

drop three

briefs

Dog helps

deputies

County Sheriff's Department relied on its canine unit to nab a suspect Saturday, after he dis-

nab suspect

by TOM DOTY

STAFF WRITER

appeared into the woods when the officers responded to a domestic violence

Deputies made two stops at a Nippa residence on Saturday when a

woman called 911 for help regarding a domestic altercation. Upon the first visit by authorities the male

subject had already left the

The department received a

residence around 10 p.m.

second call after midnight

and went back, only to find that their suspect, Jessie

The department called

L. Ward, 28, had left the

search the woods behind

the residence and were

rewarded when the dog,

scent and located him

out incident and was

five counts of wanton

endangerment, driving

under the influence, no

degree assault and two

Today

insurance, operating on a

suspended license, fourth-

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Morning

clouds

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within 20 minutes.

"Storm," picked up Ward's

Ward surrendered with-

arrested and charged with

for the canine unit to

scene on foot.

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Murder charge against Sparkman dropped

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Velma Miller-Sparkman, who was indicted in August for the Dec. 3, 2004, murder of Ronnie Curnette, was freed from jail yesterday after special prosecutor Rick Bartley asked the court to dismiss her indictment.

Judge John D. Caudill accepted the motion after hearing Bartley, the commonwealth's attorney for Pike County, explain that ballistic tests on the gun identified as being used in the shooting proved it had a defective safety. The gun, an H&R model .32 caliber revolver, still contained fragments of the safety mechanism, which were made of plastic, in its

handle and laboratory testing indicated that the safety had come apart before Sparkman even purchased the weapon.

The condition of the gun indicated that the hammer rested right against the rounds and that any jarring motion could set it off, which Bartley noted corroborated Sparkman's account of the shoot-

Bartley noted that Curnette had been under the influence of alcohol and hydrocodone when he returned to Sparkman's residence and began handling the weapon. He went on to highlight Sparkman's account of the incident, noting that she asked Curnette to give her the gun, saying that she had a grandchild

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> Velma Sparkman wept in court Tuesday when prosecutor **Rick Bartley** moved to dismiss murder charges against her and said that a ballistics test supported her account of the detah of Ronnie Curnette in

> > photo by Tom Doty



From left, Jason, Freddie and Ellis Hunter appeared in District Court for their preliminary hearing on Tuesday with attorney Jane Harlan, after being charged with a series of roberies of Citizens National Bank branches. Their cases were sent to the grand jury.

Bank robbery cases sent to grand jury

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Three men charged with robbing Citizens National Bank branches in Allen and Garrett saw their charges waived to a grand jury, after a preliminary hearing conducted Tuesday in district court.

Freddie Hunter and his two sons, Jason and Ellis, appeared together for the hearing, though

public defender Jane Harlan noted that they should have separate representation after the hearing should their case lead to indict-

ments from the grand jury. Det. Byron Hansford testified for the commonwealth and noted that he had received several anonymous tips in the case but said that things came together when he was called to investigate the stabbing of two men on Dec. 18. One of the victims in the case

was Ellis Hunter, 22, of

Wheelwright. Hansford noted that a green pickup described as used in the December Garrett robbery two days earlier matched Ellis's truck, which was being loaded onto a wrecker when he arrived. He learned that Ellis had been flown to Huntington for treatment and ordered the vehicle impounded.

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General Assembly, grand jury resume work in Frankfort

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gavels banged in the House and Senate on Tuesday, signaling the start of the 2006 session of the General Assembly, while across town a special grand jury continued a probe into state hiring practices that has netted 13 indict-

Key leaders vowed not to allow the investigation to affect the legislative process, which began with the filing of dozens of bills, including one that has only a long-shot chance at legalizing casino

atmosphere."

"It's really important that the legislators not politicize the investigation," said state Sen. Ed Worley of Richmond, the minority floor leader. "It's not a political issue. It's a legal issue. It would only poison the



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Judges, jailer file for re-election

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Floyd County Circuit Judges John David Caudill and Danny P. Caudill filed to remain at their posts for another term on Tuesday.

Danny Caudill has served 11and-one-half years as a circuit judge and has served as a district court judge and Martin city attorney, as well as assistant commonwealth's attorney for Knott and Floyd counties.

Judge John Caudill also serves as regional judge for the Big Sandy area and has recently become a thorn in the side of the Department of Corrections when he took a stand on their policy for transporting inmates for courtroom appearances. The court ruled in Caudill's behavior in that case and Caudill reopened the wound last month when the Department of Corrections could not find a defendant who was in

their custody in time to make a

scheduled court appearance. Family Court Judge Julie Paxton has also filed her paperwork to seek another term.

Jailer Roger Webb also declared his intention to seek another term. Webb has had his hands full with the position and has had to deal with overcrowding and increasing medical costs which have skyrocketed since the

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the resignation of Dana Stephenson, Louisville Republican who won an election to serve the 37th District but was not permitted to serve because she didn't meet residency requirements.

The Kentucky Supreme Court ruled on Dec. 22 that Virginia Democrat Woodward, Stephenson's opponent, cannot serve either because she did not receive the most votes. Senate President David Williams said Tuesday he will call for a special election to fill the post, possibly by mid-February.

The grand jury met throughout the day in the County Franklin Courthouse. One witness, a Transportation Cabinet administrator, met with grand jurors for nearly two hours.

Special prosecutor Scott Crawford-Sutherland said the grand jury would likely

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Coal-region lawmakers back mine drug testing

by BRUCE SCHREINER ASSOCIATED PRESS

Both chambers met only

briefly on Tuesday after-

noon, long enough to accept

FRANKFORT - Some lawmakers from Kentucky's coal-producing areas said Tuesday they would support periodic testing of miners for drugs and alcohol.

All the specifics haven't been completed as Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration consults with lawmakers before offering its proposal to the General Assembly.

"The questions are who pays for it, how often, what circumstances," said Rep. Brent Yonts, a Democrat from Muhlenberg County in the state's western coalfields.

State Environmental and Public Protection Secretary LaJuana Wilcher said the proposal was likely to closely follow recommendations

by a state task force, which called for a comprehensive drug testing program for miners.

"I think it's a very balanced and compassionate approach to the problem, but also one that would save lives, and that's the point," Wilcher said in an interview.

The task force recommended drug testing before miners are hired and randomly once they are working. The recommendations also called for testing after mine accidents that result in injuries or deaths. Not only the victim, but everyone whose actions may have contributed to the accident would be tested.

Wilcher said one unresolved issue is who would pay for drug tests.

Yonts said he thinks coal

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Obituaries

Effie G. Morrison Clark

Effie G. Morrison Clark, age 93, of Harold, the wife of George Edward Clark, passed away on Monday, January 2, 2006, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Effie was born in Denton, on August 29, 1912, and was the daughter of the late William H. and Ida Mae Hutchinson Morrison.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers and their wives: Herman (Etta), Clarence (Hager), Herchelle (Dorothy), and Orville (Sarah) Morrison; and a son-in-law, Randall Coggins.

Mrs. Clark was a retired registered nurse with nearly 38 years of experience, a charter member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Chapter 169 of Betsy Layne, and a member of the Vogel-Day United Methodist Church for more than 47 years.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, George Edward Clark; one son, George Edward (Rosemary) Clark II, and one daughter, Billie Joyce Coggins; three grandchildren: George Edward (Samantha) Clark III, and Brian (Michelle) White, both of Harold, and Terra Lynn (Ranjan) Maitra of Gastonia, North Carolina; greatgrandchildren: Steven Edward Clark, Rebecca Clark, and Layne Alexandra Maitra; stepgreat-grandchildren, Justin and Kayla Kidd; sister-in-law, Doris Clark of Allen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 4, at 2 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Montie Fugate and Dannis Love officiating.

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

Pallbearers: George Ed "Edward" Clark III, Ronnie Leedy, David Ray York, Justin Kidd, Steve Morrison, and Ronnie Justice. (Paid obituary)



Veda England

Veda England, 87, of Circleville, Ohio, passed away Sunday, January 1, 2006, at Pickaway Manor.

Born March 9, 1918, in McDowell, she was the daughter of the late Alec and Nancy (Osborne) Howell. She was an avid reader and gardener.

Veda was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford; her grandson, Douglas Radabaugh; her son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Phyllis England; daughter, Pat Radabaugh; brothers: Adrian, Ray, and Rudolph Howell; and sisters: Margaret Stumbo and Rose Thomas.

She is survived by her grandchildren: Deborah Hummel of Bexley, Ohio, Sue Radabaugh Johnson of Circleville, Paul (Pam) England of Tennessee, Tommy (Debbie) England and Phillip England, both of Circleville; great-grandchildren: Darci Radabaugh, Jamie Johnson, Jessica and Michael England, and Leslie and Paul Joshua England.

Funeral services will be held

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at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 5, 2006, at Defenbaugh-Wise-Schoedinger Funeral Home, 151 E. Main St., Circleville, Ohio, with Pastor Lynn Summers offi-

Interment will be in Floral Memory Gardens, Circleville.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of the Library, 1160 N. Court St., Circleville, Ohio 43113.

The family would like to thank Dr. Charles R. Hedges, and the nurses and staff of Pickaway Manor for their care and concern. (Paid obituary)

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Jeanette Bryant Coburn Hall

Jeanette Bryant Coburn Hall, 69, of Martin, died Wednesday, December 28, 2005.

She was born March 26, 1936, in Melvin, the daughter of the late Hillard and Deleary Waddles Bryant. She was the widow of the late Orris Coburn, and the late Jack Hall.

She was a member of the Martin First Baptist Church, and a retired secretary from Thompson's IGA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hillard and Deleary Bryant; and brothers: Raymond, Carl, Fred, and Tommy Bryant.

She is survived by her three children: Byron Coburn of Martin, and Jill Mitchell and Jodi Collins, both of Frankfort.

She is also survived by three grandchildren: Amanda Coburn, Tabitha Coburn, and Drew Collins. Jeanette was one of 10 children, and is survived by four brothers and one sister, Ed Bryant of Martin, Charles Bryant of Allison, Michigan, and Bill Bryant, Geneva Mosley and Keith Bryant, all of Kendellville, Indiana.

Services were conducted Saturday, December 31, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Bill Campbell offi-

Burial was in the Martin Cemetery, in Eastern, with Hall Funeral Home, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral

Pallbearers: Rod Howdyshell, Jon Luttman, Mike Collins, Scotty Mitchell, Brandon Bryant, and Michael Bryant.

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Zina Kidd

Zina Kidd, age 59, of Honaker, passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2005, in Harold.

She was born July 20, 1946. the daughter of the late George and Margie Yates Kidd.

She was a retired lunchroom supervisor for the Floyd County Board of Education, and a member of the Upper Toler Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Kidd; four sons: Mark Kidd of Morehead, Randy Kidd of Betsy Layne, Michael Kidd of Dana, and John Kidd of Honaker; two brothers: George Kidd Jr., of Honaker, and Johnny Kidd of Spurlock; five sisters: Bernedetta Hall, Marlene Kidd, and Pina Howell. all of Honaker, Bernice Samons of Ashcamp, and Evelyn Samons of Banner; and three grandchildren: Tyler Kidd, Bryce Kidd, and Katelyn Kidd.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Lennie Kidd.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 29, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Frank Junior Kidd officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Adam Kidd, Jamie Howell, David Howell, Joshua Howell, Richard Zerbee, Christopher Newsome, and Joseph Kidd. (Paid obituary)

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Robert Keith Murriell

Robert Keith Murriell, 54, of Garrett, died Sunday, January 1, 2006, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born October 13, 1951, in Lackey, he was the son of Nora Lee Bentley Murriell of Garrett, and the late Johnnie Murriell. He was a coal miner, and a member of the Salt Lick

Community Baptist Church, in Hueysville.

He is survived by his wife, Vonda Slone Murriell.

Other survivors include three sons: Christopher Murriell of Lexington, and Nathan Murriell and Brandon Murriell, both of Garrett; and three brothers: Jimmy Murriell of Indianapolis, Indiana, Danny Murriell of Louisville, and James Murriell of Dema; one sister, Carolyn Craft of Hindman; and three grandchildren: Amy, Natasha and Alex.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 4, at p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bethel Bolen and Jimmy Hall officiating.

Burial will be in the June Slone Family Cemetery, in Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral (Paid obituary)

Stella Handshoe Shepherd Tussey

Stella Handshoe Shepherd Tussey, age 87, of Galion, Ohio, and formerly of Hueysville, passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2005, at the Galion Community Hospital.

She was born in Handshoe, on November 27, 1918, the daughter of the late Harris and

Luverna Shepherd Handshoe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ellis Shepherd in

' She was a member of the Sall Lick United Baptist Church, a homemaker, and formerly operated Shepherd's Grocery in Hueysville.

She is survived by three daughters: Ethel (Dave) Smith

and Evalce Signs, both of Gatton, Ohio, and Bonnie (Lee) System of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; one son, Lowell Dean (Melvia) Shepherd of Hueys-

vale, seven grandchildren, and in e gwat-grandchildren. a addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an man daughter; three brothers;

and three sisters.

funeral services will be con-

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In Appreciation

vided by the Choir at the Hueysville Church of Christ, Soloists Barry Combs, Jerry Manns, and James Slone, the Elders Jimmy Turner, James A. Duff, and James

Slone, and Bro. Chester R. Varney of the Hueysville Church of Christ, and Bro. E. W. Damron of the Coal Run Church of Christ. Grateful thanks go to the Hall Funeral Home for their exceptional caring and kindness, and to the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control. We thank each of you for your prayers and love.

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May God Bless Each and Everyone



Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Zebulon Masonic Lodge plans officer installation, past masters banquet

Jimmy C. Webb will be installed as master of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, at a meeting to be held Saturday, January 7, at 4 p.m., at Masonic Temple. Patton R. Hart, grand master of Masons in Kentucky, will be the installing officer.

Following the installation, the lodge will hold its 77th annual past masters' banquet at 6 p.m., in the cafeteria of Prestonsburg High School.

Prater Creek Baptist

Big New Year's Eve celebration to be held on Dec. 31, beginning at 8 p.m. Will feature a wide array of musical guests bluegrass, gospel, Southern gospel, contemporar gospel, and classic gospel. Special guest speaker - food, fun and fellowship! For more info., call Pastor J.B. Hall at 874-3222 or log onto www.pcbaptist.org.

Maytown Center

Monday nights Volleyball, 7 p.m., co-ed activity, \$1. 7th grade thru adult. Followed by drinks, snacks, pool and ping pong until 9 p.m. Also, basketball from 6-7 p.m. FREE. Must be accompanied by an adult.

■ Tuesday and Thursday Basketball,5-6 p.m., FREE if under 15. Must be accompanied by an adult. 8-10 p.m., ages 15 to adult, \$2.

May House Tours

The historic Samuel May House will be open to the public each Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m. The house, built in 1817, is the oldest house in the Big Sandy Valley. Tours are \$3/person; donations appreciated. The house is located on North Lake Drive (Prestonsburg), across from Pizza Hut and Wendy's.

Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence

Meets the third Thursday of each month, in the Floyd Family Court County Conference room, in the Justice Center, at 3 p.m. Learn how to prevent domestic violence. The information you gain may save a life...the life of someone you know! All interested persons encouraged to attend. For more info., call 886-4323.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

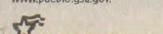
Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self."

"Lunch is served at noon and



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programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075 for more info.

Hillbilly Travel Club

Currently planning a 2-night trip to New York City that will take place on Memorial Day weekend, 2006. Plans are for the club to depart from Floyd County on Friday, May 26, at 6 p.m. Will spend Sat. and Sunday nights in NYC, departing at 7 a.m. on the 29th. Cost ranging in price from \$185-260/per person. Call Ed or Linda at 452-4149 for more information.

UNITE

Beginning January 9, the UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the second Monday of each month, at 5 p.m., at the Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m. The first meeting will be held on Nov. 29.

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

Neighborhood Watch

The Mud Neighborhood Watch group will meet the third Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend meetings.

Free Body Recall classes

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, for more information.

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Interested in job training?

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

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GED classes are also avail-

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

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

Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission. Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Evening Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6

p.m., Maytown First Baptist Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m.,

Extension Office. Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

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

Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

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

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Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

■ Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

■ A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email doslone@eastky.net.

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

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

5147. Everyone welcome. Narcotics Anonymous

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

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— John Greenleaf Whittier

Better schools mean better jobs

When people in other parts of the country think about Kentucky, two images pop into their heads.

There's the Bluegrass, the rolling horse farms that attract aristocrats and royalty from all over the world. But a second image isn't so pretty: the poverty of Eastern Kentucky.

And the truth is, the future doesn't look all that promising: The horse farms are disappearing; the poverty is holding strong. Those scenarios will have to be reversed if Kentucky is to have a secure future.

Last week, Courier-Journal reporter Alan Maimon wrote about Kentucky's poorest counties and their futile attempts at attracting jobs. He chronicled how Owsley, Wolfe and McCreary counties had all invested coal severance tax money in industrial parks, which stand empty. Previous expenditures have ranged from police cars to swimming pools.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher had a better idea last year when he proposed earmarking some of the severance money for educational needs in coal counties.

In his State of the Commonwealth address, the Governor proposed "a three-year pilot program where we will invest a portion of the severance money in the 24 lowest performing school districts in coal counties, recognizing that education is an essential element for economic development."

But lawmakers balked. In the rationalizing words of Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, "Education is the state's responsibility. If we're behind, the money should come out of the General Fund."

Sen. Jones says the coal counties need such basic infrastructure as roads, sewers and water, and, of course, he's right. But even more, they need to reverse the region's historic devaluation of education. A well-educated work force is crucial to industry, and Eastern Kentucky doesn't have one. It's also crucial to giving young people, and the families who will depend on them, more options if that industry

Certainly, by now, everyone in Kentucky should know that Eastern Kentucky is not Narnia. No lion is going to sweep in to save it from the difficulties and difficult choices it faces.

That means putting education first and foremost. It means recognizing, as the Governor did, that severance tax money should be used for targeted interventions, early childhood health and readiness assessments, technology and school construction.

After all, despite years of investments in infrastructure, the news has not been good. Owsley County has the secondhighest rate of poverty in the nation. Wolfe County's unemployment rate is 8.4 percent. The largest employers in poor counties are generally the public schools and health care facilities. That's not the basis for a strong economy, and neither are more industrial parks or the proliferating golf cours-

If Kentucky is to do better economically, it must start by doing better educationally.

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Capitol Ideas

Jail cells becoming next smoking issue

by MARK R. CHELLGREN ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - It wasn't too many years ago that some legislators threatened to cut off some state money for the University of Louisville because it had dared to decree that smoking would be restricted in some of its buildings.

The very thought of a threat to the primacy of tobacco in Kentucky bordered on sacrilegious.

The swing in the other direction has been faster than many might have imagined. Nonsmoking rules apply in most state government offices, campuses and other public facilities. Lexington doesn't allow smoking in any building with public access. Georgetown, Louisville and Daviess County are following suit to one degree or another.

And the restrictions have been met with only modest complaint. All remarkable in a state that still has one of the highest percentages of smokers in the

But the latest frontier may be the most difficult.

Some jails and prisons across the state, where inmates smoke at even greater percentages than the general population, have gone smokeless or sent smokers to designated areas. The

Guest Column

Kentucky State Reformatory, the state's largest prison with more than 1,800 inmates and 500 staff members, is going smoke-free April 1.

"It's going to be tough to implement," said Ernie Lewis, chief of Kentucky's public defender system.

The Department of Public Advocacy has taken no position on smokeless cells, but Lewis noted that nicotine is just another addiction to some inmates and cigarettes, which are now a form of currency inside the walls, could become just another form of contraband.

"I just think they've got their work cut

out for them," Lewis said.

According to a survey by the Corrections Department, 30 full-service jails in the state allow smoking, 17 are smoke-free and eight allow smoking only in their secure sections. Fifty-five of the 75 full-service jails responded to the sur-

Simpson County Jail became smokefree in July, said Jailer Danny Booher. "The results have been fantastic so far. I don't know why we didn't do it sooner," Booher told the Daily News of Bowling

Corrections spokeswoman Cheryl Million said no smoking is allowed in offices at the prisons and only in designated areas at most institutions. The Kentucky State Penitentiary near Eddyville, the state's only maximum security prison, allows smoking in some cell blocks, Million said.

Million said the decision to make the reformatory smoke-free is an experiment of a sort. Staff members and inmates alike are being offered smoking cessation classes and prison officials expect as many as 600 inmates to enroll.

The reformatory was chosen because it is the primary medical facility for the prison system, Million said.

"In theory, we think it's a fantastic idea," said Mike Kuntz, director of education and advocacy for the Kentucky chapter of the American Lung Association.

Kuntz said inmates and staff should not have to endure second-hand smoke and he said there also could be a financial incentive. Less smoking could mean fewer health problems for inmates who are treated at public expense.

"It should resonate with taxpayers," Kuntz said.

Reformatory Warden Larry Chandler said the smoke-free policy would help medical, safety, disciplinary, maintenance and sanitation issues. Chandler also cited an economic reason - the growing cost of cigarettes.

American Jail Association Executive Director Stephen Ingley told a National Association of Counties publication that the trend of smoke-free jails boomed about three years ago.

Million said cigarettes and lighters will be declared contraband at the reformatory and their possession will subject inmates to discipline, such as loss of privileges.

There is no timetable to extend the smoking ban to other prisons.

"I think they're going to wait and see how things go," Million said.

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Watch what you say - they're listening

by COL. DANIEL M. SMITH U.S. ARMY, RET.

It's hard to discuss the unknown, especially when, to paraphrase Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, you don't know that you don't know. Almost as hard is discussing the unknown when you know you don't know - e.g., what the future holds.

Then there are the artificial unknowns that arise not from biological limitations or inadequate technology but from one individual, group, or institution with "information" refusing to share it. This sets in motion a spiraling descent into paranoia as those "in the know" come to believe the "others" will stop at nothing to discover the "secret." Thus reasoned, the "ins" interpret the actions of the "outs" as a potential internal threat (fifth column) that must be carefully moni-

Of course, having started down this road, the "ins" soon subdivide into "inner-ins" and "outer-ins," with the former suspicious of and watching the latter. Eventually, a small, powerful group emerges - the "innermost-ins." Only they know the highest secrets - including the ones that are so secret that they cannot be discussed with anyone else.

Although not one of the "ins," I too have a secret. You may already know it; if not, I'll tell you. (We could then be our own "in-crowd.") I learned it from that universal sage, Unknown: "When government becomes more fearful of its citizens and their rights than protective of them, the future holds only despotism and extinction."

We saw the slide in this direction during the 1960s and 1970s. Successive U.S. administrations exhibited profound distrust, even disdain, for those who challenged government by exercising the civil and political rights provided in the Constitution. Impassioned Vietnam War protestors and civil rights advocates believed they could force changes in government policy and practice if they but persisted. Fearing the same outcomes, officials secretly tasked intelligence agencies normally focused on external enemies - the Pentagon and the CIA - to gather, record, and exchange information with internal U.S. law enforcement agencies about "U.S. persons" (citizens and legal residents) participating in anti-Washington events anywhere in the country. When the Army snooping ended in 1971, it had records on more than 100,000 civilians. Clearly, government feared the citizenry and the power of their protests to attract increas-

ing numbers of believers. Following two investigations in 1975 and 1976, reforms were put in place that barred the CIA and the Pentagon from spying on and maintaining records on U.S. persons residing in the United States. And although the nation avoided despotism then, the potential remained.

Almost 35 years later, the Army has been caught spying on a new generation (seasoned with a few old-timers) of antiwar and anti-military recruiting activists. Mainstream media obtained a 400-page dossier of some 1,500 "suspicious" organizations or activities the Army labeled "threats," including a small group of

(See GUEST, page seven)

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Session

need to meet beyond its current term, which expires next month. A court ruling last week gave the Fletcher administration until late February to give additional evidence to prosecutors.

State Sen. Ray Jones, a Democrat from Pikeville, said the grand jury investigation has created partisan animosities that even the best efforts may not keep out the chambers.

"It seems like every session, for the first few days, everyone is congenial and on their best behavior." Jones said. "After the first contentious issue, that changes."

Attorney General Greg

Obituaries

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ducted Friday, January 6, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Charles \$hepherd officiating.

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

Friends can call for visitation after 5 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Marsha Kilburn Wallen

Marsha Kilburn Wallen, age 53, of Martin, passed away on Monday, December 26, 2005. at her residence, following a sudden illness.

She was born on October 30, 1952, in Hazard, the daughter of Lona Strunk.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Gilbert Wallen of Martin; one son, Ernie Strunk of Hazard; one daughter, Melissa Clark of Hazard; three brothers: Bobby Strunk, Roger Strunk, and Vernon Strunk, all of Hazard.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 31, at 3 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Rev. Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial was in the Martin Cemetery, in Martin, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

view with The Associated Press.

Stumbo, a Democrat, began

investigating Fletcher's admin-

istration in May for alleged state

personnel law violations. Since

then, a Franklin County special

grand jury has indicted 13 cur-

rent and former members of

Fletcher's administration and

associates on misdemeanor

charges related to the investiga-

nine people specifically and

gave blanket amnesty to anyone

in his administration - except

himself - who could be

the opening day of the legisla-

tive session. He was spending

the day in his office in meetings,

Whitaker. Fletcher was sched-

uled to host a reception for leg-

islators at the Governor's

to steer his administration

beyond the hiring scandal that

tics aside when it comes to mov-

ing the agenda we need,"

Fletcher said in a recent inter-

Fletcher has said he intends

"We've got to put party poli-

said spokėswoman

Mansion Tuesday evening.

has haunted his office.

Fletcher kept a low profile on

charged in the investigation.

In August, Fletcher pardoned

tion.

Fletcher will offer his views on key issues on Jan. 9, when he is scheduled to make his State of the Commonwealth address to a joint session of the House and Senate. He will follow that on Jan. 17 with the formal presentation of his budget.

On Tuesday, Sen. David Boswell promoted expanded gambling as a source of revenue for the state. The Owensboro Democrat wasted no time filing legislation calling for a constitutional amendment that would allow Kentucky voters to decide whether to allow casino gam-

The issue has come up in legislative sessions throughout the past decade. But casinos, whether limited to race tracks as endorsed by the horse industry or sprinkled around the state, have never come to a vote in the legislature.

"I think it has a better chance today than ever before,' Boswell said.

He said as much as \$1 billion exited Kentucky last year to neighboring states that allow casino gambling.

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"It adds insult to injury to see that kind of money leaving our state," he said.

Harry Moberly Jr., D-Richmond, chairman of House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, said the state faces a tight budget.

The official forecast for revenue receipts calls for a surplus of perhaps \$350 million this fiscal year and modest growth in the two years of the coming budget period.

"We have a lot of increased obligations this time, even though our revenue is up and is looking good," Moberly said. "The increased obligations will make the budget tight."

Moberly said Medicaid and state retirees' medical coverage are "tremendous" obligations.

"The increased obligations in those areas is what will make this a tight budget.'



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I would like to take this opportunity to first, and foremost, thank the Lord above for the many blessings that He has given us.

ily, and friends who participated in our fourth annual food drive. Thanks to you, once again, for making it a great success.

> My wonderful staff and I greatly appreciate it.

> > Dr. Chip Salyers

I also want to thank all my patients, fam-



Odds & Ends

ST. LOUIS — For sale: One albino snake. Has two heads. Asking \$150,000 or best

The World Aquarium in St. Louis has been home to We, a one of a kind two-headed albino rat snake, since 1999. Leonard President Sonnenschein has decided to sell the reptile, and bidding on e-Bay will start at \$150,000.

"It's an amazing snake," Sonnenschein said Monday. "When people see it they are awe-struck.

The auction was expected to close within 10 days.

The 6 1/2-year-old snake came to the aquarium's attention when its previous owner distributed a circular offering it for sale days after its birth. The aquarium paid \$15,000 knowing most two-headed snakes don't live more than a few months.

But We has survived and thrived. An inch thick and 4 feet long, she is a healthy size for a rat snake. Her body is white, but said. the heads have a reddish appear-

We has survived because, unlike some two-headed animals, both mouths are connected to the same stomach, Sonnenschein said.

The snake has been in the spotlight before. In 2004, a disgruntled City Museum worker stole We. Authorities found the snake in the garage of the man's home in Illinois.

'He thought he was going to sell it," Sonnenschein said. "The thing is, it's the only one in the

CROWN POINT, Ind. — Katmandu, Nepal.

Thelma Saberniak has a message for Uncle Sam: She's not

The 82-year-old learned of her supposed demise when she tried to apply for Medicare's new prescription drug benefit last month. She also has lost her monthly Social Security checks.

"I supposedly died Nov. 19," she told The Times of Munster for a Sunday story.

Social Security records show Saberniak recently moved to Arizona, even though she has lived in a Chicago-area nursing home for two years.

Carmen Moreno, a spokeswoman for the Social Security Administration in Chicago, said there is no way to tell how the mistake was made. She said once Saberniak's identity can be verified, the agency will work to restore her benefits "expedi-

"I lie awake at night not knowing whether they'll recognize that I am alive," Saberniak

With \$12,000 in medical bills, Saberniak said she's borrowing money from children and drawing from her savings.

the Alps and the Himalayas.

Aidan climbed the 20,300foot Island Peak in the

Today in Histor Five years ago: It was announced that George, the politics and lifestyle magazine founded by the late John F. Kennedy Jr., would fold.

Orchestra leader Les Brown,

known for his "Band of

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nor of the Baghdad region

known for cooperating closely

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assassinated along with six

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Forester Sisters) is 51. Actress

Ann Magnuson is 50. Rock

musician Bernard Sumner (New

Order, Joy Division) is 50.

Country singer Patty Loveless

is 49. Rock singer Michael

Stipe (REM) is 46. Actor

Dave Foley is 43. Actress Julia

Ormond is 41. Tennis player

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musician Benjamin Darvill

(Crash Test Dummies) is 39. Actor Jeremy Licht is 35.

Actress-singer Jill Jones is 31.

few men are wise by their own counsel; or learned by their own

teaching. For he that was only

taught by himself, had a fool to

his master." - Ben Jonson,

English dramatist and poet

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Today is Wednesday, Jan. 4,

In 1821, the first nativeborn American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg,

In 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

In 1904, the Supreme Boggs was elected to the Court ruled that Puerto Ricans Baseball Hall of Fame in his were not aliens and could enter the United States freely; however, the court stopped short of declaring them U.S. citizens.

In 1948, Britain granted Actress Jane Wyman is 92. independence to Burma.

In 1951, during the Korean conflict, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul.

In 1960, French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.

In 1965, poet T.S. Eliot died in London at age 76.

In 1974, President Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1987, 16 people were Patrick Cassidy is 44. Actor killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington to Boston collided with Conrail engines approaching from a side track in Essex, Md.

In 1995, the 104th Congress convened, the first entirely under Republican control since the Eisenhower era.

Ten years ago: Bowing to pressure from NATO and the United States, Bosnian Serbs freed 16 civilians who had entered Serb-held territory after NATO forces had declared roads in Bosnia open to all.

■ BOTHELL, Wash. — He's only 4 feet tall and 8 years old, but Aidan Gold is an experienced mountaineer who has left tracks on peaks in the Cascades,

Himalayas in November.

That was the high point of the family's four-month climbing and hiking adventure, which took them from Switzerland to

reached the peak of 10,400-foot Haustock and 13,400-foot Monch in the Alps, and 17,200foot Awi Peak near Everest. The whole family, including 5-yearold Janick, made it to the 17,700-foot Everest base camp.

Aidan said the toughest stretch for him was a 45-degree face of rock and ice on Haustock. "It's the worse 3,000 feet I've ever done," he said.

Warren Gold said he wanted to give his sons an appreciation of a world less touched by humans. For his part, Aidan says he likes climbing for the challenge ... and the view.

■ COLUMBUS, Ohio — A man who fell out of his wheelchair says his cat apparently called 911 for help.

Police received a 911 call from Gary Rosheisen's apartment Thursday, but there was no one on the line. When they called back and got no answer, they decided to check things

In the apartment they found Tommy the cat lying by a telephone on the living room floor. "I know it sounds kind of

Officer Patrick Daugherty said.

Rosheisen was unable to get up because of ministrokes that disrupt his balance and pain from osteoporosis. He also wasn't wearing his medical-alert necklace and couldn't reach a cord above his pillow that alerts paramedics that he needs help.

Rosheisen said he got the cat three years ago and tried to train him to call 911, unsure if the training ever stuck.

The phone in the living room is always on the floor, and there are 12 small buttons - including a speed dial for 911.

"He's my hero," Rosheisen

■ GREEN BAY, Wis. - At 103 years old, Leone Margaret McKenney couldn't see or hear much over the crowd's roars at her first Packers game - but she had the time of her life.

"I will never forget this. It was a humdinger," the greatgreat grandmother said after the Sunday game. "I don't know when I have enjoyed anything as much as I enjoyed that."

McKenney had said she never got to a Packers game when she was younger because

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Aidan and his dad also her husband wasn't "too keen about football" and she never had the opportunity, even though her family moved to the Green Bay area in 1947.

> But she keeps a picture of legendary Green Bay Packers quarterback Bart Starr in her

apartment and wears Packers garb as she watches every game.

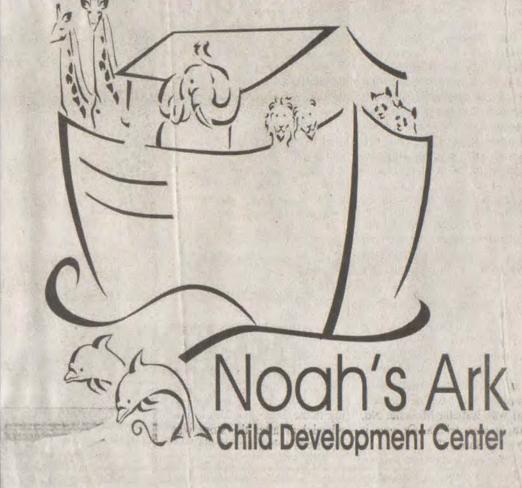
McKenney received the luxury box tickets from the owners of Renaissance Assisted Living in De Pere, where she has lived for five years.

accompanied her to assist with steps at the stadium because McKenney is recovering from a fractured hip.

On Sunday, Brett Favre threw his first touchdown pass in five games, giving the Her occupational therapist Packers a 23-17 victory over the



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Testing

companies should foot the bill. mended education and awareness "It's an issue of safety in the mines, and the employer has a duty to make the mines safe," he said.

Yonts said he would support random testing "to keep everyone on their toes."

"It's for their own protection," he said.

Drug abuse among miners came to the forefront when a miner was killed and another seriously injured in a Floyd County mine three years ago. Marijuana was found at the scene, and an employee told investigators that he saw two miners snorting crushed painkillers. An autopsy found that the dead miner had taken illegal drugs.

The task force also recom-

training for new miners, employee assistance programs, and incentive programs to encourage coal companies to participate in substance abuse programs.

Most large coal companies require miners to undergo random drug tests, according to Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association. He said some smaller mine operators do not.

Rep. Brandon Smith, R-Hazard, said a nagging problem is that some addicted miners hop from job to job. He said coal companies should have access to drug testing information to help uncover addicts, get them assistance and protect co-workers.

"You take a guy who's got three kids at home, he's working

his tail off to make ends meet, he doesn't want to be underground with somebody that's on methamphetamine," Smith said, adding that he supports random testing.

Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, said of drug testing, "I think maybe it's time has come, as long as there's balances and safeguards built in - due process."

Webb, a former coal miner, said she would support testing miners before their hiring, but rather than random testing she suggested it should be done if there was "probable cause" indicating a problem.

She also had concerns about allowing coal companies access to test results, citing federal laws

veillance without seeking war-

rants from a court. Although few

behind his NSA program. That

one can spy on any of us.

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information. Wilcher acknowledged civilliberties concerns about random drug testing, but noted the dangerous work for miners.

"It seems like a small price to pay if we can save a life," she said.

Mine safety was on the minds of lawmakers on the first day of the 2006 General Assembly. The House observed a moment of silence for the 13 workers trapped by an explosion early Monday in a West Virginia coal mine.

Speaking from experience, Webb told her colleagues that workers go into the mines "not knowing whether or not you're going to see the light of day" after each shift.

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locally known, non-confrontational, part-time counter-recruiting activists who openly gathered in the local Quaker Meeting House. Members of the group were puzzled by the Army's characterization but not by the fact that the military is again spying on citizens engaged in legal political activi-

This "Talon" (Threat And Local Observation Notice) program is not an anomaly. The administration, insisting that new times and new dangers terrorism - can only be countered by expanded, secret powers, has challenged legal and traditional barriers governing the employment of military intelligence inside the United States in the civilian arena. Thus evolved the Pentagon's 2002 to 2003 Total Information Awareness (TIA) data mining project to "recreate" the lives of every terrorist in order to preempt future attacks. And because anyone might become a terrorist, TIA applied to everything done by everyone alive.

The program that has caused such uproar in legal and judicial circles is the presidentially directed warrantless interception by the National Security Agency. It spies on electronic communications involving "people with known links to al Qaeda and related terrorist organizations." Citing still secret internal - and therefore undoubtedly highly biased - administration legal opinions, Mr. Bush declared he was empowered by the Constitution, statute, and legal precedent to order the sur-

Odds

Seattle Seahawks.

"It was fabulous, and then to have a win," she said, "that was almost more than I could bear."

■ VIENNA, Austria — Austria's first baby of the new year was Isabella Melanie. No, wait, it was Jelena. Or was it Johannes Samuel?

Three infants born at precisely the same time on Sunday one minute after midnight - all laid claim to the traditional honor of being the nation's first newborn of 2006.

Because official records gave the time of birth as 12:01 a.m. Sunday for all three babies, their parents will have to be content with sharing the honor, Austrian state television said as it tried to sort out the confusion.

that Jelena deserved the honor Dubina, a regional administraof 2006's first baby by default because she arrived four weeks early and had to be delivered by

emergency Cesarean section. But Isabella also came ahead of schedule, said her mother, Melanie Erber.

"Actually, we weren't expecting her until Jan. 8 at the earliest," she said.

■ CANTON, Ohio — A man lied about having his wheelchair stolen so he could con a sympathetic public into giving him a new one, authorities said.

Virgil Stewart, 52, faces a felony charge of falsifying a

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police report. Stewart, who is missing part of his right leg, told police that his attackers sought money, threw him into a fire hydrant

and ran off with his wheelchair. A car dealership and a nursing home each give him a new wheelchair after the story was reported in the local media.

Authorities, though, say the Dec. 19 assault never happened.

Police said Stewart's probation officer confronted him about the story after getting a tip that, before reporting the assault. Stewart had asked staff at a post office if he could leave his wheelchair there.

Stewart, who is on probation for cocaine possession, confessed, complaining that his old wheelchair was "kind of broken down and he didn't One commentator suggested like the wheels," said Joe tor for the Ohio Adult Parole Authority.

> The two wheelchairs have been returned to their donors.

Stewart appeared Friday in Canton Municipal Court and a judge freed him on a \$2,500 bond and set a preliminary hearing for Jan. 10.

"It's a shame," Dubina said. "He took advantage of people's kindness during the holidays."

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outside the administration agree, Mr. Bush remains defiant - which makes one wonder what super-secret unknown exists

Colonel Daniel M. Smith (Ret.), a West Point graduate and Vietnam veteran, is the Senior Fellow for Military Affairs at the Friends National Legislation. FCNL is a Quakerbased public interest lobby founded in 1943.

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in the residence and didn't want there to be an accident. Curnette complied and may have handed the gun over with enough force that the exchange provided enough friction to release the one round which fatally struck Curnette in the head.

Sparkman began crying as she listened to Bartley's account and fiercely hugged her attorney, Jerry Patton, when she heard the result.

"I would like to compliment Mr. Bartley," Patton said. "He contacted me immediately after getting these test results. He is a

■ Continued from p1 seasoned prosecutor who just

wants to see justice done."

Judge Caudill also praised Bartley, saying, "I have said this before, but it is appropriate to mention it again. A prosecutor is not a persecutor. I compliment you for the record, Mr. Bartley.'

Robberies

Hansford later caught up with Ellis and interviewed him about the robbery. Hansford noted that Ellis gave a full confession on videotape and indicated that his father had been involved in all three robberies. Though he would not name his brother Jason as an accomplice, he did agree that he was involved when Hansford asked him about it.

Hansford indicated that a trail of large cash purchases buttressed witness claims that Ellis came into money after each bur-

sons' girlfriends were helpful to

the investigation and said the case was ongoing.

Harlan was told by Hansford that evidence had been recovered during the investigation, including a toboggan identified by bank staff as having been worn during the Allen robbery, cash and Ellis' confession.

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Harlan asked Judge Eric Hall to dismiss the case, arguing that Hansford shouldn't brought the charges before his investigation was complete. Hall disagreed and waived the case to the grand jury saying, "Probable cause has certainly been estab lished for all three cases."

Dog

counts of fleeing police for driving off on the first occasion and running off on the second.

Assisting Johnson County Sheriff Bill Witten in the arrest were Deputies T. Tussey and J. Burke, Constables Terry Ward and Steve Rose, Corporal M. Johnson, Sergeants T. Hitchcock and T. Wyatt, and First Response Ambulance. The case remains under investigation by the department.

Later on in the day of Dec. 31, the department made another arrest following a request to accompany the Department of Social Services on a referral. Deputies wound up arresting Shirley Haney, 43, of

Staffordsville, when they observed several items in her home that were elements commonly used to manufacture methamphetamine. She was

charged with possession of meth precursors, possession of drug paraphernalia and first-degree drug possession.

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Under cross-examination by Harlan, Hansford said that the

Election

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onset of drug roundups began in 2004 with the formation of the Floyd County Drug Task Force and later Operation UNITE.

"I have been proud and hum-

bled to serve as Floyd County jailer," Webb said. "I thank the people of the county for their overwhelming support and ask for it again in the future."

Two complete visitor training

The Big Sandy Long Term Care Ombudsman Program recently held a Friendly Visitor Training. Steve Jones, district ombudsman, conducted the

Billie Jean Cole, from Pike County, and Lois Tackett, from Floyd County, completed the training and were certified to be friendly visitors. These volun-

teers will visit nursing home residents and work closely with the district ombudsman as advocates for these residents.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the Ombudsman Program or volunteer opportunities, contact Steve Jones at 1-800-737-2723 or locally at 886-2374.

THE FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS WELLNESS, HEALTH AND NUTRITION REPORT **OF SB172**

The Floyd County Schools are in the process of developing a Wellness Policy for the students of our school systems. This Wellness Policy includes health, nutrition and physical activity requirements. Each Site Based Council and principal shall develop their own policy. The District Committee will compile the schools' policies and present them to the board of education on January 23, 2006, at May Valley Elementary. There will also be a public forum held on January 23, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. prior to the board meeting to discuss SB172. The public is invited to have input in this forum and discuss SB172 and its process and implementation in our school system.

This District Wellness Policy will contain better health, nutrition, and physical activities in grades K-5. It will also involve better health practices and nutrition for grades 6-12. Items in vending machines of these schools will be improved for the betterment of all students.

The vending machines in all the schools will be monitored to the guidelines of nutrition by the state and federal government. In order to understand these guidelines, the district will release a brochure explaining these policies. The brochures are a part of this district report and are meant to better inform the public of SB172.

After the hearing on January 23, 2006, with input from the public, the committee will release recommendations and its report to the board of education that night. The board will review the report and submit its own report to the Kentucky Department of Education by March 1, 2006.

This will conclude the process of SB172 for local districts. The Kentucky Department of Education will have final approval and send the finished policy back to the local districts. These approved policies are to go in effect July 1, 2006.

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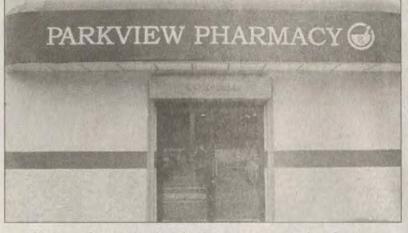
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Betsy Layne boys drop three in Berea

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BEREA - Betsy Layne started play in the Berea Invitational Tournament with a three-game winning streak on its side. The Bobcats fought hard to even their season record to 3-3 before even beginning play in the Berea event. Three games later, however, post-Berea tournament, Betsy Layne found itself

on the losing end of a trio of games.

In three Berea tournament outings, Betsy Layne fell short versus Powell County, Jackson County and Pike County Central. Each of the three losses were by six points or less.

Layne 75-69, while Jackson County handed the Bobcats a 58-55 setback. In one of the most exciting games in Berea Invitational Tournament history, Pike Bobcats 90-88.

Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose is hoping his team can build from the near-misses from the Berea tournament. 'We had leads in every game," Rose

Powell County defeated Betsy noted. "I'm just disappointed that we didn't finish. But that's not to take anything away from the teams we played."

The Bobcats faced some tough competition in the Berea tournament. Early

County Central held on and beat the foul trouble also did its part in hindering the Betsy Layne contingent.

"Foul trouble hurt us throughout the tournament," Rose added. "We were forced to play with some different line-

In the month of January, Betsy Layne has little time to rest. The Bobcats will take part in the WYMT Mountain Classic next week. Betsy Layne is paired up against Shelby

Valley in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic on Jan. 23 at Allen Central. In between the two tournaments, Betsy Layne has a game scheduled against June Buchanan (Jan. 17), an upstart from the unpredictable 14th Region.

"There's no doubt it's a tough schedule," said Rose. "We hope that playing

Ladycats end

Boyle County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Layne High girls' basketball team can take out of last week's trip to Boyle

County High School for the Applebee's

Winter Classic is the 54-48 win over 16th

Region member Morgan County. The

Ladycats finished play in the Boyle

County tournament Friday with a loss to

Hart County. Ranked fifth in the Fifth

Region preseason poll, Hart County held

Betsy Layne to eight points in the second

quarter and seven in the third period.

Behind a a game-high 13 points from

Megan Isaacs, Hart County defeated the

Hart County and a pair of teammates

sion of the first quarter and outscored the

Ladycats 19-8 in the second period en

Meeting with

Central looms

for Lady Rebs

by STEVE LeMASTER

SPORTS EDITOR

School girls' basketball team had some

time away from the court over the holi-

game since falling to Hart County at

Johnson Central in the Country Music

Highway Classic Thursday, Dec. 22.

Allen Central posted an 0-4 record in the

Johnson Central tournament. The Lady

Rebels went into the Christmas break

with a 2-9 record. Allen Central, howev-

er, has made the most of its two wins,

beating Betsy Layne and South Floyd in

EASTERN - The Allen Central High

The Lady Rebels haven't played a

route to the convincing win.

Letcher

Jessica Baker flipped in 12 points for

Hart County led 18-12 at the conclu-

(See BETSY LAYNE, page two)

Ladycats 66-38.

added 10 apiece.

DANVILLE - One positive the Betsy

play 1-3 at

(See BOBCATS, page two)

Wise shoots lights out, wins 81-69

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The Highland Cavaliers of U.Va-Wise put on an early fireworks display, lighting up the Pikeville College Gym in an 81-69 win on New Year's Eve.

Wise (6-9) shot 51.1 percent from the field, but was exceptional elsewhere - the Cavs were 10-of-17 (58.8 percent) from the arc and 23-of-27 (85.2) percent) from the line. They hit five of six from the arc after halftime.

Pikeville (5-10), however, didn't shoot as well. They hit 26.4 percent from the floor for both halves, and hit 6-of-32 from the arc, going 3-of-16 both halves. They were 15-of-22 (68.2 percent) from the line.

The positive side for Pikeville was a season-low eight

The Bears had four players in double figures, led by junior Jarrod Adkins, who had a teamhigh 15 points thanks to hitting 5-of-8 from the field and four three-point shots. Adkins was also one of three Bears with five rebounds, as Wise won that bat-tie 35-33.

Senior Emanuel Tekie and junior Marcus Jones followed with 13 points, while senior Chris Carroll had 10, five rebounds, three assists and two

(See BEARS, page two)



Jarrod Adkins

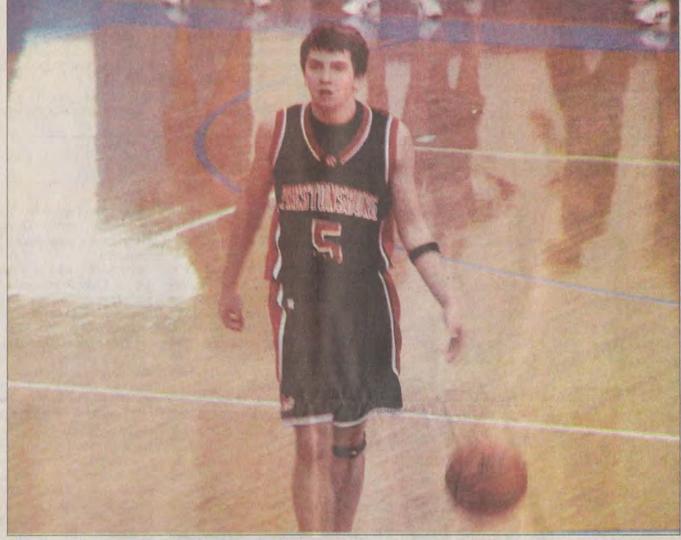


photo by Steve LeMaster

Senior guard Michael Stephens was one of the Prestonsburg Blackcats who played at less than 100-percent during last week's Frankfort trip.

Blackcats finish 1-2 in Frankfort event

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

FRANKFORT - The Farmers Bank Snowball Classic afforded the Prestonsburg Blackcats three tough

Prestonsburg began play in the Farmers Bank Snowball Classic versus Hopkins County Central. The Blackcats ultimately finished play in the Frankfort event with a 1-2 record. Prestonsburg's lone win during the tournament came Thursday over Holy Cross (Louisville). The Blackcats posted a 61-45 win over the Louisville opponent and headed into Friday's game against Woodford County with momentum. In the Friday matchup against Woodford County, Prestonsburg packed a nine-point lead into halftime and led by eight points at the end of the third quarter before falling. Woodford County made up ground in the final period and posted a 59-56 win.

Despite the two losses, Prestonsburg head coach Jackie Day Crisp felt his team played better throughout the tournament.

"We played better every game," said Crisp. "I thought our best game was against Woodford County. We led for most of the game."

Prestonsburg had less than a full compliment of players when it hit the hardwood in Frankfort.

Junior guard Lincoln Slone remains sidelined with an ankle injury. Lewis Barnette missed the entire first game of the Frankfort tournament before returning in the second contest. Senior guard Michael Stephens entered the Frankfort tourney following a bout with the flu. Prestonsburg senior Sean Leslie was injured in the Blackcats' tournament finale versus Woodford County.

'It's real important for us to try and get healthy," Crisp added. "The real meat of our scheduled starts in the middle of

Prestonsburg was back in action Tuesday night at Pike County Central High School versus Letcher County Central in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic. Results from the Pike Central tournament game were unavailable at press time.

PRESTONSBURG BLACKCATS **UPCOMING GAMES**

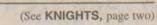
- This week -Coca-Cola Classic at Pike County Central
- Jan. 10, Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 14, South
- Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 19, at Wolfe
- County, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 24, Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.

(See LADY REBS, page two)

Knights down David for third time

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

ASHLAND - The Piarist School and the David School have grown accustomed to squaring off against one another on the hardwood. The two Floyd County foes met again Saturday in the David Garns Memorial Tournament at Rose Hill Christian School. Piarist, also a member of the Three Rivers Conference, held off a couple of David rallies, beating the Comets 63-49.





Piarist's Chris Baker went up for a shot over the David defense during the David Garns Memorial Tournament at Rose Hill Christian School.

Paintsville takes **Hoops Classic title**

key 58th District games.

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE -After dismantling Seneca 71-61 in the morning, host Paintsville claimed its first-ever Tiger Hoops Classic title Friday night, beating Apollo 71-64.

Sophomore Landon Slone, the tournament's MVP, led the way for Paintsville, finishing with 21 points. Junior Daniel Pugh, the recipient of the tournament's best defensive player award, added 15 points for the Tigers. J.D. VanHoose and Shane Grimm added 11 points apiece for the victorious Paintsville team. Blake Bundy added eight points and Kevin Williams five as Paintsville had six different scorers.

(See TIGERS, page two)



Josh Ousley of Piarist went up for a shot against rival David.

Knights

with 19 points. Jacob Moak added 13 points for the Knights.

In the second round on Friday, Lewis County leveled Piarist 80-42, and in another game, Deming drubbed David 76-32.

The Rose Hill tournament also featured the homestanding Royals, Lawrence County, Fairview and H.B. Beal, Ontario,

Piarist, under the guidance of

Josh Ousley paced Piarist Friend, first defeated David 68- champion Elliott County. 35 on Dec. 3 in the Three Rivers Conference Tournament. In a regular-season meeting Dec. 12, Piarist rolled to a 67-37 win over

> The Knights are scheduled to host the David School in a fourth game between the two teams Monday.

Piarist will begin play in the Crusader Classic tonight, taking on host June Buchanan. In another game, Allen Central is pitted first-year head coach Greg against defending 16th Region Piarist.......14 18 19 12-63

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David Garns Memorial at Rose Hill Christian Seventh-place game PIARIST 63, DAVID 49

DAVID (49) - Wright 3, Stumbo 17, Mullins 2, Robinson 6, Tiller

PIARIST (63) - Ousley 19, Moak 13, Baker 9, Doyle 9, Haskins 4, Zienkiewriz 4.

David......10 15 9 14-49

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

BOYS' BASKETBALL Friday's games Harlan 83, Williamsburg 34 Red Bird 59, Evarts 58 Arby's/KFC Classic McCreary Central 58, Green Co.

Pineville 66, Jellico, Tn. 45 Scott County, Tn. 64, Garrard

Whitley Co. 62, Oneida, Tn. 49 Berea Tournament

Clay Co. 55, Montgomery Co. 44 Jackson Co. 66, Magoffin Co. 55 June Buchanan 81, Berea 76 Lex. Henry Clay 82, Madison Southern 68

Pike Co. Central 70, Rockcastle Co. 58

Cumberland Falls Invitational Tournament

Perry Co. Central 59, Corbin 56 Cawood 80, Lou. Brown 39 Hazard 70, Johnson Central 55 Paintsville Tiger Hoop Classic Rose Hill Invitational Fairview 62, H. B. Beal, Ontario Rose Hill Christian 61, Lawrence South Walton Shootout Buckhorn 70, McClay, Fla. 61

GIRLS' BASKETBALL Greenup Co. 47, Portsmouth,

Ohio 45 Harlan 35, Cumberland 26 June Buchanan 66, South Floyd

Applebee's Winter Classic Bullitt Central 59, Warren East

Clay Co. 66, Boyle Co. 53 Grayson Co. 57, North Laurel 40 Hart Co. 66, Betsy Layne 38 Lex. Henry Clay 68, Raceland 29 Marion Co. 67, Morgan Co. 48 Mason Co. 67, Hancock Co. 49 Pike Co. Central 52, Somerset

Ladycat Holiday Hoopfest Deming 51, Owsley Co. 38 Lee Co. 55, West Jessamine 38 Leslie Co. 61, Jenkins 46 Perry Co. Central 64, Breathitt

Lady Invitational of the South Cumberland County, Tn. 74, Cov. Holy Cross 61 Franklin-Simpson 61, Lou. Iroquois 59 Montgomery Co. 65, Magoffin Co. 52 Shelby Co. 55, Lou. Christian Academy 41 Owensboro Invitational

Henderson Co. 65, Bishop Brossart 40 John Hardin 45, Knott Co. Central 32

LaRue Co. 55, Bowling Green 51 Lex. Bryan Station 36, Lone Oak 30

McCreary Central Owensboro 31 Mercer Co. 59. Notre Dame 49 Union Co. 54, Owensboro

Queen of the Bluegrass East Carter 53, Russell 41 Rowan Co. 57, Phelps 44 Shelby Valley 66, Lou. Western

Bobcats

this type of schedule is something that can help us late in the season."

The Bobcats, undefeated at 2-0 in 58th District play, head into Friday night's district game against defending champion South Floyd eying an all-impor-

tant win.

"That's a big game for both teams," Rose said, commenting on the upcoming district game.

Pairings are set for the WYMT Mountain Classic. Betsy Layne will take on 14th Region favorite Leslie County Continued from p1

in the opening round of the tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 11. In other first-round pairings, Phelps is pitted against Knott County Central, Harlan against Paintsville and two-time defending champion Hazard versus North Laurel.

Betsy Layne

The Ladycats hung tough early on in the game, but faltered down the stretch.

Betsy Layne, which also suffered tournament losses to host Boyle County and Bullitt Central, held Hart County to just nine points in the third period. The young Ladycats, however, failed to make up enough ground on the older, experienced team.

Kaitlin Lawson led Betsy Layne in scoring with 12 points. Megan Hamilton and Whitney Tackett each had eight points for the Ladycats. Candice Meade and Krista Flanery scored four points apiece for Betsy Layne, while Jessica Blackburn added two.

In another Boyle County tournament game of local interest, Pike County Central held off a late Somerset rally and edged the Lady Briar Jumpers 52-51.

Junior guard Haley Ratliff led Pike Central with a gamehigh 22 points. Kayla Lowe chipped in 12 points for the Lady Hawks.

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Junior guard Caiti Cowan paced Somerset with 19 points.

APPLEBEE'S WINTER CLASSIC HART COUNTY 66, **BETSY LAYNE 38**

HART COUNTY (10-2) - Baker 12, Highbaugh 10, Brown 10, Isaacs 13, Smith 6, Trent 6. BETSY LAYNE (1-9) - Tackett 8, Hamilton 8, Flanery 4, Lawson 12, Blackburn Meade 4.

Hart Co.18 19 9 20-66 Betsy Layne.....12 8 7 11-38.

Bears

Wise got 23 points from senior guard Parker Gemmell, who went 3-of-4 from the arc and hit all four free throws. He matched freshman also Zydrunas Rackauskas with seven rebounds to lead the club. Rackauskas had 15 points.

in with 18 points, grabbing five rebounds and handing out five assists. Sophomore Joey Blackwell added 13 points, six boards and a game-best six assists. The Bears were led in assists

by junior Ben Valentine with

Pikeville played without Sophomore Jarred chipped Coach Randy McCoy, who is Jan. 28 at Lindsey Wilson

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sidelined with medical issues.

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

UPCOMING GAMES at Knoxville Jan. 10 Jan. 14 Ohio Southern

Alice Lloyd Jan. 16 Jan. 21 Lambuth Jan. 26 at Georgetown

Lady Rebs

When first-year head coach Jennifer Hopkins took over the ACHS girls' basketball program late in the summer, she quickly found out the 2005-06 schedule could quite possibly be a very unforgiving slate.

In the first half of the 2005-06 season, Allen Central took on 15th Region favorite Pike County Central. defending 14th Region champion Knott County Central and preseason 14th Region favorite Perry County Central. That was all over the span of one week. In the Country Music Highway Classic, Allen Central faced Johnson Central, Fleming County, defending 12th Region champ and state semifinalist South Laurel and Hart County.

The Lady Rebels had Letcher County Central to focus on over the extended holiday break. Allen Central will travel to Letcher Central Thursday evening for a game against the Cougars. Hopkins - who as a player

tion - is hoping the tough schedule will pay dividends for her team come postseason time. "It's been a tough schedule and hopefully that'll help us

led the Lady Rebel basketball

team from her backcourt posi-

later on," Hopkins said. "These girls continue to work hard." Letcher Central posted a 2-1 record in last week's Farmers Bank Snowball Classic at the

Frankfort Convention Center after recording the same mark in the Arby's/KFC Classic in McCreary County the week before. Letcher Central. coached longtime Whitesburg coach Dickie Adams, rolled through the Lady

■ Continued from p1 Hawk Tip-Off Classic, begin-

ning its season 3-0 before falling to Breathitt County. The Lady Cougars entered the new year with an 8-4 record. Krett County Central transfer Heather Martin has made an immediate impact for Letcher Central. Martin, a 5-3 senior guard, joins with senior center Stephanie Whitaker, senior point guard Autumn Morris and senior forward Tiffany Lowe, in leading the Lady Cougars.

Tip-off for the Allen Central-Letcher Central game is set for

Other upcoming games have the Lady Rebels hosting beh East Ridge (Jan. 9) and Johnson Central (Jan. 12). After the two home games. Allen Central will hit the road again, traveling to Powell County (Jan. 14).

UK football committment killed in crash

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - A Tennessee high school football player who committed to play at the University of Kentucky died in a car wreck over the holiday weekend.

Christian Brothers High School star Chris Mosby's 1999 Jeep Wrangler veered off the road, hit a tree and flipped early Saturday, police said.

Mosby, a 17-year-old senior and the son of Memphis Fire Department Deputy Director

Richard Mosby, was taken to the Regional Medical Center at Memphis where he died.

Police aren't sure what caused the crash, but according to their report, alcohol was not a factor. Several hundred high school

students, parents and coaches attended a prayer service for him Saturday at Saint Louis Church. Mosby played linebacker

and was a finalist this season like for The Commercial Appeal's Best of the Preps Defensive

Cumberlands Baseball to host camps

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will be a morning session from

9 am until 12 pm for players age

8-13. There will also be an after-

noon session from 1 pm until 4

pm for players age 14-18. Cost

for either session is \$35 per

On Jan. 28, the Patriot coach-

Player of the Year award. He had committed to play for the University of Kentucky next season.

'It's unbelievable to think a kid like that who has his whole life in front of him with a great future in football in front of him at Kentucky, and all of a sudden you get a phone call and it's gone," Christian Brothers football coach Kevin Locastro said. "You can't explain what it's

"It's tragic. It's an unbelievable way to end 2005."

camp beginning at 9:00. Camp

will last until approximately 12

pm and the cost is \$35 per play-

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Tigers

Jake Wells and Tyler Brown for 8 p.m. paced Apollo with 21 points apiece. Carlos Alas added 12 points for the Eagles.

In the other semifinals matchup Friday morning, Apollo edged Oak Ridge, Tenn., 57-55.

Paintsville pulled things together in the second half of the championship game. Apollo jumped out and led Paintsville 24-17 at the end of the first quarter. Apollo led 31-27 at halftime before stalling in the second half.

Paintsville outscored Apollo 22-8 in the third period. After grabbing the lead, the Tigers held off a late Apollo charge.

Earlier in the tournament, in pool play games, Paintsville recorded victories over Hilton Head, SC, Barren County and Shroder Paideia, Ohio. The Ohio opponent took the Tigers into overtime before Paintsville prevailed, winning 93-89.

Slone, Pugh, VanHoose, Bundy and Grimm also represented Paintsville on the Hoops Classic All-Tournament Team. The Tigers will return to the

hardwood for the first time following their tournament triumph, Friday in a key 57th District game against Sheldon Clark. Tip-off for the Sheldon Clark-Paintsville game is set

PAINTSVILLE TIGER HOOPS CLASSIC Championship Game

APOLLO - Denton 6, Wells 21, Morris 2, Duvall 1, Alas 12, Brown 21, Johnson 1. PAINTSVILLE - Williams 5, Pugh 15, Bundy 8, Grimm 11, Slone 21, VanHoose 11. Apollo......24 7 8 25-64

Paintsville......17 10 22 22-71 PAINTSVILLE TIGER HOOPS

CLASSIC SCOREBOARD Tuesday, Dec. 27 (First round) Shroder Paideia, Ohio 68,

Barren County 59 Seneca 63, Ripley, Ohio 32 Alexander, Ga. 56, Carroll County 46 Apollo 44, Butler 42 Oak Ridge, Tenn. 87, South Floyd 85 Paintsville 78, Hilton Head, SC

Clear Lake, Texas 88, Allen Central 53 Wednesday, Dec. 28 (Second

round) Oak Ridge, Tenn. 50, Carroll County 41 Butler 64, James Madison, Va. 61 Apollo 63, Fort Mill, SC 62

Continued from p1 South Floyd 92, Alexander, Ga.

85 (2OT) Paintsville 69, Barren County Seneca 80, Allen Central 67

Thursday, Dec. 29 (Third round) Barren County 76, Hilton Head,

SC 60 Butler 61, Fort Mill, SC 54 Seneca 55, Clear Lake, Texas

Ripley, Ohio 71, Allen Central South Floyd 58, Carroll County

53 James Madison, Va. 29, Apollo Paintsville 93, Shroder Paidea

Ohio 89 (OT) Friday, Dec. 30 Semifinals Paintsville 71, Seneca 61

Apollo 57, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 55 Third-Place Game Oak Ridge, Tenn. 57, Seneca

Finals Paintsville 71, Apollo 64



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for the Cumberlands baseball skills and drills camp for players TIMES STAFF REPORT age 8-14. Registration will On Jan. 21, the Patriot coachbegin at 8:30 am in the intra-WILLIAMSBURG - The University of the Cumberlands ing staff will be conducting a mural gymnasium of the O. Wayne Rollins Center, with the hitting camp at Grand Slam

(formerly Cumberland College) baseball coaching staff will be hosting a showcase and camps on three Saturdays in January.

On Jan. 14, the Patriots will host a pitcher/catcher showcase for high school age players. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the intramural gymnasium of the O. Wayne Rollins Center, with the showcase beginning at 9. Cost for the showcase is \$35 per player. Players will have the opportunity to showcase their talents and skills in front of several coaches from colleges in Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee.

Adam Blanton, a Johnson Central High School graduate, suits up as a freshman pitcher

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Belfry outlasts Cards in Mtn. Schoolboy Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY — The championship game of the Appalachian Wireless Mountain Schoolboy Classic Friday night wound up being a shootout. Host Belfry, taking on longtime rival Sheldon Clark in the title game, outscored the Cardinals in every period en route to a 111-89 win.

For Belfry, senior Matt Maynard has carried his prolific football efforts over onto the hardwood. Maynard led the Pirates in scoring in the championship game, tossing in a game-high 46 points. Maynard was one of nine different Belfry players to reach double figures in the points department. Three different Pirates reached double figures as Jamie Case added 27 points and Dustin May chipped in 17.

Belfry exited the first quarter with a 28-24 lead and entered the intermission with a 52-44 advantage. In the second half, Belfry distanced itself from fellow 15th Region rival Sheldon Clark, outscoring the Cardinals 29-16 in the third period.

Senior Brandon May paced Sheldon Clark with a team-best 33 points. Sophomore point guard Jaryd Crum added 17 points for Sheldon Clark, givures. Eleven different Sheldon Clark players got into the scoring act.

Belfry improved to 6-3 while Sheldon Clark fell to 5-6.

Shelby Valley 64, East Ridge 48: In the third-place game of the Appalachian Wireless Mountain Schoolboy Classic, Shelby Valley outscored Pike County rival East Ridge

ing the Cards two players in double fig- 18-10 in the fourth period on its way to the win.

> Cade Riddle claimed game-high scoring honors for Shelby Valley, finishing with 34 points. Mitch Riddle added 10 points for the Wildcats.

Shelby Valley took a 34-26 lead into

NFL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 7 Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m. (ABC) Jacksonville at New England, 8 p.m. (ABC) Sunday, Jan. 8 Carolina at New York Giants, 1 p.m. (FOX) Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 4:30

Divisional Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 14 AFC game at Denver or Indianapolis (CBS) NFC game at Chicago or Seattle (FOX)

p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Jan. 15 AFC game at Denver or

Indianapolis (CBS) NFC game at Chicago or Seattle (FOX)

Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 22 AFC game (CBS) NFC game (FOX)

Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 6 Detroit AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (ABC)

Pro Bowl Sunday, Feb. 13 At Honolulu AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Crusaders finish third in Berea tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BEREA - June Buchanan got off to a good start and bounced back from a dismal third-quarter showing Friday to beat host Berea in the third-place game of the Berea Invitational Tournament. The Crusaders were able to finish strong and beat Berea

Eighth-grade guard Tate Cox led June Buchanan in scoring with a team-best 23 points. Cox was one of four players to reach double figures scoring for June Buchanan, one of the 14th Region's most promising squads. Leading scorer Clark Stepp, a sophomore, pumped in 17 points for the Crusaders. Stepp entered the 2005-06 season fresh off of a freshman cam-

Six-foot-eight freshman Garrison Collins fired in 14 points for the Crusaders. Seven different June Buchanan players had points in the third-place victory.

The Crusaders eased out of the first

final period.

Eleventh Region member Berea had three players post double digits in the scoring column.

In another Berea Invitational game from Friday, Brad Lowe fired in a gamehigh 24 points and led Pike County Central

paign in which he averaged 26 points per to a 70-58 win over Rockcastle County. Jackson County beat Magoffin County 66-55 in another tournament tilt. Devin Rice paced the Hornets with a game-high 27

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JUNE BUCHANAN 81, BEREA 76 Berea Invitational Tournament Third-Place Game

BEREA (6-5) - Dollins 29, Johns 19, Quinley 20, Ruxer 5, Combs 3. JUNE BUCHANAN (8-2) - Stepp 17, Cox 23, Collins 14, Howard 10, Huff 5, Conley 3. Childers 8.

Berea.....18 18 24 16-76 June Buchanan....19 24 14 24-81

Chiefs 37, Bengals 3

by STEVE BRISENDINE **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The Kansas City Chiefs gave Dick Vermeil a near-perfect goodbye

They couldn't give him what they really wanted, though - one more game as their head coach.

The Chiefs were unstoppable on offense and stifling on defense in Sunday's 37-3 victory over the playoff-bound Bengals. Cincinnati Pittsburgh's 35-21 victory over Detroit kept the Chiefs (10-6) from reaching the AFC playoffs, meaning Vermeil's decision to retire at the end of the season takes effect immediately.

"I think they've demonstrated that they are a playoff-caliber football team," Vermeil said. "We just didn't get some things done that we had to get done at the time we needed to get them done."

Cincinnati, its playoff berth already in hand, didn't need to get a lot done on Sunday - and it

Only Shayne Graham's firstquarter field goal kept the Bengals (11-5) from being shut out for the first time since 2001, and the AFC North champions take a two-game losing streak into their first playoff appearance in 15 years.

But at least they get to go, as

the No. 3 seed hosting Pittsburgh in the first round Sunday. Cincinnati split the regular-season series with its AFC North rival, each team winning on the road.

"This game is over with, and we've got to move on," Bengals defensive end Justin Smith said. "It really doesn't mean anything. There's no excuses, but we knew we were going to play next week. It's win or go home now."

Kansas City becomes only the fourth team to go 10-6 and miss the postseason since the NFL expanded the field to 12 teams after the 1990 season.

"It's difficult. I'll be honest with you," guard Brian Waters said. "I feel like we left a lot of things out on the field as an offense, but all you can do is finish the best you can. The team didn't quit. We gave it a shot and put a lot of pressure on the other teams."

The Chiefs' offensive successes down the stretch - especially the emergence of Larry Johnson as one of the league's ete running backs - makes missing the playoffs even harder

Johnson ran for 201 yards and a career-high three scores on 21 carries, his ninth straight 100yard game, and broke Kansas City's single-season rushing record.

Johnson, who scored two touchdowns 40 seconds apart late in the second quarter, finished with 1,750 yards rushing to break Priest Holmes' club record of 1,615 yards - despite not becoming the regular starter until Nov. 6, after lingering effects of head and neck trauma ended Holmes' season.

"I feel like I could play 10 to

15 more games, because I'm so young," said Johnson, a thirdyear professional who will play in his first Pro Bowl next month. "People think that because I have a lot of carries, I'm taking a lot of shots, but I'm not."

His streak of nine straight 100-plus rushing games is the third longest in NFL history, tied with Walter Payton, Fred Taylor and Deuce McAllister.

He just missed a fourth touchdown midway through the fourth quarter when he fumbled at Cincinnati's 2-yard line.

Rudi Johnson, held to 18 yards on 10 carries, still broke his single-season rushing record for Cincinnati. He finished with 1,457 yards; three more than his previous mark.

But with his struggles, and a relatively quiet day for irrepressible Bengals wide receiver Chad Johnson, there was no question which Johnson was the game's

With the Chiefs up 6-3 late in the second quarter, Larry Johnson broke through the line and ran 49 yards for the game's first TD. Three plays after that, tight end Matt Schobel tipped Jon Kitna's pass and Sammy Knight intercepted at the Bengals

After Trent Green's 27-yard pass to Tony Gonzalez, Johnson started left, spun out of David Pollack's tackle and cut back across the field - picking up a key block from Green along the way - for a 14-yard TD.

It was the first of two interceptions thrown by Kitna, who replaced Carson Palmer to start the second quarter.

After Johnson's 20-yard run on the opening drive of the second half gave the Chiefs a 27-3 lead, Patrick Surtain's interception set up Lawrence Tynes' 23yard field goal.

Palmer, who sustained a groin strain last week against Buffalo, said the injury wasn't an issue.

"My groin felt great," he said. "I could have ended up playing the whole game. "But I think Coach (Marvin Lewis) wanted to let some of the starters rest. Looking back, I'm glad I let my groin rest."

Tynes also kicked first-half field goals of 39 and 24 yards for

Green finished 23-for-29 for 335 yards, closing out Kansas City's scoring with an 8-yard

pass to Dee Brown. Eddie Kennison had 151 yards on seven catches for the

Chiefs. Chad Johnson was held to 55 yards on four catches.

Notes: Rudi Johnson and Chad Johnson are only the third set of teammates to set franchise rushing and receiving records in the same season, joining Dallas' Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin 1995, and Houston's Domanick Davis and Andre Johnson in 2004. Chad Johnson extended his record to 1,432 yards receiving. ... Gonzalez set a team record with his 84th straight game with at least one reception. He had shared the record with Stephone Paige (1985-91).

No. 18 Kentucky 71, Ohio 63

by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - The ball left Ramel Bradley's hand with the right amount of spin but way too much speed, headed straight for the backboard with the game at a turning point.

Smack. Swish.

Bradley's banked 3-pointer from the top of the key started a final push by No. 18 Kentucky, which trailed most of the game Friday night before rallying for a 71-63 victory over Ohio in the Wildcats' annual trek across the Ohio River.

Bradley and Joe Crawford had career highs, rescuing the Wildcats (9-3) from an off-night by their top two guards. Crawford scored 23 points and Bradley had 16 in an offense so stagnant at times that coach Tubby Smith furiously smacked his black leather shoe on the floor.

"We really don't have a team that's going to just run away from people - the big knockout punch," Smith said. "We've got to do it in so many different ways."

They did it with two unexpected performances and that banked 3-pointer that Ohio (6-2) won't soon forget.

"My plan was to stay in it until the end, then steal it," Bobcats coach Tim O'Shea said. "And we were doing that. Then the guy banks in the 3."

Ohio led by nine points three times, leaving the Kentucky fans at U.S. Bank Arena fearing the worst. Bradley's momentum-turning 3-pointer cut it to 56-

55 and got Kentucky revved. "I think I hit a shot before that and I was feeling good, so I knew I was going to pull up when I got it," Bradley said. "We were their last trip to town. Playing on playing in Bank Arena, I guess, so I knew I had to bank one home.

The Bobcats unraveled in the last 3 minutes. Rekalin Sims had a tip-in and a three-point play with 2:30 left that gave Kentucky its first lead since the middle of the first half, 60-59.

"It was just a gut check for us." Sims said. "I'm really happy we pulled it out because for a second I was really scared

Mychal Green led Ohio with 16 points, all in the first half, when the Bobcats shot 65 percent from the field. They shot 34.6 percent in the second.

Nothing came easy for Kentucky. Point guard Rajon Rondo was 2-of-4 for six points, and Patrick Sparks was 1-of-10 for three. And a timid front line failed to use its height advantage - Kentucky got only four free throws in the first half and missed

"The big key is you've got to get there," Smith said. "Four times in a half is just ter-

The Wildcats made what was likely their final trip to the downtown arena where they have played a game each of the last eight seasons to reward their fan base in northern Kentucky. The contract to play at U.S. Bank Arena ends after this season.

They have lost only once in 14 games at the arena - Dayton beat them by two in 1999. Ohio was looking to repeat the feat, but the Mid-American Conference's topranked team lost its shooting touch down

the stretch. The Bobcats used the game as a measure of how far they've come since the Cincinnati's campus on Dec. 14, they imploded in the second half and lost to the Bearcats 86-58.

In a short time, they've grown a lot.

"I think anybody who watched this game would come away impressed that Ohio has a good team," O'Shea said. "To go toc-to-toe with them for 40 minutes, how can I be disappointed?"

The Bobcats showed a lot more gumption this time, more than holding their own against a bigger lineup and a pedigree basketball program. Green went 4-of-5 on 3s - two of them from beyond the NBA arc to keep Ohio ahead for most of the first

Crawford matched him in a game of one upmanship, also going 4-of-5 from behind the arc while equaling his career high with 14 points in the half. The sophomore had never made more than two 3s in

Smith gave his players three days off over Christmas, then decided they looked sluggish in practice on Thursday. A day later, they were still a step slow, even after

Jeremy Fears scored three consecutive baskets, one on a layup after he stole a halfhearted pass by Sparks, putting Ohio up 48-39 in the opening minutes of the sec-

Fears stole another sloppy pass by Sparks for a dunk that made it 54-45 with 12:34 left, finally waking Kentucky from its lethargy.

The game had special significance for Kentucky - its 2,500th all-time. The Wildcats are 1,913-586 with one tie.

No. 10 Louisville 58, Miami 43

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUNRISE, Fla. - Juan Palacios scored 19 points to lead No. 10 Louisville to a 58-43 victory over Miami in the Orange Bowl Classic on Saturday.

Taquan Dean had 13 points and David Padgett added 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Cardinals (11-1). Dean and Padgett each played after picking up a fourth personal foul midway through the second

Miami (7-6).

Guillermo Diaz, the Hurricanes' leading scorer, was held scoreless for the second time in his career. The junior was 0-of-10 from the field, including four 3-point attempts, and was 0-of-1 from the free throw line.

Louisville trailed 39-38 before Terrence Williams made

jumper to give the Cardinals a scored six straight points to Robert Hite scored 15 points three-point lead. Palacios then and Anthony Harris had 10 for hit consecutive 3-pointers to give Louisville a 48-39 lead with 3:39 left.

Following a timeout, the Cardinals scored the next seven points to make it a 17-0 run. Hite's two free throws with 1:23 left ended the spurt.

Louisville failed to score during the first 6:53 of the second half, while Miami scored nine points to pull within 34two free throws and a corner 33. Trailing 38-33, Miami take their first lead of the game.

Hite's slam finished a fast break and gave the Hurricanes a 39-38 lead with 7:27 left. Louisville had one field goal in the opening 14:38 of the second half.

Louisville hit four 3-pointers - the first two by Palacios while building a 16-5 lead 5:01 into the game. Miami failed to get within six the rest of the half as the Cardinals took a 34-24 lead.

Witt sets 3-point record, leads Colonels to 6 -51 win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND - Senior Matt Witt recorded his 211th career three-pointer, setting a school record, and finished with a game-high 24 points to help the Eastern Kentucky men's basketball team earn a 60-51 victory over Coastal Carolina Friday night in McBrayer Arena. The win was the third in a row for the Colonels (5-6) and pushed the Chanticleers (5-5) to 0-5 on the road this season.

Witt passed former EKU player Ben Rushing '05 by going 2-of-7 from behind the arc against Coastal Carolina. For his career, Witt is 211-for-594 (35.5 percent) from long range with both numbers ranking first in the EKU annals.

Coastal took a slim 28-27

lead into the intermission thanks to an 8-0 run in the final 5:29 of the first stanza. The second half was close throughout with the largest spread just three points through 13 minutes of action. A layup by sophomore Darnell Dialls knotted up the game for the fifth time in the second half at 44-all with 6:29 left. Another Dialls basket followed by a Julian Mascoll dunk and Jason McLeish three-pointer then put the Colonels up by seven, 51-Witt sealed the win with two

key steals down the stretch. After the Chanticleers cut the deficit to four, 51-47, with 2:40 remaining, Witt forced a backcourt steal and converted two free throws to push the lead back up to six points. A minute later, Witt came away with another steal under the EKU basket before netting an uncontested layup to make the score.

Neither team shot the ball. particularly well Friday evening with both teams shooting season lows - Eastern 36.7 percent (18-of-49) and Coastal Carolina 35.1 percent (20-of-

McLeish was the only other Colonel in double figures with 10 points while junior Michael Brock tallied a game-best nine rebounds and Mascoll regis-

Pele Paelay notched 12 points and six boards for the Chanticleers while Jack Leasure added 10 points.

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period with a 19-18 lead. June Buchanan led 43-36 when the game entered halftime. Berea was able to go ahead in the third period, outscoring June Buchanan 24-14 before the Crusaders bounced back in the Kathy Prater

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POISON OAK

Too fat for his poor little horse

It's been nearly 20 years, now, since I finally realized what I'd been suspecting all along was really true: women

Clyde Pack

don't fight It all started with what Atlanta station called "Ten Days of the Duke." Ted Turner's station had just finished running ten days worth (actually 32, all told)

of Wayne's movies. One would think that a big John Wayne fan like me would have been in hog heaven, but I didn't get to watch them all, because, well...as I said, women don't fight fair.

Here's how it happened.

On a Saturday night, when they were running "Stagecoach," at about two minutes until nine, Wilma Jean came through the house and asked, "Aren't we going to watch "Golden

"Golden Girls?" I asked. "This is 'Stagecoach." Look, that's John Wayne. Watch the rest of this with me. This is 'Stagecoach,' the movie that made him

"We always watch "Golden Girls," she answered calmly.

When I made no effort to change hannels, though, she picked up a nove she'd been reading, and didn't say any-

When the movie went off, I said, "That's a good 'en. There's another one

on tomorrow morning at 10:05." "Oh...and we'll miss it, since we'll be in church," she said sarcastically.

"Don't worry, I'll set the VCR," I

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KIM'S KORNER

New Year Prayer

The following New Year Prayer was shared with me via email. In turn this week I wish to share it with all of you. May your 2006 be filled with blessings.

New Year Prayer

God grant us this year a wider view.



others' faults through the eyes of You. Teach us to judge not hasty with tongue, Neither

So we see

the adult ... the nor young.

Kim Little Frasure

Give patience and grace

endure

And a stronger faith so we feel

Instead of remembering, help us

The irritations that caused us to fret

Freely forgiving for some offense And finding each day a rich recompense.

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Teresa Alzadon



Angie Carriere



Jennifer Hughes



Mary Joy Nelson



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Stephanie Sexton



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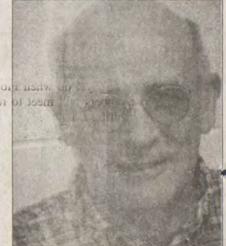
The Mountain Arts Center observes 'Individual Instructor Appreciation Week'

For the past several years, the Mountain Arts Center Arts Education Department has offered individial instruction in the areas of piano, voice, guitar, banjo, mandolin, violin/fiddle and the martial arts. Children, and adults, need to not only create, but also express themselves and feel satisfaction with their accomplishments. Private lessons provide this, and much more. Learning to play an instrument or to sing correctly develops concentration, coordination, and critical thinking and communication skills, as well as helping to boost one's selfesteem and provide hours of enjoy-

In appreciation of the hard work and dedication performed for the children of Eastern Kentucky by their instructors, the Mountain Arts Center recently set aside the week of December 26-January 2 for a week long celebration honoring their instructional staff. The MAC sends a warm "thank you" to each of their individual instructors for all that they do and for their tireless efforts on behal of

their students. Following is a listing of the Mountain Arts Center's Arts Education Department Individual Instructors and

their specializations: Teresa Alzadon, 1 01 15501 of Prestonsburg, violin/fiddle; Angie Carriere, of Prestonsburg, violin/fiddle; Janean Freeman, of Clearfield, voice; Shane Hamilton, of Garrett, martial arts; Jennifer Hughes, of West Van Lear, piano/voice; Candace Nall, of Pikeville, piano/voice; Mary Joy Nelson, of Lexington, voice; Vanessa Nelson, of Lexington, voice; Clyde Porter, of Prestonsburg, guitar; Stephanie Sexton, of Langley, piano; Jamie Wells, of Flat Gap, violin/fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar; and Martina Wheeler, of Lowmansville, voice.



Jamie Wells

'Warming foods' and spices can help fend off winter chills.

by PHYLLIS GLAZER AP WEEKLY FEATURES

How do you warm up when it's cold outside? Bundle up, dress warmly, and stay out of drafts, right?

That is right, partly. But, lacking central heating, ancient peoples believed that keeping the body warm also comes from within, and that certain foods could raise the body's temperature. Some of these, not coincidentally, are seasonal foods like legumes and root vegetables. Some are spices, like ginger and cloves.

Today we know that much of what they guessed from observation and intuition does indeed have scientific backing. Eating generates heat and helps warm your body, while the over-

all warming effect of food known as the extremities. That's why in winter thermogenesis ("heat making"), is due to energy released during digestion. If you find yourself feeling hungrier in winter than in the summer, don't chalk it up to your imagination; a drop in body temperature does stimulate the

So, what's best to eat in winter, and what's good to avoid?

Cold foods and fluids such as ice cream or cola require energy to bring them up to a viable temperature before digestion. In summer, when you want to cool off, this may not be a problem, but in winter, when the body needs to deal with cold both internally and externally, the attempt to conserve heat means a reduction of blood flow to your skin surface, and specifically to

your fingers and toes are the first to feel cold.

Eastern medical theories, rather than looking at the temperature of foods when you eat them, consider foods to have innate cooling or heating qualities, that have differing energy effects on the metabolism post-diges-

Uncooked fruits and vegetables, for example, are considered energetically cold foods. Quickly digested and excreted, they may initially provide a lift, but not long-lasting energy and warmth. Cooked vegetables, on the other hand, particularly those that grow beneath the surface of the ground (root vegetables), are considered some of the most desirable foods for winter.

Is that kooky or not? Actually, not. Mother Nature seems to have provided human beings with specific seasonal raw materials to meet the nutritional needs of each climate.

Before this modern era when almost every kind of food is shipped in to local markets from around the world, people in cold-winter climates subsisted on foods grown well into the colder months, including carrots, potatoes and sweet potatoes, and hearty

winter greens like kale and cabbage. Together with grains and legumes, which also fared well with long storage, they could construct a diet of "warming foods" to see them through the winter months. Cooked and served

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Cat and dog resolutions

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Okay, I've probably used some of these before, but I couldn't resist when I found them all in one place at the appropriate season!

A Dog's New Year Resolutions

I will stop trying to find the few remaining clean pieces of carpet in the house when I am about to throw up.

I will not eat what I just threw up. I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc.

diapers, especially the dirty ones.

I will not eat other animals' poop. (Especially the "kitty box

I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop. I will not eat any more socks and then re-deposit them in the back yard after processing. The diaper pail is not a cookie jar. I will not eat the disposable

I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell him. I will not chew crayons or pens, especially not the red ones,

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CRITTER CORNER



Nothing like a good nap snuggled up to a good friend this picture seems to say. "Henry," a charcoal kitten doesn't care beans that her buddy, "Brandy," is a cocker spaniel pup. Who says cats and dogs don't mix? These cute critters belong to Katbird Isaac, of Martin.

School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

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

Allen Central Middle School

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children

and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751,

Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

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

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

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

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

May Valley Elementary

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.

WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appoint-

Mountain Christian Academy

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Prestonsburg Elementary and **Family Resource Center**

The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by Parent Lending Library is appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. Watch for dates skin tests, well-child exams, to be announced. If you need

training, call to set up an appointment.

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

Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth

Services Center office. ■ Walking track open to public (track closed during spe-

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

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

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

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

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

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents

and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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

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

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

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

If you would like more information on the programs and services offered by the FRC, please call or come by for a visit. Center is located in the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Center hours are: Mon. thru Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone: 452-4553; ask to speak with Cissy Williams (coordinator) or Karen Williams (clerk). You may also leave a message and we will return your

(See SCHOOL, page six)

YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times. 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and

60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago (January 3 and January 5, 1996)

There is no word yet on when Floyd County school board members will meet to resume discussions about hiring a new superintendent, but the board chairman anticipates having one hired by the January board meeting

Thieves swiped a safe at the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Greenhouse office during the wee hours of Dec. 30. The safe contained about \$1,200

Residents of Weeksbury-Abner Doty Creek, Wilson Creek, and Salyers Branch, are getting a late Christmas present-water. Contracts have been signed on projects to bring water to those areas but residents need to let officials know if they want to be hooked up to the service

The year 1995 was filled with controversy from the indictment of the county attorney on federal fraud charges to the implementation of an emergency 911 system, to the indictment of the county sheriff on neglect of duty charges by a local grand jury. The school system spent months looking for extra dollars and a new superintendent. The county had two new county judges in a year, after John M. Stumbo died while in office. There were deaths and births, car wrecks and burglaries. Enough to fill a year's worth of front

The Prestonsburg Fire Department said goodbye to the old year and rang in the new with two fires over the weekend. On Friday at 12:20 a.m., the department responded to a small fire at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center; the other was at the old Pure Oil building in West Prestonsburg

Thomas Michael Litteral, son of Tommy and Ginger Litteral of Paintsville, was the first baby born in 1996, at Highlands Regional Medical Center

Prestonsburg Fire Department sergeant Ronnie Burke sprayed down the old fire department building on Highland Avenue, Friday afternoon, with a mixture of Clorox and water. At the suggestion of the Floyd County Health Department, the building was decontaminated from any possible traces of histoplasmosis before restoration work begins. The building is being restored by the Floyd County Historical Society

January 30 is the deadline for candidates to file for the May 1996 primary election, which will include races for State Representative and State Senator in Floyd County

A cocaine trafficking and possession case against Charles "Chuckie" McCauley, 30, of Melvin, was referred to a grand jury Wednesday, after a preliminary hearing in Floyd District Court

A Floyd County man, who has spent the last two years as a volunteer at the Appalachian Research Defense Fund, is taking on a new project after the deaths of his daughter and her husband last month. Den Hunter, 55, wants a section of road on Branham's Creek fixed because it is the site where his daughter, Connie Porter, and her husband, Richard Porter, died after an auto accident in December

.The federal government shutdown is having an unexpected effect in Eastern Kentucky. About \$16,000 the Catholic Social Service Bureau expects to receive to distribute among local food pantries might not be forthcoming-or, at the least, it is several months later than usual

Gene DeCoursey, director of Wayland United Methodist Food Pantry loaded items he purchased

at God's Pantry. The Wayland food pantry received \$3,000 from the federal grant last year

Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill has sanctioned Floyd County Attorney Jim Hammond for failing to promptly respond to a records request related to a civil lawsuit filed against Hammond's private law firm

Steve Newsome, 34, of Martin, who admitted embezzling more than \$50,000 from a local bank, was sentenced, Wednesday, in federal court to one year and a day, in a federal prison

The annual celebration of Old Christmas will be held Sunday, January 7, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park

There died: Roscoe Bates, 85, of Kite, Thursday, December 28, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Janet S. Halbert, 61, of Martin, Saturday, December 30, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Maud Dye, 95, of Martin, Monday, January 1, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Ellen Brewer Slone, 60, of Wheelwright, Saturday, December 30, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ida Clark Burchett, 95, of Cow Creek, Saturday, December 31, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; Draxie Newsome McKay. 69, of Southgate, Michigan, December 28; Maudie Hamilton Mitchell Flack, 90, of Betsy Layne, Monday, January 1, at her residence; Earl Douglas Conley, 65, of Kite, Wednesday, December 27, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Anna Mae Burgher, 51, of Lexington, a Floyd County native, Saturday, December 30; Pauline Terrell Peyton, 86, of Allen, formerly of Pikeville and Shelbiana, Sunday, December 31; Susie Della Thacker, 67. of Garrett, Wednesday, December 27, at her home; Pauline Jarvis, 69, of Prestonsburg. Sunday, December 31, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw, Indiana; Asia Stumbo, 88, of Hi Hat, Thursday, January 4, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Martha Reynolds Vance, 76, of Beaver, Thursday, January 4, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Rev. Hondel Adams, Wednesday, January 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Janet S. Halbert, 61, of Martin, Saturday, December 30, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Dock Marshall, 77, of Allen, Tuesday, January 2, at his residence.

Twenty Years Ago (January 8, 1986)

Prestonsburg city officials have decided to target their application for a \$750,000 community development block grant for flood proofing West Prestonsburg, and excluding housing rehabilita-

Judge-executive John M. Stumbo told the new fiscal court at its inaugural meeting, Monday, that federal revenue-sharing money, traditionally a substantial chunk of the county's income, will almost certainly dry up this summer

W. W. Burchett, attorney for the Floyd Board of Education, said he would discuss making a case against the manufacturers of asbestos, used in the construction of half a dozen Floyd schools. with the board members this week

While he turned down a request that the sentences be probated, Circuit Judge Hollia Confes ruled, Friday, that two ten-year prison to remeted out to a weeksoury man count at concurrently

There died: Estill Music, 80, of Abbou Koad,

Monday, December 30, 1985 at the Humana Hospital, Lexington, following a sudden illness; Laura Lilly Terrill, 51, of Highland Terrace, Friday, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, following an apparent heart attack; Silas (Scott) Shepherd, 66, of Gunlock, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, following a long illness; Ray Marion Herrel, 80, of Prestonsburg, January 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness; Shannon Slone, 60, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, January 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Julia Ann Stephens Hale, 66, of West Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness; Canton Stumbo, 78, of McDowell, Monday, at the home of his daughter in Allen, following an apparent heart attack; Flora Hall Isaac, 69, of Jack's Creek, December 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness; Dave Kilbourne, 67, of Martin, Saturday, at the Veterans Hospital, Lexington; James L. Williams, 59, of Halo, December 31, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness; Gertrude Perry Adkins, 80, of Harold, Saturday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following a long illness; and Former State Representative Timothy Paul (T.P.) Reynolds, 57, of Beaver, December 31, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, victim of an apparent heart attack.

Thirty Years Ago

Charles F. Clark, superintendent of Floyd County schools, last Saturday, made official a decision he had reached several months earlier. He announced that he will end his tenure next July 3, after an unprecedented four terms and 16 years in office. Clark recommended assistant superintendent E. P. "Pete" Grigsby Jr., be named his

Floyd County's unemployment rate stood at 10.8 percent, as that of eastern Kentucky remained at 8.3 percent as that of eastern Kentucky remained at 8.3 percent during November

The population of the county jail here dropped to its lowest point in more than 10 years, according to Jailer Lawrence Hale, with no more than two prisoners at the facility at one point, Tuesday The homestanding Prestonsburg Blackcats

upped their record to 5-5 with a 74-52 victory over the Salyersville Hornets, Saturday Harold J. Stumbo, whose second six-year term

as commonwealth's attorney, expired Jan. 1, was appointed by County Judge Henry Stumbo, last week, to the office of county attorney, to fill the vacancy created by the election of James R. Allen to the prosecutor's post

There died: Andy Hale, 42, dead on arrival at Highlands Regional Medical Center, last Thursday, after suffering an apparent heart attack at his Pyramid home; Mrs. Geneva O'Dell Ousley Spears, 46, of the left fork of Abbott Creek, Saturday, at the UK Medical Center in Lexington.

The Inland Steel Company confirmed, ruceday, the rumor that had circulated in the

county for several days, by its announcement that arrangements have been made to transfer ownership of its Wheelwright operations, and contiguous holdings, to the Island Creek Coal Company

Harry Sandige, former mayor of Prestonsburg, took the oath of office as police judge, here, at a special meeting of the city council, Monday

Upward of 500 persons, attending Tuesday night's meeting of the Left Beaver Development Association, heard Congressman Carl D. Perkins discuss community development through federal assistance and local initiative

The Beauty Guard Manufacturing Company, whose alumium products plant at Minnie was destroyed by fire, Dec. 26, is reopening in the Virgil Smith building, near Allen, Con Burchwell, a member of the firm, said last week

Mrs. Bess S. May, retired as postmaster here, effective Dec. 31, and Jack Stumbo assumed the postmastership, under appointment by Congressman Carl D. Perkins

There died: Charles A. Weichers, 67, Tuesday, at his home, here; Fair Bentley, 81, of Banner, January 3, in a Lexington hospital.

Fifty Years Ago (January 5, 1956)

A \$55,000 research program to learn how to relieve the economic plight of eastern Kentucky, was launched, last Friday, by Governor A. B. Chandler

Stockmen, and the county agent, Prichard King, of Magoffin County, and a sheep grower of this county, were concerned about rabies on their farms, this week, when several animals, at first diagnosed as having tetanus, died in Magoffin County, and a ewe belonging to Paul Dotson, of West Prestonsburg, succumbed to what he thought could have been rabies

Verna Gearheart, 16-year-old Garrett High School senior, won the county-wide essay contest, sponsored by the Louisville Times and Courier-Journal, and the supervisors of the local Soil Conservation District

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. William L. Grimm, a son, Mark William, Dec. 29, at the Paintsville Hospital

There died: Mrs. Lou Ellen Stephens Ratliff, 73, of West Prestonsburg, Monday, at the home of a daughter; Henry Harrison Sparks, 63, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; John Ell Venters, 66, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Sixty Years Ago (January 3, 1946)

Shy a matter of \$2,500 toward the Floyd County War Fund goal of \$11,230, N. M. White Jr., county drive chairman, said, this week, that the community of Wheelwright has contributed little short of half the \$8,638.39 total from the county as a whole

The Floyd County Tuberculosis Association, at its meeting, Dec. 27, purchased an x-ray machine at a cost, installed, of around \$2,500

and contestees, in the county's two " . . must cuses, moved amongh the se and round, as Dewey Roberts and Troy B. Sturgill

(See YESTERDAYS, part of

Korner

In offering a friendly, helping hand

And trying in all ways to understand;

That all of us whoever we are

Are trying to reach an unreachable star.

For the great and small ... the

good and bad,

The young and old ... the sad

Are asking today; Is life worth living? The answer is only in, loving

and giving. For only Love can make man

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And Kindness of Heart brings Peace of Mind.

By giving love, we can start this year

To lift the clouds of hate and

Author - Helen Steiner Rice Til Next Week ...

Oak

I did, and on Sunday afternoon I watched "They Were Expendable," then taped "The War Wagon" Sunday night. I flat couldn't believe my luck. Four Big Dukes in two days and I was batting a thousand. I'd watched two, and taped two.

When Monday night finally rolled around, I settled into my recliner for "Rio Lobo," while Wilma Jean sat quietly across the room reading her novel. As Big John displayed his skill with a six gun on a thieving carpetbagger, she said, "That's just amazing."

I couldn't believe that she was at last beginning to become impressed, but I agreed, "Yeah, that Duke is a dandy, all right."

"I'm not talking about the Duke. I'm talking about his poor little horse. Bless its little heart. How can that poor little thing hold him up? Look, he's so fat I don't see how he can even get into the saddle."

Then, no more than 10 minutes later, I heard her tell someone on the phone, "Oh, he's fine. He's riding the range again tonight, with Marion Michael."

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"Who's Marion Michael?" I asked when she hung up.

"John Wayne. That's his name, you know. Marion Michael Morrison. And you wanna know what else?" He's not a real cowboy, either. He's a farmer, just a plain ordinary Iowa farm boy. He's just a sodbuster. A mere nestor...Pilgrim."

I didn't watch the rest of the movies. For some reason, Marion Michael Morrison as "Chisum," or Marion Michael Morrison as "Big Jake," just didn't appeal to me. Still don't.

Women don't fight fair.

School

call.

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Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, Employment

Services - Testing, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Allen Elem. FRC, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 5:30-8:30 p.m. -Cliffside

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Allen FRC, Mud Creek Clinic, McDowell FRC, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 1-4:30 p.m. - David Center, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Center, BSCTC.

■ Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, South Floyd/Rainbow

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(Weeksbury Comm. Center), BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Wayland Senior Citizen Center, Dixie Apts., BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - St. James Episcopal Church; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.

■ Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Cliffside NNC, Mud Creek Clinic, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC, David Craft Center, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m., Martin Comm. Center, BSCTC; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.

Yesterdays

Democratic Magisterial and Sheriff incumbents, respectively filed answers and counter-claims to the suits filed by their losing opponents, Mallie Conn and Dial

Salisbury Although county and district officials, elected at the November polls, will not take office next Monday, Everette Weeksbury, appointed to the office of jailer, when Guy Horn resigned two weeks before his four-year term would have expired

Oakley Simpson, 27, and Silas Colley, 43, both of Drift, were killed Dec. 20, in a slatefall in a mine of the Beaver Coal and Mining Company's operation at

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ervon Hicks of Hueysville, a daughter, Linda Carol, December 15; to Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Salyers, of

Prestonsburg, a son, William Lynn, Dec. 10, at Paintsville

There died: Roy Rice, 50, of East Point, Sunday night, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Sam M. Duncan, 80, Dec. 19, at his home at Hueysville.

(January 3, 1936)

With three persons dead of spinal meningitis, after five cases of the disease developed there, early last week, the Caleb Fork section of Weeksbury on Left Beaver Creek was under quarantine, this week

Sheriff M. T. Stumbo, himself, "swung the ax" this week, when he removed from his force of deputies, a total of eight men

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daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Corbin of Prestonsburg, won the Shirley Temple doll and wardrobe trunk, offered by The Times, in its recent doll subscription contest

The Order of High Priesthood was instituted in the hall of Zebulon Lodge, Free and Masons, Accepted Saturday evening

Following the loss of three straight games, since winning the first contest of the season, the Prestonsburg Blackcat basketball team is due for a shake-up, Coach Messer said, this week

Little Miss Roseanne Corbin,

There died: Mrs. Myrtle Allen, Sunday night, at her home on Salt Lick, near Bosco, Dr. Charles Sturgill, 49, one of the section's most prominent physicians, Thursday, at his home at

James E. Goble, master-elect

East Point Lodge 657, F&AM officer installation planned

The installation of officers who will serve East Point Lodge 657, F&AM, for the coming year will be conducted at a meeting to be held on Saturday, January 14, 2006, at the lodge hall.

Those officers to be installed include James E. Goble, master; Donald L. Hughes, senior warden; Bill J. Dotson, junior warden; Robert M. Peters, treasurer; William L. Baldridge, secretary; Tilden R. Ellis, chaplain; Scott Lafferty, senior deacon; Gordon VanHoose, junior deacon; David Williams, senior steward; Lester Jarvis, junior steward; and Ben Smith, tiler.

This will be an open meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m.; dinner will be served, and all family members and friends are encouraged to attend.

Warming

warm, these foods are most easily digested by the body, allowing the heat created by digestion to help improve circulation and body warmth.

Winter is also an excellent time to incorporate spices like ginger, garlic, cinnamon, turmeric and cloves into your daily diet. These spices contain phytonutrients, anti-microbial and/or anti-inflammatory prop-

Spices in the warm-hot category, including ginger, cinnamon and cloves (which, incidentally, taste great in hot cider, gingerbread and other baked goods) help to increase digestive enzymes, and boost the assimilation of nutrients. Other spices such as cumin, coriander, fennel, dill seed and anise seed aid digestion, particularly in the case of hard-to-digest beans.

The great 12th-century Jewish physician Rambam (Maimonides) believed that black mustard seeds and asafetida are also "warm" spices that can be very helpful during winter to aid digestion and help provide relief of winter ills and

Here are some easy, luscious recipes to help chase off the winter cold. First, a method of cooking chicken that tenderizes the chicken breast and enhances flavor. For a faster version, pound the chicken breast pieces before rubbing with the spice mixture.

Grilled Chicken Breast With Warming Spices

1 large skinless, boneless chicken breast

1 large clove garlic, pressed I packed teaspoon grated fresh ginger root

1/8 teaspoon ground white pepper 1/8 teaspoon cayenne or chili

cayenne pepper 1/8 teaspoon cloves

1 tablespoon sesame oil

Salt to taste 1 tablespoon chopped fresh

Divide chicken breast into

two sections. Rinse and pat dry. In a rimmed dish, mix the garlic, spices and sesame oil and rub into the chicken breast on all sides. It may be cooked immediately, but if you're not in a hurry, cover and chill for 30 minutes. (It may also be prepared several hours ahead of

Heat a heavy grill pan with ridges. Grill the chicken breast pieces on medium-high heat for 3 to 4 minutes on each side, till distinct grill marks appear. Cover and cook over very low heat for 15 to 20 minutes, until tender. Garnish with basil and serve with brown rice or other whole grain.

Makes 2 servings.

The following wonderful combination is both delicious and nutritious. It's chock-full of fiber and healthy warming spices, and it's very versatile. You can use it as a filling for phyllo or puff pastry, tortillas or toasted pita; it can be a base on which to serve broiled fish or meat. Add boiling water if you like and - voila! - it becomes

Multi-Purpose Curried Split-Pea Puree

1/2 pound split peas 1 medium potato, scrubbed and thickly sliced

1 bay leaf

3 cups water 1 1/2 teaspoons honey 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground

black pepper 1/2 teaspoon turmeric

2 tablespoons curry powder 1 teaspoon ground cumin

l teaspoon ground coriander Salt to taste

Pick over the split peas and place in a strainer. Rinse and transfer to a medium pot with the potato, bay leaf and 3 cups water. Bring to a boil and cook, partially covered, over low heat until the split peas are soft, about 30 minutes. Skim off any foam that develops on top. Drain, but reserve any remaining cooking water. Remove the bay leaf; place split peas in a food processor together with the honey, seasonings and spices. Process the mixture to desired consistency, adding reserved cooking water, if needed. May be stored in a covered container up to 3 days in the refrigerator. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

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Soothing and very tasty, this

casserole is one of the easiest recipes to make once you've prepared the vegetables, and one of the healthiest.

Back-to-the-Roots Casserole

2 cups sliced carrots

1 cup chopped onions 2 cups peeled, cubed celeriac

1 cup peeled, diced turnip or

1 1/2 cup unpeeled, cubed new potatoes

I cup peeled, cubed sweet potato 2 cups water

2 bay leaves

3 to 4 tablespoons Dijon mustard (with seeds, if possible)

2 cloves garlic, crushed 2 to 3 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

Salt, to taste

Coarsely ground black pepper, to taste

Italian parsley, cilantro or dill to garnish, as desired

In a medium-large saucepan, place vegetables, water and bay leaves and bring to a boil. Cover and cook on low heat for 20 minutes or until the vegetables begin to soften. Stir gently during cooking, adding a little extra

boiling water, if necessary. Stir in the mustard and garlic and cook an additional 10 minutes, or until the vegetables are done. Remove from heat and stir in the olive oil, salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with the desired herb just before serving.

Makes 4 to 6 servings. (Recipe from "The Essential Book of Jewish Festival Cooking" by Phyllis Glazer with Miriyam Glazer, Harper-Collins, 2004)

Critter

which make my people think I am hemorrhaging.

When in the car, I will not insist on having the windows rolled down when It's raining

I will not drop soggy tennis

balls in the underwear of someone sitting on the toilet. I will not bark each time I

hear a doorbell on TV. I will not walk under the big dog when he is peeing. I will not steal Mom's under-

wear and dance all over the back yard with it. The sofa is not a face towel. Neither are Mom and Dad's laps.

My head does not belong in the refrigerator. I will remember not to suddenly stand up when I'm lying

under the coffee table. I will not roll my toys behind the fridge.

I must shake the rainwater out of my fur before entering the I will try to convince myself that the garbage collector is NOT

stealing our stuff. I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for Mom's driver's license and registration.

A Cat's New Year's Resolutions

My human will never let me eat her pet hamster, and I am at peace with that. I will not puff my entire body

to twice its size, stare down the hall and growl at nothing right after my human has watched a horror movie.

I will not slurp fish food from the surface of the aquarium. I must not help myself to Q-

tips, and I must certainly not stuff them down the sink drain. I will not eat large numbers of assorted bugs, then come home and throw them up so the

humans can see that I'm getting plenty of roughage. I will not lean so far over the tub to get a drink that I fall in. (And if I do fall in I must stay out of the clumping cat litter until I

am completely dry!) I will not use the bathtub to store live mice for late-night

snacks. I will not perch on my human's chest in the middle of the night and stare into her eyes until she wakes up.

I will not play "Herd of Wildebeests Thundering Stampeding Across the Plains of the Serengeti" over my humans' bed while they are trying to

Screaming at a can of food

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will not make it open itself. I cannot leap through closed windows to catch birds outside. If I forget this and bonk my head on the window and fall behind the couch in my attempt, I will not get up and do the same thing again. Likewise, I will not assume the patio door is open when I race outside to chase

leaves. I will not intrude on my human's candle-lit bubble bath

and singe my bottom. I will not stick my paw into any container to see if there is something in it. If I do, I will not hiss and scratch when my human has to shave me to get the rubber

cement out of my fur. Birds do not come from the bird feeder. I will not knock it down and try to open it up to get the birds out.

I will not play "dead cat on the stairs" while people are trying to bring in groceries or laundry, or else one of these days it may come true. I am a walking static genera-

tor. My human doesn't need my

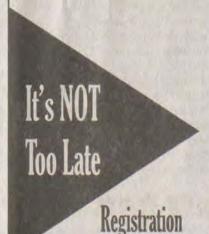
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RENEWAL NO. 1

In accordance with

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Lawerence County. The operation will use the contour and auger method of surface mining. The proposed operation is approximately 2.00 miles southwest from Route 3's junction Big Laurel Creek Road, and located 2.00 miles west of Rockcastle

3.0 miles southwest

Clifford,

Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Milo U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Judith A. Young, Lafe Hinkle, Mollet, and I. Michael

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been filed for public inspection at the Department Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Suite 6. Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, requests for a permit ation is located on conference must be with the

Kentucky 40601. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE **PURSUANT TO** APPLICATION NO. 858-5064 **AMENDMENT** NO. 2

Hollow, U.S. 127

South.

In accordance with provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Ky. 41214, has applied for a permit for an underground coal operation, located approximate-

The operation will west of Odds, in No. 2 underlie lands owned Martin and Floyd Hollow, US 127 by Judith A. Young, Counties. The proposed amendment Mollet, and I. Michael will underlie an additional 589.43 acres. The application has making a total area.

> of 6462.59 acres. The proposed for amendment approximately 2.5 south miles of Kentucky Route 3's junction with Big Sandy Regional Airport Road, and located at the mouth Bear Branch, on Daniels Creek.

The proposed operthe Thomas and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7.5 Director, Division of minute quadrangle Permits, #2 Hudson maps. The operation will underlie land Frankfort, owned by Jerry Reitz, Howell, A.E. Pocahontas Development Corporation, William Crider.

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979, Box 4201, Harold, KY 41635, Orville

Frasure, P.O. Box 492, Harold, KY

41635, and Parsons Branch Develop-

ment, 43 Village Street, Pikeville, KY

41501, own property located near

Harold, Kentucky, and has filed an appli-

cation with the Natural Resources and

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ADAMS, ET AL.,

RESPONDENTS VIRTUE of Judge-ment Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 17th day of November, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled partition action, which ordered the partition by sale of the hereindescribed property, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the old Floyd Way; northeasterly County Courthouse along Right-of-Way door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsfeet to the beginning burg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, Thursday, the 19th day of January, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in

PARCEL NO. 1 Tract No. 1 being the property conveyed to Melvin Mullins and Martha Mullins by deed dated November 12, 1971, and recorded in Deed Book 206, 540, Floyd Clerk's County Office, and bounded tion for 1 acre; and described as follows:

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described as follows:

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No. 1: The boundaries of said tract or Johnson); parcel of land being opposite the mouth of a drain Coal under C&O Rallroad. C. Jackson's line, thence reversing and Coal Elkhorn Corporation line to and assigns; the beginning.

No. 2 Beginning at a steel post on the line of the C&O Railway Co.; thence up the Mary Mullins, his (e) In the event the creek with the said wife, for 3 acres, successful purchasline a distance of 10 more or less. ft.; thence straight line 50 ft. south east to a corner; thence a straight line 180 ft. north east to a steel stake at a corner; thence a straight line 50 ft. north west to a place of beginning.

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October 31, 1978, to unpaid (now Johnson); Page 99, dated percent (12%) per February 7, 1984, to annum, from the date Sheila Ann Mullins of sale until pald and (now Johnson), this said bond shall have is a deed of correc- the force and effect

3. Deed Book 281. Ann Mullins (now any easements and

4. Deed Book 464, in the Floyd County at Beaver Creek Page 235, dated Clerk's Office, and September 26, 2001, such right of redempfrom Martha Mullins widow, to Daisey Corporation, thence Mae Tackett, togeth- States of America up the creek to a cul- er with the access and/or the record vert, or near same, granted therein being owners thereof. a right of way 12' thence turning to the wide across the shall be required to left, and up the drain property described at assume and pay all to top of point with C. Deed Book 206, real property taxes Page 540 for ingress for the year of 2005, and egress in favor back down with of Daisey Mae years thereafter. Any Tackett, her heirs and all delinquent

dated April 14, 1982, to Billy Mullins and

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such right of way for proper maintenance and drainage of the same. As near as possible this right of way shall run along the existing road, together with sufficient width on each

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tions of record.

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of a judgment. (c) The property shall Page 596, to Sheila be sold subject to restrictions of record tion as may exist in

(d) The purchaser(s) and all subsequent real property taxes 5. Deed Book 266, due for the years Page 206, deed prior to 2005 will be paid from the sale

> er(s) of the above described property is one of the parties to this action then said purchaser(s) shall be given credit for his or her interest in said real property and no bond shall be

> required of the pur-

purchaser(s) shall only be obligated to pay court cost, the fees and cost of the Special Master Commissioner, any delinquent estate taxes assessed against the real estate and the amount needed to pay the interest of the other parties to

this action. Any announcements made on date of sale precedence over printed matters contained herein. Dated this the 20th day of December, 2005.

Gregory A. Isaac Special Master Commissioner Floyd Circuit Court

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE This is to certify that on the day of December, 2005, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Notice of Commissioner's Sale was mailed postage prepaid to the following:

> Hon. William S. Kendrick Attorney at Law P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653 Hon. Chad Perry Attorney at Law P.O. Box 900 Paintsville, KY 41240

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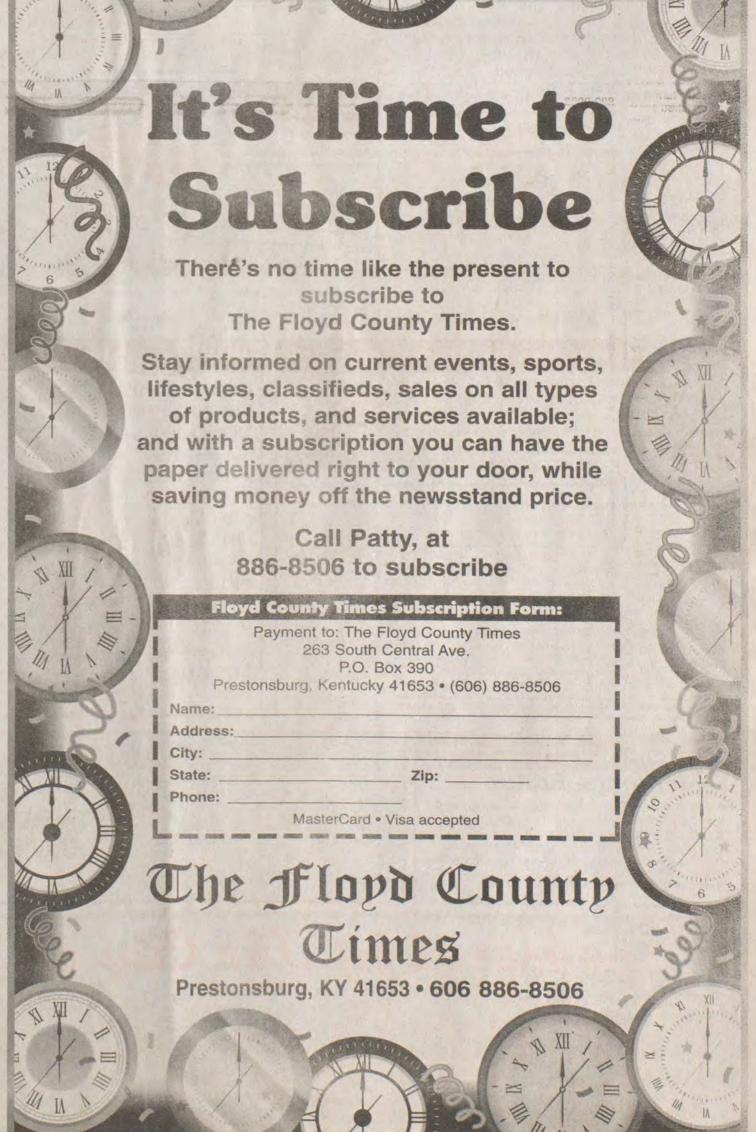
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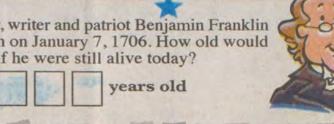




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Inventor, writer and patriot Benjamin Franklin was born on January 7, 1706. How old would Ben be if he were still alive today?



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The Boy Who Loved to Read Because of Ben's love of reading, Benjamin Franklin's father _ _ _ e _ _ ic _ _ Ben to his brother James, who was a printer. At age 12, Ben helped his brother write ___ph___ and __p__. After the pamphlets were completed, Ben would sell them in the streets.



Some of the blocks of type for Ben's printing press have fallen. Use the definitions of each word to replace the missing letters. The letters look backwards because they work like rubber stamps. Hold them up to a mirror if you're stuck.

pamphlet - a thin book with a paper cover, written to give information on a topic

typeset – to put letters mounted on wood or metal into the right order to make words and sentences for printing

apprenticed - to be placed in a job working for someone else to learn that person's craft or skill

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level

Poor Richard's Almanack In 1733 Ben started publishing Poor Richard's Almanack. At that time almanacs were books printed every year that contained things like weather reports and recipes. Franklin published his almanac under the name Richard Saunders, a poor man who needed money to take care of his wife. Franklin's lively writing style made his almanac a little different from others and it soon became very popular.

In the almanac Ben Franklin wrote one-sentence hints to tell people how to live better. These are called proverbs. One of his proverbs is hidden in the border. To read it, start with the starred letter and copy every fourth letter as you move around the box clockwise. (We did the first one for you.)







Ben and Boston's First Local Newspaper When Ben was 15, his brother James started

a newspaper called The New England Courant which published local news, advertisements and opinions.

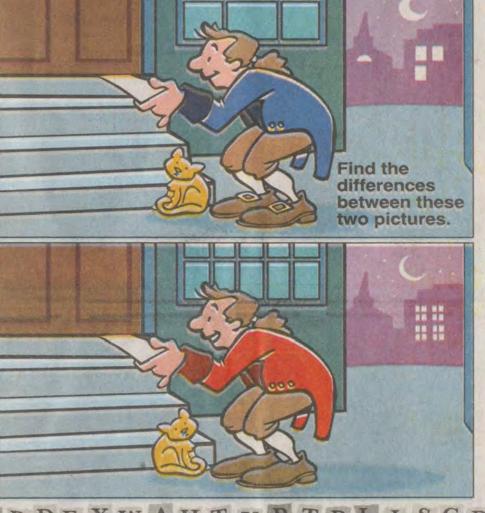
Ben wanted to write for the newspaper, but James wouldn't let him. So Ben began writing letters to the newspaper and signed them Silence Dogood. Dogood was supposed to be a widow whose letters were filled with advice and criticism of how women were treated. Late at night, Ben slipped the letters under the print shop door. Readers loved the letters and finally, after 16 letters, Ben confessed that he was Dogood.

Standards Link: History: Students undertand the people of the historical era they are studying.



Look through today's newspaper for five or more words that describe Ben Franklin. Use these words to write a paragraph about this famous American.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write a descriptive paragraph about a person.



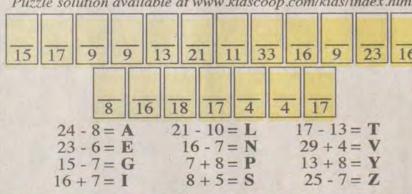
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Ben's Own Newspaper

When Ben was 23, he bought his own newspaper. In addition to printing the paper, Franklin also wrote for it, often using other names. His paper soon became the most successful in the colonies.



Do the math to discover the name of Ben's newspaper. Puzzle solution available at www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html



Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Solve addition and subtraction problems

BENJAMIN **FRANKLIN** DOGOOD **GAZETTE ALMANACK** ADVICE METAL **PAPER** WOOD PRINT **NEWS BOSTON ENGLAND** LOCAL JOB

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

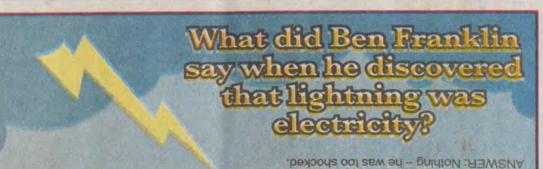
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Letter to the Editor

Ben Franklin wrote for newspapers as a way to share his opinions with others. Today, you can do the same thing by writing a letter to the editor of this newspaper. Write a letter about what concerns and interests you. Send it to the editor.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write letters.



Saying

Weekly Writing

Finish the following sayings.

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man a person who doesn't go to parties. Fish and visitors make the visitors sick.

A penny saved is not enough for a big screen TV.

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5th grade

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man ready. Fish and visitors don't get along well in water. A penny saved is a penny lost in heaps of trash in your room.

6th grade

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man able to sneak Fish and visitors get served

A penny saved is a penny deserved.

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man tired. Fish and visitors don't go together. A penny saved is an addition

to your wallet.

Shade, 5th grade

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man sleepy, if he forgets to go to bed early. Fish and visitors don't like to eat sushi, but I do. A penny saved is just one more penny in your bank account.

> Cameron, 6th grade

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man alert, ready and

Fish and visitors don't bode A penny saved is a step to a

fortune.

Daphne, 6th grade

A penny saved is a penny kept. 3rd grade

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man have nice, awake

A penny saved makes you a cent closer to being a millionaire.

5th grade

Early to bed, early to rise makes a man want his cereal prize.

A penny saved is a candy earned.

Steven, 5th grade

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man alert, full of longevity and wise. Fish and visitors start to annoy you after one week. A penny saved is one step closer to a future with lots of money.

Carolyn, 5th grade

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