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briefs
Santa rides again

PRESTONSBURG — Santa Claus will once again be making his Christmas Eve ride through Prestonsburg. St. Nick will be escorted around town by the Prestonsburg Fire Department, beginning at 5 p.m. The ride will continue until the jolly old elf has visited the entire city. As always, Santa will be tossing out candy to boys and girls who come out to greet him.

No paper Sunday

In order to give our employees a chance to spend Christmas with their families, The Floyd County Times will not publish on Sunday, Dec. 24. We will resume our normal schedule on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

3 DAY FORECAST

Today
Showers
High: 61 • Low: 4

Tomorrow
Partly cloudy
High: 58 • Low: 36

Sunday
Mostly cloudy
High: 49 • Low: 35

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State trooper killed in Pike wreck

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

An investigation into the cause of a two-car collision which resulted in the death of a Kentucky State Police trooper Tuesday evening remained underway by the Kentucky State Police Accident Reconstruction Team on Wednesday. The preliminary investigation into the

death has indicated that 28-year-old Trooper Jonathan K. Leonard, a three-year veteran of the KSP who spent his entire career at Post 9 in Pikeville, was killed when he attempted to perform a U-turn while traveling south on U.S. 119 near Sidney. The preliminary investigation has revealed that when Leonard attempted to change directions on the highway and head north, he turned into

the path of a 2004 Geo Tracker, which was also heading north at the time. The driver of the Tracker, 45-year-old Eugene Sisco Jr., was initially transported to Pikeville Medical Center but eventually had to be flown to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center for treatment.



(See WRECK, page six) Trooper Jonathan K. Leonard

AT SANTA'S EAR



Children from Johnson County lined up out the door of the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center in Prestonsburg Thursday for a chance to speak to Santa and receive presents as part of the Toys for Tots program. Finance and Administrative Director Thomas Rainey said this year's event had to be split into a two-day event to accommodate the expected 1,000 kids from Floyd and Johnson counties who were to receive two gifts each.

Grand jury indicts sex offender on new charges

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A convicted sex offender who was arrested twice in little over a month in Prestonsburg for sex offender registry violations and subsequent sexual abuse charges was indicted by a Floyd County grand jury Wednesday. Sixty-one year old John

Samuel Moore was arrested Oct. 12 after he had failed to provide current and accurate address information as he is required by law following a prior sexual assault conviction in West Virginia. In addition to his failure to register his current address, Moore was also indicted for living too close to a day-care facility, living within 1,000 feet of First Baptist Daycare in Prestonsburg.

While this first case was referred to a grand jury for further review, Moore was allowed to stay with his brother under home incarceration. During this time Moore was arrested a second time and charged with first-degree sexual abuse against two minor girls while he was babysitting them. The second case began

(See CHARGES, page six)

Friends who run together, elected to council together

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Part 3 in a seven-part series looking at the new faces in Floyd County government.

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

Prestonsburg City Council will look quite different after December as "4 for Progress" take their positions as new city council members. C. "Shag" Branham, B.D. Nunnery, Morris Copley and Chris Slone began and ended their campaign as a team, with each member of the group known as "4 for Progress" being elected to serve on city council in the Nov. 7 elections.

Each of the four agrees that their choice to run as a group certainly helped them get elected. Managing the city's money and so forth is a very large part of the duties assigned to a council member. Obviously, someone who has experience in management would be a great asset to the city and these four eager council members seem to have plenty of that. Branham manages health care agencies, Slone works as a

(See COUNCIL, page six)

Johnson men charged with dumping sewage

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Agents working for the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation arrested a Hager Hill man Monday night after allegedly witnessing him dump 8,500 gallons of raw sewage into the Big Sandy River, less than a mile from the Paintsville public water intake. Fifty-nine-year-old Dave Bowling was allegedly caught in the act by KBI agents following a six-month investigation into his dumping habits. He was indicted Wednesday morning by a Franklin County grand jury for violating a state law that makes it illegal to contribute to the pollution of any water in the state.



Dave Bowling



Lance Bowling

(See SEWAGE, page six)

Trooper cleared in fatal David shooting

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Kentucky State Police trooper was cleared of any wrongdoing Wednesday in the shooting death of 44-year old Jeff Jones earlier this year in the David area of Floyd County. A grand jury returned a no true bill, or no indictment, in the case, saying that under the circumstances he faced that day, Trooper Chris Hicks was justified in using deadly force to protect a fellow officer. The grand jury also said they were provided with a comprehensive investigation report from KSP, wit-

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(See CLEARED, page six)



Members of The Brothers of the Wheel Motorcycle Club dropped off gifts to needy children early Thursday morning at Prestonsburg High School. The gifts will be distributed through area schools' family resource centers. The motorcycle club holds annual fundraisers to raise the money to purchase the gifts. Club members then wrap the gifts and help distribute them through both Floyd and Johnson County school districts. To learn more about the motorcycle club and their annual events, contact Todd Caudill at 789-3431.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Odes Cox, 78, died Saturday, December 16, at his residence in Wayland. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 21, under the direction of Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, Indiana.

■ William H. Hall, 79, of Minnie, died December 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December

20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Emma Lou Hamilton, 70, of Stanville, died Saturday, December 16, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Lloyd Hamilton. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 19, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Floyd Hughes, 84, of Martin, died Monday, December 18, at Highlands

Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Freeman Newman, age 79, of Hi Hat, died Sunday, December 17, in Wapakoneta, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Melva Caudill Newman. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 21, under the direction of

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Truman S. Kidd, 66, of Honaker, died Saturday, December 16, at St. Mary's Medical Center, Huntington. He is survived by his wife, Arda Hall Kidd. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ James "Junior" Spears, 83, of Harold, died Monday, December 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral ser-

vices were held Thursday, December 21, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Emmitt Tackett, 88, of Salyersville, formerly of Ivel, died Sunday, December 17, at the Salyersville Health Care. He is survived by his wife, Alma

(See OBITUARIES, page eight)

Obituaries

Opal Grace Crisp

Opal Grace Crisp, age 85, of Allen, widow of Day Crisp, passed away Tuesday, December 19, 2006, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington.

She was born July 18, 1921, in Maytown, the daughter of the late Thomas Branham and Sarah Margaret Bentley Branham. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Jackie Day (Rita) Crisp of Allen; a daughter, Carolyn Crisp of Gadsden, Alabama; two brothers: Robert Clay Branham of Willard, Ohio, and Thomas Jefferson Branham of Allen; six grandchildren: Robin Day Flanery, Darrin Ray Flanery, Aaron Dwaine Flanery, Nicole Elaine Collins, Jason Day (Kara) Crisp, and Seth Ryan Crisp; and five great grandchildren: Storm Flanery, Alexandria Collins, Kristen Flanery, Adam Flanery, and Torri Flanery.

Preceding her in death was her husband; her parents; three brothers: Jack Branham, Theop Branham, and George Branham; and five sisters: Stella Caudill, Kate Crisp, Eddie Hinton, Bertha Spigman, and Alta King.

Funeral services for Opal Grace Crisp will be conducted Friday, December 22, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with the Regular Baptist Ministers officiating.

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

(Paid obituary)

Birbage Howell

Birbage Howell, age 81, resident of Shiloh, Ohio, passed away at his home on Tuesday, December 19, 2006.

He was born February 7, 1925, in Fed, the son of the late Jarvey and Lizzie (Ackers) Howell. He had lived most of

his life in McDowell, moving to Plymouth, 12 years ago, to live with his oldest son. He was a retired coal miner, employed with Inland Steel, and had served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He loved Kentucky, and his church family from the Messiah House of Prayer Church, in Shiloh, Ohio.

He is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law: Pastor Birbage Jr., and Christine Howell of Plymouth; Doug and Darlea Howell of Pikeville; and Jimmy and Debbie Howell of Kingsville, Ohio; 11 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; two brothers: Roland Howell of McDowell, and Kendale Howell of Dayton, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons: Harold Bruce and Johnny Howell; two brothers: Ralph and John C. Howell; and one sister, Sally Hutchison.

The funeral service was held at the Messiah House of Prayer Church in Shiloh, Ohio, on Thursday, December 20, at 10 a.m., with Pastors Johnny Dutton and Ron Carey officiating.

Burial was at the Mt. Hope Cemetery, in Shiloh, under the direction of Secor Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the church. Memorial expressions may be made to the church.

Online condolences may be made at www.secorfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

Sarah Ann Hall Jones

Sarah Ann Hall Jones, age 61, of Bypro, died Monday, December 18, 2006, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

Born May 7, 1945, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Myrtle Keathley Hall. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Little Rachel Old Regular Baptist Church, in Galveston.

She was preceded in death by her husband, (Elder) Billy Ray Jones.

Survivors include: a son and daughter-in-law: Bill and Connie Jones of Eastern; two daughters and sons-in-law: Debbie and Claude Allen of Bypro, and Shirley (Possom) and Clyde Hamilton of Garrett; three brothers: Ned Hall, Cecil Hall, and Dewey Hall, all of Galveston; four sisters: Delcie Tarson of Lorain, Ohio, Pearl Keathley of Betsy Layne, and Lucreasie Keathley and Madgalene McNeil, both of Galveston; nine grandchildren: Joe, Sara, Clyde (Bubba), Dianna, Sasha, Thomas, Lizzie, Tawana and Brianna; a great-grandson, Braden; three step-grandchildren: Joshua, Ashley and Kiley; and extended family: Liddie Hall and the late Elder Alex Hall of Galveston, and Betty Sue Moore of Grethel.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Phil (Dick) Joe

Jones; a sister, Alma Griffith; and a grandson, Timmy.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 22, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Brother Claude Allen, and Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home, with nightly services at 6:30 p.m.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)

Freeman Newman

Freeman Newman, age 79, of Hi Hat, died Sunday, December 17, 2006, in Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Born December 24, 1926, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Ted and Arminia Jones Newman. He was the owner of Newman's Service Station for 49 years, and was a deacon at Clear Creek United Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Melva Caudill Newman.

Other survivors include a son, Steven Brian Newman of Hi Hat; a daughter, Brenda (Larry) Moore of Waynesville, Ohio; two brothers: Donald Newman and Arthur Newman, both of Lima, Ohio; three sisters: Patricia Ann Johnson of Wapakoneta, Ohio, Dallas Carpenter of Columbus Grove, Ohio, and Bernice Sergeant of Delphos, Ohio; grandchildren:

Candy Lynn Truman, Bryan Moore, Ted Newman and Tawni Newman; and great-grandchildren: Sonya Truman, Autumn Truman, Katrina Truman and Jacob Truman.

He was preceded in death by three sisters: Hazel Little, Genevieve Newman and Sweetie Newman.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 21, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Home, in Martin, with United Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home, with additional services each night at 7 p.m.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)

In Loving Memory of John Boyd

Happy 54th Birthday, Dec. 25

"Daddy"

Daddy, you left without a goodbye,
My eyes filled with tears, that I cry.
My heart was filled with heartache and pain,
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But in my heart, you're always near.
I'll take you with me, wherever I go,
In my heart, body, mind and soul.
Mom will never be the same,
She get so sad just hearing your name.
But I know you're walking on streets of gold,
And forever in my heart, the memory of you, Dad, I'll always hold.
And when it's my turn to travel on,
I know you'll greet me with a smile, and say welcome home.



Written by your baby girl
Tammy Boyd Hall

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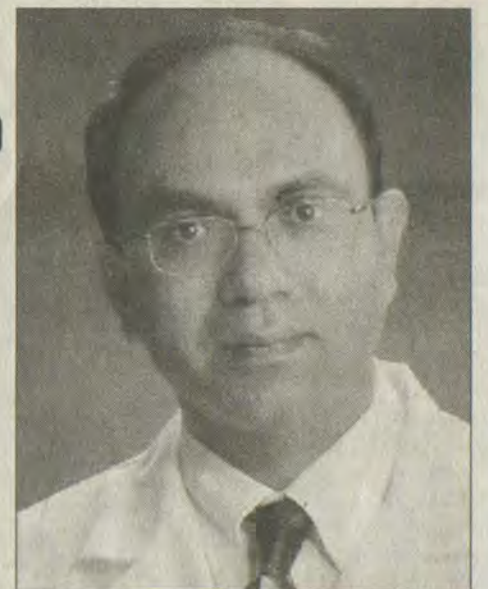
Card of Thanks

The family of Charles Walker Prater would like to thank everyone for all their kindness and generosity during the passing of our love one. We appreciate the beautiful flowers, the kind words, the food, and especially your prayers. We appreciate all who sang, and the compassionate words from our pastor, Arnold Turner Jr. We want to thank our wonderful church family at Allen First Baptist Church for your love and support. We are so blessed to be a part of such wonderful people. We also thank the Staff at Hall Funeral Home, and Sheriff, John K. Blackburn and his staff. We appreciate your service. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you all.

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Dr. Faruque Ahmed, General Surgeon, has joined the Medical Staff at Highlands Regional Medical Center and opened an office practice in Suite 2 of the Riverview Complex near the Medical Center. Dr. Ahmed is a graduate of the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and served his Internship and Residency in General Surgery at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockway, New York. As a General Surgeon, Dr. Ahmed will perform minor surgical procedures, laparoscopic procedures, and more complicated abdominal procedures.

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Brittany L. Hall, 19, of Pikeville, to Jesse N. Blankenship, 19, of Teaberry.
 Sharon K. Hall, 57, of Hi Hat, to Clarence C. Roberts, 63, of Pikeville.
 Sara Elizabeth Conn, 29, of Prestonsburg, to Michael Dean Woods, 41, of Prestonsburg.
 Crystal Dawn Allen, 22, of Stanville, to Barry Lynn Cantrell, 24, of Stanville.

Civil Suits Filed

Capital One Bank vs. Lottie Yates; to collect debt
 Hawker Financial Corporation vs. Deborah S. Waddles-Skeans; to collect debt
 Caudill Seed and Warehouse Company, Inc. vs. Jerry Marvin Kidd; to collect debt
 I. Richard heirs vs. John Harlan Callis; to collect debt
 Central Financial Services, Inc. vs. Don K. Prater; to collect debt
 Atlantic Credit & Finance vs. Beuford Combs; to collect debt
 Ira B. Potter, P.S.C. vs. Christopher Brown; to collect debt
 CACH, LLC vs. Clifford Ousley; to collect debt
 Hawker Financial Corporation vs. Yellonda Edmonds; to collect debt
 Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. James Robinson; to collect debt
 First Financial Credit vs. Paul and Melissa Hurd; to collect debt
 Bank of America vs. Nancy Howell; to collect debt
 GA Financial trust vs. Ronald Kidd; to collect debt
 Capital One Bank vs. Gail Harvey; to collect debt
 Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Ruth Keathley; to collect debt
 The Bank of New York Trust Company vs. Timothy Rice, Suzanna Rice and Floyd County; to collect debt
 Savannah Mullins vs. Dale Mullins; dissolution of marriage
 Arvil and Jonathan Shepherd vs. Marcel Derossert; compensatory and punitive damages
 Diana S. Price vs. Beverly K. Fannin; petition for child support and health care insurance
 Rebecca Evans vs. Billy R. Evans; petition for health care insurance
 Becky J. Branham vs. Tiffany M. Barela; petition for child support and health care insurance
 James H. Tolson vs. Mary S. Conley; petition for health care insurance
 Michael Todd Boyd vs. Tara Suzette Boyd; dissolution of marriage
 Joe Newsome vs. Walter R. Mullins and Allstate Indemnity Insurance Company; compensatory and punitive damages
 Charles R. Bradley vs. South Kentucky Purchasing Company; to collect debt
 McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital vs. Timothy Stumbo; to collect debt

Property Transfers

bered, mobile home parking not in compliance, mobile home lot size not of required square footage, several mobile home lots have accumulations of debris. Score: 92
 Big J. Meat Processing, Hueysville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes. Score: 98

Anita H. Allen to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located at Bosco.
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 Randy Allen to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located at Bosco.
 Randy Allen to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located at Bosco.
 Donnie R. Barnett to Kathy Lovely, property located at Abbott Creek.
 Delores Bentley to Cortney and Lindsey Clevenger, property location undisclosed.
 Leonard Cieslak to Benjamin Wright, property location undisclosed.
 Patricia Cieslak to Benjamin Wright, property location undisclosed.
 Benita Collins to Charles E. and Chase E. Ousley, property location undisclosed.
 John Collins to Charles E.

and Chase E. Ousley, property location undisclosed.
 Bernetta Evans to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located at Bosco.
 Mae Fannie to Romona and Tommy L. Dingus, property location undisclosed.
 Federal National Mortgage Association to Romona and Tommy L. Dingus, property location undisclosed.
 Geraldine Johnson to Charles and Virginia Prater, property located at Salyers Branch.
 Roger Johnson to Charles and Virginia Prater, property located at Salyers Branch.
 Delmar Kendrick to Scott Layne, property located at Prestonsburg.
 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner to Cortney and Lindsey Clevenger, property location undisclosed.
 Debria Kinzer to Kinzer Investment Realty LTD, property located at Allen.
 Jerry Kinzer to Kinzer Investment Realty LTD, property located at Allen.
 Barbara Morrison to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located at Bosco.
 Russell Morrison to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located at Bosco.
 Anthony Mullins to Curtis Howell Jr., property located at

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Small Claims Filings

Vernon S. Salisbury vs. Spurlock Tire & Service Center; to collect debt
 Stella Gearheart vs. Josh Branham; to collect debt
 Clyde Woods vs. James Burke; to collect debt
 Ella Compton vs. Ladonna Compton; to collect debt

Charges Filed

David Johnson, 49; no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, operating on suspended/revoked license, receiving stolen property over \$300
 Mason Adams, 18; theft by unlawful taking under \$300, second-degree assault, second-degree burglary

Inspections

Hall's Mobile Home Park, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not properly numbered, mobile home lot size not of compliance standards, lack of sufficient number and capacity of cans. Score: 94
 Blackburn's Trailer Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not properly num-

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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— Albert Einstein

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— Guest View — Editorial roundup

Chicago Tribune, on the death of the DVD:

Fast forward to obsolescence.

The death knell of the VHS format sounded recently. The entertainment industry newspaper Variety wrote its obituary. The DVD killed VHS, abetted by TiVo and aggressive, new high-definition competitors.

... Given the pace of change, we suppose we shouldn't be startled by recent intimations of mortality for another tech wonder, the DVD. Yes, it may be shuffling off to technological obsolescence sooner than we thought, after only a decade or so of life. The presumed cause of its demise: downloadable movies. A potentially big nail in the coffin: Wal-Mart recently announced that next year it will begin testing a video download service on its Web site.

... Alas, this is the way of the techno world. All things pass. Soon. If you don't believe it, try watching that videotape you made of the Bears Super Bowl victory in 1986. When we did, it was a murky mess. And then the tape snapped.

The Times-Tribune, Corbin, on ACT testing:

Next year, the Kentucky Board of Education will begin the process of requiring all high school juniors to take the ACT as part of the state's accountability testing system.

ACT is a nationally used college admission exam developed by an independent, non-profit organization.

The benefit of incorporating this exam into school testing is twofold. It will encourage more students to consider higher education by forcing them to take a free version of a test that normally costs \$30 and giving them a glimpse into college-level expectations.

... The battle of education has long been a battle over control - be it local, state or federal. States have been reluctant to embrace any federal accountability test for students, but there can be no national accountability system without national standards.

For too long, education standards have been segmented by state lines.

... The most sweeping change in recent education law, the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act, now requires all states to be proficient in grade-level testing and sets penalties and sanctions for schools that don't meet goals.

Sounds like a good system, but NCLB doesn't create a national standard of "proficient." Since it leaves each state to determine its own tests and goals, the system actually encourages states to lower proficiency standards in order to achieve federally acceptable passing rates. ...

The Patriot-News, Harrisburg, Pa., on consumer confidence in produce:

It isn't good business practice to make one's customers sick, but recent high-profile food contamination incidents involving spinach, tomatoes and now possibly lettuce suggest that producers are not doing all they can to ensure that their products are safe to eat.

These outbreaks have disclosed the degree to which responsibility for food safety, especially as it pertains to produce, has been left to producers, who are governed by a voluntary set of guidelines.

The Food and Drug Administration, which is responsible for monitoring about 80 percent of the nation's food supply has seen its food-safety budget diminished for years to the point where the agency "is in a position that all (it) can do is send in inspectors after the cow has left the barn," according to William K. Hubbard, a former FDA associate commissioner. The FDA doesn't "have the ability to set standards and enforce standards," he added. ...



— Beyond the Beltway —

Christmas Eve takes a bad turn

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

'Twas the night before Christmas when the president, asleep in his bed, was awakened by a soft yet strangely irritating voice saying: "Wake up, Mr. President. Wake up before it's too late." The president sat up. "What? Is that you, Condi?"

"No. It is the Ghost of Christmas Past, Present and Future."

And there, at the foot of his bed, stood a small old man with thinning white hair and a broad smile that was strangely irritating. "You look just like Jimmy Carter," the president said.

"Everybody says that. However, I really am the Ghost of Christmas Past, Present, etc. I've come to give you a look at your life. Come with me."

So saying, the spirit whisked the president away to a scene that looked remarkably like the White House Christmas party of 2001.

A hunched, beefy man with a permanent sneer etched on his lips was giving a toast: "To unfinished business, Mr. President. Today Afghanistan, tomorrow the Arab world."

"Here! Here!" the other guests joined in.

"To the greatest world leader since Alexander the Great," said a fierce-looking black woman with laser-like eyes. "You shouldn't compare me to people in the Bible, Condi," said the

object of the toast. "It sounds sacrilegious. I appreciate the thought, though. Say, do we have enough troops to invade both Afghanistan and Iraq?"

"Goodness gracious yes, Mr. President," said a man who looked like a small-town banker. "We have scads more troops than we need, by golly."

"It'll be a cakewalk," said one of the other guests. "A slam dunk," said another.

"All right then," said the president. "Let the good times roll."

At that the ghost grabbed the president by the arm again and took him to a different room, a different time. It was the Oval Office.

"This is Christmas present, Mr. President," the ghost said. A solemn group of grim old people gathered around the president's desk and the leader, patrician but slick, was saying:

"You've screwed up royally, Junior. You didn't get bin Laden, you didn't find Weapons of Mass Destruction and you put us in the middle of a war in which we don't have a side. No wonder the American people have lost confidence in you."

"That's just because of the press."

"The fact remains that public support for the war has eroded to a point where we don't think the situation can be saved."

"Not saved?"

"No," said an elderly man with a crew cut. "We propose a series of initiatives that has no chance of working but will make you look as though you're trying all the options. When they fail you can blame the Iraqis and walk out of the door backwards."

"But I don't want to walk out

backwards. I want to win."

At that, the group broke into a roar of laughter. "Did you hear that?" said a middle-aged woman with a broad, friendly face. "He wants to win. As my friend Antonin Scalia might say: 'And I want to play shortstop for the New York Yankees.'"

They were still laughing when the ghost took him by the arm again and said: "And now to Christmas future." It was a small room, lit by a single naked light bulb. In the center of it a man in a hooded gown, wires attached to his outstretched arms, stood on a stool. A bearded figure in a turban came in and tore the hood away. "My God," said the president. "It's Dick Cheney. And the guy in the turban. Is that ... can that be ..."

"Yes Mr. President. It's Osama bin Laden. He's now the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Cheney is being tried for war crimes."

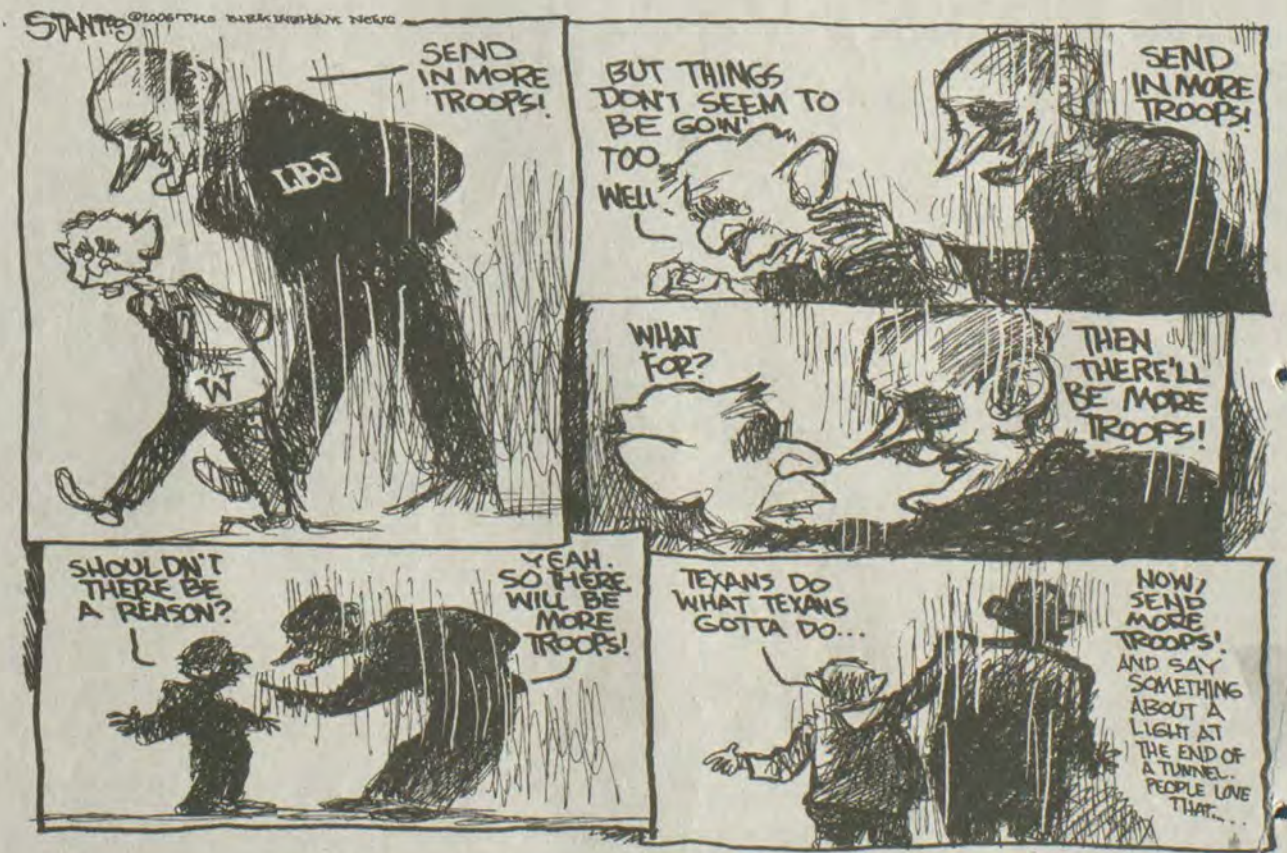
"How could this have happened? All I ever wanted was to bring democracy to the Middle East."

"Unfortunately you succeeded. This is the result."

"Oh Spirit, what can I do to avoid this? Anything?"

"Buy Jimmy Carter's new book and read it. He makes some pretty good suggestions. But we have to go now. I'm off the clock in 15 minutes." The next thing the president knew he was back in his bed, drenched in sweat. It was Christmas Day.

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Rental Central

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Renters were overwhelmed with choices this week as eight films hit video in an obvious attempt to cash in on the yuletide spirit of gift giving. Unfortunately, there were several snakes in the grass, so buyers need to be aware that several of these DVDs contained turkeys that would be better served by tossing them in your microwave.

"All the King's Men" — An all-star cast has considerable trouble breathing life into this listless remake that was based on Robert Penn Warren's 1940s bestseller. This thinly disguised tale of Louisiana Gov. Huey Long was better served by the original version (also available on DVD) which starred Broderick Crawford. Here you get Sean Penn and Jude Law, but they're just not enough. The killer cast also includes contributions by Anthony Hopkins, James Gandolfini and even a welcome screen return by

Jackie Earl Hailey ("Breaking Away"). Skip it.

"Invincible" — This stocking stuffer should appeal to sports fans as it tells the true tale of a Philadelphia Eagles fan who nabs a spot on the team at open tryouts. Mark Wahlberg is convincing as a downtrodden man whose spirit is reawakened when he joins his favorite team after suffering through the loss of his wife and teaching job.

"Jet Li's Fearless" — Li has called this true story his last martial arts film and it's a winner to go out on. Here he is cast as a turn-of-the-century martial arts master who inspired China when he succeeded against adversity to become a martial arts master and bring a new following to the ancient sport. Solid fight scenes and capable direction by Ronnie Yu ("Freddy vs. Jason") combine here for a chop sockey fest that should please fans of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

"Little Miss Sunshine" — A family road trip sparks all

manner of hilarity in this comedy/drama that follows a clan to a beauty pageant where their youngest daughter is entered. It plays like the film "Vacation" if had Kevin Smith had written it and features an excellent cast that includes Toni Collette, Greg Kinnear, Steve Carrell and Alan Arkin, who steals his scenes as a foul-mouthed and bad-tempered grandfather.

"A Scanner Darkly" — Director Richard Linklater scores a hat trick here by making a good film from a Phillip K. Dick novel, as well as getting good performances from Keanu Reeves and Woody Harrelson. The story is a study in paranoia as a futuristic narcotics officer gets addicted to a mind-altering drug that split up the user's personality. This leads to an exemplary thriller in which a man is investigating himself and doesn't have the first clue about it. The other actors are fine too and include Robert Downey Jr. and Winona Ryder. The film has a different look, as it was filmed

with live actors who were later animated via rotoscoping.

"My Super Ex-Girlfriend" — If you're a fan of Uma Thurman then you might want to avoid this awful outing, which casts her as a superhero who gets all "Fatal Attraction" on her boyfriend when he dumps her. You've been warned.

"Lady in the Water" — Terminally dull outing from M. Night Shyamalan that focuses on a superintendant who rescues a mermaid from his building's pool. The fish woman turns out to be a magnet for trouble and is being hunted by other beasts from the director's own myths. Throw this one back.



"The Wicker Man" — Neil LaBute ("In the Company of Men") directed this well-meaning, though unnecessary, remake of Anthony Shaffer's excellent thriller about pagan rituals. Nicholas Cage tries hard as a detective investigating a child's disappearance, but this one is just plain awful and pales to the original (still available on DVD), which pitted Edward Woodward ("The Equalizer") against Christopher Lee.

Next week look for fewer offerings though plenty of chills as "The Descent" and "The Black Dahlia" hit the rental racks.

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ness statements, photographs, scene diagrams and videotaped footage from a police cruiser that corroborated witness accounts.

On May 26, 2006, KSP Post 9 in Pikeville received a call reporting that a man was waving a gun and threatening to kill everyone who was at the Beverly Ann Coal Tipple on Route 404 in David. Trooper

Hicks was dispatched to the scene with Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Officer Tommy Gearheart and as they arrived they began to pursue Jones, who had fled the scene in a Dodge van.

During the chase Jones lost control of the van and crashed into a creek after going over an embankment and fired once at the officers as they approached

the wrecked vehicle.

After exiting his vehicle, Jones walked across the creek into a field and made his way toward several homes. The officers followed on the opposite side of the creek, continually conversing with Jones and directing him to drop his weapon, which he refused to do. Eventually Jones made his way near some gravel drive-

ways in a residential area and was confronted by several police officers, all the while pointing his gun at the officers and civilians who had come out to see what was going on.

Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Officer Dennis Hutchinson stood in front of Jones and Hicks positioned himself behind Jones, in addition to several other officers

who had arrived and had their weapons drawn and pointed at him. Hicks continued to order Jones to drop his weapon, and when Jones began to raise his gun, Hicks fired one round at him, killing him.

The grand jury reported that

all of the evidence presented to them corroborates the eyewitness accounts. The pistol Jones had was found lying near his body and was loaded and cocked at the time he was shot.

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Wreck

Leonard was pronounced dead at the scene, and the preliminary investigation has revealed he was not wearing his seat-belt at the time of the accident.

"The loss of Trooper Leonard is tremendous and it permeates throughout the entire Kentucky State Police family," said KSP Commissioner Jack Adams.

"We are all saddened beyond words. Our sympathy goes out to Trooper Leonard's family and I ask that you also keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time."

Visitation of Trooper Leonard will be held Friday at Hatfield Funeral Home in Toler from 5 to 9 p.m. His funeral will be

held Saturday at 11 a.m. at New Belfry High School in Goody.

Trooper Leonard is the 24th state trooper to lose his life in the line of duty in the 58-year history of the KSP. He is the first since Trooper Johnny Edrington was killed in Laurel County in December 1988.

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Sewage

Bowling's 29-year-old son was arrested Tuesday evening by the KBI on an outstanding bench warrant. Both men were lodged in the Franklin County Detention Center.

Bowling admitted to agents when he was taken into custody that he dumped sewage at the site at least once a week over an eight-month period.

"Our investigation shows that at least one-quarter million gallons of human waste and sludge were dumped over

an eight-month period," said Attorney General Greg Stumbo. "Protection of the public water supply is an essential duty of my office. On my watch, polluters will pay for putting Kentuckians at risk."

Dave Bowling is the owner of Dave's Concrete Products and Septic Service in Paintsville. Bowling collected raw sewage from commercial and private septic systems in Johnson, Floyd and Martin

counties, including the sewage treatment plants serving Paintsville operated by East Kentucky Waste, which is owned and operated by Dave Bowling's son, Lance.

Dave Bowling's illegal dumping operation was discovered when previous surveillance of a storm drain located at a facility leased by Bowling was found to be the site of "suspicious activity."

Bowling used a tanker truck that was labeled as a

water truck to dump the sewage into a drain that flows into the Big Sandy River. Under the law which he was indicted under, Bowling could potentially be punished with a fine of up to \$25,000 and a 1-to-5-year prison term for each violation. The law's wording states that each individual day in which a violation occurs constitutes a separate violation.

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Charges

when the Kentucky Department of Child Welfare received a complaint that a 10-year-old and a 12-year-old girl had been the victims of inappropriate sexual contact. Case worker Angela Nichols interviewed both girls separately while they were at school the day the complaint was received and heard generally the same story from both girls.

The 10-year-old alleged that Moore touched her a couple of times in the genital area while she was fully clothed, saying she had also changed her clothes in front of him. The 12-year-old girl gave a similar story when she was interviewed.

After interviewing the girls, Nichols went to the girls' home and discussed the allegations with their mother, who said she knew what had happened but did not report it because she wanted to protect the girls from repeated questioning. Nichols said the moth-

er had no prior knowledge of Moore's sexual assault conviction.

After the mother decided not to file charges the case was forwarded to the Kentucky State Police, where Moore was arrested after they learned he had recently been arrested on

sex offender registry charges. Moore has also been indicted on two counts of being a persistent felony offender, being charged once in each indictment.

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Council

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manager for a coal company, Copley owns a catering business in Pound, Va., and Nunnery works as an attorney in Prestonsburg.

All four agree that it will take a while for them to learn the ropes of the job, but they are eager to jump right in and get started.

"We want to figure out what the city has and what it needs," said Branham. "We also want to reinstall confidence in our city government."

The group also says they want to see more council involvement in the city and they plan to be proactive members of the council. They are already in the process of making plans to set up e-mail accounts which will be viewable by the public.

One of several issues the group wants to address is economic growth. They say that the city needs to go out and look for potential new businesses instead of waiting for businesses to come to it.

Another issue they have an interest in is the mountaintop development project. They agree that the area around Stonecrest golf course has enormous potential and the city should give a little more thought into how it could be put to good use.

The city's youth are also important to the four, all of them agreeing that a community center would be wonderful to have.

Although the four are already on the council, they all agree that they want to take things a little slow. "We would like to take time to learn the process," Branham said.

All four say they are very grateful for the opportunity to serve the city and they attribute their success to the voters.

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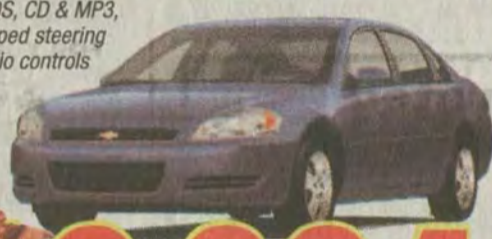
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David boycotts ACHS game over flag

by SAMIRA JAFARI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A local high school basketball team is boycotting a game against an opposing team that waves the Confederate flag at sporting events.

The team of eight players, including one black student, at the private David School in Floyd County made a unanimous decision this week to boycott the game, said Ned Pillersdorf, an attorney and the school's athletic director and coach.

The players believe that Allen Central High School's displays of Confederate emblems are a form of taunting, which is forbidden by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, Pillersdorf said Thursday.

Pillersdorf sent a letter to

Allen Central school officials, stating in part, "David has the only basketball team with black players in Floyd County, we want to assure you that the decision was made by all of our players."

Floyd County Superintendent Paul Fanning said Allen Central and David had a contract scheduling them to play Jan. 19. He has forwarded the issue to the state athletic association.

Brigid DeVries, commissioner of the athletic association, was out of town Thursday and could not be reached for comment. Other officials at the association declined comment through DeVries' assistant, Darlene Koszowski.

Allen Central officials, including Principal Lorena Hall, also declined comment Thursday.

The decision by the David

players follows a meeting Monday between a civil rights group and Fanning, in which members of the Louisville-based Justice Resource Center expressed their concerns over Allen Central's prominent displays of the Confederate flag at the school and public events.

The Rev. Louis Coleman, head of the Justice Resource Center, suggested giving nearby schools with black students the option of not participating in events where Confederate symbols are displayed, saying the flag creates "a very tense and negative atmosphere" for black student athletes.

Pillersdorf said his team took the vote after observing the recent publicity and talking about their last game against Allen Central in which fans held up large Confederate flags.

Especially upsetting,

Pillersdorf said, was when a black player was up for a foul shot and "they were waving the Confederate flag at him," Pillersdorf said.

It is the only school that has pulled out of a competition against Allen Central since debate over the Confederate flag surfaced last month, Fanning said.

Hall and her students have staunchly defended their Confederate emblems, saying they symbolize nothing more than strength, independence and pride.

They vocalized their support of the flag after a local school board member, Mickey McGuire, questioned whether the students should associate themselves with Confederate symbols during a board meeting in November.

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Obituaries

Hall Tackett. Funeral services were held Friday, December 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Draxie Bartley Harmon Abrams, 72, of Pikeville, died Monday, December 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 21, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Doris Wright Belcher, 70, of Dorton, died Monday, December 18, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Carl Belcher. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 21, under the direction of Lucas &

Son Funeral Home.

■ Clinton Blankenship, 42, of Dayton, Ohio, a Pike County native, died Friday, December 15 at A.P.S. Materials Handling, Dayton. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 19, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Home.

■ Micheal Branham, 59, of Belcher, died Monday, December 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 20, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Imogene Holbrooks, 82, of Marrowbone, died Monday, December 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, December

21, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Bobby Johnson, 63, of Marshalls Branch, Virgie, died Sunday, December 17, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, December 22, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Sharon Dean Gillespie Myers, 52, of Pikeville, died Saturday, December 16, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 19, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Troy Owens, 65, of Pinsonfork, died Monday, December 18, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Sharon

Kaye Owens. Funeral services were held Friday, December 22, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Laura Virginia Runyon Tufts, 43, of Lexington, formerly of Pinsonfork, died Monday, December 18, at her home. She is survived by her husband, James Cary Tufts. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 21, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Freddie Roy Wallace, 51, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, December 18, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 21, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home of Elkhorn City.

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Left Beaver Creek.

Winona Mullins to Curtis Howell Jr., property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Shirley Newsome to Cortney and Lindsey Clevinger, property location undisclosed.

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Steven Riggs to to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located at Bosco.

Virginia Riggs to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located at Bosco.

John Schickel U.S. Marshall to Charles E. and Chase E. Ousley, property location undisclosed.

Dennis Scrifes to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located at Bosco.

Sandra Scrifes to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located at Bosco.

Ella Mae Smith to Ella Mae Smith and Stephanie Dawn Sullivan, property located at

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Betsy Layne edges Lady Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Betsy Layne Ladycat Coach Cassandra Akers has coached in her share of big games. Tuesday night, Akers took her team on the road to Prestonsburg for a Floyd County Conference game against the host Lady Blackcats. The Ladycats pulled off a thrilling come-from-behind win over host Prestonsburg. Despite trailing at the end of every quarter, Betsy Layne managed to slip past the Lady Blackcats 56-55.

Megan Hamilton led Betsy Layne in scoring with a game-high 21 points.

Hamilton hit a pair of three-pointers, pulled down eight rebounds and recorded four steals for the Ladycats.

Kaitlin Lawson posted a double-double for Betsy Layne, scoring 19 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Lawson also had two steals in the pivotal 58th District matchup.

Amby Tackett finished with six points and a team-high four assists for the Ladycats. Andie Meade hit a pair of field goals and finished with four points for Betsy Layne. Krista Flanery finished with eight rebounds, three points and three assists for the Ladycats. Lindsey Martin also had three points and dished off three assists

for Betsy Layne.

Prestonsburg outscored Betsy Layne 19-13 in the opening quarter and led the Ladycats 35-28 at the break. Betsy Layne held Prestonsburg to just 20 points in the second half, outscoring the host team 19-13 in the third quarter.

"It was a big win on the road," Akers commented following the game.

Amber Whitaker led Prestonsburg with 19 points. Three different Lady Blackcats reached double figures scoring. Meaghan Stone scored 16 points and Linsey Fields added 11 for the Blackcats.

Elizabeth Chaffin added five points

for Prestonsburg, which finished six-of-13 from the free throw line. Rikki Hughes and Julianne Frye rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with two points apiece.

Betsy Layne connected on 10-of-15 free throws.

Prestonsburg will host Allen Central tonight in another important district game. Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-Allen Central girls' game is set for 6 p.m.

Betsy Layne will be back in action Wednesday on the road in Middlesboro at the First Priority Tri-State Basketball Classic against tournament co-host Bell County.



photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne junior Kaitlin Lawson posted a double-double of 19 points and 10 rebounds in Tuesday's 58th District win over Prestonsburg.

Tis the season – so let's enjoy

by RICK BENTLEY
 TIMES COLUMNIST

It's been a slow(er) week for us, which is very unusual to say the least. But in absence of one big, overriding topic, we thought we'd hit on several issues. And as you know, the best way to do that efficiently is to do so with notes. So as a Christmas gift for former News-Express Sports Editor Rob Herbst, let me say this: Gimme an N! Gimme an O! Gimme a T! Gimme an E! Gimme an S! What's that spell? NOTES!

(Bullet) Among the folks on my Christmas wish list is Randy McCoy.



Rick Bentley

The former Elkhorn City and Pikeville College coach has had a rough 2006, with health issues forcing him to stop doing the thing

he was born for. I would imagine very few people I know will be happier to remove the 2006 calendar than Randy. Unless, of course, it's Cheri.

It was a day or two before the first game of the season when Kelly Wells came to my office to tell me he'd received an email from McCoy, wishing him luck with (season-opener) Alice Lloyd and with the season. That didn't surprise me in the least. McCoy's blood runs orange and black, and his passion for Pikeville College didn't leave him when he stepped down last December.

Rarely does a day go by without someone mentioning McCoy around the gym, either by asking how he's doing or recounting a story about his time here. He's still fondly thought of here, and nobody has a higher regard for him than do I.

Here's hoping for a better 2007, Coach. You deserve every good thing coming your way.

■ "We are Marshall" opens today at theaters everywhere.

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BETSY LAYNE 64, P'BURG 55



photos by Jamie Howell

Above: Prestonsburg senior Chayse Martin went in a layup in Tuesday's home district game against longtime rival Betsy Layne. Betsy Layne senior center Trai Witt (42) scored nine points as the Bobcats prevailed.

Bobcats even district record with win over P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Betsy Layne has enjoyed its share of ups and downs this basketball season. The Bobcats won their first game last Friday evening against Piarist. Looking to extend its win streak to two games and claim an all-important district victory, Betsy Layne played on the road at Prestonsburg Tuesday night. The Bobcats turned a one-point halftime deficit around, outscoring host Prestonsburg in each of the second-half quarters. Behind a game-high 24 points from Samuel Keathley, Betsy Layne defeated Prestonsburg 64-55.

Betsy Layne (2-4 overall, 1-1 in the 58th District) drained five three-pointers. The Bobcats were 15-for-26 from the free throw line and hit 17 field goals.

Keathley knocked down a trio of three-pointers for the Bobcats. Justin Collins followed with 18 points for Betsy Layne. Both Keathley and Collins were five-of-eight from the free throw line.

In other Betsy Layne scoring, Trai Witt tossed in nine points, Brennan Case scored eight, James Lafferty had three and Jared Newman netted two.

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Lady Rebs drop home game to Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – In her time as Allen Central girls' basketball head coach, Cindy Halbert won her share of games at the J.E. Campbell Arena. Monday night, Halbert guided Pikeville to an impressive road win over host Allen Central. Visiting Pikeville finished out in front of Allen Central, beating the Lady Rebels 55-46.

Pikeville went ahead in the first half, but didn't secure the win without some resistance from the Lady Rebels.

The Lady Panthers outscored Allen Central 13-9 in the first quarter and led 24-16 at the half. Allen Central put its best quarter

(See REBS, page ten)

Lady Raiders outlast visiting Jenkins girls

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – The South Floyd Lady Raiders managed to eclipse their one-win total from all of last season Tuesday night, beating visiting Jenkins 48-41 at Raider Arena.

Jenkins took a slim 10-8 out of the first quarter before South Floyd battled back and was able to maintain a lead at the end of the next three frames.

Chelsie Tuttle made her first start for the South Floyd varsity unit and performed quite well for the Lady Raiders. Tuttle led South Floyd with a game-high 15 points. She was the only Lady Raider to reach double fig-

(See RAIDERS, page ten)

Dean records rare triple-double in South Floyd's setback

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

CAMPTON – South Floyd didn't open the Whitaker Bank Classic at Wolfe County quite like Coach Tony Isaac had hoped. However, South Floyd exited Wednesday night's tournament against Owsley County with many bright spots. Owsley County defeated South Floyd 62-51 in a game that featured each team holding a lead. The Lady Owls were able to outscore South Floyd 15-6 in the third quarter and put some distance between themselves and the Lady Raiders. One of the brightest spots for South Floyd was the play of senior center Heather Dean. One of the state's top rebounders and shot blockers last season, Dean recorded a triple-double for the Lady Raiders. Dean finished with 16 rebounds, 13 blocks and 12 points.

Owsley County led South Floyd at the end of every quarter. The Lady Owls clung to an 18-16 lead at the end of the first quarter. Owsley County only led 34-30 at the half.

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South Floyd senior Heather Dean (41) recorded a triple-double in Wednesday night's tournament game against Owsley County.

Cats beat Piarist for first win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE – After suffering through four losses, Betsy Layne got in the win column last Friday evening at home against Piarist. The Bobcats went ahead early and never trailed en route to a 67-42 win over the Knights.

Betsy Layne rolled off two dozen points in the first quarter and took a 24-4 lead into the second stanza. The Bobcats led 45-13 at the half.

Fifteen different players provided scoring for the Bobcats. Senior center Trai Witt paced the Bobcats with 12 points. Brennan Case and Jared Newman each had eight points for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne led 54-30 at the end of the third quarter. The Bobcats finished 11-of-14 from the free throw line. Betsy Layne connected on 24 field goals in the non-district game.

Josh Ousley led Piarist with 12 points. Jake Moak scored nine points and Chris Baker added six for the Knights. James Warrix tossed in five points and Matt Hicks added four as Piarist fell short. Matt Doyle and Caleb Hoskins each had three points for the Knights. Piarist was held to just 13 field goals.

The Bobcats were 10-for-17 from the free throw line.

Bentley

including the Riverfill 10 in Pikeville as well as in South Williamson and Prestonsburg. I caught a couple of reviews online this week that were largely negative. It won't, however, keep me from catching it.

Living in our area, we weren't - and still, with the exception of WYMT, aren't - able to get our local news from Kentucky stations. Jason Blanton says he grew up thinking Jay Rockefeller was our governor and A. James Manchin was secretary of state, and he's only slightly joking.

But as such, we got the full effect of the Marshall football story. And for this one, I'll draw my own conclusions as to how the story is presented.

■ This week at the cinema also brings the sixth incarnation of the Rocky series, as Sly Stallone continues his search for boxing immortality. For most people, seeing this movie will cause them to hearken back to the original, a cinematic masterpiece is the eyes of many.

But I'll ask you not to forget the movie that immediately preceded it in the Stallone archive. "Paradise Alley" was

a look at professional wrestling that included such notables as the "Terrible Texan" Terry Funk. The match at the end, if memory serves, took place outside in a pouring rain.

Now that was a movie I love.

■ Could things get any worse for George Karl? Think about this week for him: His players get into a relatively minor fracas ... until his resident idiot Carmello Anthony decided enough wasn't really enough and pulled one of the most bush-league hit-and-runs I've ever seen, resulting in a

15-game vacation.

Then his team traded for Allen Iverson, which could work out spectacularly or could completely blow up in his face.

And then Wednesday night a snow storm that left nearly two feet of snow on Denver not only caused a rare cancellation of an NBA game but also left him wondering when Iverson would finally make it to town.

I may be speaking out of turn here, but something tells me I'm not the only one surrounded by idiots.

■ Fantasy football leagues

everywhere are winding down, with championship games being held this weekend for the most part. It's always a bittersweet time for those of us who spend months living and dying by things we have absolutely no power over come Sunday afternoons and Monday nights.

■ Here, we had the ultimate bittersweet season. Riding Larry Johnson's wheels and trying to plug together something with three mediocre quarterbacks, I made it through the regular season at 11-3, with the best record in my 12-team league.

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But last week, of course, I fell 104-90 thanks largely to a scoring system employed by CBS Sportsline involving defenses that caused my Jacksonville D to get penalized for all 24 points scored by Tennessee even though its offense gave up 21 of them.

Not that I'm bitter or anything. Let's just move on.

■ As we wind down things here, we'd be remiss if we didn't wish everyone a Merry Christmas. This season is supposed to be one of joy and goodwill, and we wish all of you all of God's best gifts.

Merry Christmas to all.

Raiders

ures. Kayla Hall followed with nine points for South Floyd. In a balanced scoring effort, Faith Little and Danielle Tackett each had seven points for the Lady

Raiders. Heather Dean gave South Floyd a strong presence inside, finishing with 13 rebounds, four points and seven blocks. Andrea Conn also had four points and

Jessie Tackett added two.

South Floyd hit a trio of three-pointers and shot well from the free throw line, making 13-of-17 attempts.

Ashley Williams paced

Jenkins with a team-high 13 points. Reevis was the only other player in double figures for the Lady Cavaliers with 12 points. Heather Maggard chipped in nine points for

Jenkins. Maggard got all nine of her points from behind the three-point line.

Jenkins was held to just nine field goals. The Lady Cavaliers made five three-

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pointers and connected on eight-of-15 free throws.

Following the win, South Floyd improved to 2-4.

ATHLETES

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Rebs

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of basketball together in the third period when it outscored Pikeville 22-14. The game was knotted at 38-38 when the fourth quarter got underway. Pikeville used some hot-shooting to pull out the win.

Erica Cecil paced Pikeville with a game-high 16 points. Anna Sanders also reached double figures for the Lady Panthers, finishing with 13 points. Lesley Francisco just missed double digits for Pikeville, ending the non-district game with nine points.

Three different players scored in double figures for host Allen Central. Amanda Thacker led Allen Central with a team-high 13 points. Brandi Brown added 11 points and Liz Dingus scored 10 for the Lady Rebels.

Jessica Toole tossed in six points. Sara Johnson scored five and Kim Bilitier connected on a free throw for the Lady Raiders

Dean

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The Lady Raiders outscored Owsley County 15-13 in the final quarter.

Kendra Combs led Owsley County with a team-high 17 points. Combs was one of four Lady Owls to score 10 or more points. Jessica Murrell pushed in 15 points for the Lady Owls.

Kayla Hall, one of the most underrated players in the Floyd County Conference,

paced South Floyd with a game-high 21 points. Chelsie Tuttle scored 10 points for South Floyd, which featured seven different scorers.

With the win, Owsley County improved to 6-2. The loss dropped South Floyd to 2-5.

Whitaker Bank Classic at Wolfe County
Owsley County 62, South

Floyd 51

South Floyd (2-5) - Conn 1, Hall 21, Dean 12, Little 1, Tuttle 10, Tackett 4, Bailey 2.

Owsley County (6-2) - K. Combs 17, Murrell 15, Turner 12, Thacker 10, C. Combs 6, Marshall 2.

South Floyd.....16 14 6 15-51

Owsley County....18 16 15 13-62

Bobcats

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Betsy Layne won its second straight game. The Bobcats improved to 2-4 overall and 1-1 in the 58th District.

Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose was pleased to see his team win its second straight game, and, more importantly, pull even its district record at 1-1.

"It was a big win for us because it was a district game and our kids needed the confidence gained from the game," said Rose. "We have had several chances to put up wins and we really played smart down the stretch last night. I believe both teams played much better than they had the first couple of weeks of the season."

Betsy Layne finished 15-for-26 from the free throw line.

Betsy Layne led 13-9 at the end of the first quarter before surrendering its lead. Prestonsburg took a clim 24-23 lead into halftime. Betsy Layne outscored Prestonsburg 24-16 in the third quarter.

Jordan Hall paced Prestonsburg with a team-


high 19 points. Hall dialed up a successful connection on five three-point field goal attempts. Prestonsburg hit eight three-pointers in the loss.

Senior center Trevor Patton added 10 points for the Blackcats. Mason Vance tossed in eight points and Nathaniel Stephens netted seven for Prestonsburg.

Betsy Layne was back in action Thursday night, playing on the road at Big Creek, W. Va. Results from the Betsy Layne-Big Creek game were unavailable at press time.

Prestonsburg (0-3 overall, 0-1 in the district) will play host to Allen Central tonight in another key district game.


Betsy Layne 64, Prestonsburg 55
Betsy Layne (2-4) - Case 8, Collins 18, Keathley 24, Lafferty 3, Witt 9, Newman 2.
Prestonsburg (0-3) - Hall 19, Hughes 5, Patton 10, Stephens 9, Vance 8, Martin 2, Burchett 2.
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MCA takes two from Allen

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN - Alex Hartgrove and Joseph Kidd scored 14 points apiece when Mountain Christian Academy hosted Allen Tuesday, Dec. 12 in Floyd County grade school basketball play. The efforts of Hartgrove and Kidd led MCA to a 45-13 win over the Eagles.

MCA led Allen 17-5 at the half. The Falcons held the Eagles to just eight points in the entire second half.

MCA finished strong, outscoring Allen 14-0 in the fourth quarter.

Matthew Prater added six points for host MCA.

MCA took the C-team game 21-14. John Gullett led the MCA C-Team with a game-high 11 points. Matthew Ison and Ian Hall each had four points apiece for the Falcons and Alex David tossed in two.



Alex Hartgrove and Kes Moore were recently named Mr. & Ms. Falcon.



Betsy Layne's Megan Hamilton drove in for a layup during Tuesday's district game at Prestonsburg.

photo by Jamie Howell

Kentucky Wildcats 74, Santa Clara 60

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — In two straight games, Kentucky has proven it can win with or without Randolph Morris. With is better.

The Kentucky center had 23 points and a career-high 13 rebounds as the Wildcats stretched their winning streak to four games with a 74-60 victory over Santa Clara Tuesday night.

It was the third double-double of the season for Morris, who picked up four fouls and was held to a season-low two points Saturday in the Wildcats' victory over rival Louisville.

"You can't have two bad games

consecutively," Morris said. "I had a mental lapse in the Louisville game, kind of got down on myself."

Nothing like a career highlight-type game to cure those ills.

With two Santa Clara starters measuring at 6-foot-11, Kentucky (8-3) needed its big man to stay out of foul trouble and contribute this time. Morris did both.

He drew only one foul late in the game when Kentucky had a comfortable 11-point lead. He made 10 of 18 shots to match the season-high 23 points he scored earlier this season in a loss at North Carolina.

"We've got a big guy, and he's no joke down there," guard Ramel Bradley said. "He was making up for

last game."

Morris acknowledges he was surprised at how many open shots Santa Clara let him take. As for the rebounds against a big defense, Morris says he just tried to "eat as much glass as I could."

Mitch Henke had 17 points to lead Santa Clara (8-4).

With the Broncos ahead 23-22 late in the first half, Joe Crawford banked in a layup from beneath the basket, putting Kentucky ahead for good. Morris scored the next six points on the drive.

"Randolph carried the load for us again," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said.

Santa Clara scored the last five

points of the half to pull to 30-28 and came within one with 14 minutes left in the game on a jumper by Danny Pariseau.

But Morris answered with a jumper of his own a minute later, then came up with a critical steal to keep the Broncos from regaining the lead.

"I thought we had some moments, but we just couldn't sustain it long enough to get back in the game," Santa Clara coach Dick Davey said.

Freshman Derrick Jasper put the game out of reach with six minutes left when he took an under-the-basket pass from Crawford, scored on the layup, drew a foul and connected on the three-point play.

Morris provided the only signifi-

cant offense for the Wildcats, who hit just 41 percent from the field. Bradley had 14 points but missed 10 of his 14 shots. He did start the second half with a long-range 3-pointer that gave the Wildcats some breathing room.

For much of the early scoring, Smith turned to his bench, which scored 13 of Kentucky's first 16 points.

The game also marked the debut — albeit a brief one — for Kentucky swingman Ramon Harris, who was just cleared to play by the NCAA. Harris, Alaska's Class 4A player of the year, saw a minute of action midway through the first half but didn't score.

UK women defeat MVSU

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Kentucky's inside presence, led by junior center Sarah Elliott's (McKee) game-high 21 points and freshman forward Lydia Watkins' (Hopkinsville) 10 rebounds, stepped up big as the Wildcats limited Mississippi Valley State to just 12 second-half points in an impressive 84-37 win in front of 5,136 fans in Memorial Coliseum.

The Wildcats (7-3) won their third consecutive game by holding the Delta Devils (2-5) to a season-low 20.9 percent (13-of-62) shooting from the floor. Kentucky, which led 41-25 at intermission, opened the second

half with 17 unanswered points to put the game away.

Kentucky exploited its size advantage over Mississippi Valley State with a dominating post presence. The Cats outscored the Delta Devils 38-10 in points in the paint and were tenacious on the boards, winning the rebound battle by 27 (57-30), including 23 offensive rebounds. UK had a season-high nine blocks and outscored MVSU 24-1 in second-chance opportunities. All 11 Wildcats saw action and scored at least two points.

Elliott, who eclipsed the 20-point plateau for the third time this season, was 10-of-14 from the field in 18 minutes of action. She narrowly missed her third double-double of the season with nine rebounds, including six on the offensive end, and also tied a season-high with three blocks. Senior guard Jenny Pfeiffer (North Vernon, Ind.) added 15 points, including three

three-pointers. Pfeiffer has knocked down seven treys and scored 30 points in her last two games combined.

Watkins was one rebound shy of her career-high and also had four points on a career-best 4-of-6 performance from the free-throw line. Junior guards Chante' Bowman (Detroit) and Samantha Mahoney (Detroit), and sophomore point guard Carly Ormerod (Louisville) each chipped in seven points. Sophomore forward Jenn'e Jackson (Radcliff) had a career-high three blocks in the game.

The Cats, who led 41-25 at half-time, opened the second half with 17 consecutive points to take a 58-25 advantage with 15:16 left in the game. Elliott had eight points during that stretch. Kentucky continued adding to its lead, using a 13-0 run to pull ahead by 46 points, 77-31, with 5:25 left. The Wildcats led by as many as 50 points (84-34) in the game.

Pikeville Lady Bears bounce Brenau with boards

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ORLANDO, Fla. — Perhaps it was some Disney magic that helped the Pikeville College women's basketball team get back to its winning ways.

After losing six straight games, the Lady Bears roared into the Disney Wide World of Sports complex on Monday and picked up a big 67-46 victory over Georgia's Brenau University. Strong shooting and big rebounds helped propel the Lady Bears, who improve to 4-9 with the win.

Brenau opened the game with a three from Vicky Wilson, but the Lady Bears took over from there. Senior Tonya Amburgey (Pinetop) scored the Lady Bears' first five points on her own, giving Pikeville a lead that it would not relinquish. The Lady Bears used an impressive 11-6 run over the course of the final eight minutes, which was capped off by a three from sophomore Alice Daniel (Meally), to take their largest lead of the half at 34-23.

Surging with a confidence unseen in recent weeks, the Lady Bears

stormed out of the locker room at halftime and pushed their lead on the Golden Tigers. Amburgey, along with Camille Cook (Whitesburg) and Kristal Daniels (Betsy Layne), hit the boards and effectively neutralized the Golden Tigers' inside game. Pikeville outscored Brenau 33-23 during the second half, again capped off by a three from Daniel, which gave the Lady Bears their largest lead of the game at 67-46, which would hold up until the buzzer sounded.

"Great effort," said Pikeville head coach Bill Watson. "I can't stress that

enough. If we had that kind of effort everyday we'd be very successful."

For Watson, it was the defense that was most impressive. "Defensively we're getting better," he added. "We out-rebounded them 52-37, which was the best we've done all year. I can't say enough about the way we came out and put those bad games behind us and responded."

Amburgey was the catalyst, as she poured in a game-high 20 points and nine rebounds. Daniel provided 12 points and six boards for the Lady Bears, while Cook also contributed

11 points and seven rebounds.

The Lady Bears also got strong showings out of two players playing through injuries. Senior Jessica Lovell (Belfry), playing hurt nearly all season, provided six assists. Meanwhile, junior Kellie Jo Moore (Inez), playing with a broken tooth, had five points in limited playing time.

"Lovell and Kellie Jo did really well playing hurt," Watson said. "You can't ask for much more out of those two. I'm proud of them."

Harris claims Mid-South Conference honor

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Mid-South Conference is chock full of outstanding basketball players year in and year out, but Pikeville College may have just added one of the elite ones when the first semester came to an end on the hillside campus.

In three games, sophomore Bo Harris has logged three straight double-doubles, helped his team to three straight victories as part of a four-game win streak for the Bears, and

now, something he can add to his personal resume: He has been named the Mid-South Conference player of the week.

Harris, a 6-7 forward from Winchester, earned the honor for his play in Pikeville's double-overtime win over Savannah College of Art & Design and their Saturday-afternoon rout of Kentucky Christian University.

"Bo Harris is a terrific basketball player, and a very nice, polite young man," said Coach Kelly Wells. "But I

think even we have been surprised at how well he's played. He's playing with a lot of determination and with the heart of someone trying to make up for the 12 games he missed earlier this season."

Before fouling out of the 94-89 win over legendary Cazzie Russell's SCAD Bees, Harris buzzed them for 27 points and 17 rebounds to go along with two blocks, a steal and an assist. And with 0.8 seconds left in regulation, Harris fielded a lob from senior Will Holloman and slammed it

through to send the teams to overtime.

On Saturday, the Bears knocked off Kentucky Christian by a 104-58 final thanks to getting 22 points and 15 boards from Harris. In addition, he contributed four assists, two blocks and a steal.

For the week, he shot 59 percent from the floor and 44 percent from the arc.

In his three outings, Harris is averaging 24 points and 14 rebounds to go with 3.5 blocks, 3.0 assists and 2.5

steals. He is shooting 58.2 percent from the field and 50.0 percent from the arc.

The Bears entered the Christmas break having recovered from the six-game losing streak that opened the season. They've won seven of their last nine and four in a row to enter the break at 7-8 on the season.

Harris will have time to reflect on his incredible start. The Bears are off until Dec. 30, when they'll host U.Va.-Wise at the Pikeville College Gym at 4 p.m.

Falcons compete in St. Francis Tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The David School basketball team played three games in less than 24 hours over the weekend in the St. Francis Tournament. In the first game of the tournament, David played host St. Francis in the historic Spectrum Gym. The Spectrum is located where Male High School played many of its storied games.

The Folks in attendance also saw an historic game as the David

School Falcons rushed out to a 10-0 lead in the opening quarter. St. Francis scored with less than two seconds remaining in the first quarter to close the gap to 10-2. The host team eventually prevailed 47-30. St. Francis was led in scoring by Billy Mitchell, who tossed in a game-high 19 points. The Falcons held St. Francis standout Abukar Jayo to just 16 points.

While many college scouts were in attendance to watch Jayo perform and set a career school scoring record, David's Kasey Ousley stole the show. Ousley scored 17 points, pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds and blocked eight shots. Blake Stumbo scored 14 points and Nathan Robinson added seven for the Falcons.

In the second game, David played

played competitively until the fourth quarter against Eastern Kentucky rival Riverside Christian. The Rams pulled away late, winning 61-36.

Riverside was led in scoring by center Brett Stacy, who tallied 25 points. Stacy, a 6-6 center, dominated the paint for the Rams.

Stumbo had another outstanding performance for the Falcons in the second game, scoring a team-best 23 points. Riverside outscored David 19-4 in the fourth quarter.

Stumbo hit five three-pointers for David in his second game.

The Falcons fell to Paris in their third and final St. Francis Tournament game. Paris, a strong team out of the 10th Region, defeated the Falcons 83-38.

Joe Tiller scored a game-high 15 points for David in the setback to

Paris. Ousley and Robinson each had seven points for the Falcons.

David Assistant Coach Janet Stumbo was proud of the David team's performance in the St. Francis Tournament.

"Our players were not intimidated by playing in front of a large crowd in Louisville, and we actually outplayed St. Francis for most of the game," said Francis. "I believe we could have defeated Riverside

Christian if we had not played the night before."

The Falcons will have a rematch against Riverside Christian Jan. 26, 2007 at 7 p.m. against South Floyd. David will host Riverside in a home game.

The Falcons will be back in action Jan. 2, 2007 at Mountain Christian Academy against Piarist at 7 p.m.

Garrett battles back, beats Mt. Mission

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GRUNDY, Va. — The Garrett Christian Warriors were on the road Saturday in a game against the host Mt. Mission Challengers. Despite a blistering start from Mt. Mission, Garrett managed to turn the Challengers back and capture the

road win. The Warriors prevailed, winning 65-60.

The Challengers started the game at a feverish pitch, hitting four three-pointers in the first quarter. Mt. Mission led 25-8 at the end of the first quarter. Garrett Coach Jerry Manns settled his team down between quarters and the Warriors outscored the Challengers 18-7 in the second quarter, leading Mt. Mission with a 32-26 lead at the half.

The Warriors continued to battle back in the third quarter and had cut Mt. Mission's lead down to a 51-49 advantage at the end of the third quarter. Kyle Green and Andrew

Zabo provided stellar defense and shooting in Garrett's run.

The two teams swapped leads in the fourth quarter. Ryan Burns hit three free throws to help preserve Garrett's win. Zabo hit a jumper for Garrett as time ran out, helping to set the final score.

Four different Garrett players reached double figures scoring. Matthew Potter paced the Warriors with 17 points. Green scored 16 points, Zabo netted 15 and Burns added 13. Wes Prater contributed four points in the Garrett win.

FLOYD COUNTY HOOPS



CLEAN SWEEP: One week ago, Allen Central took a pair of games from South Floyd, beating the Lady Raiders and Raiders in 58th District play. AC senior Josh Martin (34) is pictured posted up.

Colts 34, Bengals 16

by BARRY WILNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning felt cuddly warm thanks to his favorite receiver.

Of course, Manning to Marvin Harrison is the surest way to get the Indianapolis Colts out of a funk.

The most prolific passing duo in NFL history tore apart the Cincinnati Bengals, combining for three touchdowns in a 34-16 victory Monday night.

"When your backs are against the wall, you go to that old blanket," Manning said. "I'm thankful for those guys every day. Without those two, Marvin and Reggie (Wayne) ...

"I watch other quarterbacks in the league and none of them have two guys like that. One great receiver, but not two great receivers. It makes my job easier."

So did the Colts' maligned defense, which woke up after Indy dropped three of its last four games and yielded an incomprehensible 375

yards rushing a week ago to Jacksonville. Cincinnati gained 278 yards overall, much of it after the outcome was decided.

"The defense felt really challenged to stop the run and get the offense back on the field," Manning said. "We did a good job of staying on the field tonight and getting into a groove."

It was vintage Manning, throwing to Harrison and dominating for the AFC South champion Colts (11-3), while the Bengals (8-6) slipped back in the wild-card race with their first loss in five weeks. They'd allowed 33 points in those four wins, one less than Indy scored Monday night.

"On some teams, it's almost like you have two different teams," Manning said. "We try to stick together."

Manning, 5-0 against Cincinnati, had one of the sharpest outings of his brilliant career, although he never looked deep because the Bengals couldn't cover anyone on quick-hitting routes. He was 29-for-36 for 282 yards, a 136.3 rating, and his 15th career four-touchdown outing. In

addition to bringing his total TD throws to Harrison to 103, he found Wayne on an 18-yarder and passed Vinny Testaverde for eighth place with 270 career touchdowns passes.

"We have so much talent offensively, we know that at any time we can make things happen, no matter who has the ball," Wayne said. "So whenever you give him time to throw the ball, we know he'll light it up."

Manning was helped greatly by Cincinnati's inability to rush him or handle receivers coming off the line. More than half his completions came on short patterns where a Colt was wide open.

"That's just him," Bengals cornerback Tory James said of Manning. "He did what he do. He did his job, which is what he does every time."

And the Colts never let the Bengals' fourth-ranked passing attack hit stride. Dwight Freney led the defense with three sacks and Carson Palmer was a pedestrian 14-for-28 for 176 yards.

"We went out there and proved to ourselves that we could play well," Freney said.

The victory kept Indianapolis even

with Baltimore and one game behind San Diego in the race for top record in the AFC.

"Sometimes things get escalated," Manning said. "We lost two in a row, so we must have all these problems. We knew what was at stake. ... We're playing for a lot of momentum going into the postseason and for seeding."

The game became a poke-and-probe chess match in which Manning's patience and Harrison's polish were decisive. On the first two touchdowns, Harrison beat Cincinnati's coverage to the inside for 4- and 3-yard scores. He went the other way on the third, victimizing Deltha O'Neal for a 1-yarder that made it 24-13.

The touchdowns capped clock-sapping drives that had the Bengals' strong offense anxiously awaiting its chances. Cincinnati did almost nothing with those opportunities.

Indy's suspect defense made the first big play of the night. Freney, who had only 2 1/2 sacks coming in, slammed into Palmer from behind and knocked the ball loose for Anthony McFarland to recover at the Bengals 46.

That led to Adam Vinatieri's 30-yard field goal.

Shayne Graham tied it 3-3 with a 27-yarder set up by some poor tackling by the Colts on Rudi Johnson.

With Indy up 10-3, Terrence Wilkins unwisely fielded a well-covered punt at his 25 and dropped the ball. Cincinnati's Tony Stewart recovered, leading to Rudi Johnson's 12-yard run that tied it 10-10.

No matter as Manning calmly led a 13-play drive using up all but 13 seconds of the half. He even scrambled for 12 yards on third-and-9, and then Harrison used another slant-in for a 3-yard touchdown.

Cincinnati's passing attack managed 17 yards in the first half and couldn't protect Palmer from the inspired Freney. And the Bengals rushed for just 133 yards.

"I'm not stunned - disappointed," Palmer said. "I felt we had an opportunity to win, a chance to extend our season. I played terrible, I missed too many balls."

Cincinnati is tied with the Jaguars, Jets and Broncos for the two AFC wild-card berths.

Notes: Harrison finished with eight catches for 86 yards and Wayne had seven for 84 ... Colts rookie running back Joseph Addai left in the third quarter with an ankle injury that Dungy didn't think was serious. Bengals left tackle Willie Anderson hurt his right foot, while Chad Johnson needed an IV at halftime, but returned.

Bengals know they need to beat Denver

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — One bad night in Indianapolis crushed the Cincinnati Bengals' late-season momentum and left them with no margin for error if they want to make the playoffs.

They know they can't lose again when they go to Denver.

Given a chance to take control of the AFC wild card race, the Bengals played their worst game in more than a month. A 34-16 loss to the Colts on Monday night left Cincinnati tied with three other teams at 8-6. Only two of them will get wild card berths.

Their game Sunday at Denver (8-6) could decide their season. The Bengals and Broncos have the best conference records among the four wild card contenders, a main tiebreaker.

A loss could drop them behind Jacksonville or the Jets, the other wild card contenders that are currently 8-6.

"We've got another one coming up quick," linebacker Brian Simmons said. "We've got to take the good with the bad from this one, learn from it and go to Denver."

"We still control our destiny. What more can we ask for? If we don't win next week, we know what it is. If we win, then we've got another week to stay alive."

They could have put themselves on the doorstep of the playoffs by beating the Colts, who had lost three of their last four games and were allowing teams to run for nearly 176 yards per game.

Instead, their offense suffered another significant injury — Pro Bowl right tackle Willie Anderson hurt his foot — and the defense's stretch of three straight impressive showings ended with an unsettling performance.

"Something we've got to do is get it out of our system," right guard Bobbie Williams said. "The good thing about it is our destiny is still in our hands."

Heading into their game on Monday night, the Bengals were one of the NFL's hottest teams. Quarterback Carson Palmer was finally back in form after reconstructive knee surgery, and the defense had allowed only 17 points in the last three

games, a franchise first.

Palmer had his first subpar game in more than a month, going 14-of-28 for 176 yards with four sacks. His passer rating of 69.9 was his second-lowest of the season. In the first half, Palmer was only 3-of-8 for 33 yards with a pair of sacks and a fumble.

"I didn't play good at all," Palmer said. "I played terrible."

The offensive line had another major setback when Anderson, a four-time Pro Bowl right tackle, hurt his right foot during the second quarter and didn't return. Left tackle Levi Jones and center Rich Braham have missed the second half of the season with knee injuries.

Coach Marvin Lewis wasn't available to the news media Tuesday to provide a condition update on Anderson, who has started 110 consecutive games.

"I know he was going to (try to) tough it out and play," Jones said. "He wanted to do it for the team. I think it ended up bothering him so bad, he was not capable of doing what he does. It's a tough thing, but we will get him back soon."

After Anderson left, the line featured rookie Andrew Whitworth at left tackle and third-year backup Stacy Andrews at right tackle. Defensive

ends Dwight Freney and Robert Mathis took advantage, putting a lot of pressure on Palmer.

"In a situation like this where you have to throw every down, it's going to be a heck of a challenge," Jones said.

The defense also came apart. The Bengals took the long pass away from Peyton Manning, who adjusted by finding open receivers for short gains that added up to scoring drives. Manning was 18-of-20 in the first half for 148 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Overall, Manning went 29-of-36 for 282 yards with four touchdowns and a passer rating of 136.3. He didn't complete a throw longer than 22 yards.

"He's good enough, their offense is good enough, that they are going to burn you with every mistake you make," defensive lineman Sam Adams said.

The defense put together those impressive recent numbers against some of the NFL's lowest-ranked offenses — Cleveland and Oakland. The Colts were a good test of how much they actually had improved.

"We just didn't play well," defensive end Justin Smith said.

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Rose backs McGwire, hopes exhibit helps with reinstatement

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Pete Rose thinks Mark McGwire should be in baseball's Hall of Fame, and hasn't given up hope that he'll get there someday, too.

Baseball's banished hits king said Tuesday that McGwire, who is on the ballot for the first time, ought to be voted in despite his refusal to discuss steroids. Rose isn't eligible for the ballot because of his lifetime ban for gambling.

Rose made the case for McGwire by noting that baseball didn't crack down on steroids until after the 2002 season, when McGwire had retired.

McGwire hit a then-record 70 homers in 1998, when his race with Sammy Sosa to top Roger Maris' record drew huge crowds and helped the game reshape its image after a labor strife.

"Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, I think they kind of saved the

game in (1998) with the home run contest," Rose said. "That home run derby kind of brought baseball back."

Rose himself isn't having much luck with Halls of Fame.

Flu prevented him from flying from the West Coast for a news conference at the Cincinnati Reds' Hall of Fame on Tuesday. The hall is putting together a special exhibit honoring Rose's career.

The Cincinnati native helped the Reds win back-to-back World Series in 1975-76 and broke Ty Cobb's career hit record, finishing with 4,256. He was banned in 1989 for betting on baseball, something he denied for the next 13 years.

He acknowledged betting on baseball in 2002 during a meeting with commissioner Bud Selig. His second autobiography in 2004 made the admission public, but turned off many fans and, evidently, baseball's top executives. The book contained little remorse and was released just before Paul Molitor and Dennis

Eckersley were elected to the Hall of Fame.

"When the book came out, everything kind of went haywire," Rose said Tuesday, during a conference call scheduled after his illness kept him from traveling to Cincinnati.

Rose's eligibility for the ballot ended last year. Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt, a close friend, wrote in a book earlier this year that Rose understands he probably will never be inducted and that he'll almost certainly never be allowed back in the game in any capacity.

"There has been no change in the status of Pete Rose's reinstatement petition," Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, said Tuesday in an e-mail.

Rose said he hasn't lost hope.

"Sure I'd like to go into the Hall of Fame," he said. "More important to me, I'd like to be back in the game. I'm a teacher of the game."

Rose thinks that if baseball ever reinstated him, some owner would

hire him as manager.

"I'm sure there are always going to be things about what I did in the past, but I'm not concerned about that," Rose said.

He was the Reds' player-manager from 1984-86, allowing him to catch and pass Cobb's record. He then limited himself to managing until his banishment in 1989.

The Reds finished second each season from 1985-88, then fell to fifth in Rose's final season. They won the World Series by sweeping McGwire's Oakland team in 1990 under Lou Piniella.

Rose's career is honored as part of the Reds' history in various places at Great American Ball Park, which opened in 2003. There's a rose garden at the spot where record-breaking hit No. 4,192 landed at old Riverfront Stadium, which was located alongside the new ballpark.

Rose hasn't been inducted into the Reds' Hall of Fame, but several of his jerseys are on display. Also, there is a

three-story display of 4,256 baseballs, honoring his most famous feat.

A special exhibit opening next March will include the bat and ball from his record-setting hit, other memorabilia and a television documentary. Baseball officials said the exhibit conforms to the terms of Rose's lifetime ban.

"We see this exhibit as very much a celebration of Pete and his career, a way for us to acknowledge the special characteristics he brought to the playing field and made him so beloved in Cincinnati," said Greg Rhodes, executive director of the Reds' Hall of Fame.

Rose hopes that the exhibit is popular and that baseball takes notice.

"That probably would give baseball another reason to consider reinstating me," Rose said. "I know I've made mistakes, but a lot of people feel I've paid for those mistakes. It's been 17 years already."

Reds Hall of Fame to open Pete Rose exhibit in March 2007

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Pete's back!... at the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum.

The Reds Hall of Fame will celebrate the 24-year playing career of baseball's all-time hits leader with a major exhibit opening March 10, 2007. The exhibit is slated to remain open until the spring of 2008.

"This exhibit is a chance for Reds fans to recall the excitement and passion that Pete Rose brought to the game of baseball," said Hall of Fame executive director Greg Rhodes. "This is about Pete's playing career, recalling what made him one of the best players of all-time."

The exhibit will cover 2,000 square feet, utilizing the gallery in the main lobby of the Reds Hall of Fame

and incorporating existing exhibits. All exhibits will detail Rose's career from 1963 to 1986, spanning the years from Crosley Field to Riverfront Stadium.

Chris Eckes, museum curator, already has identified a number of new artifacts slated for display.

"We will be including some new items from our own collection plus items from several local collectors and fans," said Eckes. "We plan to fill several exhibit cases and will include video and audio highlights."

Highlighted artifacts include the bat and ball from Pete's record-setting 4,192nd hit (on loan from Steve Wolter and Sports Investments, Inc.); the lineup card from the 4,192 game; 3,000th career hit uniform; hit balls from 1985; a piece of the Riverfront AstroTurf that marked the location where hit 4,192 landed; "Cincinnati Kid" television documentary from 1970; hundreds of Rose baseball cards; Rose game-worn jerseys from 1964 and 1966; milestone bats and game-used bats; and milestone balls from Rose's career.

Online: www.cincinnati Reds.com



NEW SEASON: Allen driver Brandon Kinzer and his Late Model raceteam are busy with plans for the 2007.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Christmas friends...all year 'round

Two Horses

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each looks like every other horse you see, but if you stop your car, or are



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

walking by, you will notice something quite a m a z i n g about this particular pair.

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose to you that he is blind.

His owner has chosen not to have him put down, and has made a good home for him.

This alone is amazing.

But even moreso, if you are nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field, for attached to her halter is a small bell. This small bell allows her blind friend to know where she is - so that he can fol-

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DINNER DIVA

Savor every day

by Leanne Ely

This morning, I received an email ad from a kitchen supply store telling me to "savor the holidays." As I was about to delete it,



Leanne Ely

I started thinking about the word "savor" and what it means. What I aim for in my life is to live in such a way that I savor ALL days, not just the holidays. Isn't that

truly about? Not just holidays and celebrations—but everything, from the mundane tasks to the more difficult aspects of living—everything. ALL of life is meant to be savored—not just the holidays.

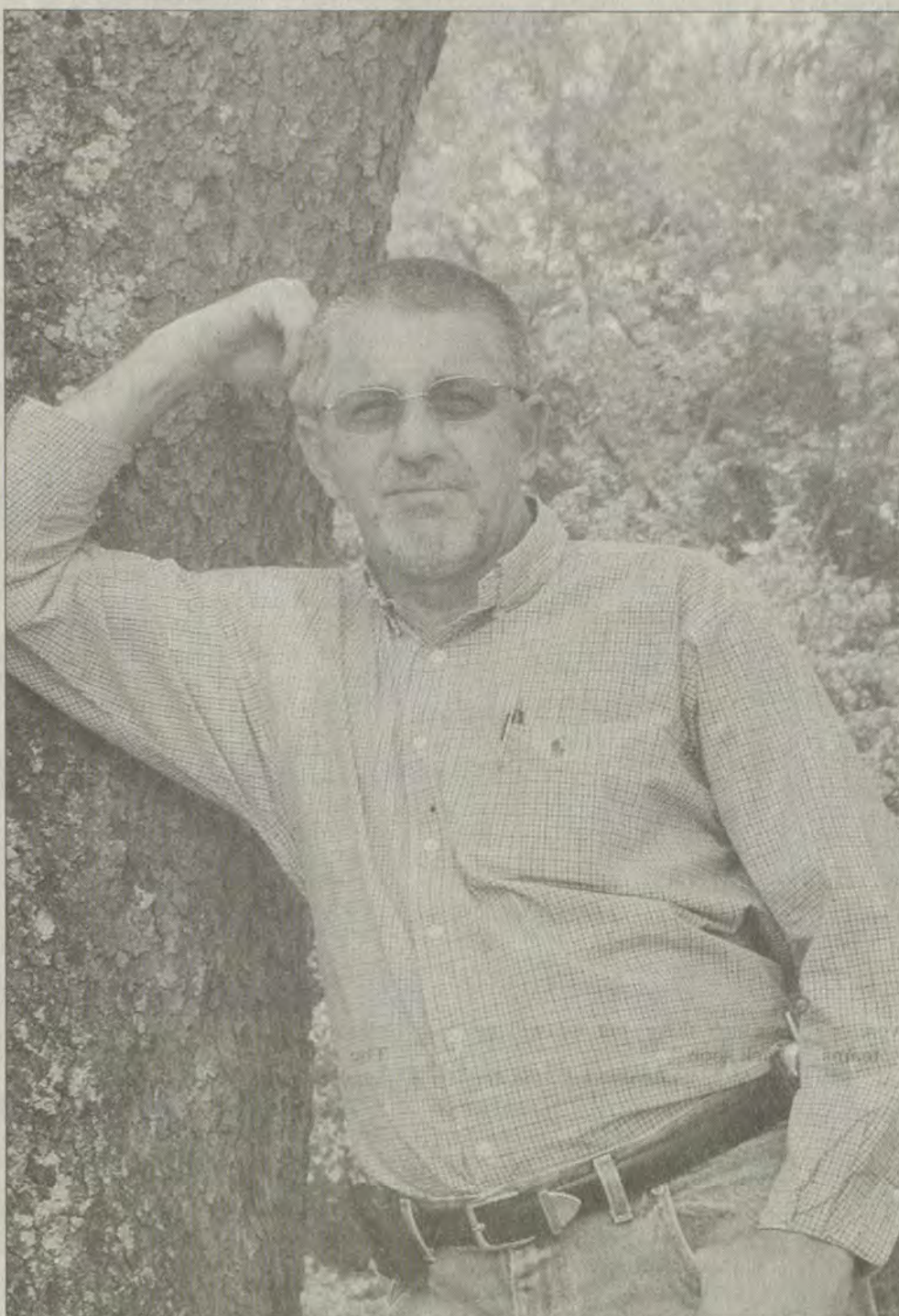
The dictionary defines savor (the verb) as: to give flavor to, to have experience of, to taste or smell with pleasure, to delight in. Other words or phrases would be season, taste, relish, appreciate, enjoy, and luxuriate in.

We can do that—savor our lives, when we let go of our perfectionism. Have you ever noticed perfectionism doesn't live in the

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MEET THE BIG SANDY SINGERS

Today, we conclude our "Meet the Big Sandy Singers" series of articles about the members of The Big Sandy Singers, a musical group comprised of students from Big Sandy Community and Technical College. To learn more about the program, contact Laura Ford Hall on the BSCTC-Prestonsburg campus.



Tim Cooley

Timothy C. Cooley
Technical Director and Producer

Timothy Cooley, of Prestonsburg, serves as the technical director and producer for the Big Sandy Singers. He works full-time with the group, traveling around with them to all of their shows, assembling and operating the sound equipment, and also runs the Big Sandy Productions Studio on the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus – producing the albums.

Timothy started singing at age 10. He was raised on Southern Gospel music. "My parents were always listening to and going to see groups like The Happy Goodmans, The Statesmen Quartet and the Blackwood Brothers. I began learning to play anything that had strings or keys on it."

Timothy has had many experiences in the music industry. "Some of my most favorite experiences have been traveling with the Godsmen Quartet locally. We produced an album and I did a solo album right before that. I then had the opportunity to become a tenor singer for the Apple City Boys, a southern gospel trio. I was able to record a total of four albums with them. We toured all over the U.S. and Canada as well. During this time, I had the opportunity to perform with some of my gospel favorites such as James Blackwood, Palmetto State Quartet, and the Kingsmen."

Timothy performed at the prestigious Eastern Quartet Convention in Pittsburg and the National Quartet Convention in Louisville. After resigning from the Apple City Boys, Timothy got offers to sing with the Kevin Spencer Trio and The Blackwood Brothers of Memphis, but he elected to stay home instead. "Sleeping in a bus just wasn't for me," he said. "I missed my family way too much."

Timothy is husband to Gail Cooley and father to Januari Fitzpatrick and Craig, "a son that can't be beat!," he said. He has one granddaughter, Kennedy. He is the son of Vincel and June Cooley of Prestonsburg.

Outside of his job at Big Sandy, Timothy has the honor of being the captain of the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad and is a veteran who has served in the armed forces.

Timothy loves working with the Big Sandy Singers. "What a job!" he said. "I love those kids, and I do call them my kids, including Laura. They seem to keep me constantly motivated, want them to be successful and for the music and drama program to be the best."

As producer of the new album "Going Home," Timothy had the most important job of all – laying down all of the tracks for all of the Singers' solo and group songs. With 14 songs on the album, the project kept him very busy. "I've had a ball as I always do," he said. "I am very excited that they actually let me sing a little. (Cooley's song "Long Black Train" is featured on the album) To have been a tenor in the past and now singing bass for the group seems a little strange," Cooley laughed. "Enjoy the album and be proud of these students. They have worked very hard."

Dr. George Edwards
Big Sandy Singers supporter

On March 21, 2006, Laura Ford Hall, Big Sandy Singers Director, and Timothy C. Cooley, Technical Director and album producer for Big Sandy Productions Studio presented the first Big Sandy Singers album printed to Big Sandy Community and Technical College President, Dr. George D. Edwards and his wife Dr. Joyce Edwards.

"We were thrilled to give President Edwards the first album," Hall said. "Without Dr. Edwards' vision we could never have built the program we have today. He believed in us and gave us the opportunities we have, and we are all so grateful."

Because of President Edwards' vision for and belief in music and drama, the college has developed an extensive community-based music and drama program that features programming for ages 7-years through senior citizens.

Edwards oversaw the technical remodeling of the Gearheart Auditorium on the Prestonsburg campus and the installation of the Big Sandy Productions Recording Studio in the Student Center on the Prestonsburg campus. He continually helps to make sure that the music and drama program is funded and well-maintained.

"We just couldn't do anything without the help of Dr. Edwards," added Cooley. "I feel so blessed to have my position at the college, working with the kids. What better job could there be?"

The Big Sandy Singers presented another framed CD to President Edwards for his wall when they released their second album "Going Home," on December 16 during a Christmas concert performed in the college's Gearheart Auditorium. BSCTC's InHarmony Women's Chorus and Serenade, a community-based singing group, also directed by Hall, performed during the Christmas concert, as well.

"I can't say 'thank you' enough to President Edwards. We always say he is our 'Big Sandy Singers Manager.'" Hall said. "We couldn't ask for a more supportive, wonderful supervisor and I mean that with all of my heart."



Big Sandy Singers Director Laura Ford Hall presents a framed Big Sandy Singers album to BSCTC President Dr. George Edwards and his wife Dr. Joyce Edwards, along with Album Producer and Technical Director Timothy C. Cooley.

FLY LADY

Putting out fires

by Marla Cilley

Why do we have to wait till Christmas to be nice to one another? Are we just too busy to help each other out at other times of the year or is it just not in our vision? When we are too busy we don't see the needs. We are walking in that fog that we call our lives. Our attention is focused only on what we see within that immediate vicinity. This is when we are having to race to put out fires that are taking over our homes and our schedules. No wonder we can't see the needs of others;

those raging infernos are about to devour everything around you.

Several years ago I was just like you! My whole day consisted of going from one fire to the next and sometimes jumping right out the frying pan into the fire. It is so hard to get out of this chaotic mess. We don't know how to put out all the fires at once. This is what we think we have to do. But it is not what works.

We have been surviving on a steady flow of adrenalin pumping through our bodies. This adrenalin has been our drug of choice. We don't know how to function unless we are racing to put out yet another fire. If somehow we did manage to extinguish all the fires at

once we would not know what do to with ourselves.

This is why I preach taking BabySteps! BabySteps work! One little habit will help you to eliminate a potential fire starter. As you build your simple little habits into a routine; you are going to be so surprised that your stress level has decreased and you don't seem to be in that tizzy all the time anymore. It doesn't happen all at once. Our bodies would rebel if we quit our adrenalin junkie habit cold turkey. Establishing one habit at a time slowly decreases our dependency on that drug of choice.

I never dreamed that I could function without being stressed out. I took

great pride in working better under pressure. Boy was I wrong. As I look back now I can see that most of what I did was thrown together and not done with any planning. You could say I was flying by the seat of my pants. I don't have to live this way any longer.

My routines keep me sane. I am not walking in a fog and I can see clearly what needs to be done. I can also see someone else's needs. It is such a joy to be able to Pay It Forward at a moment's notice. It brings a smile to my face and puts a song of love in my heart for my fellow man.

At this time of year being nice is

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Family Medicine

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Whooping cough making a comeback, new booster shot available

Question: My sister recently e-mailed that her 17-year-old son had come down with whooping cough. He is being treated, and the rest of his immediate family was given antibiotics as well. I thought whooping cough was rare today because the vaccine is included in the childhood vaccines. My sister says there are a number of cases in her area. Is whooping cough making a comeback? Is it dangerous when a teenager gets it?

Answer: Whooping cough is known as pertussis in the medical field, because it's caused by the bacteria *Bordetella per-*

tussis. This infection was first described in the 1500s and remains a common childhood illness to this day. In 2002, there were 8,296 cases of pertussis reported in the United States. The incidence has been increasing steadily since the 1980s, perhaps because not enough people got timely boosters.

Pertussis — a highly contagious but vaccination-preventable illness — can last for several weeks. It gets its name from the characteristic “whooping” type of cough that it produces. This illness usually starts with a runny nose, low fever and mild cough. When these symptoms first

appear — a period known as the catarrhal stage — it is easy to confuse whooping cough with the common cold.

In the second stage, the patient begins to have bursts of rapid coughing. There can be 10 or 15 of these in rapid succession, which doesn't allow time to take a breath. When the burst is finally over and a breath is taken, it produces the telltale high-pitched whoop.

Violent coughing spells can last for several minutes, and even cause the patient to turn blue. Sometimes the coughing leads to vomiting. This stage can last for several weeks, peaking in the second or third week. The convalescent stage is when the cough becomes less frequent and severe. This stage can last for two to three weeks.

Older people typically have milder cases of this illness, in part because they were immunized as children. The major issue for these

people is usually not the threat the disease poses to them but their ability to spread it to children.

While most people make a full recovery from pertussis, it's more likely to have severe complications for small children who have smaller and less developed airways. Seizures and inflammation of the brain — encephalitis — can result from lack of oxygen to the brain due to the long bouts of coughing. Pneumonia can develop as well. These complications can lead to death, particularly in infants under 6 months of age.

Once pertussis is diagnosed, the treatment is to give antibiotics to the patient and all close contacts, as your nephew's physician did. If any of my other readers have children who have not been fully immunized, I'd suggest that you consult your family physician or pediatrician about completing their immunizations.

There is a new immunization for adults and adolescents that is a

tetanus/diphtheria booster with an “acellular” pertussis vaccine added. This type of vaccine uses only the immunity stimulating parts of the bacterium and is less likely to cause side effects. The newest recommendation is to have this booster once in place of the usual tetanus/diphtheria vaccine. It is hoped that by immunizing adults and adolescents there will be fewer cases of pertussis in children.

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

****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

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!*****

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

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.

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, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Vanessa Adkins and Susan Stephens.

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

Fly Lady

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brought to our attention. We watch the holiday movies on television and hear about random acts of kindness. Last week in Indiana at a Starbucks drive thru window 140 people paid for the person behind them in line. This went on for three hours. Just yesterday my friend, Eric Dodge told me about a song he was working on as a gift for the troops. His lead guitarist, Jim Sevy wrote a song to lift the spirits of our troops and their families. Eric recorded it and put it as a free download on his website, www.EricDodge.com. The song is called “I Pledge.” All they wanted to do was brighten the day of one soldier. Today Eric got an email from a soldier thanking him for the song. It made his day.

What have you done today to brighten someone's day? How have you used your talents to bless the world? If you say, “I don't have time!” Then look at the fires that you are constantly fighting. These fires are keeping you locked in chaos. Simple routines will open up your schedule for the good things of life!

In Hoc Anno Domini 2006

When Saul of Tarsus set out on his journey to Damascus, the whole of the known world lay in bondage. There was one state, and it was Rome. There was one master for it all, and he was Tiberius Caesar.

Everywhere there was civil order, for the arm of the Roman law was long. Everywhere there was stability, in government and in society, for the centurions saw that it was so.

Everywhere there was something else, too. There was oppression - for those who were not the friends of Tiberius Caesar. There was the tax gatherer to take the grains from the fields and the flax from the spindle to feed the legions or to fill the hungry treasury from which divine Caesar gave largess to the people. There was the impressor to find recruits for the circuses. There were the executioners to quiet those whom the emperor proscribed. What was a man for, but to serve Caesar?

There was the persecution of men who dared think differently, who heard strange voices or read strange manuscripts. There was enslavement of men whose tribes came not from Rome, disdain for those who did not have the familiar visage. And, most of all, there was, everywhere, a contempt for human life. What, to the strong, was one man, more or less, in a crowded world?

Then, of a sudden, there was a light in the world, and a Man from Galilee saying, “Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's.”

And the voice from Galilee, which would defy Caesar, offered a new kingdom in which each man could walk upright and bow to none but his God. “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” And He sent this gospel of the kingdom of man into the uttermost ends of the earth.

So the light came into the world and the men who loved darkness were afraid, and they tried to lower a curtain so that man would still believe salvation lay with the earthly leaders.

But it came to pass for awhile in diverse places, that the truth did set man free, although the men of darkness were offended and they tried to put out the light. The voice said, “Haste ye. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness come upon you, for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.”

Along the road to Damascus, the light shone brightly. But afterwards, Paul of Tarsus, too, was sore afraid. He feared that other Caesars, other prophets, might one day persuade men that man was nothing save a servant unto them, that men might yield up their birthright from God for pottage and walk no more in freedom.

Then might it come to pass that darkness would settle again over the lands, and there would be a burning of books, and the men would think only of what they should eat and what they should wear, and would give heed only to new Caesars and to false prophets. Then might it come to pass that men would not look upwards to see even a winter's star in the East, and, once more, there would be no light at all in the darkness.

And so Paul, the apostle of the Son of Man, spoke to his Brethren the Galatians, the words he would have us remember afterwards in each of the years of his Lord:

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.”

(The Wall Street Journal, Dec. 24, 1951)

Merry Christmas from Mr. Goble and your Lifestyles Editor!

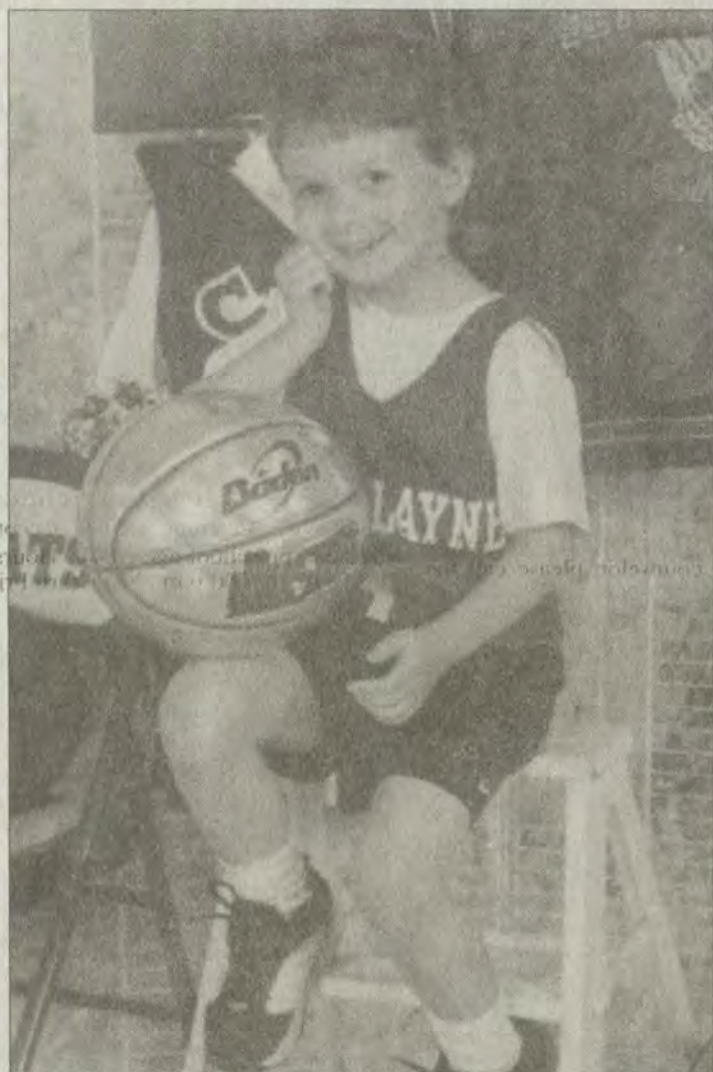


Birthdays



Look who's 10!

Michael Brandon Williams will celebrate his 10th birthday on December 21, 2006. He is the son of Terry and Linda Williams, of Little Mud. He is the maternal grandson of Barlowe and Shirley Parsons, also of Little Mud. He is the paternal grandson of Barbara Dotson, of Leesburg, Florida. He is also the grandson of Ed Leedy, of Coon Creek, Pikeville. He is the nephew of Sherry Parsons and Kristina Coleman, of Little Mud.



Look who's 10!

Skylar Chase Williams will celebrate his 7th birthday on December 23, 2006. He is the son of Terry and Linda Williams, of Little Mud. He is the maternal grandson of Barlowe and Shirley Parsons, also of Little Mud. He is the paternal grandson of Barbara Dotson, of Leesburg, Florida. He is also the grandson of Ed Leedy, of Coon Creek, Pikeville. He is the nephew of Sherry Parsons and Kristina Coleman, of Little Mud.



Baby's first Christmas

Tylera Nicole Howell will celebrate her first Christmas this year with her loving family. Tylera is the daughter of Virginia Evans and Dexter Dwayne Howell, of Grethel. She is the granddaughter of Palestine Howell and Dexter Howell, both of Grethel, and Tivis and Cathy Evans, also of Grethel.



Food for the needy

The Lees College Campus of Hazard Community & Technical College Christmas Food Drive was very successful, with donations to the Department of Protection & Permanency. This food will help many people in Breathitt County because of the 425 cans brought in from students, staff, faculty and the community. This was a great effort by student clubs at Lees. Shown above, from left, are: Scott Gross, Lees financial aid office; Cathy Gay, intake supervisor; Darlene King, secretary; Lisa White and Jeff Terry, both social workers. Seated are students Tonya Dickey (on left) and Samantha Davis.



Megan Handshoe

Handshoe inducted into leadership honorary at Transylvania

Knott County Central High School graduate and Transylvania University junior Megan Handshoe has been inducted into the Lampas Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa. Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society, was founded in 1914 at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, by fifteen students and faculty members. In the tradition of the idealism and leadership of George Washington and Robert E. Lee, the founders of ODK formulated the idea that leadership of exceptional quality and versatility in college should be recognized. The national headquarters of ODK are located on Transylvania's campus. Students apply for ODK membership in their junior or senior year. Selection is based on academic ranking, extracurricular activities and leadership roles. New members are selected by current ODK members and must pass with a 75 percent approval rating. Handshoe has been involved on campus throughout her academic career. She has served as a resident advisor, Sisterhood Development Chair and Public Relations Chair for Phi Mu fraternity, a junior panhellenic representative and a writing center tutor. She is also a member of the Residence Life Advisory Board, Relay for Life team, Crimson Crew, Student Activities Board and the Transylvania Speech and Debate team. She is the daughter of Freddy and Myra Handshoe, of Leburn, and the granddaughter of Elmo and Edith Green, of Hueysville.



Handshoe receives Transylvania University class ring

Knott County Central High School graduate and Transylvania University junior Megan Handshoe recently received her official Transylvania University ring during a ceremony on campus. The official class ring is offered to students who have achieved junior or senior class standing and is presented during Family Weekend. The classic design of the class ring features historic Old Morrison, the university's administration building, engraved in the center, with the words "Transylvania University 1780" encircling it. The Transylvania "T," the wearer's initials, class year, degree and a ring registration number are engraved on the inside of the band. As recently as six years ago, class rings were virtually nonexistent at Transylvania. In 2000, the Student Alumni Association decided on a ring as a way to symbolize the university's rich heritage and tradition. Today, it is the only ring recognized by the school and provides a common bond between Transylvania's graduates of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Handshoe is the daughter of Freddy and Myra Handshoe, of Leburn, and the granddaughter of Elmo and Edith Green, of Hueysville.



Rev. William Jarrell visits with PHCC resident Ms. Anzie Martin, sharing scripture reading and prayer.

PHCC announces new chaplaincy program

Prestonsburg Health Care Center announces the initiation of their new chaplaincy program, with Rev. William Jarrell, pastor, Free Pentacostal Church of Dwale, serving as facility chaplain. Rev. Jarrell and his congregants have been frequent visitors to the health care facility, providing church services, singing and one-on-one visitations. Prestonsburg Health Care Center is proud to now include Rev. Jarrell on the staff roster as facility chaplain. Rev. Jarrell began his duties as facility chaplain in November. In the time since, he has continued to visit the center, providing hope and encouragement toward meeting each resident's spiritual needs. A number of residents have already expressed their sincere appreciation for Rev. Jarrell's visits, prayers and Bible readings. The chaplaincy program at Prestonsburg Healthcare Center is a major component of our focus on the development of systems that not only support the physical and emotional well-being of the center's residents and staff, but also their spiritual growth and development as well. Through the development of this program, the center is pleased to embrace the HQM, Inc. mission and vision by enhancing the quality of life of residents and staff.

Diva

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here and now? Instead, it looks back wistfully at another time and place remembering when things were (in our skewed thinking) "perfect" (or pretty close to it). Perfectionism looks ahead at what could be "if only I could (fill in the blank)."

Perfectionism refuses to live in today because today is a mess. There are clothes that need washing, noses that need wiping and food that needs preparing. We have body clutter issues, husbands who don't understand, children that won't obey and even the dog messes stuff up. CALGON TAKE ME AWAY, we holler, like that erstwhile television commercial with the distraught Mom thinking the only escape in her way less than perfect life was a bubble bath.

So how on EARTH can you savor the above scenario?? The answer is going to sound simplistic and overly Pollyann-ish but I'm going to spout off anyway. You live in the moment, you savor those little runny noses because in a few years, your teenagers will barely let you hug them let alone wipe their noses. Those clothes that need washing? You have a FAMILY that loves you and depends on you—there are legions of single women who wish they lived in your lace up shoes. Bless each one of them as you turn their dirty socks right side out again for the millionth time as you're doing the wash. Turn on the honey and sweetness with your sweet darling husband—love him up "real good", with affection, a good meal, clean underwear and a pleasant smile and see if he doesn't suddenly start to understand a little bit more.

Letting go of perfectionism means savoring our everyday lives with all their messes and imperfections. It means making a conscious decision to become a real blessing in our families lives by appreciating, delighting in, relishing, enjoying and actually LUXURIATING in their presence. Giving flavor to our families with our changed attitudes and loving them with our whole hearts.

So go ahead and savor your holidays by being prepared. But don't forget to keep TODAY in mind as you prepare for Christmas or Hanukkah or whatever holiday you happen to be celebrating. Every day is worthy of celebration.

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

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low her and thereby move safely about the field. As you stand and watch these two friends, you will see how the one is always checking on the other, and of how he will stand still to listen for his companion's bell, then slowly walk to where she is, trusting always that she will not lead him astray.

When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally along the path and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear her bell.

Like the owner of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. Instead, He watches over us and brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes, we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those whom God places in our lives. Other times, we are the guide horse, helping others to see.

Good friends are like this...you don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours

May God bless you each and everyone, dear readers. And a very merry Christmas to all.

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Floyd County Devotional Page

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First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.

In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.

New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 60 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.

Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathon Lafferty, Minister.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.

Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Church every Sun. Morning 11:15 a.m.; Wed. evening Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Third Sun. evening Service, 6 p.m.; First Sat. evening Service, 7 p.m. Hobert Meek, Pastor, welcomes everyone.

Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor: Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eqpt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.

First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, Prestonsburg, 157 South Front Street; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Jerry C. Workman, minister.

Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Garrett Regular Baptist, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Willie Crace, pastor; Assist. Larry Patton. Phone 358-4275.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Trusty.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.

Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.

Lancer Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter

Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.

Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.

McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.

Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.

Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-3385

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Pleasant Valley Old Regular Baptist Church, Tinker Fork; Meeting time 1st Saturday & Sunday of each month, 3rd Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.; Moderator, Gary Compton; Assist. Moderator, Jimmy Conley.

Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.

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Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Jerry Manns, Pastor; Willie Crace Jr., Assistant Pastor.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Allen Chaffins, phone 946-2123.

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Phillip Ramey, Pastor.

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

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Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Damron, pastor.

First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.

Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherr Williams, Minister.

Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.

Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kidder, Ministers.

Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.

Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means God with us.*

Matthew 1:22, 23



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Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

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Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.

Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.

Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL

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LUTHERAN

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METHODIST

Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

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Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Proffitt.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYA Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Larry J. Penix, Minister.

Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.

Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.

Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

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Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcom Slone, Minister.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; ; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church, Dwale; Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

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Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister.

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Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m., Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Darlene W. Arnette, Pastor

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428, Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.

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Duties:

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- CPA Preferred

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LEGALS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Prestonsburg Housing Authority would like to remind anyone who may be making excavations near or on the Housing Authority property, that it is necessary to report to the Housing Authority before doing any work, and to report any incidence of gas odor in the Housing Authority community. Phone numbers to contact: Prestonsburg Housing Authority (606) 886-2717 Daytime 8:30-4:30 After Hours: (606) 226-2358 or (606) 226-2363

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5466

Operator Change In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that DFM, Inc., P.O. Box 367, Allen, Kentucky 41601, intends to revise permit number 836-5466 to change the operator. The operator

presently approved in the permit is the permittee. The new operator will be LA Energy, LLC, P.O. Box 731, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

The operation is located approximately 1.1 mile south of Eastern, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.9 mile south of KY 80's junction with KY 777, and is located 0.1 mile east of Turkey Creek. The operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

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, No. 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

The Raven Company Incorporated 836-0292 Issued 061115 Wolverine Resources Incorporated 836-0331

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.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 860-5243

Operator Change 1. In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that King Brothers Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 524, Ky. Rt. 550, Hindman, KY 41822, intends to revise permit number 860-5243 to include an operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is the permittee. The new operator will be Pride Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 700, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41560.

2. The operation is located 4 miles southeast of Kite, in Knott and Floyd Counties. The operation is approximately 1.2 mile west from Ky. Rt. 7's junction with Bates Branch Road, and is located on Bates Branch of Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 19 minutes, 05 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 46 minutes, 58 seconds. The operation is located on the Kite U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. 3. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite No. 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments, objections must be received within (15) days of today's date.

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Requirements:

Graduate of accredited RN nursing program and currently licensed in the state of Kentucky. Candidates must successfully complete HRMC's RN staff nurse orientation program. Current CPR certification is required.

Interested applicants may apply to the Human Resources Department Highlands Regional Medical Center 5000 Kentucky Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606) 886-7530 • Fax (606) 886-7534 E-Mail: tclark@hrmc.org

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FLOYD COUNTY Around Our Schools



Austin Bertrand



Hunter Brown

PES annual tradition

Each year at Prestonsburg Elementary, under the direction of Mrs. Wendy Poe, the school Art teacher, the students compete to design a Christmas card that will be used as the official Christmas card of the season for our school. This year, Hunter Brown and Austin Bertrand shared the spotlight in designing the Prestonsburg Elementary Christmas card. The faculty and staff of PES would like to thank each of these boys for using their talents to capture the meaning of Christmas and the winter season.

Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child SILVER SALUTE AWARD

The Silver Salute is a new recognition award, presented to a school with overall, outstanding writing.

The idea for this award came during the November 2006 judges' session because they saw excellent writing pieces that truly answered the prompts the students were given. These writings contained depth and description and many showed admirable student reflection. It was hard for the judges to determine overall winners for that particular school.

Hence, came the idea for the Silver Salute Award. This year's judges and Floyd County writing teachers felt the need to publicly announce the events leading up to the creation of this new award.

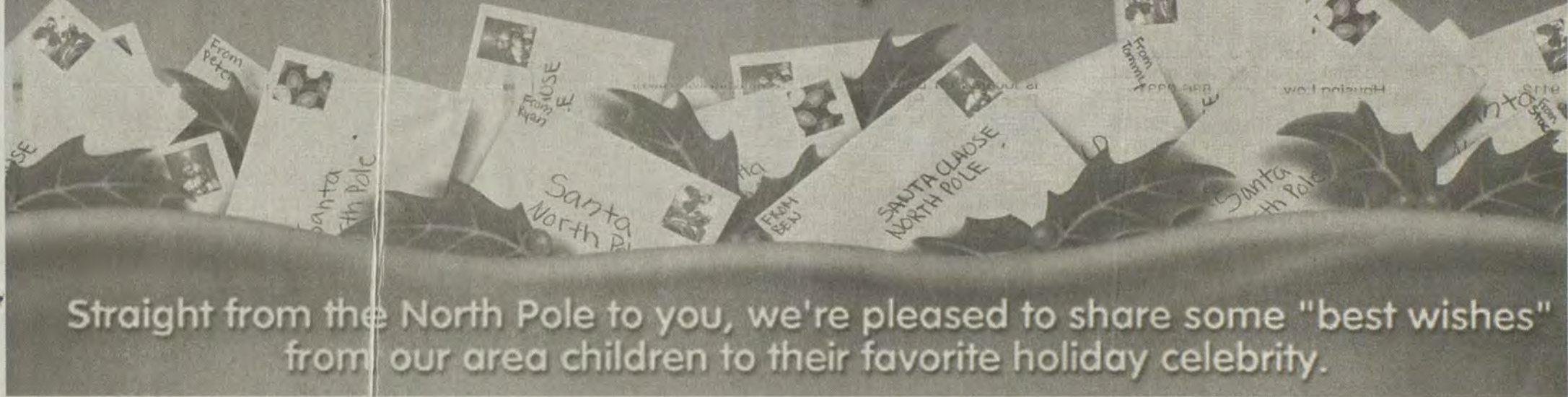
2006 Christmas Through the Eyes of A Child judges named two schools to receive this new and distinctive award. These first time winners are Betsy Layne Elementary and Floyd County Technical High School.

This award will also be presented in the future in recognition of high quality work.



Trish Adkins exhibits one of this year's Silver Salute writing awards.

Dear Santa,



Straight from the North Pole to you, we're pleased to share some "best wishes" from our area children to their favorite holiday celebrity.

Betsy Layne Head Start Preschool Classroom B

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a Baby Alive.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Karanda

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good.
I would like a present, a baby doll.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Katelin

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a present, a dump truck, backhoe, excavator.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Dustin

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good.
I would like a baby doll.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Grace

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been feeling happy.
I would like a Real Baby doll.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Kaitlyn

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good.
I would like a castle that goes ha-ha.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Bradley

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been happy. I would

like a Barbie car.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Misty

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been happy. I would like a big truck.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Cameron

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a big ol truck to play with.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Kelsi

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been happy. I would like a bicycle, red or something.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Brianna

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good.
I would like a big ol car to play with.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Bryan

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a power battery to make my 4-wheeler work.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Brady B.

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been excited.
I would like a Real Baby doll.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Sarah

Dear Santa,
How are you?

This year I have been good. I would like a present, a race car.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Ethan

Betsy Layne Head Start A Ms. Mary's Room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good girl.
I would like a My Little Pony Game.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Alexis Reed

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good girl.
I would like a baby alive doll.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Hannah Jarrell

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good girl.
I would like a Dora Fairy tale house, Weebles Castle, Dora Tree house.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Brianna Bradford

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good girl.
I would like a Dora explorer center and a Dora talking back pack.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Mayson Young

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy.
I would like a Dirt bike, and Games.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Skyler Robinson

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good girl.

I would like a Easy bake oven.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Kersten Holbrook

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good girl.
I would like a Dora Cash register and some moon sand.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Isabella Hamilton

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy.
I would like a coal truck and back hoe.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Jefferson McKade Mitchell

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good girl.
I would like a My Size baby doll.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Skylar Meade

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been pretty good.
I would like a Diego Discovery Center.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Chandler Hall

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy this year.
I would like a Treasure Chest, Pirates of the Sea movie.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Gavin Slone

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good girl.
I would like a doll house with a big baby in it.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Mariah Meade

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good boy.
I would like a Thomas train set and basketball goal.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Shaun D. Howell

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been sad but good this year.
I would like a race car set and Spider man watch.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Steven Hamilton

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a very good girl.
I would like a kitchen set, a pony and Dora watch.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Hannah Conn

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a lot of presents this year.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Preston Coleman

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a pair of boots and lots of toys.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Nicholas Hall

Dear Santa,
How are you?
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I would like a coal truck and table and chairs.
Merry Christmas!
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