg drug-store, created an estimated total damage of \$50,000, and as consequences, two juveniles, both Prestonsburg High School pupils, face possible charges of arson and burglary...Contract for the construction of the outside plant facilities of the Harold Telephone Company was awarded to Alpha Construction Co. of Tulsa, Oklahoma...The number of Floyd County recipients of surplus commodity foodstuffs has been cut more than half, it was said, this week, by G. R. Spradlin, commodity office clerk...A jury empanelled by Coroner James J. Carter, following the death, Sunday afternoon, from a rifle bullet of Woodrow Monk, at his home at Mare Creek, held that the fatal shot was accidental...An estimated \$668,000 worth of work on the relocation of U.S. 23 and 460, from Prestonsburg to Auxier, has been marked for No. 1 priority by the Kentucky Department of Highways...The Maytown Wildcats, one of the three remaining unbeaten teams in the 15th region, won their 10th straight game last week-end against Wheelwright...There died: Mrs. Dona Johnson Adkins, 49, formerly of Weeksbury, last Saturday, at Fennville, Michigan; Will Tackett, 77, of Tram, Monday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Lulie Hall, 66, formerly of East McDowell, Saturday, at Ashtabula, Ohio.

**Sixty Years Ago**  
(December 13, 1946)

Practically all mines of Floyd County resumed operation, Monday, following the work-order issued by John L. Lewis, UMWA head, last Saturday...Prospects for installation of a city bus line here similar to those already in operation in Paintsville and Pikeville, brightened this week, as the city council announced that it will receive, at its regular meeting January 6, sealed bids on such a bus line franchise...The three-day opening of the Firestone Store by Frank H. Layne and Roy Gibson was held here, last Thursday, through Saturday...B. B. Hatcher, U.S. Navy, formerly of Harold, is a member of the crew of one of five ships which will leave Norfolk, Virginia, January 2, on the Byrd expedition to the South Pole...Marcum Stone, McDowell miner, is in serious condition at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin, as a result of a highway accident, Wednesday morning, at the Star Bottom Mining Company near McDowell...The Vanhose Lumber Company at Louisa, managed by Scott Craft, former Prestonsburg man, was destroyed by fire, Tuesday afternoon...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dings of Hunter, a daughter, November 24, at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin...There died: Mrs. Katie Spurlock, 35, Wednesday, at home near Printer; Mrs. Mary Alice Bates, 52, of Bevinville, en route to a Martin hospital, Wednesday.

**Ago**  
(December 14, 1936)

The Floyd County Board of Education, in its meeting, last Saturday, awarded the construction of a brick and tile school building here, to consist of 12 classrooms and an auditorium, to Stewart Construction Co. The Stewart bid was \$45,000...As he was taking road measurements near Arkansas, Wednesday, C. Everett Mink, of Alphoretta, state highway, department inspector on the Allen-Lackey road paving, was seriously injured, when the two-ton scoop of a concrete mixer was accidentally lowered onto him, crushing him...The city council passed an ordinance, recently, stipulating a \$10 fine or 10 days in jail, or both, for any one shooting fireworks within the corporate limits of Prestonsburg...The Mayo Cash Grocery, here, operated by J. D. Mayo, was sold Monday, to J. E. Ball...Franklin, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Colonel May, suffered serious injuries, Monday, when struck by a car on Graham street, here...There died: Miss Dorothy Davis, 23, of Prestonsburg, December 2, in a Morehead hospital; Andrew Jackson Miller, of Short Branch, of Abbott, Monday; Mrs. Emma Hall, 52, at her home at Wheelwright, Thursday; Mrs. Lyda Francis Meade Blevins, 69, at home at Boldman, November 26; George Salyers, 76, of Eureka, Friday; Charles Robert Johnson, 21-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johns, of Harold, Thursday, at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin.

**Forty Years Ago**  
(December 15, 1966)

Training of a class of 22 persons for future employment at the U.S. Shoe Company plant here began, Monday morning...A contract for grade, drain and bituminous concrete surfacing of U.S. 23, to revise the Ball Alley curve, here, has been

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time, I suspect it was poverty, as much as anything else, that bound us together and made us what we were.

In those days everybody practically lived out of the company store. Consequently, even our diets were the same.

I mean, I could have eaten supper at home and had cornbread and soup-beans. Or, I could have eaten with a neighbor and had soupbeans and cornbread. Come to think of it, many times I did.

There was certainly no competition in the fashion world. Dad or some other self-proclaimed barber, cut all the boys' hair. All the young women did their own, and wondered which twin had the Toni.

The sameness we endured went far beyond our physical appearance, however. For example, every family read Grit. Every family drew its water from the same well. Every family had an outside toilet.

So what was there for which we

could compete? Did we covet our neighbor's Montgomery Ward catalog, just because we had a flimsy Progressive Farmer?

As I think back to the days of the company store steps and moon pies being washed down by a big R. C. cola, it's pretty easy to see why folks back then didn't experience the stress of competition.

People didn't want what everybody else had, because everybody already had what everybody else had.

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Critter

tail.

After a while, it came to pass that an angel came to the Lord and said, "Lord, Adam and Eve have become filled with pride. They strut and preen like peacocks and they believe they are worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught them that they are loved, but perhaps too well."

And God said, "I will create for them a companion who will be with them and who will see them as they are. This companion will remind them of their limitations, so they will know that they are not always wor-

thy of adoration."

And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam and Eve.

And Cat would not obey them. And when Adam and Eve gazed into Cat's eyes, they were reminded that they were not the supreme beings.

And Adam and Eve learned humility.

And they were greatly improved. And God was pleased.

And Dog was happy. And Cat didn't care one way or the other!

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Pictured, from left to right, are: Daphene Goble, Susan Chafin, Della Pack, Sabra Jacobs, Christopher Daniel, Denise Trusty, Randell Haney, Garrett D. Pelphry, Mark Wells, Bernadette Tiapo, John Dove, Kathryn Miller, Vera Joiner and Jimmy Wright.

**BSCTC Leadership Institute trains future leaders**

Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) enrolled 16 employees in the latest opportunity for employee advancement at the college. The BSCTC President's Leadership Institute is an initiative of BSCTC President, Dr. George D. Edwards. Employees are selected for the institute based on their desire to learn leadership skills and advance in leadership roles at the college and their potential for advancement.

Dr. Edwards shared his ideas behind this program, saying, "The purpose of this new leadership institute is to expose employees with aspirations for leadership roles to many of the functional areas of comprehensive community and technical colleges. Participants develop individual leadership competencies, will network with potential leaders from a variety of college departments, will enhance their problem-solving skills, and will work collaboratively to recommend strategies for college improvement."

Participants in the leadership institute will meet monthly to listen to speakers on a variety of topics like college leadership, budgeting and finance, curriculum and instruction, student affairs and enrollment management, diversity and global awareness, community and workforce development, public relations and marketing, effectiveness and accreditation, as well as conflict resolution and customer service. They will follow-up with mini-projects, working in teams on case projects to explore the principles of leadership they have learned.

Dr. Edwards said, "I am pleased make available to our BSCTC employees this opportunity for growth and career enhancement. It is an investment that will benefit both the employees and the college. Building leadership within the college community also helps the community at large. I am excited to be a part of this new initiative."

Employees taking part in the new BSCTC President's

Leadership Institute are: Susan K. Chafin, Christopher A. Daniel, John P. Dove, Daphene Goble, Randell O. Haney, Patsy R. Jackson, Sabra P. Jacobs, Vera R. Joiner, Melinda A. Justice, Kathryn L. Miller, Della F. Pack, Garrett D. Pelphry, Bernadette S. Tiapo, Denise M. Trusty, Mark A. Wells, and Jimmy L. Wright.

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during the Kentucky PRIDE Organization's annual Envi Awards in both 2003 and 2004.

Laura was the vocalist of the National Anthem for the first Inaugural Ceremony of Kentucky Governor Paul Patton. She also sang the Anthem to open the UK vs. UT basketball game at Rupp Arena at the age of 17.

Laura released her first independent album in November, 1999 titled Still Small Voice which she wrote for and co-produced with Christian record producer J.D. Miller. Laura made the finals of the 2003 Exalting Him National Christian Artist Talent Search sponsored by Daywind Records and The Trinity Broadcasting Network. Ultimately, she received 5th place in the nation. The competition was taped and aired internationally on TBN later during November and December of 2003, and January and February of 2004, reaching over 90 million homes.

More than anything, Laura shares that she loves to sing for the Lord. "God gave me a voice to use as a ministry. I want every aspect of my life to be a ministry because, in the end, nothing else will matter. What we do for God and what we do to help others in His name, is the most important thing."

As director of the elite singing group, she wants to create a fun learning environment for the students and to be a positive influence on their lives. "I love my friends in the Big Sandy Singers more than I can describe. They are my best friends, my family. I care for them deeply - I care for their lives and for their souls. I want their time in the Big Sandy Singers to be a time in their lives that they will

always look back on with a smile and never forget. I also want them to have fun every minute, because that is what it is truly all about."

Outside of her work at BSCTC, Laura enjoys working with her church and performing with the praise band there. She loves to travel with her husband and enjoys watching movies and reality television. "My work encompasses my hobbies so I never feel like I go to work - it feels like I am going off to have fun every day," she said.

Laura is the daughter of Bob and Janice Ford, of Pikeville, and the wife of Brad N. Hall, now of Pikeville, formerly of Weeksbury; the daughter-in-law of Ronald and Ruth Hall of Weeksbury; and "the best friend of my cocker spaniel, Harley," she said.

"We are so blessed to work at a place like Big Sandy," Laura continued. "To me, there is no better college anywhere. The teachers are so intelligent and hardworking. The staff is excellent, and the administration sees the value in music and drama. Although many music and drama programs have been taken out of our local elementary and high schools, our administration is making it possible for our community members and students to have free music and drama opportunities. And, our President, Dr. George Edwards, has a great vision for music and drama here on the BSCTC campus. We thank him so much for everything he has done to help us and for the opportunities he gives us. Also, our Provost, Dr. Nancy Johnson, is extremely supportive as well. We couldn't accomplish anything without their support and help along with many other individuals at BSCTC."

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# Birthdays

# Wedding



## Happy Christmastime Birthday, Chelsey!

Chelsey Couch will celebrate her 9th birthday on Christmas Day, December 25, 2006. Chelsey is the daughter of Chris and Christine Couch. She is the granddaughter of Colson and Debbie Couch, and Isabel and Ray Parsons. She is the great-granddaughter of Patty and Janon Coburn, Ruth Couch and the late James Couch. She is the great-great-great-granddaughter of Thelma Chaffins. Chelsey has one sister, Caitlin Couch.



## Baby's first Christmas

Madeline Grace Walton, the daughter of Sheena and Gary Walton, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is looking forward to celebrating her first Christmas this month with her family. Madeline is the granddaughter of Rita and Lowell Brock, of Prestonsburg.

**Editor's Notice:** The Floyd County Times is happy to announce your engagement, new marriage, new baby, birthday or family reunion free of charge. However, space is limited and we can offer no guarantee of the exact day your announcement will run. Readers may opt to purchase ad space if these conditions are not satisfactory. With the purchase of a paid ad, run date, size and placement may be guaranteed.



## Collins-Alligood

Courtney Dawn Collins, the daughter of Charles and Donna Collins, of Prestonsburg, and Brian Jeffrey Alligood, the son of Jeff and Janet Alligood, of Bishop, Georgia, were joined in marriage on June 17, 2006, at the Hardeman-Sams House, in Athens, Georgia. The Rev. Mark Danzyo officiated. The bride is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and the University of Georgia, where she majored in business education. She is employed by the Candler County Board of Education at Metter High School. The groom is a graduate of Parkview High School and the University of Georgia. He is employed by Steve H. Powell & Co. The newlyweds reside at 2108 E. Crabapple Ct., Statesboro, GA, 30458.



## Happy Birthday, Tiffany!

Tiffany Victoria Owens celebrated her 18th birthday on November 17, 2006. Tiffany is the daughter of Joe and Teresa Owens, of Garrett. She is the granddaughter of Margaret Conley and the late Virgil Conley, of Garrett, and Molly Owens and the late Ralph Owens, of Langley.



## Children Around the World

Children attending the pre-kindergarten class at Baptist Learning Center have been studying a learning unit entitled "Children Around the World." As a special treat, their teachers, Nikki Cline and Cara Hall invited Yali Li (kneeling) and Huimin Fang (standing) from Tianjin, China to pay a special visit to the learning center. The visitors showed the children where China is located on the world globe, taught them some Chinese paper-folding activities, and told them about many Chinese traditions and things that children in China like to do. The women are visiting Prestonsburg as part of Big Sandy Community and Technical College's Chinese Visiting Scholar program. Thus far, the children have also studied units on Mexico and Kenya.



## Celebrates birthday with family

Martha Tuttle, of Eastern, celebrated her 87th birthday in Winchester with her three daughters, Mary Ruth Shepherd, of Hueysville, Susie Hall, of Winchester, and Alene Power, of Syracuse, Indiana. Also attending were her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, son-in-laws, and Tim Dotson. Mrs. Tuttle received many nice gifts and cards and everyone enjoyed the birthday celebration.



## Support a soldier

The family of Cpl. Clayton Segebart is requesting your participation in a card shower in celebration of his forthcoming birthday on December 4, 2006. Clayton, a member of the Prestonsburg Army National Guard, is currently serving in Iraq. He was sent out with the Mountain Warriors out of London, Ky, following a request to be deployed as soon as possible. He was recently injured in combat, but his injuries are not life threatening and he will, therefore, remain in Iraq for the time being. With his birthday approaching, his family is requesting that those here at home wishing to support his efforts, please mail a card wishing him a "Happy Birthday" and congratulating him on the recent birth of his bouncing baby boy, Clayton Segebart Jr., who came into the world weighing 8 lbs., 8 oz., on November 28, 2006, to the following address: Cpl. Segebart, Clayton 7661, A1. 149th 3rd platoon APOAE, Camp Slayer 09342-1400. Cpl. Segebart is the grandson of James and Willa Hall, of Wheelwright. His family wishes him a very happy birthday and says that they will take good care of Clayton Jr. until his Daddy's return.

## Korner

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until they disappear. The first few times this little experience happened I was swatting at these little suckers as if I had walked into a string of cobwebs. One episode took place at Wal-Mart recently when Mamaw Judy and I ran into Traci and Joe Hopson. There we stood talking and catching up with one another when I began swatting and trying to get the white, thin, string-like cob web thing out of my face. Traci and Joe and Mamaw Judy were like, "What's wrong?"

I was like, "Don't you guys see that cob web?" They were like, NO. Then it hit me, jeez I'm morphing into menopause again.

How long does this phase of life's little experiences last, I wonder. Then, when I hear the different time lines from various relatives, I just sigh and try to accept the aging process to the best of my ability.

Tolerance however, is not coming along as gracefully as I would like. My tongue seems to have grown a mind of its own and will cut loose and let the tiny-est. of situations, or comments have it with both barrels. Talk about the deer in the headlights looks, I get em'.

Things come out of my mouth I would have never said before this morphing menopausal state. My daughters are in awe at times and actually say, "I cannot believe you just said that." "Why not, I thought it; I felt it, what's the problem," I will ask.

"Because it's not like you Mother," I will hear. It's as if this alien has invaded my body and taken away all the tolerance, all the tact and left a blunt tongue and a "there take that, right back at cha" attitude. Oh my goodness, where is Kim? Hiding with Waldo, evidently.

Another example recently took place when a guest was visiting. He made the comment, standing in my living room, that he was ready to get out of Prestonsburg "Hillbilly Hell" and get back to Lexington. Well children, you would have thought he had taken a baseball bat to my firstborn child the way I let him have it.

I reared up, looked him straight in the eye and said, "You hold on a minute, big boy. What did this place ever do to you? Head right back to the flat land and let that wind blow your hind-den off."

Needless to say, here came the deer in the headlights look again. Before this freak of nature took over, I would have just shook my head, and kept my mouth shut.

Lord, how I pray for menopausal women - all of us! And, for those that have to deal with them. Til Next Week God Bless....

## Family reunion?

Share your family news. If your family is having a reunion, the Times will publish a picture, along with basic information, about the happy gathering. Stop by the Times office, located on 263 South Central Avenue (across from Ray Howard Furniture), or send info. to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email to: features@floydcounty-times.com.





**LEGALS**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5334 Amendment No. 4**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch; Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground/refuse storage coal mining operation located 2.0 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 1521.0 acres of underground area for a total area within the permit boundary of 2648.16 acres.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.0 miles east from Ky Route 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road and located 0.1 miles north of Sugarloaf Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 771/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will use the underground mining method. The operation will underlie land owned by Jewell Crider, Lon Goble Estate, Donald L. & Joyce Goble, Bud Goble Estate, Wayne & Barbara Wright, Mary Lucille Willis, Lewis & Emma Hunt, Evan & Mari Rose, Linda Jervis, Floyd Harris Heirs, Jimmy & Ramona Burchetts, Rudy Harris, Vivian Franklin, John Harris, Martha Johnson, Bill Monroe Thompson, Army Corps Engineers, Clark Pergem, Jesse Rudd, and Mary Crawford & Charles Porter Trust.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**Invitation to Bid**  
The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Prestonsburg, KY, is now accepting bids for landscaping. The deadline for bids will be Wednesday, 12/13/06. Late bids will not be accepted. For more information, please contact Tracy Reichenbach at (606) 886-1037 ext. 131 or Thomas Rainey at (606) 886-1037 ext. 104 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that Equitable Gathery, LLC, 1710 Pennsylvania Avenue, Charleston, WV 25302, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a building within the flood plane of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The property

is located one (1) mile west of Langley, Ky., off Rt. 2554. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-9024**

**Amendment 1**  
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Prater Creek Coal Corporation, 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for an amendment to an existing permit for a coal refuse disposal operation, located 1 mile south of Ivel, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 29.85 acres of surface disturbance making a total of 41.05 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1 mile South from Ivy Creek Road's junction with US 23 and located .75 mile south of the Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37°35'21". The longitude is 82°40'14". The proposed amendment is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Appalachian Land Company.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0330 Amend. No. 2**

1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Wolverine Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, (606) 889-8440, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.0 mile southwest of Brainard, Kentucky, and in Floyd and Magoffin counties. The amendment will add 386.77 acres of surface disturbance, making a total area of 632.67 acres within the amended permit boundary.

2) The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.75 mile southwest from KY 114's junction with Prater Branch, and located 0.92 mile southwest of Middle Creek. The latitude is 37°39'26". The longitude is 82°54'44". 3) The operation is located on the Ivyton U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle

map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Kennie Carpenter Jr., & Ron Cooley, Debbie & Philip Ousley, Luther Miller Estate C/O Kathleen Miller, Fork Farm Inc. C/O Della W. Burke, Osie Dunn, Green Holbrook Heirs C/O Charles Bays, Bill England Heirs C/O Glen Allen, Jamie & Lisa Powell. The operation will use the area mining method of surface mining. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of Puncheon Camp Creek Road and Rough and Tough Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Permits, Department for Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, phone (606) 889-1746. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

5) This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections and/or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this date.

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