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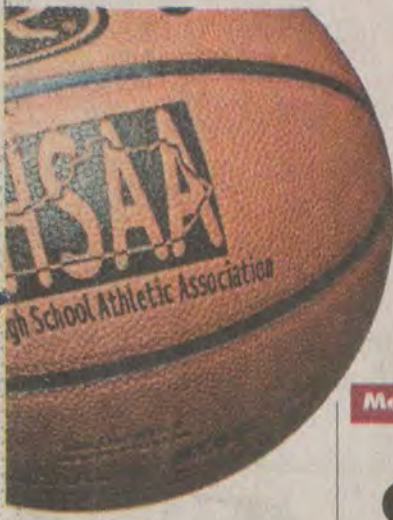
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LOCAL TEAMS TAKE LOSSES

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briefs

Stolen items recovered in Oil Springs

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Narcotics investigations which were being conducted by the Johnson County Sheriff's Department, UNITE Drug Task Force and Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement have led to the discovery of an abundance of stolen electronics and power tools in the Oil Springs community.

The stolen items, estimated to be worth approximately \$8,500, were discovered by a narcotics team at the home of Lacey Bailey, of Oil Springs. Deputies confiscated the merchandise, which included computers, printers and power tools.

A small deer was also found in the backyard of Bailey's residence and was ordered destroyed by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife in order to prevent the spread of disease.

Bailey was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property. He was lodged at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center.

The case remains under investigation by Johnson County Sheriff Bill Witten, Sgt. Tom Wyatt and the Johnson County Sheriff's Department.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



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Tomorrow



High: 65 • Low: 45

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Stumbo Elementary audit released

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Deresa Ray, principal of Stumbo Elementary School, traveled to Prestonsburg Elementary School on Wednesday evening to address the Floyd County Board of Education in regard to her

school's recent scholastic audit, conducted this past October by the Kentucky Department of Education.

Among KDE's findings were: that the school's administration had not previously ensured that the school's curriculum had been aligned with the state's academic expectations; that school staff had not previously been

willing to accept their role in student success and failure; that school leadership had not maintained good, working relationships with their community; and that a negative school culture had been allowed to infiltrate the school atmosphere.

The audit also made mention of negative teacher-student relations such

as teachers "screaming" at students and the existence of sarcasm in teacher-student conversations with sarcastic remarks being made by both parties.

Also mentioned was the lack of displays of exemplary student work as models on which to base achievement

(See **AUDIT**, page seven)

TAKING OFFICE



Jerry Fannin and each of the new Prestonsburg City Council members were sworn into office Tuesday evening. Judge John David Caudill, who conducted the ceremony, offered his advice to the newcomers as he recalled the day that he was sworn in as Judge when his mother pointed her finger at him and said, "You'd better do good."

photo by Jessica Hale

Defense claims Johnson shooting was self-defense

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — A Johnson County man who was shot and killed by his brother while attempting to break up a fight between his brother and sister-in-law had his case sent to a Johnson County grand jury on Thursday.

The man charged with the murder of 39-year-old Frank Sowards was William David Sowards, 35, of Flat Gap, had his bond reduced from \$1 million cash to a \$50,000 property bond, which his attorney's say

he is likely to post with the help of his family. Judge Susan Mullins Johnson said that because of Sowards' previous criminal history and his standing in the community, she would allow the motion to reduce his bond.

The first person to testify was Det. Mike Goble, of Kentucky State Police, who said he arrived at the residence of William Sowards sometime after 6:30 p.m. on the night of the shooting. He interviewed Sowards at the scene and Sowards said he became involved in the incident when

he was leaving his home with his wife and three children to go visit their grandmother.

As he stepped outside onto the front porch of his trailer he saw his sister-in-law Randi Sowards running toward him screaming, followed by his brother, who caught up to her and allegedly began beating on her. Det. Goble testified that William told him he jumped into the dispute and tried to get his brother to stop beating her, at which point he said the brother began threatening him

(See **SHOOTING**, page seven)

Group provides drug assistance

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

GRETHEL — The "Help is Here Express" national bus tour made a stop on Wednesday at the Mud Creek Clinic to offer prescription assistance to the people of Floyd County.

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance, sponsored by America's pharmaceutical research companies, is the largest private sector effort connecting low income, underinsured and uninsured patients to more than 475 public and private patient assistance programs which includes more than 180 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies.

On Wednesday, the PPA teamed up with the Mud Creek Clinic to try to bring help to the people of Floyd County who need help paying for their medications. The bright orange bus is hard to miss, especially while rolling through the hills of Mud Creek and several people who were interested in assistance followed the bus into to Grethel from neighboring communities.

Two of the programs representatives sat down with Eula Hall, founder of the Mud Creek Clinic, to discuss how much assistance was needed in the area.

"We never let anyone leave here without their medicine",

said Hall. "We do everything we can to make sure no one does without".

Hall expressed her thanks to the PPA for their efforts to connect the areas people with programs which could provide them with free or nearly free prescription medications. Jeff Gilbert, a representative with PPA, said "We know that some people are taking as many as seven medications, but many times we can help them get six out of those seven at no cost".

The PPA recently issued a check to the Mud Creek Clinic in the amount of \$2,500 to help with expenses. Hall says they

(See **HELP**, page six)

Turner pleads guilty to misdemeanor

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor vote-buying charge on Wednesday, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

Turner, a Democrat from Floyd County in eastern Kentucky, entered his plea to a "nonwillful" violation in U.S. District Court in Pikeville, said Brent L. Caldwell, his attorney. The senator is scheduled for sentencing on March 27 in Pikeville and faces possible penalties up to a year in prison and a \$100,000 fine, Caldwell said.

"It is not an admission that he did anything intentionally wrong," Caldwell said in a telephone interview. "It's a negligent-type violation."

The case stems from Turner's 2000 state Senate primary race in which he defeated fellow Democrat Benny Ray Bailey, a veter-

an incumbent at the time. Turner and two others were charged in May 2005 with mail fraud and conspiracy. Prosecutors claimed Turner; his cousin, Loren Glenn Turner; and Ross Harris, who is now deceased, took part in a scheme to rig Turner's victory.

Turner finished that race with 1,467 more votes than Bailey, according to the state Board of Elections. He was unopposed in the general election.

The indictment against Turner claimed, among other things, that money from Harris was funneled to Turner through straw contributions.

Prosecutors agreed to dismiss a felony conspiracy charge against Turner in exchange for his guilty plea, Caldwell said. Essentially, Turner acknowledged he didn't properly manage his cam-

(See **TURNER**, page seven)



Diane Music, of Prestonsburg, was the big winner of this year's "Holiday Retail Bingo." The contest, sponsored by Prestonsburg Renaissance and many downtown vendors, celebrates the spirit of community that is downtown Prestonsburg. "This contest was great!" said Brent Graden, right, director of economic development and Prestonsburg Renaissance. "Not only do people get to see what great shops we have in the downtown, but they also get a chance to win a \$1,600 prize package. Talk about a nice Christmas! Everyone better be real nice to Diane Music!" The winner had to visit each and every participating store to "validate" their square. When each and every square was validated, it was entered into a drawing for the winner. Prestonsburg Renaissance is the local main street association dedicated to preserving our heritage one downtown street at a time. Graden also mentioned that two new stores will be moving into the downtown very soon.

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Obituaries

James Otis Crisp

James Otis Crisp, age 83, of fartin, passed away, Wednesday, December 13, 2006, at the Riverview Health Care Center, in Prestonsburg. He was born January 5, 1923, in Martin, the son of the late Emmitt Bascom Crisp and Minnie B. Crisp. He was a retired C&O Railroad employee, and a member of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ. Survivors include a sister, Margie Hale of Prestonsburg. Preceding him in death were his parents; and a sister, Nollie Sue Hicks.

Funeral services for James Otis Crisp will be conducted Saturday, December 16, at 1:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Richard Kelly officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home. Visitation is at the funeral home.

of Liberty.

Survivors include: two daughters: Polly Cochran of Liberty, and Sherri Long of Stanford; five brothers: Dee (Junior) Howell, Homer Howell, and Dallas Howell, all of McDowell, Olvin Howell of Orkney and Eugene Howell of Martin; two sisters, Julia Elliott of Ohio, and Olive Rose Hall of McDowell; and six grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers: Earl Howell, James Howell, Claude Howell, Abe Howell and Donald Ray Howell; and two sisters: Ruth (Little Lucy) Howell and Hetty Hall.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 15, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Phillip Patton and Homer Howell officiating.

Burial will be in the Howell Cemetery in Orkney, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Epp Laferty Jr.

Epp Laferty Jr., age 78, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, December 11, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born August 5, 1928, in Myrtle, he was the son of the late Epp Laferty Sr., and Pearl Prater Laferty. He was a retired gourmet food salesman, a U.S. Army World War II veteran, and attended the Community Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Jennifer Walters of Fort Mill, South Carolina; and one half brother, Thurman Laferty of Betsy Layne.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Michala Walters; two brothers: Lucien Laferty and James William

(See OBITUARIES, page 5)

Estill Lee Howell

Estill Lee Howell, age 62, of Liberty, formerly of Orkney, died Tuesday, December 12, 2006, at his residence.

Born February 1, 1944, in McDowell, he was the son of the late Dee and Polly Mosley Howell. He was a retired auto mechanic, and a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church,

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Leslie Sue Hall, 23, of Prestonsburg, to Danny Paul Blackburn, 26, of Prestonsburg.

Charmaine S. Potter, 39, of Martin, to James Vernon Dove, 23, of Martin.

Jessica Kay Pruett, 23, of McDowell, to Earl Ray Slone, 39, of McDowell.

Kimberly Ryan Casebolt, 24, of Fords Branch, to Jon Thomas May, 25, of Prestonsburg.

Tonya Marie Darby, 19, of Prestonsburg, to Timothy Kyle Combs, 41, of Prestonsburg.

Shelia Kaye Newsome, 39, of Allen, to Dennis Ray Hall, 46, of Allen.

Amanda Marie Isaac, 22, of Cordova, Ala., to Nolan Anthony Dunbar, 30, of Cordova, Alabama.

Keshia Leann Goble, 18, of Hippo, to Freddy Eugene Lyons, 21, of Mousie.

Sarah Elizabeth Allen, 23, of David, to Ricky S. Joseph, 23, of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Lawrence Edward and Brenda Akers vs. Jessie and Jennifer Akers; eviction

Capital One Bank vs. Ellen M. Akers; to collect debt

Palisades Collection LLC vs. James Noble; to collect debt

Credigy Receivables Inc. vs. Sandra Strathon; to collect debt

Credigy Receivables Inc. vs. Mildred Wendel; to collect debt

Credigy Receivables Inc. vs. Matthew Hale; to collect debt

Black Acre Enterprises, LLC vs. Patrina M. Rich; to collect debt

Black Acre Enterprises, LLC vs. Donnie G. Mullins; to collect debt

Tina Sloan vs. Brandon Sloan; dissolution of marriage

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas vs. Douglas and Rebecca Hopkins; to collect debt

Connie Hurt vs. Douglas Hurt; dissolution of marriage

Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Co. vs. Savana Harris; petition for declaration of rights

Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Co. vs. Kelly Justice; petition for declaration of rights

William O. Crider vs. Leitha D. Salisbury; compensatory and punitive damages

U.S. Bank vs. Ronald Samons; to collect debt

Doug Brewer vs. Yulonda Newsome; petition for partition or sale of real property

Jennifer P. Hopkins vs. Joey R. Hopkins; petition for child support and health care insurance

Dorothy R. Collins vs. Joseph B. Collins; petition for child support and health care insurance

Sarah J. Little vs. Nicholas W. Little; petition for child support and health care insurance

Everready Railroad Constructing, Inc. and John E. Stephens vs. Terry Giese; compensatory and punitive damages

Misty D. Boyd vs. Jimmy

Johnson; petition for child support and health care insurance

Community Trust Bank vs. Cindy Branham, William Branham, Remit Corporation and Floyd County, Kentucky; to collect debt

Claudette R. Smith vs. Jamie L. Terry; compensatory and punitive damages

Michael T. Petruska vs.

Brandy R. Petruska; dissolution of marriage

Bonnie S. Harris vs. Stephen T. Harris; petition for health care insurance

Shonda A. Morrison vs. Gregory Morrison; petition for health care insurance

Chasity Mitchell vs. Penny G. Gray and Allstate Insurance

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Courier-Post, Cherry Hill, N.J., on holiday greetings:

Christians are the largest religious group in this country. Yet, our nation was founded in part on religious tolerance, which has given rise to a diversity of religious practices. But in recent years, this has become the season when religious tolerance can reach a boiling point.

There has been heated and continuing debate over whether government buildings should display religious symbols of the season, such as Nativity scenes and Menorahs; and whether retailers trying to get shoppers in the buying mood should display signs that say "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays."

The Constitution - and recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings - make clear that there should be a separation between church and government. Putting religious symbols on government property violates the law and challenges the constitutional right of religious freedom. That includes freedom from being oppressed under a majority religion.

The law is black and white, but often real life falls within gray margins. Boston officials recently found themselves trying to straddle the law by at first saying it would put up a "holiday tree" after years of having a "Christmas tree." An outcry by Bostonians prompted officials to call it as most people know it, a Christmas tree. ...

During the winter season, three major and historically interconnected faiths - Christianity, Judaism and Islam - celebrate sacred days.

On private property open to the public, such as malls, it should be tolerable to have greetings that acknowledge the Christian majority who might celebrate Christmas and those who celebrate other holidays or just the spirit of the season.

But it seems a contradiction of the season to insist that every holiday banner say "Merry Christmas."

There should be tolerance for all expressions of faith. That's the foundation of this nation. Celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and other observances are American traditions. And stores should be free to put up both "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays" signs without causing a stir. Both slogans are reflective of the season.

The Cincinnati Enquirer, on instant messaging:

OMG, those teens are ROTFL at us grown-ups who don't know an IM from an IMNSHO.

If you had trouble reading that sentence, you're probably firmly on the fuddy-duddy side of the wide "instant messaging gap" between teens and adults.

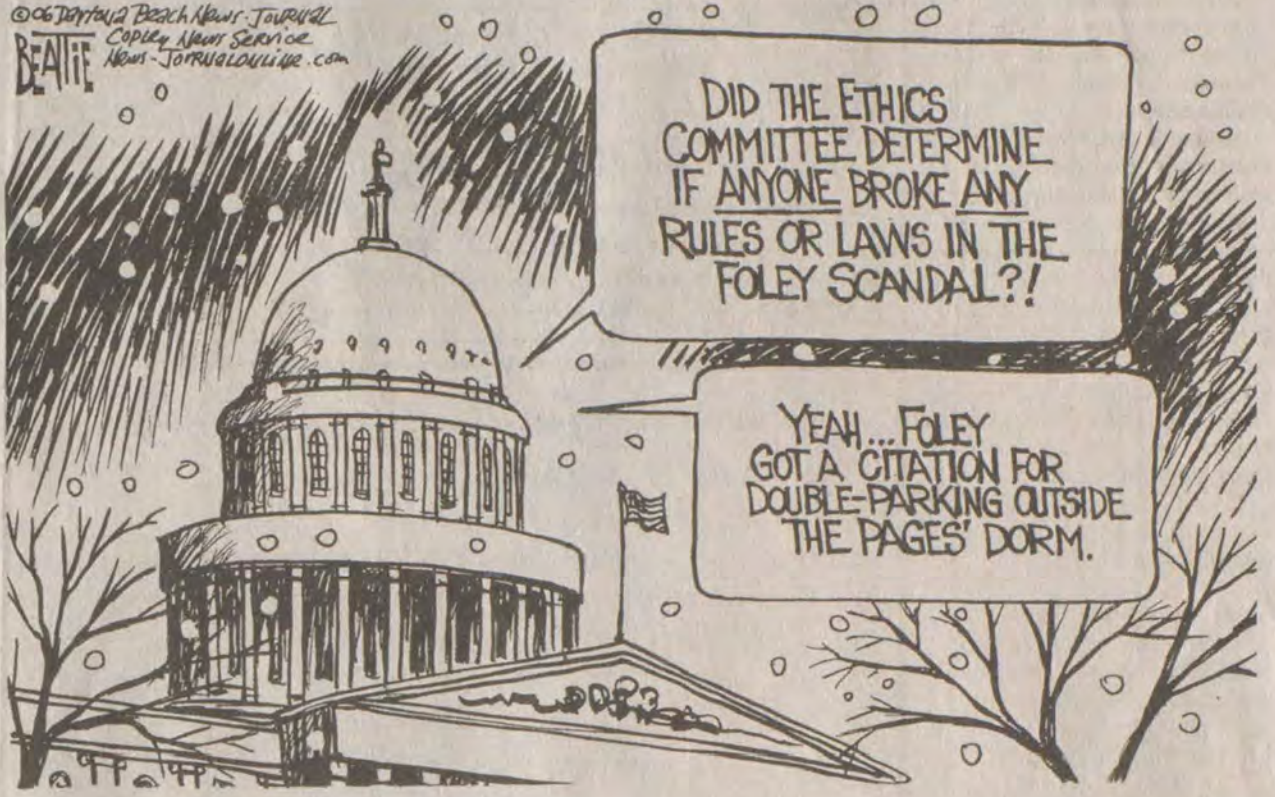
The gap was documented this week in an Associated Press-America Online survey, which found that three of four teenagers prefer communicating by IM rather than "old-fashioned" e-mail, while adults prefer e-mail in roughly the same proportion. ...

Instant messaging - done through software that lets users fire short text messages back and forth between computers or, more recently, cell phones - has spawned a growing culture of quick responses, cryptic abbreviations, shorthand emotions and nimble thumbs. ...

Still, us old folks like Jones can take a measure of comfort in knowing that some aspects of teens' high-tech communications culture may not be so new after all.

For instance, the idea of "smileys," those facial expressions created through the use of punctuation marks on the keyboard, was first suggested by American author Ambrose Bierce in 1912, BITD (back in the day).

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Letters

Holiday wishes

As we celebrate this holiday season and look back at all the fond memories of another year that has come to an end, the Floyd County Conservation District would like to say "Thank you," for making 2006 another successful year.

Without the support of the residents of Floyd County and all its cooperating agencies, our programs would not have enjoyed the success they have achieved this year. We hope you and your family have a joyous holiday season and best wishes for the new year.

Tony Grubb
Floyd County Conservation
District Office Manager

Strong improved state

Gov. Ernie Fletcher will be hard-pressed to find someone as successful at promoting and growing the Kentucky manufacturing industry as departing Secretary of Economic Development Gene Strong. He leaves a 15-year legacy as a policy-maker that added thousands of manufacturing jobs, particularly in the automotive sector, and led to manufacturing's \$29 billion contribution to the state gross product.

Mr. Strong's successor will find a much more hostile competitive environment for Kentucky manufacturers in 2007 than Sec. Strong faced in 1991. Competition from other states and low-wage nations such as China, India and Mexico are threatening us, and it will take a continuing team effort to meet the challenges of economic development in Kentucky.

Because Kentucky's entire economy depends heavily on manufacturing, which represents 20 percent of our state gross product, Gov. Fletcher's decision on who will succeed Mr. Strong is critically important. Like Secretary Strong, the new Cabinet Secretary must be a global strategist and recognize the delicate balance between free trade and protecting Kentucky manufacturing jobs.

Mr. Strong's successor must also be a good listener to assist Kentucky manufacturers who are out there every day slugging it out and competing to win in the global marketplace. Government policymakers, elected officials, economic experts, educators and other key stakeholders need to ensure that Kentucky manufacturing not only survives, but thrives, in the years ahead.

Secretary Strong has improved Kentucky's prosperity by helping build the manufacturing foundation on which we now stand. For that, Kentucky manufacturers say, "Thank you, Secretary Strong. We will miss you and wish you well."

Andrew C. Meko
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Flag is not evil

I just want to know how can Mickey McGuire take a symbol that stands for courage, bravery, dedication and pride and turn it into a symbol of racism and hate?

Our flag — Old Glory, the stars and stripes — represents the greatest country in the world. It represents the land of the free, the home of the

brave, liberty and justice for all reeks with courage, determinate pride and honor.

Many a brave soldier has fought and is fighting for what our flag stands for. Many a soldier has given their life to defend our freedom, liberties and to protect this great nation.

Yet, this beloved symbol is main flag used by the KKK. Does this make it a symbol of racism and hatred. No, it does not. No matter how anyone abuses our great flag is with great pride that we wave over our country.

The Rebel flag and Confederate mascot are no more a symbol of racism and hatred than is our great country's symbol. It's no more a symbol of racism and hatred than Black Panther that Prestonsburg uses for their school symbol!

No, I am not a racist! I truly believe that God made us all equal and when he looks at us he doesn't see any color, he just sees our hearts. He knows both good and bad people in different colors!

I also believe, that when we look at these flags we should not see someone trying to make them stand for. We should see the true meaning of these symbols.

I would like to suggest to Mickey McGuire that he concentrate efforts on more important things such as getting drugs out of schools, convincing teachers to care more about our children's education and leave our flag alone!

Evil has been done in God's name but that don't make God evil. An evil done behind the Rebel flag "Old Glory" does not make them evil either!

Connie Sh
Paintsv



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Rental Central

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TIMES COLUMNIST

Comedies were all the rage this week, with four out of five new releases aimed squarely at your funny-bone.

"Barnyard" — This animated romp is directed at children and should please most youngsters. The film centers on a farm where the humans have gone on vacation, leaving the animals to their own devices. What begins as one long party gets kinda serious when a coyote takes out the top cow. His party-hearty son must grow up fast and learn a little something about responsibility. It's not as deep as it sounds, but a

game cast, including Sam Eliot, Courtney Cox and Kevin James ("The King of Queens"), helps sell it.

"The Devil Wears Prada" — The machinations at a glossy fashion magazine are on display here as a young journalist snags a job working for an arrogant fashion mag diva. This is one of those dramas that doesn't always work, though it benefits from some high caliber casting which includes Anne Hathaway as the ingenue and Meryl Streep in fine form as the publisher from hell.

"Talladega Nights" — Will Ferrell stars here in another version of "Ron Burgundy." This time the setting is NASCAR and Ferrell is once again cast as an arrogant blowhard with an air-headed buddy. John C. Reilly ("Boogie Nights") is well cast as the goofy compadre and the laughs are there, though no one is trying to reinvent the

wheel here. Lots of yuks ensue, but you probably will be hard pressed to remember them two hours later.

"Material Girls" — Hillary and Haylie Duff star here as two sisters (think Hilton) whose high class lifestyle plummets when they learn that their magnate father was not exactly ethical in his business dealings. The ladies decide to launch their own investigation and save the family fortune. It's all as awful as it sounds.

"World Trade Center" —

Oliver Stone jettisons his usual hard nosed approach in this study of people involved in the events of 9/11. The film does an earnest job of portraying the police, emergency rescue personnel and families of victims involved in the tragedy. Nicholas Cage heads the mostly unknown cast which includes turns by several survivors of the effort to rescue victims from the Two Towers.

Next week look for Sean Penn in "All the King's Men" and Jet Li in "Fearless."

Paintsville Lake downstream area closed to vehicles

PAINTSVILLE — The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has closed the Paintsville Lake Downstream Area to vehicular traffic on December 15th and for the months of January, February, and March 2007.

The entrance gates and restrooms will be closed, however foot traffic is still permitted for fishing and walking activities. The area will re-open April 1st to normal recreational activities and trout stocking for that area will also resume in April.

For additional information, contact the Resource Manager at Paintsville Lake, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm at (606) 297-6312, or write: Resource Manager, Paintsville Lake, 807 Ky Rt 2275, Staffordsville, KY 41256-9035.

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Funeral services were held Thursday, December 14, at 1 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg, with Rev. Susan Alley officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home, and at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the funeral home, to help with expense of funeral.

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(Paid obituary)

Ray Meadows

Ray Meadows, age 87, of Harold, passed away on Wednesday, December 13, 2006, in the Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born November 12, 1919, in Thealka, the son of the late George and Susie Castle Meadows.

He was a retired coal miner, a member of the U.M.W.A., and a member of the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alberta Meadows; five brothers: Kanard, Cecil, Ted, Ora, and Reece Meadows; and a sister, Lida Lyons.

He is survived by his longtime companion, Claudine Johns; and nephews and nieces.

Funeral services for Ray Meadows will be held Saturday, December 16, at 11:00 a.m., in the Boldman

Freewill Baptist Church in Harold, with Belmont Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Bush

Cemetery, in Harold, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

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Help

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plan on using the money to purchase 50 eye exams for people who cannot afford to pay.

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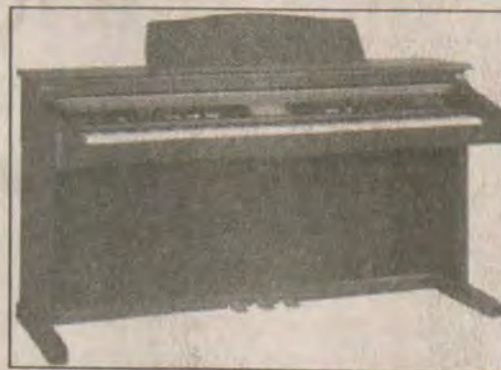


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Audit

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goals and a lack of student choice in work assignments.

Ray said she felt the audit had been beneficial to her staff and that believed that the majority of the leadership staff had made renewed commitments to student learning. "I think we do have to be positive," she said. "We've had enough negative and we are working on turning this around."

Ray and the members of the board discussed the report concerning the prevalence of a negative school culture being predominate within the

community and ways in which better teacher-parent relations could be fostered.

Among other of the report's findings were that parents, guardians, and members of the Stumbo Elementary School community had reported that they felt that the school exhibited an "unwelcoming atmosphere." Locked doors and not allowing children to be released into their parent's custody at the end of the school day if parent/guardians were outside their vehicles were among the reported

comments in regard to a perceived unwelcoming climate at the school.

Ray said that she felt that the school may have appeared uninviting to parents and visitors due, in part, to the construction that has been going on in recent years. "Since the day I first walked in there, up to now, we have been under construction," she said. "I think this has affected things along this line. Research and studies have said that it does," she continued.

Board chair, Jeff Stumbo, said that although he appreciated the reports

and efforts of both the KDE officials and school-based highly skilled educators, that he hoped that the school's, and other of the district's, problems could be solved "on the district level."

"Instead of always looking to the HSE's, which I have a lot of respect for, I would encourage Dr. Fanning and our district staff to really get involved with their schools," he said.

"I think a school has to have a positive school culture," added board member Sherry Robinson. She also commented that she felt that Stumbo

Elementary had already come a long way in overcoming the negative culture that has been reported to exist.

Supt. Fanning, in conclusion, shared that he felt that "what we do at the district level, needs to transcend to the school level." "We can have all the new technology and multi-million dollar facilities, but it comes down to what happens in the classroom."

The Floyd County Board of Education will meet again on Monday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m., at South Floyd High School, in Hi Hat.

Shooting

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and his family.

William Sowards retreated to his home and grabbed a 9 mm Ruger off of a washing machine and aimed it at his brother from the porch. His warnings to stop did not stop his brother, who allegedly continued to threaten him, and when he started to come up the stairs William shot him once in the upper-right portion of his chest.

Goble said that in his investigation he determined that Frank Sowards was shot from a downward angle because the trajectory of the bullet proved it exited Sowards body below the seventh rib, which is located much lower than the entrance wound in his shoulder.

der. He also said he believed that he did not die immediately, and that someone had placed a pillow under his head.

The defense called Randi Sowards to the stand, who sobbed as she recounted what had occurred. She said that her husband came home and began shouting at her because she was on the phone, grabbing her by the hair and dragging her around beating her.

At one point he threw her into a bathroom mirror, and when he left her for a minute while she was in a hallway, she fled the residence and said she ran to her brother-in-law's house, hoping someone would be there because she knew no one else was living in the area.

When she reached the edge of William Sowards' trailer, she was caught from behind by her husband, who forced her to the ground and began "stomping" her with his boots. She testified that the more William Sowards pleaded for him to stop, the more aggressively Frank Sowards beat her. She said she did not see him get

shot because when William Sowards returned to the porch with the gun, Frank Sowards released her to go after him, but she did say she ran and turned to watch him fall face first to the ground when she heard the gunshot.

"There was no reason to believe that he wouldn't kill every single one of us," Randi

Sowards said.

Sowards' attorney Ryan Allison said this is a textbook case of self-defense, saying that Frank Sowards' violent history coupled with the fact that he was allegedly intoxicated on drugs and alcohol at the time make it hard for him to believe the charges are fair.

"My client acted how any-

one in this situation would," Allison said. "In the seconds after he killed his brother ... he cried, 'Why, Frankie, why did you make me do this?'"

Turner

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paign, but he didn't do anything intentionally wrong, Caldwell said.

"The U.S. attorney's office, by entering into this agreement, has acknowledged that," Caldwell said.

Turner, who as caucus chairman is the second-ranking Democrat in the chamber, intends to remain in the Senate, Caldwell said. He won re-election in 2004 by 24 votes over Eric Shane Hamilton in the Democratic primary and

was unopposed in the general election. Turner's current term ends in 2008.

Senate Minority Leader Ed Worley, D-Richmond, said he thought Turner should remain a senator and that the chamber should not take any action against him.

"Johnny Ray Turner is one of the finest members in the Senate," Worley said. "He is an honorable man. He means no animosity or ill will toward anyone."

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They both are in Tonda Johnson's third grade class at McDowell Elementary.

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Company; compensatory and punitive damages

Erica Shepherd vs. Albert B. Layne; compensatory and punitive damages

Renee Brown vs. Amy B. Keathley; compensatory and punitive damages

Alfred Music vs. Charity Music; dissolution of marriage

John W. Preston vs. Candi L. Preston; petition for health care insurance

Angela Y. Goble vs. John E. Goble; petition for child support and health care insurance

Nellie S. Hall vs. Crystal Hall; petition for health care insurance

Tanish Willson vs. David Willson; dissolution of marriage

U.S. Bank vs. Danny Sturgill, Angela Sturgill and Floyd County, Kentucky; to collect debt

Billie Renee Elswick vs. Sally Murray, Timothy Wayne Hall and Barry Robinson; petition for return of custody

Forest Porter and Linda Porter vs. Kay and Kay Contracting, LLC; compensatory and punitive damages

Charges Filed

Dennis Crager III, 33; driving on DUI suspended license, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security

Charity Music, 31; second-degree possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance not in original container, first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Benjamin Martin, 18; traffic in controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school

Elray Cline, 23; receiving stolen property over \$300

Jerimah Chaffins, 21; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, public intoxication of a controlled substance

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Gregory Thacker, 30; second-degree forgery, theft by deception over \$300

Jerimah Chaffins, 21; receiving stolen property over \$300

Clinton Byron Belcher, 34; custodial interference

Ernest Little, 31; second-degree assault

Todd Kidd, 25; theft by unlawful taking over \$300, first-degree criminal mischief

Alpique Mobile Park, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not properly numbered, drive ways in disrepair, mobile home lot size not of compliance standards, park has lack of sufficient number and capacity of garbage containers, debris build up noted on several lots, garbage scattered and not in containers. Score: 90

Alpique Mobile Park, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not systematically numbered, mobile home lot sizes not of compliance standards, park lacks sufficient number of individual garbage containers, some lots have build up of small amounts of unnecessary items, debris. Score: 92

McDonald's, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, employees personal items not stored properly, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 97

Campbell's Grocery, Garrett, regular inspection. Violations noted: Commercially canned or packaged products improperly labeled, lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, floors not properly covered, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: Food, 94, Retail, 98

Redi Mart, Lackey, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, improper storage of single service articles, floors not clean, floors not in good repair, light fixtures not shielded as required, toxic items not properly stored, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: Food, 86, Retail, 95

Double Kwik, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, in use food (ice) dispensing utensil not properly stored, lack of effective hair restraints, operators not providing and using chemical test kits where chemical sanitization methods are employed, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand washing sink, attached equipment not constructed properly on walls and ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair, lighting not provided as required, light fixtures not shielded as required, employees personal items not stored properly, toxic items not stored properly, litter on the premises, unnecessary articles in or around the establishment, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: Food, 89, Retail, 92

Cardinal Mart, Water Gap Road Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, improper storage of single service articles, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, floors not in good repair, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored, unnecessary articles in or around the establishment. Score: Food, 94, Retail, 97

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Valley girls send P'burg back to loss column

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – Visiting Shelby Valley made the most of a successful start Monday night. The Lady Wildcats outscored host Prestonsburg 23-12 in the opening quarter and led throughout en route to a 73-53 win.

Shelby Valley, which made it into the 15th Region Semifinals last season, benefitted from four players reaching double figures scoring.

Sally Roberts paced Shelby Valley with a game-high 23 points. Esther Fleming and Kayla Cantrell each had 15 points for the Lady Wildcats while Laura Perkins added 14.

Shelby Valley put Prestonsburg out of the contention in the third quarter, outscoring the Lady Blackcats 19-11. Prestonsburg managed to outscore Shelby Valley 18-15 in the fourth quarter.

Senior Amber Whitaker led Prestonsburg with a

team-high 20 points. Meaghan Slone, another senior for the Lady Blackcats, added 19 points.

Courtney Smallwood and Courtney Sadler rounded out the Shelby Valley scoring with two points apiece.

Elizabeth Chaffin, Linsey Fields and Julianne Frye each had four points for the Lady Blackcats. Rikki Hughes also worked her way into the scoring column for Prestonsburg, finishing with two points.

Shelby Valley (3-0) was back in action Thursday night against rival Pike County Central. The Lady Blackcats were also back on the hardwood last night, playing at East Ridge.

Prestonsburg (2-4) will host Leslie County tonight. Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-Leslie County girls' basketball game is set for 7:30 p.m., or 20 minutes after the conclusion of the Prestonsburg-Shelby Valley boys' game. Tip-off for the P'burg-Valley boys' game is set for 6 p.m.



In Monday night's home game against Shelby Valley, Amber Whitaker (12) led Prestonsburg with a game-high 20 points

photo by Jamie Howell

Latest UK-UofL hoops showdown is upon us

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Don't look now, but what was once considered the biggest weekend of the year in our beloved Commonwealth is upon us. But unlike years past, nobody seems to have noticed this time around.

Tomorrow afternoon in Freedom Hall, the annual renewal of the Kentucky/Louisville series takes place. And while the red-clad Cardinal fans will surely have the joint rocking, it's not exactly the must-see event it was, say, 20 years ago.

Or five years ago, for that matter. Perhaps the last time the "Dream Game" was on the minds of most UK/UofL backers was the game five years ago. That was the first time the teams met with Rick Pitino standing in front of the Louisville bench. If memory serves, Da Coach looked like he could barely keep from slipping into a coma that afternoon, and on the four game days that have followed: He seems intent on giving every indication that the game is no big deal to him, that it's almost not worth staying awake for.

Sadly, it seems like the majority of Kentuckians are taking that stance on the 2006 meeting, and I'd be lying if I didn't admit to being a little disappointed in that.

For years – decades, even – basketball fans from Paducah to Pikeville, as they say, clamored for this game. It was atop the wish list of nearly every person in the state. Congress held open discus-

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BETSY LAYNE FALLS



photos by Jamie Howell

Above: Betsy Layne junior guard Brennan Case drove to the basket Tuesday night. Below: Bobcat senior center Trai Witt (left) had to sit over half of Tuesday's game after getting into early foul trouble.

Bobcats falter late, drop fourth straight

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – It's not too far-fetched to say the Betsy Layne Bobcats could be 3-1. Betsy Layne – after suffering a 30-point loss to Shelby Valley in its season-opener – has been in each of its last three games. The Bobcats fell to Magoffin County and Allen Central in a pair of games Betsy Layne fell to Magoffin County in overtime and were within a shot of being even with Allen Central in the second half before the Rebels pulled away. Tuesday night, Betsy Layne led Phelps by seven points in the fourth quarter. But the visiting Hornets wouldn't go away. Against Betsy Layne, Phelps put its best offensive quarter together in the fourth stanza, outscoring the Bobcats 21-10. The strong fourth quarter effort catapulted Phelps to a 64-52 win.

Visiting Phelps led 20-13 at the end of the first quarter. Betsy Layne outscored Phelps 17-10 in the third quarter, sending the game into halftime knotted at 30-30.

Robert Gannon paced Phelps with a game-high 22 points. Dillon Stiltner pushed in 19 points and Charlie Hunt added 16 for the Hornets, Ryan Dotson also pro-

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Road proves rough for Lady Rebs

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Johnson Central, playing at home Monday night, defended its gymfloor and remained undefeated. The Lady Eagles defeated visiting Allen Central 76-60.

Johnson Central took an early lead and never looked back. The Lady Eagles led 31-9 at the end of the first quarter. Johnson Central (3-0) led 46-21 at the half.

To its credit, Allen Central put together some dominant scoring runs in the final quarter.

Johnson Central led 62-34 at the end of the third quarter.

Hayley Meek paced Johnson Central with 17 points and six assists. Brianna Ritz added 16

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Phelps outlasts Lady Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Host South Floyd led Phelps at the end of each of the first two quarters Monday night. Phelps, however, battled back. The Lady Hornets pitched a shutout in the third quarter, outscoring the Lady Raiders 18-0. After facing a 13-point half-time deficit, Phelps completed a dramatic turnaround, defeating the Lady Raiders 53-44.

South Floyd doubled up Phelps and led the Lady Hornets 12-6 at the end of the opening quarter. The Lady Raiders led 29-16 at the half.

Phelps, under the guidance of former Alice Lloyd College women's basketball coach

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photo by Steve LeMaster

TIMEOUT TALK: Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers talked with her team during a timeout last Friday night at Allen Central. The Ladycats were at home and hosting Belfry Thursday night. Betsy Layne will travel to Perry County Central on Saturday for a game against the Lady Commodores. Tip-off for the Betsy Layne-Perry County Central girls' game is set for 2:30 p.m.

Rebels beat Cordia in Roy S. Martin Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – The Allen Central High boys' basketball team won for the third time in four games this season Saturday night in the Roy S. Martin Classic at J.E. Campbell Arena, defeating 14th Region member Cordia 58-43.

The Rebels, just one night after beating 58th District rival Betsy Layne, jumped out in front of Cordia in the game's opening quarter. The Rebels led Cordia at the end of every eight-minute frame.

Allen Central outscored Cordia 16-7 in the first quarter and led the Lions 30-16 at half.

Junior guard Alex Hammonds led Allen Central with 14 points. Senior Josh Martin followed with 12 points for the Rebels.

"It's been good that we've had some different players step up and score," said Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin. "Defense has really been our biggest strength, though."

Seven different Allen Central players provided scoring. Ryan Collins added nine points for the Rebels, finishing a perfect four-of-four from the free throw line. Tyler Slone and J.R. Robinson each had eight points for homestanding Allen Central. Robbie Cole and Josh Prater rounded out the Allen Central scoring with four and three points, respectively.

Allen Central had a 43-28 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The Rebels were 15-of-21 from the free throw line.

Zack Hurt led Cordia with a game-high 25 points. Hurt – who hit nine shots from the field – was the only Cordia player to reach double

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Bentley

sions on the subject, debating as to whether they should make it a state law that the teams meet on an annual basis in the sport our state claims to love like no other.

For those of us who favor blue in this rivalry, it's a bitter pill to swallow that the only person who seemed opposed to this meeting was in our camp. Had it not been for Joe B. Hall, these teams could have been playing for years before they finally met in the 1983 NCAA tournament.

But Hall opposed it, fearing it would divide the loyalties of those who followed both. Or so he said. Most felt he feared "Little Brother," as Eddie Sutton would later label the Cardinals, would prove too formidable an opponent. And

nobody wearing blue wanted to acknowledge that the black and red could be the equal of Kentucky, much less its superior.

That 1983 meeting changed all that, however. And in retrospect, the best thing that ever happened to basketball in Kentucky was that Louisville and Denny Crum prevailed that fateful Saturday; had the Cats won, Hall would have had even more ammunition in his sling to fend off those who begged for an annual matchup.

Now, though, we seemed to have grown stale to the idea. Truly this was an encounter of epic proportions when the rivalry renewed in the mid-1980s. Imagine the excitement if Carolina and Duke were playing after taking more than

20 years off. The first meeting could be more than Dukie, um, Dickie V could stand.

That was the case, to those many years ago. I'm sure there are many reading this who are too young to understand. Teenagers have never known a time when Kentucky and Louisville didn't play on a Saturday in December.

I try to think about this from their vantage point; if this was 1986 and not 2006, I would have never known a time such as that either. They view this series as no big deal.

But for those of us who can remember when this was but a pipe dream, it is a big deal. Or it should be. Kentucky and Louisville compete so many other times than this one single afternoon – the recruiting trail,

for example – but this is the culmination of all of the work of the previous year. Somebody will have bragging rights for the next calendar year.

Here's something else for you to keep in mind, something special those of you who view Tubby Smith as the basketball equivalent of Al Gore or Dan Quayle these days: More often than not, Kentucky has won this rivalry.

And here's something for those of you who think the sun rises and sets in Rick Pitino's, um, posterior: This is the sixth UK/UofL meeting with Pitino in Louisville (Good grief, how time flies), and in that time, Tubby's Cats hold a 3-2 edge over the guy many of you view as the savior.

But this year seems differ-

ent. There's nothing really to get the juices flowing. There's no new coach involved. Last year's game – a Kentucky win, by the way – wasn't decided on a last-second three or a tip-in at the horn.

There certainly wasn't anything like Rex Chapman's 26-point, five-three-pointer game in his freshman season of 1986.

Tomorrow's game is also hindered by the fact that it's the first time the teams will play in a week that not only is neither in the AP Top 25, but also neither got a *single, solitary vote*.

But it's still Kentucky/Louisville. It's still the biggest rivalry in the Bluegrass. It's still Tubby vs. Pitino, the so-called second-coming-turned-Judas. It's still a big deal. A bigger

deal than North Carolina. More so than Indiana – although personally, I enjoyed Kentucky wearing out those Mike Davis-led Hoosier teams more than I'd ever get excited about beating Pitino.

I think part of the problem – the major issue, when push comes to shove – is that too many so-called Kentucky fans would rather see Pitino succeed than Smith. And that's a shame.

Tubby Smith hasn't betrayed the Big Blue Nation. That was the other guy.

In fact, truth be told, The Nation has stabbed Tubby in the back.

And it says here that's the biggest problem facing Kentucky basketball heading into tomorrow's titanic struggle.

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Rebels

figures. Josh Mosley added nine points for the Lions.

Cordia, under the tutelage of former Knott County Central coach Jeff Honeycutt, finished 13-for-17 from the free throw line. The Lions (2-2) only connected on one three-pointer.

In the other Roy S. Martin Classic game, Jackson City beat South Floyd 84-63. Floyd County native Brian Hall is in his first season as head coach at Jackson City following a

tenure at Breathitt County High School.

Against Jackson City, South Floyd (0-3) was again without the services of senior Ethan Johnson, one of the 15th Region's top players.

South Floyd will host Allen Central tonight in a 58th District boys-girls double-header. Tip-off for the girls' game is set for 6 p.m. The boys' game will follow 20 minutes after the conclusion of the girls' game.

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Bobcats

duced points for the Hornets, ending the contest with seven markers.

Phelps owned a narrow 43-42 lead at the end of the third quarter. It was in the fourth quarter where Phelps turned things up a notch. The Hornets dominated in the game's final three minutes, finishing the game on a 19-0

run. Phelps finished 19-for-25 from the free throw line.

Brennan Case and Justin Collins each had 12 points for the Bobcats. Senior center Trai Witt, after sitting out much of the first half and some of the third quarter with some foul trouble, ended the game with 11 points.

Brandon Blair came in off of the Betsy Layne bench and in addition to giving Betsy Layne a defensive spark, scored five points. Samuel Keathley and Jared Newman each had four points for the Bobcats. James Michael Lafferty and Tyler Kidd added to the Betsy Layne scoring total with two points apiece.

Lady Rebs

points and six rebounds for the Lady Eagles. Emily Wireman, one of the 15th Region's most underrated players, turned in a double-double effort of 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Johnson Central finished 18-of-21 from the free throw line.

Amanda Thacker led Allen Central with a game-high 19 points. Elizabeth Dingus and Brandy Brown each had 10 points for the Lady Rebels.

The loss was Allen Central's fourth straight. The Lady Rebels (0-4) will have another chance to get their first win tonight on the road against 58th District counterpart South

Floyd (1-2).

Johnson Central will be on the road tonight at Lawrence County (4-2).

JOHNSON CENT. 76, ALLEN CENT. 60
Allen Central.....9 12 13 26-60
Johnson Central...31 15 16 14-76

Allen Central (0-4)–Mullins 2, Johnson 9, Thacker 19, Biliter 8, Dingus 10, Brown 10, Conley 2.
Johnson Central (3-0)–Meek 17, Blackburn 2, C. Salyers 9, Ritz 16, Young 2, B. Salyer 8, Workman 2, Burton 6, Wireman 14.

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Phelps

Denise Campbell, got a game-high 17 points from Jasmine Hall. Taylor Keene and Kayla Johnson each had 13 points for the Lady Raiders.

Jeane McGuire added nine points and hauled in a game-high 22 rebounds for the Lady Hornets.

Phelps was 13-of-37 from the free throw line.

No Lady Raider reached double figures in the scoring department, but eight different South Floyd players posted points.

Kayla Hall led South Floyd with nine points. Danielle Tackett scored eight points and Chelsie Tuttle tossed in seven for the Lady Raiders. Gabrielle Bailey netted six. Kiana Hall scored five and Jesse Tackett flipped in four.

Andrea Conn scored three points for the Lady Raiders on a first quarter trey. Heather Dean had 11 rebounds, six blocks and two points for the Lady Raiders.

South Floyd finished 10-of-15 from the free throw line.

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D-I-bound players, recruits part of Paintsville Tiger HOOPS Classic

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PAINTSVILLE – The 16-team, 28-game Paintsville Tiger HOOPS Classic will feature another outstanding field comprised of its share of individual talent. The fourth annual tournament will be held Dec. 27-30 at the Paintsville High School gym.

The tournament will include both a morning and an evening session of four games each. Ticket prices are \$7 per session and tournament passes will be available. Those who attend the tournament will have the opportunity to watch teams from Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama and Washington, D.C..

"This is an outstanding field, with excellent teams and individual talent," said Event Manager Robert Lyons.

Several of the top players to watch will include 6-6 1/2 Scotty Hopson of University Heights Academy, who has made a verbal commitment to Mississippi State. Hopson will be joined by UHA teammates Ryan Langhi (6-11) and Tyshawn Edmondson (6-4 1/2).

J.M. Tate, a team from Florida, will have DeAngelo Kirkland (6-6) and Robert Jackson (6-6).

North Hardin will feature Andre Autry (6-1) and Heath will be led by 6-9 center Max McConnell. Seneca will return for the fourth time and have Montrell Williams (6-2). Moore, another team from Louisville, will feature several guards, including Jazzmar Ferguson (6-0). Alcoa, Tenn., has several players being recruited, including

6-3 Kyrus Lanxter. Ballou, D.C. will be led by 6-6 Lamar Milstead.

Brewbaker Tech, Ala., will feature 6-3 Aubrey Dubose, another highly-recruited player.

Bullitt East will make its return to the tournament and be led by 6-5 Robert Troutman. Russellville will have 6-2 Jerrell Mayo and 6-3 Tyler Meacham.

Several talented local players will include 6-4 Katlin Haney from Morgan County; 6-6 Trevor Patton from Prestonsburg; and Van Allen Burge (6-0) and Drew Johnson (6-1) of East Carter. Host Paintsville will be led by 6-2 junior Landon Slone.

Teams will be divided into four pools, with the winner of each pool advancing to the semifinals on Saturday, Dec.

30, and then the championship round, which will also include a consolation game that same evening.

"This format provides excellent competition and prepares teams for tournament play," added Lyons. "Last year, Owensboro Apollo was the runner-up in both the HOOPS Classic and the Kentucky Boys' Sweet 16."

College coaches will be in attendance to evaluate players at the tournament.

"This tournament helps promote these players, so they can continue their education and athletics," said Lyons.

Several halftime activities will take place, including a recliner giveaway. Games will begin each day at 9 a.m. and conclude around 10:30 p.m., each night. The championship game is scheduled for Sat.

A-Team: SFMS 46, AMS 43

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – At Adams Middle School Tuesday night, visiting South Floyd Middle School and the host AMS Blackcats went down to the wire. In a hard-fought game, South Floyd slipped out of the AMS gym with a 46-43 A-team win over the Blackcats.

South Floyd enjoyed no more than a four-point lead over Adams at the end of any quarter.

The Raiders led Adams 13-9 when the first quarter drew to a close. South Floyd led Adams 23-20 at the half and saw its lead continue to dwindle as the game progressed. The Raiders were ahead 33-31 at the end of the third quarter.

Fred Ousley paced South Floyd with a team-high 15 points. Dakota Hall tossed in 14 points and Shannon Turner added 12 for the Raiders. Cartney Conn and Kyle Bailey rounded out the South Floyd scoring with three and two points, respectively.

For Adams, forward Alex Griffith scored a game-high 24 points. Warren Blackburn added seven points and Joseph Jamerson scored five for the Blackcats. Wil Allen flipped in three points and Nate Fraley netted two for Adams.

The Blackcats were 15-of-24 from the free throw line.

Adams won the B-team game 31-13.

P'BURG GIRLS



DEFENSIVELY: Prestonsburg sophomore Linsey Fields looked to pressure the basketball during Monday night's home game against Shelby Valley. Lady Blackcat Coach Jack Pack (pictured above) looked on during the first half Monday night.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Megan Hamilton, Betsy Layne Basketball



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O.J. Mayo debuts for Huntington High

by JOHN RABY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The small gym was packed early and the noise level was earsplitting Tuesday night for a high school season opener perhaps like few others ever in West Virginia — prep star O.J. Mayo's debut at Huntington High.

Mayo, ranked by several prep publications as the nation's top senior, turned two-time defending Class AAA state champion Huntington into an instant national contender when he transferred to his hometown in September from Cincinnati North College Hill, where he twice was named The Associated Press Mr. Basketball for Ohio.

He may have changed teams, but his game remains the same.

The 6-foot-5 guard hit a 3-pointer from the corner seven seconds into Huntington's season opener with Nitro High at the University of Charleston's gym and the onslaught never stopped.

"It was a whole lot of fun," Mayo

said.

In a span of a little over a minute, he dunked, sank a 3-pointer and scored on a finger roll in the lane. He finished with 31 points and had nine assists in the Highlanders' 94-46 win.

That's the impact Mayo is expected to have, not only on his team, but on a state that rarely produces great high school talent.

"I thought he played very unselfish, blended in well with the team and played good defense," Huntington coach Lloyd McGuffin said.

Adding Mayo, who led North College Hill to two state championships and last month signed a national letter-of-intent to play at Southern California, was a huge bonus. But McGuffin said his other players weren't letting the hype go to their heads.

There will be many bigger games as the season goes on, including against national powers Dematha, Md., on Jan. 6 and St. Patrick, N.J., on Feb. 22, both scheduled to be

played in Huntington.

"Those guys are used to getting a lot of attention and they've done a good job of handling it," McGuffin said. "They've already played under a lot of pressure games before. It's not anything new for them."

That includes Mayo, who has been getting attention ever since he was recruited as a seventh-grader to play high school basketball at a private school in nearby Ashland.

"I'm just as impressed with his demeanor at a young age to handle all of the publicity locally and nationally that he's gotten over the course of his high school career and still maintain his sense of humility and a sense of childhood," said Dave Leitao, head coach at the University of Virginia.

Huntington's starting five also includes center Patrick Patterson, the returning state player of the year; and fellow seniors Chris Early, Jamaal Williams and Mike Taylor. All five played in the AAU national championship game over the summer in

Orlando, Fla. Early, a 6-6 guard, signed last month to play at Oklahoma.

Patterson also is being heavily recruited. Besides Leitao, among those in attendance Tuesday were coaches John Beilein of West Virginia, Billy Donovan of defending national champion Florida, Mike Krzyzewski of Duke, and Tubby Smith of Kentucky.

With so much talent on one team, Mayo is learning to share the scoring.

"He's not a ball hog type of person that (tries) 50 shots a game," Patterson said. "He recognizes he's got other good players on this. He can do everything."

Mayo said he was pleased with his debut.

"There's always room for improvement. Maybe a few shots I feel I could have knocked down," he said. "I'm not here to put up 100 points. Whenever I have an opportunity to make a shot, make it. If I have an opportunity to finish a play, finish the play. I can use myself as a decoy

and be happy scoring zero points and still win the ballgame."

Because of Mayo, many of Huntington's home games this season have been moved to the 5,000-seat Veterans Memorial Field House in Huntington and two will be played at Marshall's 9,000-seat Cameron Henderson Center. But Tuesday's game was Nitro's home opener, and getting things set up was tough for Nitro athletic director Steve Prichard.

The game was originally moved to the Veterans Memorial Field House but glitches forced the game to be moved to Charleston, which is about 17 miles from Nitro's gym.

The University of Charleston's Eddie King gym has a capacity of 2,080, and officials cut off the attendance at 2,000 out of state fire regulation concerns.

"I don't envy Huntington's athletic director and I'm not so sure I envy their basketball coach," Prichard said. "It's been a circus for us, and it's been only one game. Huntington is going to deal with it every day."

Evarts rallies to beat David School

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Evarts had to play from behind Saturday night to get past the David School in a boys' high school basketball game played at Prestonsburg High School. Visiting Evarts, after trailing at the end of the first quarter, led the Falcons at the half and went on to win the regular-season non-district/region matchup 65-40.

David jumped ahead early and led 16-9 at the end of the first quarter. Evarts switched to a fullcourt press in the second quarter and as result took a lead into the half. The Wildcats toted a

31-22 lead into halftime.

David got as close as eight points in the third quarter, but Evarts turned the Falcons back. Evarts went on to a 10-0 run in the third quarter and never let the Falcons get any closer.

James Ledford and Cody Farley led Evarts with 16 points apiece. Throughout the game, Evarts used an aggressive man-to-man defense. The Wildcats committed 10 fouls in the second half.

The David School was unable to capitalize on its free throw opportunities, shooting just two-for-16 from the foul line. After the game, David Coach

Ned Pillersdorf noted that the Falcons' foul shooting had a large impact on the game, but praised his players for their outstanding hustle.

First-year player Casey Ousley tossed in a game-high 15 points for the Falcons. Ousley also blocked seven shots and pulled down a school record 22 rebounds for the David School. His double-double effort ranks as one of the best individual performances in David's short basketball history.

Nathan Robinson had another outstanding game for the Falcons. Robinson nailed a trio of three-pointers and finished with 13 points. Joe

Tiller and Blake Stumbo added six points apiece for the Falcons.

The David School had seven players in uniform while Evarts dressed 17. Pillersdorf also noted that as the season has gone on, other teams are talking advantage of the David team's lack of depth by utilizing a fullcourt press.

David will travel to Louisville today to play host St. Francis in a tournament. The Falcons will play the winner of Riverside Christian/Monticello Saturday in another matchup as part of the St. Francis tournament.

BluegrassPreps.com Basketball Rankings

Boys' rankings for Dec. 12

1. Scott County
2. Warren Central
3. Mason County
4. Lexington Catholic
5. Doss
6. Male
7. Pleasure Ridge Park
8. Jeffersontown
9. South Laurel
10. Madison Central
11. George Rogers Clark
12. Ballard
13. DeSales
14. Bryan Station
15. Tates Creek
16. DuPont Manual
17. Trinity
18. Covington Catholic
19. Lafayette
20. Holmes

Girls' rankings for Dec. 12

1. Lexington Catholic
2. Scott County
3. North Hardin
4. Elizabethtown
5. Franklin-Simpson
6. Iroquois
7. Henry Clay
8. Sacred Heart Academy
9. Central Hardin
10. Paul Dunbar
11. Perry County Central
12. DuPont Manual
13. Butler
14. Rose Hill Christian
15. Lex. Christian Academy
16. Magoffin County
17. Boone County
18. Clay County
19. Marshall County
20. Russell

Garrett Warriors defeat Hazard Christian

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CARR CREEK — Garrett Christian played host to visiting Hazard Christian on Monday at the historic Carr Creek Gymnasium. The game was an all-important district matchup in the KCSAA (Kentucky Christian School Athletic

Association). Playing on a home gymfloor, Garrett defeated visiting Hazard Christian 76-56.

The Warriors led 32-22 at the half before finishing the game 20 points out in front. Hazard couldn't catch up with Garrett in the second half.

Senior guard Matthew Potter

paced Garrett with a double-double effort of 30 points and 15 rebounds. Potter was the game's leading scorer and rebounder.

Kyle Green added 14 points and eight rebounds for the victorious Garrett team. Jan Hicks scored 10 points, giving Garrett three players in

double figures.

The Warrior scoring effort was balanced. Andrew Zabo tossed in eight points, West Prater scored five and Ryan Burns added four.

Kyle Hamilton scored three points and Bobby Prater flipped in two for the Warriors.

Garrett Christian falls to third-ranked Tolsia (W.Va.)

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FORT GAY, W.Va. — The Garrett Christian Warriors played on the road Tuesday evening against one of West Virginia's top high school boys' basketball teams. Garrett had the tough task of taking on Tolsia, the third-ranked team in West Virginia's Class 2A.

Garrett held its own for most of the game. The Warriors only faced a five-point deficit at the end of the third quarter. Host Tolsia managed to pull away late, beating the Warriors 66-51.

Garrett struggled in the opening quarter, committing several turnovers. As a result, Tolsia took a 21-10 lead out of the first quarter. The

Warriors closed some of the gap in the second quarter. Tolsia entered halftime with a 35-28 lead.

Garrett played its best basketball in the third quarter. Tolsia clung to a 46-41 lead at the conclusion of the third quarter.

The homestanding Rebels outscored Garrett 20-10 in the final quarter.

Matthew Potter led Garrett with a team-high 21 points. Potter was one of only two Garrett players to reach double figures scoring. Kyle Green, Potter's running mate in the Garrett backcourt, added 16 points. Andrew Zabo scored six points for the Warriors while Travis Scott and Jan Hicks each had four points for visiting Garrett.

Bears knock off Russell-led SCAD in 2OTs

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Senior Will Holloman scored 11 of Pikeville's 15 points in the second overtime period to lead the Bears to a 94-89 double-overtime win over Savannah College of Art & Design Monday night.

SCAD, coached by the legendary Cazzie Russell, a three-time All-American at Michigan who led the Wolverines to two Final Four appearances before being the No. 1 overall pick in the 1966 NBA Draft, fell to 5-7.

Pikeville (6-8) led most of regulation but fell behind late. Trailing by 65-61 late in regulation, Holloman hit a jumper with 11 seconds left to draw his team to within two. With no choice but to foul, the Bears sent senior Gerard Bowden to the line with six seconds left. But the Christchurch, New Zealand product missed both shots to leave the door open.

A missed shot bounced out of bounds under the Bears basket with 0.8 seconds left. Holloman, however,

threw a perfect lob to sophomore Bo Harris, who dunked it to send the game to overtime tied at 65.

The Bears looked comfortable in the first overtime, building its lead to 75-69 with 1:31 left after senior Donald Thomas sank a free throw to end a 5-0 run. The lead was still four after Holloman hit two free throws with 20 seconds left, but consecutive layups, first by Bowden and then by junior Eze Andrews at the horn, sent the teams to a second overtime locked at 79.

The second overtime went a little better for the Bears, thanks largely to Holloman. He hit a pair of three-pointers and iced the game with three free throws in the final 17 seconds to pull out the five-point win.

Holloman's 30 led the Bears, with 15 of them coming in the overtime periods. He also had eight points, eight assists and four steals. Two Bears had double-doubles in the win; Harris, the sophomore who like Holloman was playing in only his second game of the season, had 27 points and 17 rebounds, while

Thomas had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Freshman Brad Lowe finished with 15.

SCAD put five players in double figures, led by Andrews, who turned in his own double-double with 23 points and 10 boards. Bowden finished with 17 points, seven assists and five rebounds in playing nearly all 50 minutes of the game.

Peter McDonald had 12, Tim Stammen tossed in 11 by hitting three-of-four from the arc, and Kevin Polit finished with 10.

The Bears, who won despite shooting only 40.8 percent from the floor, dominated the glass to the tune of 61-42 — including 21 offensive boards — thanks largely to the pair of double-doubles. But 23 turnovers kept the Bears from pulling away.

SCAD shot 42.8 percent for the game, but was only 18-of-34 (52.9 percent) from the line.

Pikeville will play host to Kentucky Christian University on Saturday at 4 p.m.

BETSY LAYNE LADYCATS



LADYCATS 1-0 IN DISTRICT: Betsy Layne will play Prestonsburg on Tuesday in its next 58th District game. The Ladycats defeated Allen Central last Friday in their first district matchup of the season. Junior Kaitlin Lawson (15) is one of the leaders for the Ladycats.

photos by Steve LeMaster

A.B. Combs wins junior high tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — After the Pikeville College men's basketball team took care of Brescia University on Saturday, the fans at the Pikeville College Gym saw A.B. Combs edge Belfry 46-35 in the final game of the

2006 Reno's/T-D Sporting Goods Junior High Tournament.

A.B. Combs got the offense rolling early, creating a comfortable 19-point lead at the half. Belfry put together a couple of strong runs in the game's final two quarters, but the large deficit was too much to overcome, as A.B.

Combs went on to the victory. Eric Bach (A.B. Combs) led all scorers with a game-high 19 points. Jordan Varney led Belfry with 11 points.

First Kentucky bowl since '99 a Music City redux to face Clemson

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — In taking a step forward, Kentucky has come full circle.

The Wildcats (7-5) of the Southeastern Conference will be making their first bowl appearance since 1999 when they face Clemson (8-4) from the Atlantic Coast Conference on Dec. 29 in the Music City Bowl at LP Field.

That is the same site of Kentucky's last bowl berth seven years ago when the Wildcats lost to Syracuse 20-13.

Kentucky fans, as well as Clemson

supporters, are excited enough that the bowl is a sellout for the first time since the inaugural Music City Bowl in 1998, when Virginia Tech defeated Alabama at Vanderbilt University's stadium.

"We obviously have a fan base that is also excited, as Clemson's was, by gobbling up all the tickets in a short amount of time," said Kentucky coach Rich Brooks at Friday's coaches' news conference, where he appeared with the Tigers' Tommy Bowden.

Brooks said he doesn't believe the Wildcats' lack of bowl experience

will hurt his team's chances in the game, though he has some concern about how to handle preparations once the team arrives in Nashville.

"When you play in the SEC in front of 106,000 at Tennessee and 90-plus thousand at several other stadiums, the atmosphere I don't think will be something that will shake this team up," Brooks said. "To me, the difference is the layoff between games and now coming, and instead of just spending one night before, you're down here for three or four nights and getting ready for a team that we're not familiar with."

By contrast, Clemson coach Tommy Bowden has the Tigers in a postseason game for the seventh time in his eight years as head coach.

He said the first time he took a team to a bowl, he followed the pattern set by his father, legendary Florida State coach Bobby Bowden.

"This is my 10th year as a head coach, and what I did in my first bowl experience was to get my father's bowl schedule and duplicate it. He's had a lot of success in bowl games," Bowden said.

Bowden said the key to getting players through the monthlong layoff

between the end of the regular season and preparing them for the bowl game is to blend fun with preparation.

"It should be a reward for the players," Bowden said. "You have to make it fun, but at the same time you have to work hard. It's a fine line."

While readying for a bowl is second nature to the Tigers, Brooks views it as a stepping stone for his program.

"This group has worked hard to bring pride and respect back to Kentucky football, and this is just the next step in playing in a bowl game and trying to win it," Brooks said.



CJ Collins, son of Chris and Terri Collins of Dacula, Ga., shot his first doe with the help of his dad during a hunting trip to Macon, Ga. He is the grandson of Charles and Donna Collins of Prestonsburg.

Kentucky 59, Indiana 54

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — By the time Kentucky finished its border battle with Indiana, Bobby Perry had collected 11 points, 10 rebounds and 12 stitches.

"He had a triple-double," Wildcats coach Tubby Smith joked about his forward, who had to leave late in the game with a gash above his eyebrow.

Although the Wildcats and Hoosiers came into the game unranked, don't tell the players this game — the 50th overall between the programs — has lost its luster. Kentucky survived the physical — and, in Perry's case, bloody — defensive struggle with a 59-54 victory.

"I think the weight has definitely been taken off our shoulders," Kentucky center Randolph Morris, who had 16 points and 10 rebounds, said. "It feels good to win a close game against a very solid team and one of our rivals. It was definitely a statement for us to pull out a close one under pressure."

With the Wildcats (6-3) ahead 47-41, Roderick Wilmont nailed consecutive 3-pointers to tie the game. Before that, the teams were a combined 3-for-29 from beyond the arc.

Morris quickly answered

with his signature turnaround jumper at the 6-minute mark and converted the three-point play after drawing a foul from D.J. White.

"Randolph is developing that mentality — Get it to me, and I'll put it in," Smith said.

White, who finished with 23 points, hit a layup two minutes later that pulled the Hoosiers (5-3) within two, but jumpers by Joe Crawford and Perry put Kentucky up 57-52.

With less than two minutes to go, Joey Shaw of the Hoosiers stole an inbound pass and scored to make it a one-possession game. But Indiana's Lance Stemler missed a closely guarded 3-pointer, and Jodie Meeks made two free throws with six seconds left to clinch the win.

"Even though we didn't shoot well, we can step up on defense and contest shots," Crawford said. "I don't think we did that before, but we believed we could."

Typically, Louisville's Freedom Hall hosts Kentucky's home games in the series, but a scheduling conflict moved it to Rupp Arena for the first time since 1988. That game was also the last in which neither the Hoosiers nor Wildcats came in ranked in the Top 25, as the traditional powers have struggled out of the gate.

Kentucky, which has con-

centrated on defense in recent practices, held Indiana to 30 percent shooting.

"We defended OK, probably good enough to win," first-year Indiana coach Kelvin Sampson said. "I thought we rebounded well enough to win. But you've got to make shots."

Kentucky point guard Ramel Bradley, who had a career-high eight 3-pointers Tuesday against Chattanooga, was 0-for-4 from beyond the arc Saturday — including two air balls.

Indiana's tough defense and Kentucky's poor shooting allowed the Hoosiers to build a seven-point lead midway through the first half, silencing the crowd.

But Kentucky quickly found a high-percentage shot: the dunk. A thundering one by Morris woke up the building.

Amid the noise the Hoosiers, who had only one turnover to that point, committed four in the next two minutes, allowing the Wildcats to go ahead in one of 14 lead changes in the game.

Derrick Jasper followed Morris' theatrics with a steal and dunk on Kentucky's next trip down court, and fellow freshman Perry Stevenson added another dunk a few possessions later.

White had a dunk at the halftime buzzer to pull Indiana within 28-26.

Bengals 27, Raiders 10

by JOE KAY
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CINCINNATI — Only a month ago, the Cincinnati Bengals looked like they were on the verge of imploding. The defending AFC North champs were openly pouting and regularly losing.

Look at them now. Carson Palmer threw a pair of touchdowns, and Rudi Johnson ran for two more on Sunday, setting up a well-rounded 27-10 victory over the Oakland Raiders that strengthened Cincinnati's playoff chances.

"We're peaking at the right time," receiver Chad Johnson proclaimed.

The Bengals (8-5) have won four in a row, moving to the forefront of the AFC wild card race. At the moment, Cincinnati is positioned for one of the two spots, with pivotal games coming up the next two weeks at Indianapolis and Denver.

It's all coming together for a team that's piling up franchise records on offense and defense these days.

They had a pair of 100-yard receivers and a 100-yard rusher Sunday, a combination they've never had before. And, the defense had another record-setting performance — Cincinnati has given up only 17 points in the last three games, another first.

They've come a long way from that 4-5 start that left them with no margin for error.

"We've been in this position for the last month," said Rudi Johnson, who ran for 117 yards. "Our backs have been against the wall. We've been coming out fighting and clawing. We definitely understand our situation."

The Raiders (2-11) understand theirs, too.

It keeps getting worse. The defense keeps them in games, and the offense gives them away. Oakland's first three drives ended this way: fumble, missed field goal, interception. None of it was new.

"We need a win badly," coach Art Shell said. "I keep saying that every week. They're trying. We're just not getting it done."

Oakland has lost six in a row, failing to score more than 14 points in any game. The Raiders were simply out-classed in this one.

Carson Palmer threw a sea-

son-high three interceptions, but did more than enough to get the win. His touchdown passes of 8 yards to Chris Henry and 20 yards to T.J. Houshmandzadeh helped the Bengals rolled ahead 27-3 in the third quarter.

Houshmandzadeh had eight catches for 118 yards against the NFL's top-ranked pass defense. Chad Johnson had five catches for 101 yards, setting a Bengals career record with his 21st triple-digit game.

The Bengals didn't play their best game on offense — they had four turnovers in all — but won going away against a defense that likes to play man-to-man coverage. They didn't even have to punt.

"We knew if they were going to play man-to-man, we were going to move the ball a lot," Houshmandzadeh said. "Minus the turnovers, we'd have probably had 200 (yards) each."

Oakland dropped its safeties into deep coverage more than usual, but still couldn't keep up.

"That offense is loaded," said cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha, who had two interceptions. "When you call a man-to-man defense, they start throwing the ball all over the place. And the right side of that line is just a bunch of beasts. They know what they want to do."

By contrast, Oakland is still at a loss for what to do.

The Raiders hit their low point a week ago, a 23-14 loss to Houston that featured three fumbles, two interceptions and three missed field goals. They were at it again Sunday, look-

ing like the old Bungles — or, the recent Raiders — with every miscue.

Sebastian Janikowski missed three field goal attempts against the Texans — two of them off the left upright — and hit the left upright again Sunday on his first try.

Aaron Brooks' 5-yard touchdown pass to Ronald Curry in the fourth quarter amounted to a breakthrough: The Raiders hadn't scored in the fourth quarter of their last eight games. The offense now has 17 points in the final quarter all season.

"We've got to get points on the board," Brooks said. "I think we have a chance every time we hit the field, especially with our defense. We've just got to take care of the ball better."

Notes: Bengals CB Deltha O'Neal was inactive, a day after his arrest for drunken driving. Coach Marvin Lewis declined to talk about the benching. O'Neal is the eighth Bengal player arrested this year. ... Janikowski is 14-for-21 on field goals this season, when he's had back problems. ... The last time the Bengals had a pair of 100-yard receivers in the same game was Dec. 5, 2004, at Baltimore, when Houshmandzadeh and Chad Johnson both topped the mark in a 27-26 win. ... DE Robert Geathers sacked Brooks twice, leaving him with 10.5 this season. He's the first Bengals player with a double-digit sack total since Alfred Williams in 1992. ... Chad Johnson topped Isaac Curtis' career record for 100-yard games.

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Learning to stay drug-free

photo by Kathy J. Prater

This group of Prestonsburg Elementary students received certificates in recognition of the completion of the "Too Good for Drugs" program, taught by Janie Spurlock, this past Tuesday morning. The program, which teaches kids the benefits of leading drug-free lives, is currently being conducted throughout the Floyd County school district. Spurlock shares that the children have reacted positively to the program and that she has enjoyed the opportunity to work with them. Debra Holland, PES teacher, is also pictured with the students and their visiting teacher.



Distinguished Dinner

To celebrate and show students we value their achievements, the "Distinguished" group of student's at Allen Central High School were honored with a candle light dinner on Friday, November 17 for scoring distinguished on the CTBS or KCCT.



Attendance congrats!

Congratulations to the students of James A. Duff Elementary for having the best attendance in the district and winning the Elementary Fall Classic!



Questions, anyone?

Duff Elementary students in grades K-5 participate in the Question of the Week assignment at their school.



Brian Elsea used liquid nitrogen to make ice cream and provide samples of the good tasting stuff to all those visiting the Challenger Learning Center on Dec. 2.

A day with Astronaut Dan Brandenstein

The joy of meeting an astronaut was realized at the Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky on Dec. 2. when astronaut Dan Brandenstein spoke with children about his experiences in space. The day also included many activities for the children. More than 250 people participated in the day of learning and fun activities. Demonstrations were set up through out the center where children and adults could participate in making model rockets, manipulating mechanical arms, and creating slime. Also on display were foods that astronauts take into space such as food sticks - chewy sticks that slide into an airtight port located in the astronaut's helmet, providing essential nutrition in case of an emergency. Following the activities, Brandenstein spoke at The Forum and provided a slide show that included images from space.



Former astronaut Dan Brandenstein answered questions from a young boy visiting the Challenger Learning Center in Hazard earlier this month.

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THROUGH MY EYES

No place like home for the holidays

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR



You know, I thought I was gonna be okay with it. But, it suddenly hit me this past Tuesday morning - I'm not.

I'm talking about Christmas. And about how my mother died last Christmas Day. My mother truly enjoyed the Christmas season. She especially loved all the holiday musical specials and even the cartoon specials like Rudolph and Charlie Brown and the Grinch. If I would call out to her that they were on, she would come sit with me in the living room and watch them with me.

Christmas at my mother's house meant a front door wrapped in red, green or gold foil with a

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DINNER DIVA

Not good enough

by Leanne Ely



While we are in the midst of the holiday season, it is so easy to slide out of our routines and back into CHAOS. One of the first routines to go bye-bye is our dinnertime.

Talk about your easy button—simply drive in, place your order and drive out with a meal no one will complain about. Or rip open a box, add water, cook on the stovetop and serve. It's easy, cheap and gets the job done.

I am going to say something I almost never say and that is, IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH! That's right—fast food and processed foods aren't good enough for you, your precious children or wonderful spouse.

There are plenty of things in life that ARE good enough. Housework done incorrectly still blesses your home. Vacuuming just the middles is good enough. Dusting without

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"Meet the Big Sandy Singers" is a continuing series of articles about the members of The Big Sandy Singers, a musical group comprised of students from Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The students, 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," tomorrow evening, December 16, during the BSCTC Evening of Christmas Concert event, to be held at 7 and 9 p.m., in the Gearheart Auditorium, Pike Building, Prestonsburg campus.

MEET THE BIG SANDY SINGERS



Frances Branham

Frances Branham, of Paintsville, is one of the original members of the Big Sandy Singers, as she began singing with the group during the fall of 2004. But, her love for singing developed much earlier, at age 11, when she started singing in church.

"Later on in my life, I became discouraged about singing," Frances said. "One day while sitting in church and listening to the church choir, the Lord spoke to my heart and asked if I could pick out the best singer in the choir. A tenor sang a solo, then an alto, and then a soprano sang a solo and they were all angelic. The Lord gave me a message that day that each singer is unique in his or her own way, that their voices come together in harmony and each voice is needed. I have been singing ever since that day and I thank the Lord for encouraging me that Sunday."

After becoming involved with the Big Sandy Singers, Frances was featured on the first group album and over the past summer completed her

own solo album in the Big Sandy Productions Studio on the BSCTC campus with Tim Cooley as the producer. "Making an album of my very own was a dream come true," Frances said. "Who would've ever thought that something I fantasized about as a child would become a reality? It is unbelievable."

Frances has a bachelor's degree in elementary education and is now enrolled in the Morehead State extended campus at BSCTC where she is working on her masters degree in education technology.

Frances is also a full-time mother to her son Bryson Mitchell Branham. "He is my life," she said. "Everything I do, I do it for my baby boy. He is my world!" Frances also works in the admissions office on the BSCTC Mayo Campus.

When asked why she loved being involved with The Big Sandy Singers, Frances said "because of the unlimited opportunities that lie within the group. We are the Big Sandy Family!"



Louanna Calhoun

Louanna Calhoun sang her first solo at the Mountain Arts Center when she was 17 years old, and the whirlwind began from there. "No one knew how she could sing," said Prestonsburg High School classmate Brandon Maynard. "And then, she just let go and everyone was amazed with her voice." Louanna has been a member of the Big Sandy Singers since the spring of 2004.

In fact, singing and songwriting have now shaped Louanna's future, as she will be attending Belmont University in Nashville after graduating from BSCTC, where she will major in music business. She also earned a certificate of completion from the Lexington School of the Recording Arts this past summer.

On the Big Sandy Singers "Going Home" album, Louanna sings Faith Hill's "Lucky One" and is the featured soloist on the group's signature song "Father Who Can."

"I really love 'Father Who Can,'" Louanna said. "I am honored to lead the song and I feel that since it is an a capella piece, it takes the group to

another level and really challenges our vocal ability. And best of all, there's no one better to sing to than the Lord."

In addition to singing with the Singers, Louanna works part-time at Q-95 FM and will start an internship at the Mountain Arts Center in the spring.

Louanna's favorite thing about the Big Sandy Singers is the family atmosphere. "All of us have grown so close and I feel so blessed to sing with such a wonderful group of people. When I graduate, I will miss everyone so much, but I will definitely be back to support my friends with their shows and hopefully sing some, too."

Louanna's solo album is due out very soon. Produced by Timothy Cooley in the BSCTC on-campus studio Big Sandy Productions, Louanna is excited to get the album finished. "I can't wait for people to hear it," she said.

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FLY LADY

Pay it forward

by Marla Cilley

Many years ago, I was blessed by the words of a dear friend. Her name is Rita Davenport. She had an infomercial on early morning television. I got up about 30 minutes before my family

and I would turn on the television and listen to her 30 minute commercial. She grew up in Tennessee and her message was one of love. She sold her motivational tape series for what was an enormous amount of money for me. I don't quite remember how much it was but I saved up my money and purchased it for myself. I got my money order and mailed it off to her.

The name of her tape series is "It's Time for You!" It was 13 tapes that I couldn't wait to listen to. Each one helped me become who I am today. I listened to them over and over again until her words became my thoughts. I put them away several years ago and forgot about them. Then, out of the

blue, I found them and put them in my tape player and started to listen to them once again. The words I had forgotten came back to me and I realized where my thoughts had been kindled from her words.

One of the stories Rita told was about her father. He would always stop to help a stranded motorist. Rita would complain that she was going to be late if he stopped. He would remind her that one day if she had trouble on the road a kind stranger would help her out because he had taken the time to help this person. He would say, "What goes around comes around!"

This thought has stayed with me. A couple of years ago for my birthday; I

made it a movie day and watched chick flicks all day. One of the movies that touched my heart was, "Pay It Forward." So for my birthday that year I asked our members to be aware of the needs of others and when an opportunity arose to "Pay It Forward." Their resulting stories would be my present. It was the best birthday ever. It lasted all year long and continues to bless me even now.

One story came in the other day and we sent it out to the world. Many times the only person who knows about the gift is the receiver. The giver rarely tells what they have done. They don't

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Family Medicine

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of Family Medicine

Question: My husband and I have been trying to get pregnant for about 4 months. I think he may be the problem, but he won't go to the doctor. He says it would be too expensive. We're both in our late 20s. Can you give me some advice on getting pregnant?

Answer: Let me give you some general information about fertility that you might find helpful. Fertility for women peaks in the early twenties and declines with age after that. Women over 30, without using fertility drugs

have a 75 percent chance of getting pregnant within one year and a 90 percent chance of getting pregnant in four years. By age 40, 44 percent of women trying to conceive will do so within one year, and 64 percent within four years. Generally, younger couples who desire a pregnancy and are not using birth control should try for at least a year before considering medical intervention. That is, provided that you and your partner have no children together already. If you are over 35, you should seek medical advice after six months of trying.

Tips for both 'Him' and 'Her' to enhance likelihood of pregnancy

Some general information about conception. The timing of intercourse as it relates to your menstrual cycle is the first place to start. You normally ovulate about the 14th day of your cycle. Your cycle starts on the first day that you bleed. You count this as day one. You should have intercourse not more than once a day from about day 10 to day 18. Some sources even recommend intercourse every other day only during that time of the cycle.

If your menstrual cycles are not regular, you might want to consider taking your temperature every morning to determine when you are ovulating. This is because when your body releases an egg, it stimulates the production of the hormone progesterone, which raises body temperature. Usually the temperature rise is between 0.4 and 1.0 degrees. There are over-the-counter ovulation test kits, as well, that can help you time

when to try.

If either of you have chronic medical conditions like diabetes, hypertension or thyroid conditions, be sure these are well controlled as they can affect fertility.

If your husband uses the sauna or hot tub a lot, you might want to have him avoid these for a few months. There is some evidence that excessive heat exposure can lower the sperm count and have a negative impact on fertility.

There are also several physical factors that can lead to a low sperm count. A condition where the valves within the veins along the spermatic cord don't work properly — called varicocele — is a common cause, as is an undescended testicle. Infection from a sexually transmitted disease or underdeveloped testicles can also cause decreased sperm production.

Smoking a pack a day of cigarettes

has been shown to decrease sperm production. Alcohol consumption also lowers production. Fatigue and poor health can be factors.

My advice would be to stop worrying and try for a while longer. Sooner or later you will need to go to the doctor, either because you have become pregnant and need to start prenatal care, or because you are not pregnant and want to know what to do next.

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School Happenings

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

Dec. 16 - Winter Ball.

Dec. 16 - Academic meet, at Prestonsburg.

Dec. 18, 20 - Semester exams.

Dec. 21 - Jan. 2 - Christmas break.

Jan. 3 - First day back to school following Christmas break.

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 "Box Tops for Education" and turn them in to homeroom teachers!****

Can Food Drive going on now at school.*

Dec. 15 - CPR presentation, 8th grade.

Dec. 18 - SBDM meeting, 5 p.m.

Dec. 19 - Basketball Homecoming, 8th Grade Night.

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. 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!!

Nurse services: Floyd County Health Department nurses will be in the Resource Center on selected dates. 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

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

Feb. 1 - Open House. Food will be served. Teacher and parent visits. Date subject to change. Watch school marquee.

Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.

SFMS parents with concerns about your child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at <http://iiod.ssts.com> and click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. Questions? Call 452-9607.

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, Weeksbury Comm. Ctr.; 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC, Betsy Layne YSC, Weeksbury Comm. Ctr.; 4:30-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

Adult Education teachers are: Ron Johnson, Stephania Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Vanessa Adkins and Susan Stephens.

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

Fly Lady

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do the act of kindness to be seen of men. They do it because they feel the urge and they have to. I know how that feels. This is how our mentoring got started. It would have been wrong for me not to have done it. The urge is so strong that to ignore it would be like slapping God in the face. Also, you don't do it out of fear, but out of love.

As our homes get in order, we find that we are walking in an envelope of peace. This peace follows us and we pass it on to others. Isn't it amazing when we are no longer living in CHAOS that we can then see, hear and feel the arms of God guiding us? When CHAOS reigns we are blind to the needs of others. We are surrounded by a fog and we are always so busy putting out the fires that our blindness has created. Once the fog has lifted and we are able to think, the most wonderful things

start to happen. At this time of the year we are into the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Don't allow your busy life to keep you stuck in CHAOS. Slow down and smell the roses. Before you know it, an opportunity to Pay It Forward will cross your path. Let's keep it going throughout the year! We can have the spirit of the holidays all year long. Pay It Forward, Pass it on, Random Acts of Kindness, What goes around comes around; what ever you call it, take a moment to touch another person with your love.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out Marla's website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections, published by Bantam and her new book, Body Clutter. Copyright 2006; Marla Cilley. Used by permission in this publication.



Misha Curnutte, Mandy Stumbo, Fred James and Cheres Shepherd welcomed visitors to the Christmas Open House sponsored by the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce and Prestonsburg Tourism offices on Tuesday, December 5. The open house featured catered treats by Made from Scratch, local artists, holiday gift items, and Ol' St. Nick himself.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Birth

Big Sander Singers Continued



New Arrival

Matt and Angela Porter are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Bailee Julianne Porter, born October 27, 2006, at King's Daughters Medical Center. She weighed 8 lbs., 3.5 oz., and was 20 inches in length. She is the maternal granddaughter of Dennie and Joyce Blackburn, of Hippo, and the late Jerry Bailey. Her paternal grandparents are Vernon Porter, of Allen, and the late Linda Faye Wallen Harris. She is the great-granddaughter of Arnold and Geneva Bailey, of Hippo, Margaret Porter, of Allen, and the late Vernon "Buster" Porter, Joanna Lafferty, of Printer, Doris Ann Wallen, of Prestonsburg, and the late Billy D. Wallen, and Phyllis Blackburn, of Regina. Bailee has one big brother, Jonah Porter.



Louanna, pictured here performing during a Big Sandy Singers Christmas production, is excited about the upcoming release of her solo album.



Frances Branham is pictured with the joy of her life, son Bryson, who often shares the stage with the Big Sandy Singers and always steals the show.



Tiny Dancer

Known as "Snuggiebug" by smitten "Aunt Kim," this adorable little ballerina is Kennedy Little, the daughter of Scott and Cheryl Little. Kennedy performed in the Pointe of Joy Dance Studio's Christmas recital, "The Polar Express," held this past weekend in BSCTC's Gearheart Auditorium. Congratulations on an excellent performance, Kennedy!



Angel Tree Continues to Be a Cherished Part of KYTC Christmas Tradition

FRANKFORT, KY (December 12, 2006) – Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) employees have again shown, with their unbridled generosity, just how dear to their hearts the Angel Tree Christmas tradition really is. Each Christmas the Frankfort Salvation Army provides the names of several area children in need. Each participating KYTC employee, who adopts an angel, provides the Christmas gifts for that child, based on the child's wish list.

This year's ample collection of gifts includes everything from CD players and learning toys, to dolls and children's clothing. Transportation Cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert emphasized the value of participation in a project like the Angel Tree: "The Angel Tree provides our employees with an additional opportunity to experience the 'Giving Spirit' of the Christmas Season. It's also a way for us to touch the lives of a few children in a very positive way."

"The Angel Tree Program is a wonderful way to touch the lives of so many children in a very positive way," said KYTC Deputy Secretary Crystal Ducker. "Our employees are to be commended for helping to brighten the holidays for these

deserving children."

In 2005 the Frankfort Salvation Army submitted 60 "angels" to the Cabinet. Last year's demand for "angels" on the part of KYTC employees far outstripped the "supply". This year the Cabinet received 100 angels. All of them were "adopted" within ten days.

"This year we sent our request to the Salvation Army early, in order to make more angels available for adoption by KYTC employees," said Shaanee Lynch, who coordinated the program from the KYTC Office of Public Affairs. "I am not surprised at the response, but the spirit of giving here is still overwhelming."

"We are truly blessed by the spirit of giving demonstrated by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet," said Captain Terrie McKinley of the Frankfort Salvation Army. "For the second consecutive year they have asked for more angels than we actually have to make available to them. That says a whole lot about the Cabinet, and, it says a lot about this community." The Frankfort Salvation Army will assist in serving more than 500 area children this Christmas.

Diva

moving everything around, swishing and swiping the bathroom—all are good enough and all get the job done.

It's not that simple with food. To be "good enough," food needs to qualify first as food. Before you think I've lost it, let me ask you this—why does a box of food have an ingredients list that is 1 and 1/2 inches long? What is acetylated distarch phosphate? What about disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate? Do you know what those ingredients are? Can you find them sitting next to the sweet potatoes or onions in the produce department?

The above-mentioned nearly unpronounceable chemicals are "safe" food additives. One is an emulsifier, the other is a preservative. What nutritional value do you think these additives have for your body?

The answer is simple: NONE. And the reason why is because chemicals do not qualify as food. They are simply not good enough for you or for your family. Your bodies DESERVE to be treated well by giving yourself and your family nutrient rich food. Ingredients you can pronounce and easily identify without having to look it up!

Think twice about what you're going to do for dinner once things start to get hectic from all the holiday stuff. Double up on some stuff and freeze it. Or try cooking something in the crock pot all day even if you don't have plans to use it that night for dinner. I am doing that with soups. I cooked split pea soup in my crock pot all day, allowed it to cool off, refrigerated it overnight and then the next day, it was a snap to place in the freezer bag (labeled and dated with my trusty sharpie!).

That frozen soup is a backup plan for when everything is going to be crazy. Grabbing pre-

pared stuff out of the freezer for dinner is the way to go—then dinner gets done and the food is real. Here's the recipe for my split pea soup:

Crock Pea Soup

Serves 12 (freezes well)

- 1 pound split peas — rinsed
- 1 ham bone — optional
- 1 onion — chopped
- 2 carrots — peeled and sliced
- 1 stalk celery — chopped
- 2 cloves garlic — pressed
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 1/2 quarts water — use chicken broth if not using a ham bone.
- salt and pepper — to taste

Put all ingredients into a crock pot, except the salt and pepper. Cover and cook on high for 4 to 5 hours or low for 8 to 10 hours, or until peas are very soft. Before serving, remove bones and bay leaf. Salt and pepper to taste.

Per Serving: 161 Calories; 2g Fat (11.2% calories from fat); 11g Protein; 25g Carbohydrate; 10g Dietary Fiber; 9mg Cholesterol; 22mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1 1/2 Grain(Starch); 1 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 0 Fat.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website, www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her new book Body Clutter. Copyright 2006; Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

Eyes

green wreath and a big, red bow; it meant homemade chocolate fudge and what she called "seafoam" candy. It meant a turkey roasting all night long in the oven, and stockings and Christmas cards hung above the hallway door frame. Christmas from my mother's hands meant presents wrapped in Francis Dept. Store's gay holiday paper, as well as last minute preparations and excitement in anticipation of my older sister's return home for the holidays. It also meant that my Grandma Lulie, my mother's mother-in-law, would be arriving at our house for a three or four day stay that included Christmas morning.

Though every now and then, my mother would grumble about money or about how my dad would always want ham instead of turkey for Christmas dinner (the family vote always meant a turkey in the oven, however) or about how about the days were slipping away and there was still much to be done, my mother

truly did enjoy the Christmas holidays.

Last year, as I said before, my mother died on Christmas Day. My children and I spent our Christmas Eve in the intensive care unit at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, waiting by her bedside for the inevitable.

The day following Christmas, I was traveling to the funeral home to make final arrangements when the song, "I'll be Home for Christmas" came over the radio. Emotions overtook me and the tears began to roll down my cheeks. My mother, who had spent the last eight years of her life suffering from the clutches of Alzheimer's Disease, had spent those same last years repeating over and over what she believed was a simple request - "I want to go home."

Home she finally was and I was going to miss her. I still do.

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150-MISC

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530-Houses

FOR SALE
 1998 5 Speed Toyota Tacoma, 2006 Commercial Scag Mower, 51" Mitsubishi big screen TV, 2002 Honda Recon, V3620 Motorola Phone, LG VX6000 Camera Phone. Lots of yard sale items. 1 price. 889-0592.

EMPLOYMENT

FOR SALE
 2001 1800 Series Honda Goldwing Motorcycle. 11,200 miles. Garage kept. Excellent condition. \$11,500. Call 377-2212

410-Animal

FOR SALE
 Chinese Shar-Pei puppies. Ready for Christmas! 1sr shorts and wormings Red, brown, white and black. Already potty trained. Well socialized. Please call 606-886-0397 or 226-3543 for more information or email at sypv_king@msn.com

210-JOB LISTINGS

WANTED: Barber Stylist. Call 377-1176. Shirley Belcher The Barber Shop. PO Box 265 McDowell 41647.

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We are seeking a full time Driver at our Manton, KY location, to operate company vehicles to transport products to and from specified destinations. This position is responsible for operating company equipment at the job site under the direction of the Blaster in charge, performing duties of load/print crew or shot service crew and or assisting plant manager. Must possess a current class A CDL with Hazmat and Tanker endorsement and 1 year driving experience. Please forward your response information to 152 Manton Rd, Martin, Ky 41649; or Fax 2854-5171

JOB OPENING

Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Inc. has an opening for a Kentucky licensed Physician Assistant. Requirements: Physician Assistant Certification with two (2) years experience preferred. Generous salary and benefits commensurate with experience. Send resume to Debi Bentley, P. O. Box 910, Martin, Kentucky 41649, email: HYPERLINK "mailto:dbentley@olwh.org" dbentley@olwh.org, fax: (606) 285-6409 or call (606) 285-6420.

HELP WANTED

Heavy equipment steam cleaning company needs employees. Must have valid drivers license and up to date surface mining papers. Mine emergency tech. Is a plus. Call Mon thru Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm 606-886-1759.

JOB OPENING

Renos Roadhouse in Prestonsburg is now hiring for all positions. Shifts- Day and Night. Apply in person only.

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On Abbott Creek solid black German Shepherd. Male collar and Microchip tag. Reward! Call 886-7942 or 886-8106.

490-Misc.

FOR SALE
 1 BURIAL PLOT LOCATED ON RICHMOND CEMETERY. CALL 886-3394.

FOR SALE

Windows for sale. Five 36x62 Double Pane insulated windows. Never been used. Windows open from the inside for easy cleaning. Call 606-226-0913 Leave message.

REAL ESTATE

530-Houses

HOUSE FOR SALE Will consider land contract with down payment. 2 BR, 1 bath, hardwood flooring. Located in Littlebud. For more information call 794-4360.

570-Sale or Lease

FLOYD COUNTY.

Lum DeRossett Branch 75 acres more or less. Level land. Sloping / timber. Call 606-325-2809 or 606-325-4430

FOR SALE

1978 Mobile Home 12 x 70, 3 BR bath and 1/2. Refrigerator, stove, washer and dryer. Standard appliances include a new furnace. Very good condition for model. Underpinning included. Need a home? Look here! \$4,300. Must be moved. Call 606-886-9544 days or 606-886-3386 nights.

RENTALS

610-APARTMENT

FOR RENT
 3 BR 1 bath, living room, kitchen, appliances included. Located on West Prestonsburg on Main St. \$600 per month plus utilities. No HUD. Call 886-6186 or 886-8266 after 5.

FOR RENT

RENOVATED like new apartments located in martin. Please call 285-3025.

FOR RENT

Apt located in lvel. 2 BR 1 bath. Call 478-8100

FOR RENT

3 BR 2 bath located in Martin, Ky. \$600 per month. \$300 deposit. No utilities included. Call 285-1000.

FOR RENT

2 BR apartment, stove and ref. washer, and dryer hookup. no pets. 5 miles from Martin on Caney Rt. 1210. \$350 month. Plus \$200 deposit. 285-3641. Call anytime. 285-3641.

FOR RENT

1 BR apt. All utilities paid. \$450 per month. 886-6061.

FOR RENT

Nice 2 BR trailer in Prestonsburg. Call 874-0875 or 226-9792.

FOR RENT

1 BR (Fully furnished) Apt. with washer and dryer. \$425 per month. References and \$175 deposit required. Utilities included. No pets. No HUD. 285-3140

1-2 BR FURNISHED

Apt. Clean. In Prestonsburg. 886-8366.

APT FOR RENT

2 BR townhouse bath and 1/2, also 1 BR apt. Located in Prestonsburg. No pets. 886-8991.

Furnished 1 bed room Apt.

Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month. + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

620-Misc

FOR RENT

50X90 Building 18' ceiling, 12x1 garage door. Martin, KY. \$450 per month. 606-285-3368.

630-House

HOUSE FOR RENT

Nice 3 BR house, full basement with garage and carport. Located at Martin. Call 606-358-3469. Leave message if no answer.

HOUSE FOR RENT

In Prestonsburg. Two bedroom, living room, dining area, kitchen. Washer and dryer hookup. The house has refrigeration and stove. Heat and air. Please call 886-6184 between 8 - 10am. and 3-7pm.

HOUSE FOR RENT

3 BR 2 Bath Log Home in Oaklawn, Hager Hill. Central H/A low utility bills. Large covered-deck, Large storage barn. Acres of privacy. Open Oct 31. \$1090.00 month or best offer. 850-222-2226. Leave message.

650-Mobile Homes

FOR RENT

Lots for rent. New mobile home park. Allen-Dwell area Floyd Co. All sizes. Black top streets, parking pads, all lighted area. Some restrictions. Call 377-2357

FOR RENT

One Mobile Home lots for rent 1/2 mile on right from Prestonsburg on Town Branch Road. Lots have city water, gas, sewage, and AEP electric. Call Karen 874-7155.

FOR RENT

Trailer and trailer lot for rent. Left fork of Abbott Prestonsburg. Call 886-9479.

850-Personals

LOOKING FOR A FEMALE Roomate 40-50 years of age. Needing someone to help out around the house with the cooking and cleaning. Please call 886-9297.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 860-5273 OPERATOR CHANGE

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Eastern Fuels LLC, 183 Tollage Creek, Kentucky 41501 intends to revise Permit No. 860-5273 to add an operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Coal Ridge Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 3655, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502. The operators will be Coal Ridge Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 3655, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502 and Goose Creek Energy, Inc., 183 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The operation is located 2.0 miles north of Topmost and is situated in both Knott and Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.9 miles southeast from KY Route 7-s junction with KY Route 899 and is located on the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the Wayland and McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources= Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Gregory Justice of 35 Wilson Creek, Langley, Ky., intends to apply for a permit to construct a land fill along a stream, with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department for Environmental Protection, Division of Water, on property at junction of Ky. Rt. 2554 and Ky. Rt. 777, Langley, Ky. Any comments concerning this application shall be directed to Kentucky Division of Water, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Ky. 40601, (502) 564-3410.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5518

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, has filed an application for a permit for an underground mining operation located 1/4 mile South of Dana, in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 3.40 surface acres and underlies 474.16 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary is 477.56 acres. The facility is located on the Harold USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by the Mont Gibson, Jr. Heirs. The permit underlies land owned by Mont Gibson, Jr. Heirs, Wilford Boyd, Gwen Hale Est., Roy and Mitchail Williams, Josephine Akers, Ruth Boyd, Anna Akers, Linda Watson, Bertha Boyd, Daniel & Nelvie Boyd, Larry Howell, Mary Alice Boyd, Appalachian Land, Daniel Boyd, Gary & Connie Conn, Joseph & Clare Whittaker, Myrtle Akers, Clayton & Lora Akers, Montis Boyd, Cornelia & Mickey Conn, Earnest & Amy Kimbler, Arthur Boyd. The operation will affect an area within 100 ft. of a public road, KY 1426. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or request for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the

Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections and/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 & Phillip 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.

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.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0337

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that PIA Company, Inc., P.O. Box 1590, Martin, Kentucky 41649, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 1.55 mile southwest of Blue Moon, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 46.93 acres

of surface, and have 70.00 acres overlying highwall mining area, for a total of 116.93 acres within the total permit boundary. The proposed operation is located on Little Mud Creek of Big Mud Creek, approximately 0.80 mile south from the junction of Morgan Fork (CR) with Little Mud Creek (CR). The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Akers Estate, Dedra Hall, and Terry Hall. The permit area will underlie land owned by Akers Estate, Dedra Hall, and Terry Hall. This operation will use the contour and highwall methods of mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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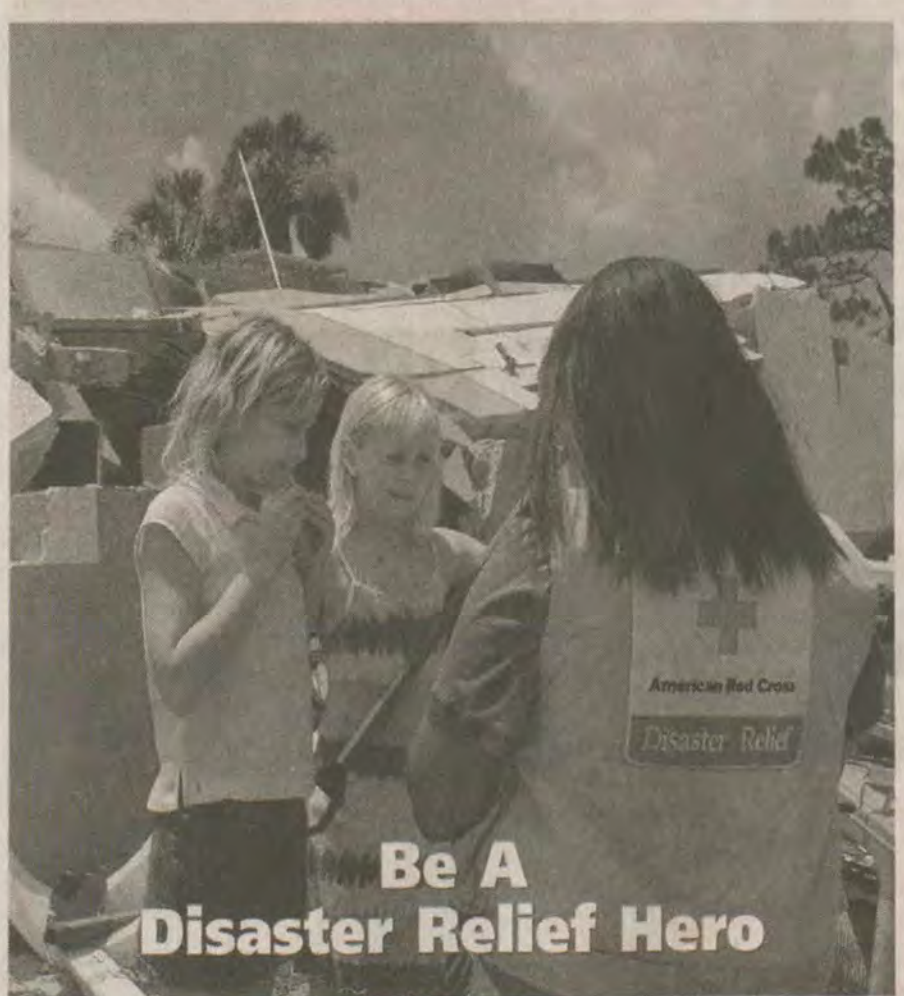
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