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briefs

Inmate gets 4 months for blackmail

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

A former inmate of the Big Sandy Penitentiary has been sentenced after an indictment was handed down charging him with blackmail.

Regan Whiteside, of Milwaukee, Wis., an inmate at the Big Sandy Penitentiary at the time of the incident, was sentenced Friday to four months of imprisonment.

The indictment alleged that Whiteside blackmailed an employee of the Big Sandy Penitentiary by threatening to reveal the employee's alleged misconduct unless the employee brought Whiteside contraband items.

Whiteside's sentence of four months in prison is to run consecutively with a currently undischarged term of imprisonment.

New school gets Prestonsburg name

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — The new school heretofore referred to in previous months as the new Prestonsburg/Clark Elementary School by Floyd County Board of Education members will soon lose a portion of that name as it becomes, as approved on Monday evening during a special-called session

of the Floyd County Board of Education, Prestonsburg Elementary School.

"The name's the same, but it is a new school, with a new ID number," said Supt. Paul Fanning.

The new Prestonsburg Elementary School, currently being built on the former Clark Elementary School site, located on Middle Creek Road, will have the same mascot as the middle

and high schools its students will later attend, the Blackcats. School colors will be red, black and white.

Though board member Carol Stumbo expressed some reservations about naming the new consolidated school after one of the former schools and not the other, primarily because she felt that some tension may arise within the community as a result, board chair Jeff Stumbo explained that many

felt that dubbing the new school with the Prestonsburg Elementary name was "fair, because we did choose the Clark site."

Gwen Hale-Frazier, principal, Prestonsburg Elementary School, declined to comment on the board's decision, while Jack DeRossett, principal, Clark Elementary School, was unavailable for comment prior to press time.

TIME TO DECORATE



Prestonsburg city workers spent the day Monday bringing a little Christmas spirit to town. Workers used a bulldozer to lift them atop the light poles to hang Christmas trees and wreaths that have become a part of tradition during the holidays.

photo by Jessica Hale

Police making safety priority over holiday

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Thanksgiving weekend is known for family togetherness and for the largest shopping day of the year.

The roadways are typically busier this week than any other week of the year, and because of this, Kentucky State Police and local police departments will have an increased presence on most area roads.

"Many residents will be traveling within the state and many more out-of-state visitors will be traveling to

or through the Commonwealth," said KSP commissioner Jack Adams. "This increased activity has the potential to produce added risks to holiday travel plans."

During last year's four-day holiday weekend, KSP reported 1,132 motor vehicle crashes in Kentucky, including 12 fatalities and 367 injuries. Nine of the 12 victims were not wearing a seat belt.

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn said

(See SAFETY, page eleven)

Second school receives bomb threat

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — School and safety officials searched Betsy Layne Elementary Monday after the school received a bomb threat, the second threat made towards a Floyd County school in less than a

week. John M. Stumbo Elementary was the target last week, but on Monday the Floyd County Board of Education sent out a press release revealing that Betsy Layne Elementary school had received a bomb threat

(See THREAT, page eleven)

2 DAY FORECAST

Today

Sunny

High: 55 • Low: 33

Tomorrow

Sunny

High: 55 • Low: 31

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Local aging reps meet with governor

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Members of the Big Sandy Area Agency on Aging met with Gov. Ernie Fletcher Nov. 3.

During a meeting of the Special Advisory Commission of Senior Citizens in Frankfort, Fletcher shared his vision for long-term living for Kentucky's senior citizens and people with physical disabilities.

During Fletcher's remarks at the evening banquet, the governor announced plans to create a new department in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to centralize policy coordination, services and leadership on issues of consequence to senior citizens and the disabled.

"The new Department for Aging and Independent Living will focus on ensuring

(See AGING, page eleven)

MEETING THE GOVERNOR



photo by Jessica Hale

Bertha Daniels, Gloria Hall, Carolyn Horn, Mary Trimble, Lillian Wheeler and Velma Childers, of the Big Sandy Area Agency on Aging, met with Gov. Ernie Fletcher at the Nov. 3 meeting of the Special Advisory Commission of Senior Citizens in Frankfort.

Pike man sentenced for false statements

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Pikeville man has been sentenced to eight months in prison for making false statements to a federal licensed firearms dealer while attempting to purchase a gun.

Pao Chuan Shih, of Pikeville, previously entered a guilty plea to a one-count indictment charging him of making the false statements. The indictment alleged that Shih knowingly made false and fictitious written statements on an ATF form at Todd's Guns while attempting to purchase a Ruger, model P89 pistol. Shih had reported he was indeed a citizen of the United States and a resident of Kentucky, when he was not.

Under federal law, Shih must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence and will be under supervised release through the U.S. Probation Office for three years.

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Obituaries

Loverna Hall Allen

Loverna Hall Allen, age 81, of Allen, passed away Sunday, November 19, 2006, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

She was born October 23, 1925, in Wayland, the daughter of the late Marcus Hall and Emmaline Adams Hall.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John M. Hall Jr., and her second husband, Dezard Allen. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include five sons: Ralph Hall of Ashland, Carlos (Janice) Hall of Warsaw, Indiana, James Hall of Jacksonville, Florida, Douglas (Ruth) Hall of Tram, and Dean (Mary Ann) Hall of Prestonsburg; three daughters: Shirley (Jim) Porter of Ashland, and Patricia (Ralphie) DeBord and Fonetta Hall, both of Prestonsburg; a sister, Ivel Ratliff of Marion, Ohio; 18 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by two sons, Lloyd Hall and Ricky Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, November 22, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home in Martin, with Clergyman Buford Little officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Roy Mitchell Bentley

Roy Mitchell Bentley, age 69, of Langley, died Saturday, November 18, 2006, at the VA Medical Center, in Lexington.

Born November 9, 1937, in Martin, he was the son of the late Ebberson and Cynthia Bradley Bentley. He was a disabled truck driver, a retired Air Force veteran, serving in Vietnam, and a member of the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Williams Bentley.

Survivors include a son, Roy Michael Bentley of Langley; daughters: Donna Cochran of Louisville, Brenda Gullett of Edinburg, Indiana, and Linda Johns of Ashville, North Carolina; brothers: Walter Bentley of Topmost, and Willard Bentley of Winchester; sisters: Nancy Bentley, Faye Bentley, and Sue Bentley, all of Langley; and grandchildren: James Jason Gullett, Courtney McKenzie, Raymond Johns

III, and Ryan Johns.

In addition to his parents, and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ebberson Bentley Jr.; and sisters: Lula Bentley, and Floie Bentley.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday November 22, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Johnny Blair and James Meade officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Eunice Mae Flanery Hall

Eunice Mae Flanery Hall, age 70, of Martin, Ky., wife of Arnold Hall, passed away Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

She was born May 18, 1936 in Martin, the daughter of Grace Ousley Flanery of Martin, and the late Parley B. Flanery. She was a retired nurse, and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Martin.

Survivors include her husband, Arnold; her mother, Grace Ousley Flanery; a son, George Michael (Deseree) Hall of Martin; three brothers: Billy James "Bill" (Judy) Flannery of Jackson, Michigan, Jesse Calvin "Joe" (Barbara) Flanery of Scott Depot, West Virginia, Parley Bryan (Joan) Flanery Jr., of Ashland; five sisters: Nora Sue (Gerald) Tomberlin of Weaverville, North Carolina, Doris Elaine (Charles) Porter of Unoci, Tennessee, Emma Lois "Goose" (Alger) Pigman of Hindman, Mavis Ann (Elman) Blair of Lexington, and Flora Grace (Bat) Bartrum of Foristell, Missouri, and three grandchildren: Justin Michael Hall, Jenna Michealle Crum, and Joeanna Grace Crum.

She was preceded by her father, a son, Jeffrey Arnold Hall; and a daughter, Jennifer Grace Crum.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 18, at 1:00 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Martin, with the elders of the Church officiating.

Burial was in the Wright Cemetery, in Martin, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was after 1:30 p.m., Thursday, and all day Friday, at Hall Funeral Home, and after noon Saturday at the

church.

Pallbearers: Doug Porter, Dean Tomberlin, Tom Tomberlin, Bill Tomberlin, Ross Tomberlin, Jon Tomberlin, Bryan Porter, Oscar Fragoso, and B. J. Young. (Paid obituary)

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Ocie Hamilton Moore

Ocie Hamilton Moore, age 86, of McDowell, widow of Astor "Bud" Moore and Tramble Mitchell Sr., died Thursday, November 16, 2006, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 27, 1920, in McDowell, a daughter of the late Will and Maude Hall Hamilton. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Carl Moore of Panama City, Florida; three daughters: Clara Cooper of Ashtabula, Ohio, and Barbara Parrott and Brenda Rice, both of Richmond, Virginia; two brothers: Homer Hamilton of McDowell, and Sam Hamilton of Indianapolis, Indiana; a sister, Annie Moore Johnson of McDowell, and granddaughter, Judy K. Stumbo of McDowell; 18 grandchildren and 46 great grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Gomer Moore; a daughter, Shirley Moore Collins; five brothers: Lee Hamilton, Andy Hamilton, Harold Hamilton, Eddie Hamilton, and Pearl Hamilton; and two sisters, Gerlie Elliott, and Veda Tackett.

Funeral services for Ocie Hamilton Moore were conducted Sunday, November 19, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Jack Hall Cemetery (Neds Fork), in McDowell, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Phillip Whitaker, Michael Moore, Mark Moore, James Parker, William Stumbo, and Danny Moore. (Paid obituary)

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Victor Bradley Newsome

Victor Bradley Newsome, age 36, of Harold, died Friday, November 3, 2006, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born April 6, 1970, in Martin, he was the son of Brenda Ray Newsome of Ligon, and the late Anderson Newsome. He was an electrician for the coal mines.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha Adkins Newsome.

Other survivors include three sons: Austin Bradley Newsome of Prestonsburg, Donovan Bradley Newsome of Pikeville, and Dalton Tanner Newsome of Harold; two step-daughters: Danielle Adkins of Harold, and Kayla Layne of Pikeville; three brothers: Charles Newsome of Prestonsburg, Phillip Newsome of McDowell, and Jamie Newsome of Ligon; and a sister, Melinda Gayheart of Ligon.

In addition to father, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Carl Newsome and Timothy Paul Newsome.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 7, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Newsome

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Family Cemetery, in Craynor, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the Church. (Paid obituary)

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George E. Powers

George E. Powers, 88, of Auxier, died Friday, November 17, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical

Center.

Born August 2, 1918, in Lancer, he was the son of the late David and Jinnielee Honeycutt Powers. He was a member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, and a retired coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby E. Griffith Powers.

Other survivors include

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Card of Thanks

Our family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who helped us celebrate Bud's life. Your kind words and deeds make this difficult time a little easier for us, and for Bud's many friends.

We want to thank Dr. Paul Fanning and the Floyd County Board of Education for making it possible for Bud's colleagues and students to participate and make this celebration memorable.

Bud would have been so proud of his students, past and present, who shared memories and told us their Bud stories. You helped us remember Bud's love of life, people and learning. You helped us to realize and appreciate the profound effect Bud had on so many. To Bud's students we say "Go For It, Kiddo." Dream, Strive and Achieve.

To Candace Halbert and Byron Hall, thank you for giving us pictures and music that brought back the good times and made Bud's life the focus during the entire service.

To Mary Slone, Brandon Gearheart, Candace Halbert, Ethan Conley and Dr. Chandra Varia, thank you for sharing school memories and helping family and friends learn about Bud the teacher. To Trevor Howard and James Greer, thanks for your music. Bud would have been wowed.

To Johnny and Tommy Hall and their staff, we can only say thank you for helping our family and Bud's friends say goodbye the way Bud wanted.

To the Martin Church of Christ, their pastor and members, who supported us through their prayers and food, and help with the service, thank you.

To Ron and Mary, your songs touched our hearts. To Randy Osborne, Bud would have approved. To Eddy Clark, Sis Hall and Mark Martin, thanks for being there for us as you have always been for Bud. To Megan Ousley, thank you for your song. To Josh Martin and Adam Reffett, we can only say "Way to go, guys," and thanks for your music and words.

Thanks to all those who were willing and agreed to be pallbearers. This last service was important to us.

Pallbearers: Tim Allen, Ron Barnett, Ethan Blackburn, Zac Branham, Eddy Clark, Ernie Collins, Ethan Conley, Wes Crager, Byron Hall, Mark Martin, Troy Moore, Rudy Thacker, and Josh Wright.

Honorary pallbearers: Wally Cook, Gary Dean Chaffins, Larry Hall, Tommy Hall, Raymond Griffith Jr., Lewis Parker Reynolds Jr., Robert Allen, David Allen, Randall Blackburn, and Terry Spurlock.

Our family can never express the overwhelming gratitude we feel to all those who shared in the celebration of Bud's life. We only ask that when you think of Bud, smile, laugh or dance. He would love it!

RUTH, PATTY, JODY, ETHAN, TRISTAN,
RANDALL, DON, TIMMY AND SISSY.

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.

John W. Hall Lodge 950 annual Christmas party
John W. Hall Lodge 950 F&AM, will hold its annual Christmas party, on Sunday, December 3, at 4 p.m. Santa will be there, dinner will be served with live entertainment, and the public is invited to attend.

6th Annual Brothers of the Wheel Toy Drive for Needy, Nov. 24-25
The 6th Annual Brothers of the Wheel Toy Drive for the Needy will be held Friday, November 24, at the Wal-Mart intersection in Prestonsburg, and Saturday, November 25, at the Wal-Mart intersection in Paintsville. For more information, or to have your donated items picked up, call 886-2853.

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

Coat & Toy Drive
Toys, coats, shoes (wash-

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

Martin Seniors Craft Festival
The Martin Area Senior Citizens Center will sponsor their 1st annual "Festival of Trees," a fundraising event, Nov. 11 thru Dec. 3, at the Hoss Halbert Gym (beside Opportunities Unlimited School). Hours will be Monday through Friday, 5 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 to 8 p.m. Tour price, \$2/person. Crafts will be sold from gift tables.

ALC Christmas Concert
Alice Lloyd College will celebrate the Christmas season with a community concert, free to all, to be presented on Dec. 3, in the Campbell Arts Center Auditorium, at 7 p.m. More information, please call (606) 368-6082.

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

ACHS Class of '96
The Allen Central High School Class of 1996 will be holding their 10-year reunion. For more information, call Amanda at 285-9491 or Leslie at 886-8003.

PHS Class of '97
The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1997 is currently planning their 10 year reunion. The reunion is scheduled to be held on July 14, 2007 at the Best Western, Prestonsburg. Those wishing to attend should please send in all of their personal information including name, address, phone number, occupation, spouse, children, and pets. All teachers from 1993 to 1997 are also welcome. Classmates may send their information to phs97@bellsouth.net or mail to Mark McKinney, 69 Hospital St., Martin, KY 41640

Hope in the Mountains
Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church. Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Social Security Rep to be at Mud Creek Clinic
Date: Nov. 28; Dec. 12, 26. The representative will assist in filing claims for Social Security retirement, disability, and survivor's benefits. Those visiting may also apply for SSI, Black Lung, and Social Security numbers. The representative may also assist in filing appeals and answering questions.

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Prestonsburg Rotary Club
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UNITE
The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the FIRST Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs. *"Living Free" - A support (See CALENDAR, page six)

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Cinema Two • G HELD OVER SANTA CLAUSE 3: The Escape Clause Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 7:05-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:20), 7:05-9:20	Cinema Seven • PG STARTS WED. 11/22 DECK THE HALLS Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 7:05-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:20), 7:05-9:20
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Cinema Four • R HELD OVER LET'S GO TO PRISON Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30), 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30), 7:15-9:30	Cinema Nine • PG-13 STARTS WED. 11/22 DAJA VU Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:15; Fri. (4:15), 6:50-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:15), 6:50-9:15
Cinema Five HELD OVER FLUSHED AWAY PG-Mon.-Sun. 7:05; Fri. (4:20), 7:05; Sat.-Sun. (2:35-4:20), 7:05	Cinema Ten • R HELD OVER BORATI Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30), 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30), 7:15-9:30

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Worth Repeating ...

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

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Guest View

The sound of one hand clapping

It's tough enough for parents to teach children good eating habits without some clown hawking cheeseburgers on TV and cartoon characters pushing sugary cereals, snacks and drinks.

And so we give limp applause to the food industry's new promise to limit the advertising aimed at children. Frankly, it's waaaay past time.

America is experiencing an obesity epidemic. Testimony comes straight from the Institute of Medicine, a branch of the National Academies of Science: "Obesity among children and youth has more than tripled over the past four decades — from about 5 percent in 6- to 19-year-olds in the 1960s to 16 percent in 2002," said the institute in a report last year. "More than 9 million U.S. children and youth are obese and another 15 percent are at risk for becoming obese."

Type 2 diabetes was once known as adult-onset diabetes, but the label doesn't fit anymore. The rate among children has doubled in the past decade.

That gets us to Ronald McDonald, Shrek, the Little Mermaid and their human co-conspirators in the advertising and food industries. Companies, including McDonald's, the big cereal makers, Coca Cola and Pepsi, are promising to abandon their sleazier marketing methods and go straight. Sort of.

From now on, half their children's advertising will emphasize healthy foods and healthy lifestyles. Only healthy products will be shown in video games, and companies promise to stop sneaking unhealthy food into entertainment programming through product placements. There will be no more advertising in elementary schools. They will reduce use of entertainment characters in advertising. An arm of the Better Business Bureau will provide oversight.

Consumer groups are skeptical and claim the new rules are full of loopholes. It will be interesting to see what products the food and beverage-makers consider healthy.

Still, the guidelines are a step forward. If companies pursue them honestly, they may head off a movement for regulation that's been building in Congress.

Natalie Allen is a dietician at BJC Healthcare who lectures school children on healthy eating and exercise. She's read the new guidelines and considers them a good start. "Your school scorecard will no longer be sponsored by Pepsi or Coke," she adds. Nor will kids continue to get coupons for fast food as rewards for good academic work.

She also noted a healthy change in fast-food menus. McDonald's offers fruit juice instead of soft drinks as an option with its kids' meals, and its salad menu is larger.

"I think it's quite a big change," she says.

As our children get bigger and bigger, a big change is what it will take.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Fast food nation

Guest Column

The repudiation of Bush

by SHELDON RICHMAN

"Power tends to corrupt," Lord Acton famously said. "And absolute power corrupts absolutely." The voters apparently agreed.

It's reasonable to conclude from the election results that most voters felt the Republicans had been in power too long. The hopeless war in Iraq, the culture of corruption and incompetence, the spending binge (which includes the war), the grating social conservatism, and the autocratic arrogance approaching the dictatorial — all culminated in a thunderous repudiation of President Bush and the Republican Party. It couldn't have happened to a nicer bunch.

In the voters' view, they had only one group to turn to: the Democrats. But even if this was largely a negative vote, it doesn't mean people won't warm to Democrats' activist agenda. Americans, sad to say, are not opposed in principle to activist government. They just don't like the appearance of incompetence, which the Bush team gave them in spades. Most people welcomed Bush's No Child Left Behind Act, an activist piece of legislation if there ever was one, and the Medicare drug program, a massive expansion of the soon-to-be-bankrupt government medical retirement plan. Why shouldn't they applaud the Democrats when the new majority begins promising expanded

middle-class entitlements?

Would people have bailed out on the administration if the Iraq war appeared to be going well (meaning minimal American casualties) and FEMA hadn't bungled the response to Hurricane Katrina so badly? Probably not. A CNN poll found that 54 percent say government is too intrusive, but when we get down to specifics, the small-government ranks probably melt away fast. A pragmatic frame of mind, unguided by principles and sound economic theory, can lead to all sorts of impractical outcomes.

President Bush wasted no time in throwing a bone to the voters by dumping Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and naming former CIA chief Robert Gates to replace him. Will this make any difference? Rumsfeld was in charge of carrying out the plan to remake Iraq in America's image, but he was hardly the architect of that plan. The architects were the utopian neoconservatives who now are jumping ship and blaming Bush and Rumsfeld for bad execution of their excellent idea. Former Bush loyalist David Frum has been quoted saying that Bush never really understood the idea.

Thus cleaning house at the Pentagon will make little difference if thinking hasn't change at the White House. Bush needs to come clean with the American people. Does he see his Iraq adventure as a terrible mistake or not? If not, what kind of changes is he likely to make beyond the cosmetic? Bush's statements at his press conference were not encouraging. He doesn't need a "new per-

spective." He needs to check his premises.

Gates may come from the former President Bush's team of "realists," but let's not forget that this team was capable of foreign intervention too. Remember Iraq, Somalia, and Panama. And let's not forget that Bush 41 and his team were part of the Reagan administration, which intervened directly in Lebanon and Grenada, while also meddling in Latin America and Africa. Gates also was involved in the Iran-Contra scandal, which circumvented the law by selling arms to the Ayatollah Khomeini and using the money to intervene in Nicaragua's civil war.

Still, we can hope Gates is more realistic on the subject of nation-building than the gang that got us mired in Iraq. Nothing is more unrealistic than to think you can rebuild a society from the ground up. Let's keep our fingers crossed that what some people are saying is true: that the Iraq Study Group co-chaired by another former Bush 41 operative, James Baker, is actually a device to give the current President Bush cover for getting out of Iraq soon.

The voters might have thrown Bush out of office if they had the chance. Maybe that knowledge will motivate the president to begin undoing his many mistakes.

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Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine.



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three sons and daughters in law: Darrell and Leesa Powers, and Michael and Della Powers, all of Auxier, and Cecil and Ruth Powers of Massillon, Ohio; four daughters and sons-in-law: Brenda Davis of New Comerstown, Ohio, Neva and Tommy Ferrell of Como, Florida, Laverne McClure of Navarre, Ohio, and Georgia and Linard Marsillett of Prestonsburg; 25 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, and 19 great-great-grandchildren.



Eric Price

Eric Price, 25, of Lexington, died Thursday, November 16, 2006, in Estill County.

Born April 12, 1981, in Martin, he was the son of Richard Gordon Price of Texas City, Texas, and Donna Lynn Patrick Price, of Auxier. He was a student at Lexington Community College.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, Misty Lynn Price of Charleston, South Carolina; his grandmother, Thelma Isaac of Auxier, and his grandfather, Daniel Boone Patrick of Salyersville.

Eric was very devoted to his

cat, "Mr. Bigglesworth." He was active in many sports, being an avid golfer, and a former member of the Prestonsburg Blackcats Boys' Basketball Team.

He found pleasure in all types of music. He was very fond of Texas Holdem', and enjoyed a variety of video games.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 21, at 1 p.m., at Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Tommy Nelson and Pastor Tommy Reed officiating.

Interment was at Mayo Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

The family has entrusted arrangements to Carter Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are requested to: Floyd County Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 1502, Prestonsburg, Ky., or PHS Boys' Basketball Team, 825 Blackcat Blvd, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

Active pallbearers: Charlie Cox, Will Hignite, Joe Patrick, Josh Stanley, Grant Castle, Kalan Harris, Brandon Amburgey, and Robbie Price.

Honorary: Steve Price, Geoff Price, Joel Bost, Glen McCoy, Danny Hill, Mike Hopson, and Dustin Robinson.

(Paid obituary)

Lillian Irene Wells Watson

Lillian Irene Wells Watson 84, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, November 15, 2006, at Riverview Health Care Center.



Born February 1, 1922, in Auxier, she was the daughter of the late Samuel Lewis Wells and Marsha Litteral Wells. She was a former teacher at Prestonsburg Elementary School. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, in Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Thomas Watson, who died January 1, 1999.

Survivors include a daughter, Marsha W. Heedick (Rick)

of Charlotte, North Carolina; two sisters: Roberta W. Davidson of Prestonsburg, and Ruby Collins of Lexington; a brother, Randall Wells of Morehead; two grandchildren: Christopher Alan Heedick of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Laura Anne Heedick of Richmond, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James Milford "Toodles" Wells; and a sister, Bonnie Wells.

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Visitation and memorial services, will be announced at a later date.

The family expresses their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Larry Leslie (a former student), Kathy Hay, R.N., and the staff of Riverview Health Care Center, for the excellent care they provided.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, James L. Powers; three brothers: James Powers, Orville Powers, and Elzie Powers; and three sisters: Maggie Hatfield, Mary Belle Clifton, and Sophie Wells.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 21, at 11 a.m., at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, with Bobby Joe Spencer, David Powers, and Southie Fannin Jr., officiating.

Burial was in Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin.

Visitation was at the Church. (Paid obituary)

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KSP asks lawmakers to pass child bicycle helmet law

FRANKFORT — Kentucky State Police asked state lawmakers last week to step up bicycle safety in the state by passing a bicycle helmet law for children age 16 and under.

KSP Captain Eric Walker, commander of the Governor's Highway Safety Program, told the Interim Joint Committee on Economic Development and Tourism that bicycle hel-

metts are 85 to 88 percent effective in reducing head injuries in crashes. Recognizing "the youth in Kentucky are our future," Walker said his agency believes the helmet law is necessary.

"We have 120 counties, and in those counties we have an estimated 900,000 youth under 16 years of age," said Walker. Rep. Tom McKee, D-

Cynthiana, who helped provide bicycle helmets for children in his district a few years ago, said he has learned some

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

Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Senior employment program

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?

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center.

in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension

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

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

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

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.

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

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

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

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

Special interest groups:

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

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Looking for a Support Group?

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

•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."

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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 to: 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 christopher-cook@hotmail.com.



Anthony Paul Osborne

Anthony Paul Osborne, 19, of Prestonsburg, passed away, Friday, November 10, 2006, as a result of a motor vehicle accident.

Anthony was born February 19, 1987, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

He is survived by his wife, Samantha (Allen) Osborne; soon-to-be daughter, Courtney Nicole Osborne; his parents, Stewart and Evelena Osborne, all of Prestonsburg; his maternal grandparents, Mary Sue Triplett of Bevsinsville, and Paul W. Johnson (Mildred) of Miamisburg, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents: Rush and Leda A. (Samons) Osborne of Hi Hat; a step-grandfather, Virgil Triplett of Bevsinsville; and one uncle, Donald Glenn Osborne of Prestonsburg, formerly of Hi Hat.

Anthony graduated high school in 2005. He was employed at the Floyd County Times, and was previously employed at Food City.

Surviving aunts and uncles include: Elliouse Branham (Laryl) of Wheelwright, Pauline Smith (Mike) of Bevsinsville, Trisha Burke (Ronald) of Weeksbury, Pauletta Wessel of West Carrollton, Ohio, Penny Cook (Jason) of Lexington, Reba Kay Johnson (Doug) of Wittensville, George Osborne (Lavada), and Regina Hall, both of Lexington, Demorris

Osborne of Hi Hat, and Magaline Amburgey (Ken) of Mallie.

Step aunts and uncles include: Beverly Meade, Craig Triplett, Chris Triplett, Felicia Crank (Rusty), Melissa Hall (John Lee) and Kathleen Triplett.

Although Anthony was an only child, he had several cousins that were more like brothers and sisters. They are Michelle Smith, Sarah Little, Ashley Burke, Tony Branham, Adam Branham, Tyler Wessel, Seth Cook, Hannah Cook, Abeygail and Matthew Little. Other special cousins include: Tonja Little, Christy Glass, Kim Bruemagen, Jennifer Salyer, Renny Alan Hall, Trey and Cole Amburgey, Brendon and Blake Johnson and a host of other step-cousins, great-aunts and uncles.

Anthony was blessed to have a kind and gracious mother and father-in-law. They are Darrell and Debbie Allen, of Prestonsburg, and one brother-in-law, Steve Allen, also of Prestonsburg.

Visitation was held at the Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 14, at 11 a.m., with ministers Jimmy Brown, Bobby Joe (BJ) Spencer, Chuck Hall, and Louis Ferrari officiating.

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

Pallbearers were: Dwayne Hall, Brandon Hall, Steve Allen, Evan Ousley, Matt Hackworth, Willard Smith, Tyler Wessel, Ronnie Joe Samons, Shawn Reynolds, Glenn Childers, Jot Marsillett, Cory Dotson, Terrance Prater, Doug Hackworth, and Rusty Crank.

Anthony was loved by all who knew him. His smile will remain in our hearts forever. God took the light of our life, now Heaven is brighter.

(Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks



The family of Anthony Paul Osborne would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort us during this time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, cards, prayers, or who spoke kind words. A special thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, the Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church, the ministers, Jimmy Brown, Bobby Joe (BJ) Spencer, Chuck Hall and Louis Ferrari, for their comforting words. We would also like to thank the Wheelwright Class of 1980 and the McDowell Class of 1981; the employees of Scott Gross Co., the Floyd County Times, and Food City, for their love and support; and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for traffic control.

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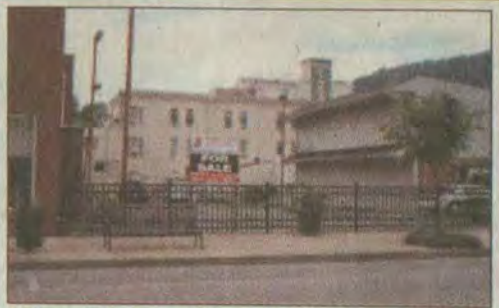
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Local scouts make difference with Scouting for Food

For most of us, the holidays are a time of gathering with family and friends, giving thanks for what we have, exchanging gifts, and getting ready to begin a new year. Unfortunately, it is also a time of hunger and need for many in Eastern Kentucky as well.

Thanks to the generosity of area residents and the volunteer efforts of local Scout groups, those less fortunate continue to have basic food needs met during the annual Scouting for Food project.

Scouting for Food events help replenish food banks and provide families with much needed nutrition during the holiday season. Throughout the month of November, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, plus their leaders and parents gathered non-perishable food items for distribution to the needy.

Cub Scouts of Pack 802 and Boy Scouts Troop 802 gathered food for three different groups this year, including Fishes and Loaves Food pantry at St. James Episcopal Church, and the distribution of food baskets through Pack and Troop 802 charter, Fitzpatrick Baptist Church, as well as the food bank at Irene Cole Memorial.

Newly formed Cub Scout



Local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts recently collected food for the needy.

Pack 877, chartered through First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg, also gathered food for Fishes and Loaves, as well as their own charter's pantry and the distribution location in Dwale.

"We stress the need to serve others to our scouts and we are grateful that the people of the area have responded the way

they have", said 802 Assistant Cubmaster Norm Marcum. "We especially want to thank the folks at McDowell IGA, Kentucky Wholesale in Allen, Foodland and Save-a-lot in Prestonsburg for supplying the bags needed to collect the food, a couple of anonymous donors who printed the 1,000-plus letters that went with

them, as well as our friends at UPS and United Way for their support and encouragement. We are also grateful that our Scout parents are willing to give up a couple of Sunday afternoons to drop off bags and pick up food and help us teach the importance of helping out in the community to these boys."

Scouts gathered food from Prestonsburg and Allen this year and are already planning next year's project. Scout units in neighboring counties will also be conducting food drives as well.

If your family has a boy in the first through fifth grade, and you want them to learn to be the compassionate leaders of tomorrow, consider joining a Cub Scouting group. To find out more about Scouting in the area, go to Ipscouting.net.

Santa train tosses tons of presents to Appalachian families

by SAMIRA JAFARI
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SHELBIANA — It's been a rough year for Shirley Hopkins.

Her son's unexpected death in January left her with two grandchildren to raise, and her daughter dropping out of high school left her another.

And so, she woke up before sunrise Saturday morning, bundled up her three grandchildren and arrived at the train station in Shelbiana, eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Santa Special with dozens of other families.

The CSX train rolled in faithfully for its 64th year,

with volunteers tossing armfuls of candy, Moon Pies, coloring books, dolls and other toys into the crowd.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce in Kingsport, Tenn., and CSX Transportation Inc., the train delivers more than 15 tons of Christmas gifts to children living along a 110-mile stretch in the rural mountain communities of eastern Kentucky, western Virginia and northeast Tennessee.

Hopkins' 2-year-old granddaughter, Olivia, walked away clutching a miniature stuffed bear.

"I'm raising three children on a fixed income, so this

helps me out," said Hopkins, of Cloy.

Kingsport merchants started the Santa Special to show their appreciation to customers and help families with little money around Christmas. The gifts are collected through community donations.

While stories of need are still common in the crowds, the event has evolved into an annual tradition for all sorts of families. Most show up to the stops, armed with digital cameras and camcorders, to jump-start the holiday season for the kids with a few early gifts from Santa.

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Law

children are not even familiar with helmets.

"There's still a lot to be done," he said.

Rep. Mike Denham, D-Maysville, asked Walker how many brain injuries reported in Kentucky in 2005 were caused by bicycle crashes. Walker said he believed it was quite a few.

"I think (that information) is important as we talk about a helmet law for the 16 and under population," Denham added.

The helmet proposal was one of two KSP safety recommendations reported by Walker. Also recommended was increasing the visibility of cyclists by requiring them to

wear flashing red lights on their bike or body when riding after dark on any 35 mph or greater roadway or its shoulder. Current law only requires that a non-flashing red light be affixed to the cyclist or their bike when riding during those hours.

Walker said low visibility of cyclists and pedestrians combined with driver inattention—which he said causes 26 percent of all bicycle and pedestrian crashes—are the primary contributors to those collisions.

In 2004, there were 452 total bicycle collisions in Kentucky, said Walker. That number fell to 437 in 2005. The number of fatalities from

those collisions, however, increased from six in 2004 to 12 in 2005, he said.

"Our concern as an agency is the increasing fatality risk of the increased use of urban and rural highways not established with integrated walking and bicycle accommodations," said Walker. Limited resources for statewide bicycle safety education, particularly of those age 16 and younger, is another concern, he said.

The 2006 Kentucky General Assembly passed a law requiring all riders of all-terrain vehicles who are age 16 and under to wear a helmet. That law went into effect last summer.

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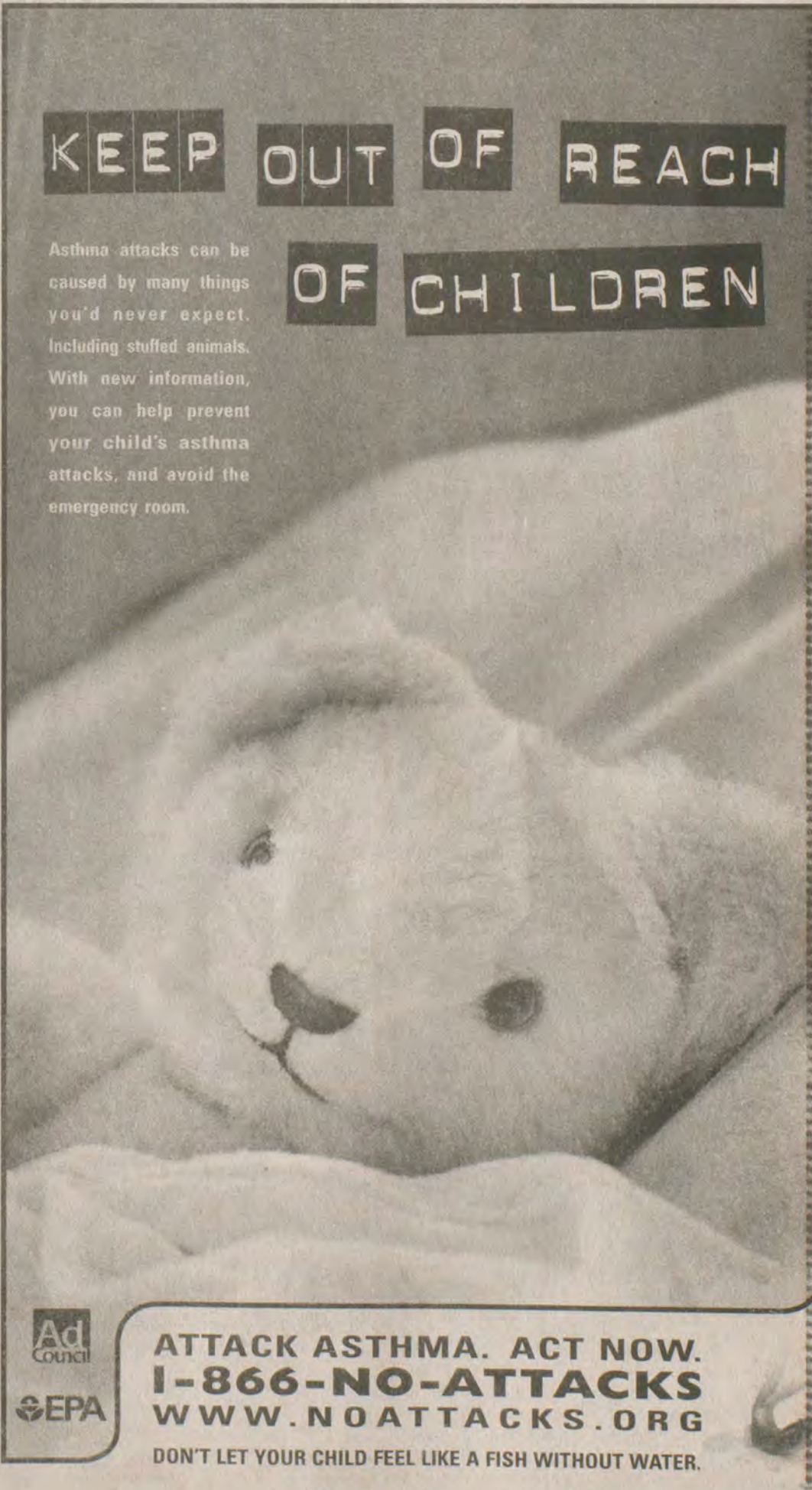
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The Food

■ A cheese tray is simple to prepare and always welcome. Arrange a selection of delectable cheeses, such as Kerrygold's Dubliner, Aged Cheddar, Blarney Castle and Swiss on a large platter or wooden board. Serve with a scattering of toasted nuts, fruits and a basket of baguettes or crackers.

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■ To purchase cheese for a party, estimate about 4 ounces per guest. Always serve cheese at room temperature for best texture and flavor.

■ For more scrumptious holiday recipes, visit www.kerrygold.com/usa.

The Wine

■ Save time and avoid the stress of fumbling with a corkscrew by choosing wines with screw cap closures, such as Wolf Blass Yellow Label Riesling and Shiraz. In addition to their convenience, these wines are extremely food friendly and pair well with a wide range of holiday foods.

■ Screw caps offer the added benefit of capturing the wine's peak flavor without the risk of spoilage from a faulty cork. "For quality wines, the screw cap closure is the way of the future because it preserves the wine the way the winemaker intended it to taste," says Chris Hatcher, chief winemaker for Wolf Blass Wines of Australia.

■ How much wine do you need for your party? Experts at Wolf Blass estimate about five to seven glasses per bottle. If you're having a large party, set out several varietals and let guests choose. Always include bottled water and soft drinks for designated drivers.

■ For more information on Australian wines, regions and more, visit www.wolfblass.com.



Clockwise from lower left: Bubbly Cheddar Pesto Tomatoes; Cheesy Dubliner Polenta; Apple, Cheese and Smoked Turkey Cups; and Steak Bites



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Bubbly Cheddar Pesto Tomatoes

Makes 40 appetizers

- 40 large cherry tomatoes
- 1/4 cup prepared pesto
- 3 ounces (1/4-inch cubes) Kerrygold Aged Cheddar Cheese
- 1/4 cup crushed herb croutons
- 1 tablespoon Kerrygold Pure Irish Butter, melted

Heat oven to 450°F. Cut small piece off the bottom of each tomato to sit flat on baking sheet. With sharp knife, cut top off each tomato; remove seeds with small spoon. Spoon pesto into tomatoes and top with cheese, dividing equally. Combine crumbs and butter and sprinkle over tomatoes. Bake 5 minutes or until bubbly. Serve warm.

Pair with Wolf Blass Yellow Label Riesling or Chardonnay.

Apple, Cheese and Smoked Turkey Cups

Makes 30 appetizers

- 1/2 cup (1/4-inch cubes) Kerrygold Blarney Castle Cheese
- 1/2 cup (1/4-inch cubes) red apple
- 1/2 cup (1/4-inch cubes) smoked turkey
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh fennel
- 2 tablespoons sliced green onion (green part only)
- 2 tablespoons each lemon juice and extra virgin olive oil
- Pepper to taste
- 2 (2.1-ounce) boxes mini filo shells, thawed

In bowl combine all ingredients except shells. Chill 1 hour or up to several hours ahead. Spoon mixture equally into shells and serve immediately.

Pair with Wolf Blass Yellow Label Riesling.

Cheesy Dubliner Polenta

Makes 24 appetizers

- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 cup Kerrygold Pure Irish Butter
- 1 cup polenta
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 7 ounces shredded Kerrygold Dubliner Cheese
- 1/2 cup minced roasted red bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh sage
- Pepper to taste

Butter a 13- by 9-inch baking dish. In medium saucepan, bring broth and butter to boil. Add polenta; cook and stir over low heat 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and cook 5 minutes more. Pour into baking dish and chill at least 1 hour. Cut into 2-inch squares or diamonds. Serve at room temperature or grill a minute or two on each side.

Pair with Wolf Blass Yellow Label Shiraz.

Steak Bites

Makes 8 to 10 appetizers

- 1/4 cup Kerrygold Pure Irish Butter, divided*
- 1 pound beef tenderloin steaks, 1 1/2 to 2 inches thick
- 3 tablespoons grainy Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary or thyme
- 1 1/2 teaspoons coarse ground pepper
- 24 baguette slices

Heat oven to 400°F. In ovenproof skillet, melt 1 tablespoon of the butter. Sear steaks over medium-high heat about 2 minutes each side. In bowl combine remaining butter, mustard, herbs and pepper. Spread 1 tablespoon of the mixture onto the baguette slices; spread remaining on top and sides of steaks. Bake steaks 8 to 10 minutes, remove from oven and let stand 5 minutes. Thinly slice on diagonal and place on baguette slices, dividing equally.

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Drug sweep nets more than 50, including 2 pharmacists

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — State and federal authorities arrested more than 50 people, including two pharmacists, in a major drug sweep in Eastern Kentucky on Monday.

U.S. Attorney Amul R. Thapar said the arrests were not all related, but were the result of statewide investigations that culminated Monday. While other prescription drugs were involved, the majority of the suspects were illegally selling OxyContin on the black market in the state's Appalachian region.

Police were still scouring communities throughout the

eastern half of Kentucky for about 50 more alleged street-level drug dealers named in state and federal indictments. The bulk of the dealers were from Kentucky, although some hailed from Georgia, Indiana and Ohio and at least two Kentucky residents involved were getting their drugs from Tennessee.

"We're reaching beyond our borders and saying 'enough; don't bring it to Kentucky,'" Thapar said Monday afternoon at a news conference in Lexington where he announced the drug roundup was under way.

The pharmacists charged in the drug sweep were from Ashland and Monticello.

Investigators from the federally funded anti-drug organization UNITE coordinated the roundup. That organization was created to help combat the abuse of OxyContin, a powerful narcotic considered important therapy for many patients suffering from chronic, moderate to severe pain from illnesses such as cancer.

The tablet, when swallowed whole, provides 12 hours of pain relief. But the drug can produce a quick and potentially lethal high if it is chewed, snorted or injected. It has been linked to more than 100 deaths and bears the government's strongest warning label, which says the drug may be as addictive as morphine.

Ashland pharmacist David Greg Jones, 50, allegedly made more than \$1.5 million by illegally selling prescription drugs, according to his indictment. Jones was arrested and charged with unlawful distribution of scheduled narcotics and criminal forfeiture and faces up to 20 years in prison.

Jones was allegedly operating out of a pharmacy called RX Express, according to the indictment. Meanwhile, prosecutors claim Dan Daffron, the other pharmacist arrested, was illegally filling prescriptions out of the Quick Script pharmacy in Monticello.

During the past month, grand juries in London,

Lexington and Ashland began issuing sealed indictments related to the investigation. Thapar said. Those indictments lead to Monday's sweep, he said.

In all, there were 12 defendants, including Jones and Daffron, who were indicted on federal drug charges and 103 local arrest warrants for "street-level" drug dealers, Thapar said. Eight federal suspects were in custody, and at least 49 of those facing state charges had been arrested by late Monday.

The larger state-level arrests were in Clay, Letcher, Perry Pike and Floyd counties, Thapar said.

Karen Engle, executive director of UNITE, said many drugs from Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia flow into the illegal drug trade in eastern Kentucky. Many of eastern Kentucky's street dealers move between 750 to 1,000 pills per month, she said. Those addicted to the drugs will "do anything it takes" to feed their habits, she said.

Monday's drug busts symbolic of the region's attitude toward the illegal drug trade, Engle said.

"We've had enough in Eastern Kentucky," Engle said. "We're no longer going to be the door mat for outside dealers pushing their way in."

Campbell receives chief academic officer award

PIKEVILLE — Wallace Campbell, vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the College at Pikeville College has received the 2006 Chief Academic Officer Award from the Council of

Independent Colleges (CIC). Campbell was honored for contributions to his colleagues at private colleges and universities. His service to Appalachian College Association institutions has



Wallace Campbell

ing the CIC's 34th Annual Institute for Chief Academic Officers in St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., Nov. 4-7.

Founded in 1956, the CIC is an association of independent colleges and universities working together to support college and university leadership, advance institutional excellence, and enhance private higher education's contributions to society. The CIC is the major national service organization and serves more than 570 independent colleges and universities, including liberal arts, comprehensive, four-year, two-year and international institutions.

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Floyd County residents can expect to see several safety checkpoints throughout the county this weekend as members of the sheriff's department crack down on drunk drivers.

"My advice to people would be to make sure they buckle up and observe for any drunk drivers on the roads, and to contact my office if you see any," Blackburn said.

KSP will be also be working closely with local police and sheriff's offices to make the roads safer over the weekend. There will be more patrols and safety checkpoints statewide to ensure people drive safely. As part of the stepped-up efforts this weekend, KSP will be participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort), a nationwide holiday program that will focus on speeding, impaired driving and safety belt usage.

Safety tips offered by KSP

include reminding people about Kentucky's zero tolerance policy for driving under the influence of alcohol. Citations will also be given out to anyone seen not wearing a safety belt.

The main tip KSP offers to holiday drivers is to drive the speed limit, not only because it's the law but because many highway deaths are the direct result of people losing control when traveling too fast. Speeding lessens a driver's chance to avoid a crash, as well as decreases the amount of time a person has to brake.

"Staying focused on driving while behind the wheel of a vehicle is a year-round message, but it needs to be reemphasized during busy holiday travel times," said Adams. "By keeping two hands on the wheel, two eyes on the road and following this common sense advice, we can all celebrate the season by making it a safe holiday on our roadways."

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"They are tickled to death," said Carolyn Hamilton, of Betsy Lane, who brought her 7-year-old grandson and 4-year-old granddaughter to catch presents for the first time at the event. "They wanted to see Santa."

Her daughter, Wendy Schindler, added: "There will be other visits from Santa."

While the kids endured the cold temperatures for snacks, presents and a glimpse of Santa, many adults bundled up to cheer on Grammy-winning singer Alison Krauss.

The bluegrass star joined volunteers and Santa at the

caboose to toss armfuls of treats to the children below.

Past participants include Naomi Judd, Patty Loveless, Travis Tritt, Kree Harrison, Rebecca Lynn Howard and scores of politicians.

"I like to see the people they bring with them — the celebrities," said Ann Little, of Lookout.

Virginia Damron, of Shelbyana, didn't bring any children, but sent her husband into the crowd to grab gifts to hand out later to their nine grandchildren.

"There's so many of them," she said. "This helps."

been a distinguishing feature of his career. Before joining Pikeville College in 1998, he was vice president for Academic Affairs and academic dean at Alice Lloyd College for 20 years. His contributions to his colleagues include a four-year term on the CIC Chief Academic Officer Task Force and serving as task force chair.

Campbell was honored dur-

Aging

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Threat

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and students were being evacuated. Law enforcement officials, school and district officials searched the school but found nothing.

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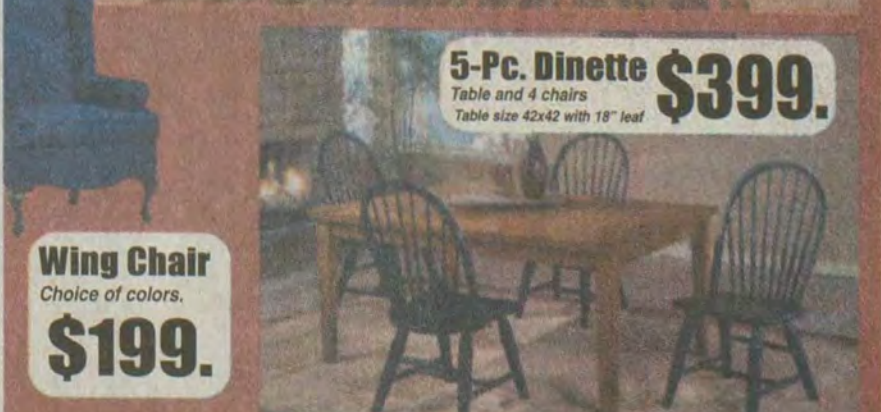
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Johnson Central, Belfry advance to State Semis

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Two area high school football teams have survived three weeks of postseason play and are in the State Semifinals. Johnson Central and Belfry are each one game away from a trip to Louisville and a state championship game. Each team won in convincing fashion on its homefield Friday night.

Johnson Central led Rockcastle County 29-0 Friday before the Rockets finally struck for their first points. The Golden Eagles wound up defeating Rockcastle County 29-6. The Jim Matney-coached Johnson Central team

remains undefeated at 13-0.

Later this week, Johnson Central will play host to Covington Catholic, a 56-49 winner Friday night over Lexington Catholic. Under the guidance of former Prestonsburg High head coach Bill Letton, Lexington Catholic ended its season 10-2.

Johnson Central junior running back Shawn Grim punished the Rockcastle County defense, rushing for 274 yards and three touchdowns.

The Johnson Central defensive unit also did its part, picking off five Rockcastle County passes. The Golden Eagles also held Rockcastle County under 200 yards of total offense.

Rockcastle County (11-2) didn't get into the end zone until the fourth quarter when Shawn Childress scored on a 54-yard touchdown reception.

Dusty Miller led Rockcastle County in rushing, gaining 127 yards on 29 carries.

The Pirates, playing on their home turf at CAM Stadium, outlasted Middlesboro, beating the Yellow Jackets 49-26.

Belfry forced Middlesboro into committing four turnovers in the Class 2A, Region 4 title tilt.

Dustin May led the Belfry offense, gaining 134 yards and scoring two touchdowns through 35 carries. Corey



The Johnson Central defense limited Rockcastle County to just one touchdown in Friday night's Class 3A, Region 4 title game.

photo by Jamie Howell

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Southeast Volleyball Showcase features local players

by TONY McGUIRE
HAZARD HERALD

HAZARD — On Sunday, seniors from the 13th, 14th and 15th regions came together for the annual Southeast Kentucky Volleyball Showcase. The event serves as a all-star event, and a chance for college scouts to get a look at local high school volleyball talent. This year's event was held at Perry County Central's Sherman Neace Athletic Center.

The 14th and 15th regions opened the showcase with a three game match. The 15th Region All-Stars started the match with an impressive 25-17 win. However, the 14th Region All-Stars were able to recover and take the second game, winning 25-22.

In the third game, the 14th Region All-Stars looked destined to cruise to the easy win, but the 15th Region representatives rallied to take the lead. However,

(See SHOWCASE, page two)



photo by Tony McGuire

Allen Central senior Courtney Martin got ready to serve during Sunday's Southeast Kentucky Volleyball Showcase.

T. J. COMPTON PANORAMA



PRESEASON HOOPS

photos by Steve LeMaster

Host Allen Central took on June Buchanan Saturday in the First Annual T.J. Compton Panorama. Jennifer Hopkins is set to enter her second season at the helm of the Lady Rebel girls' basketball program. All four Floyd County high school girls' basketball teams played in the preseason panorama. Other teams in the inaugural panorama were Lawrence County, Cumberland, Boyle County, Laeger, W.Va. and Morgan County. The Allen Central High School boys' basketball team will get its chance to host a preseason panorama tonight. J.E. Campbell Arena, home to the Rebels and Lady Rebels, will host three boys' basketball games. Matchups scheduled for tonight are Prestonsburg vs. Cordia; South Floyd vs. Portsmouth Clay (Ohio) and Allen Central vs. Knott County Central.



Huge run gives Lady Bears second win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College outscored Kentucky Christian 33-8 in a 14-minute period to roll to an 85-56 win Saturday afternoon in the finale of the Gatti's Classic at the Pikeville College Gym.

The outburst, which wrapped around the halftime break, gave the Lady Bears a split in the weekend event and raised their record to 2-4 on the season.

KCU got a three-point shot from senior Lisa Gessford to go up 27-24 with 6:18 remaining in the first half. But Pikeville pulled

(See LADY BEARS, page two)

Mid-Continent edges Alice Lloyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Mid-Continent University visited Alice Lloyd College Saturday for a men's basketball game and left the Grady Nutt Center victorious in extremely close fashion.

Mid-Continent after taking a three-point lead into halftime, defeated the host Eagles 87-83.

Alice Lloyd faced a 14-point deficit with five minutes remaining before mounting a nearly successful comeback.

Floyd County native Shawn Newsome led the Alice Lloyd offensive effort, scoring a team-

(See ALC, page two)

MEET THE BLACKCATS

The Prestonsburg High School boys' basketball program held its annual Meet the Blackcats Night Saturday at the Fieldhouse. During the event, fans got a first glimpse of the 2006-07 edition of the Basketball Blackcats.



photo by Jamie Howell

Teams contending for Right Beaver Classic titles

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Nine Right Beaver Classic boys' basketball tournament games were played over the course of Friday and Saturday as teams from Floyd, Knott and Magoffin counties vied for one of three championships. A breakdown of the games follows.

Friday night's games: Betsy Layne 35, Herald Whitaker 30 (B-team)—Andrew Roberts fired in a game-high 15 points and Kory Jarrell flipped in 10 as Betsy Layne defeated Magoffin County rival Herald

Whitaker. Betsy Layne connected on five three-point field goals and finished eight-of-12 from the free-throw line.

Seven different Herald Whitaker players scored points.

Allen 27, MCA 16 (B-team)—Adam Crisp scored nine points, Austin Dillon netted seven and Austin Osborne contributed six as Allen defeated Mountain Christian Academy (MCA).

Matthew Ison led MCA with nine points. Ian Hall and John Gullett scored four and

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Classic

three points, respectively.
 Herald Whitaker 54, Beaver 26 (A-team): Nine different Herald Whitaker players scored points and only one Hornet reached double figures scoring in a balanced effort.
 Travis Hall scored seven points for Beaver, a team out of Knott County.
 Saturday's games: McDowell 24, MCA 14 (C-team): McDowell was able to outscore host Allen Central 13-5 in the first half and hold off the Rebels in the last two quarters.
 Michael Gayheart scored a game-high nine points and Corey Thornsbury chipped in eight for the Daredevils, Blake

Dean netted four points and Zacky Hall tossed in three for the McDowell C-Team.
 Austin Salisbury scored seven points for the Rebels.
 Betsy Layne 29, MCA 13 (C-team): The Bobcats got a game-high 12 points from Dustin Rogers in the convincing win over MCA. Betsy Layne hit 10 field goals and a pair of three-pointers in the semifinal win. Chase Hall scored seven points and teammates Brian Watkins and Peyton Case each had four points for the Bobcats.
 Matthew Ison had six points for the Falcons.
 Betsy Layne 41, South Floyd 21 (B-team): Andrew

Roberts ripped the nets for a game-high 25 points and Kory Jarrell scored 12 as Betsy Layne posted a 20-point win over rival South Floyd.
 Tyler Moore scored eight points and ranked as South Floyd's leading scorer. Cartney Conn added six points for the Raiders.
 Betsy Layne 71, South Floyd 36 (A-team): Nathan Martin (22), Casey Adkins (14) and Dylan Maldonado (10) all reach double figures scoring in Betsy Layne's semifinal victory over South Floyd.
 The Bobcats were able to outscore South Floyd in every quarter.
 Brandon Marson and

Dakota Hall each had 12 points for the Raiders.
 Herald Whitaker 41, Allen 22 (A-team): Herald Whitaker blanked Allen 11-0 in the first quarter and didn't have any trouble getting past the Eagles.
 Nine different players scored points for the Herald Whitaker A-team.
 Dustin Jenkins canned three three-pointers and led Herald Whitaker with a game-high 11 points.
 Adam Crisp led Allen with eight points. Shawn Burkett added six points for the Eagles.
 Allen Central 44, Allen 22 (B-team): Sheldon Rice flipped in 14 points, Braxton Tackett scored 13 and Micah

Harlow had 12 in Allen Central's victory over Allen.
 Jacob Prater had three points and Jon Ross Gibson two for the Rebels.
 Allen Central outscored Allen 24-7 in the second half.
 Austin Dillon paced South Floyd with 11 points.
 Play in the Right Beaver Classic resumed Monday night with McDowell and Betsy Layne meeting in the C-team finals. In another Monday night game, Herald Whitaker was pitted against Allen Central in the A-team semifinals. Results from Monday's games were unavailable at press time.

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Right Beaver Classic Scoreboard
Friday's Results
 Betsy Layne 35, Herald Whitaker 30 (B-Team)
 Allen 27, MCA 16 (B-Team)
 Herald Whitaker 54, Beaver 26 (A-Team)
Saturday's Results
 McDowell 24, Allen Central 14 (C-Team)
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 Betsy Layne 41, South Floyd 21 (B-Team)
 Betsy Layne 71, South Floyd 46 (A-Team)
 Herald Whitaker 41, Allen 22 (A-Team)
 Allen Central 44, Allen 22 (B-Team)



photo by Tony McGuire

Players from Prestonsburg and South Floyd high schools represented Floyd County Sunday in this year's Southeast Kentucky Volleyball Showcase.

Showcase

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 the 14th Region had one more comeback left in them, and pulled off the 25-23 win, giving them the match.
 Fourteenth Region stats—Jodi Combs: 9 assists, 3 digs; Courtney Fletcher: 1 assist, 4 kills, 3 digs; Leah Harris: 3 kills, 5 digs; Molly Maggard: 1 assist, 3 kills, 1 solo block, 3 assist blocks; Ashley Mynster: 1 assist, 4 kills, 6 digs, 1 ace, 1 solo block, 3 assist blocks; Beth Lewis: 3 kills and 3 digs; Brittani Stone: 2 assists, 4 digs, 2 aces; Ashley Dean: 1 kill and 4 digs; Angie Anderson: 5 digs, 1 ace.
 Fifteenth Region stats: Haley Ratliff: 1 assist, 8 kills, 7 digs, 4 aces, 5 blocks; Christina Blevins: 1 assist, 5 kills, 1 dig, 7 aces, 2 blocks; Nikki Robinette: 34 assists, 2 digs, 2 aces, 2 blocks; Courtney Martin: 3 kills, 1 dig and 3 aces, Pam Slone: 5 assists, 1 kill, 2 digs; Amber Whitaker: 3 kills, 1 ace; Alesia Hall: 2 digs.
 In the second match, the 13th Region took on the 15th

Region. Again, the 15th Region took the first game of the match, only to give up the match by losing the next two games.
 The 15th Region squeaked by in the first game 25-23. The 13th Region All-Stars then rallied to take the next two games — 25-21, 25-23 — giving them the match.
 Thirteenth Region stats: Kayla Stewart: 5 digs; Erica McKinney: 4 kills, 1 dig, 1 ace; Tara Gambrel: 3 kills, 5 digs; Jill Owens: 13 assists, 2 kills, 4 digs, 2 aces; Emily Osborne: 2 digs, 1 ace; Brittany Fox: 2 digs; Michelle Lowe: 1 kill, 2 aces; Kirshner: 6 kills, 1 dig, 1 ace; Megan Taylor: 2 kills, 1 ace.
 Fifteenth Region stats: Haley Ratliff: 1 assist, 9 kills, 5 digs, 2 aces, 6 blocks; Christina Blevins: 5 kills, 5 assists, 2 blocks; Nikki Robinette: 24 assists, 1 block; Courtney Martin: 2 kills, 2 digs; Pam Slone: 6 assists, 1 dig; Amber Whitaker: 3 kills, 2 aces; Alesia Hall: 1 assist, 2 digs, 1 ace.

In the final match of the day, the 13th Region took on the host 14th Region. The 14th Region came out strong and took the first game 25-19. However, they would stumble in the second game, giving it up by the final score of 25-20. In the third, and final game of the match, the 14th Region team blasted its opponent 25-12. It was the biggest win of the Showcase.
 Fourteenth Region stats—Courtney Fletcher: 1 assist, 3 kills, 2 digs, 1 block; Leah Harris: 2 assists, 6 kills, 6 blocks; Molly Maggard: 1 assist, 6 kills, 1 block; Beth Lewis: 6 kills, 6 digs, 1 ace; Ashley Mynster: 4 kills, 1 dig, 1 ace, 11 blocks; Brittani Stone: 8 assists, 1 ace; Jodi Combs: 15 assists, 1 kill, 1 dig, 2 aces; Hannah Tipton: 1 kill, 4 blocks; Angie Anderson: 1 dig, 6 aces.
 The 14th Region took home the traveling trophy with a 4-2 record. The 13th region took second (3-3) and the 15th Region finished third (2-4).

ALC

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 high 18 points. Newsome was one of four players in double figures for the Eagles. William Dillard added 17 points and six rebounds for the Eagles while Rodney Mitchell ended the content with 16 points and nine rebounds. Corey Hairston had 12 points and six rebounds for the ALC men's team.

Brian Hewitt tossed in a game-high 25 points for visiting Mid-Continent. Four different Cougars reached double figures scoring.
 Mid-Continent out-rebounded Alice Lloyd 41-34. The Eagles (4-3) were back in action Tuesday night on the road in Barbourville versus longtime rival Union College.

Mid-Continent drained 10-of-20 three-point field goal attempts and shot 31-for-63 from the floor.
 Each team shot just over 50-percent from the free throw line. Victorious Mid-Continent hit 15-of-29 free throw attempts and Alice Lloyd was 8-of-15 from the charity stripe.

Semis

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 Chapman was another Belfry running back over 100 yards rushing. Chapman ended the game with 110 rushing yards. He rushed for one touchdown and hauled in another score on a catch.
 Belfry (11-2) will host defending Class 2A Champion Russell this Friday night in the State Semifinals. Last season, Russell held off a late Belfry charge and defeated the Pirates.
 Kickoff for both the Johnson Central-Covington Catholic and Belfry-Russell games is set for 7:30 p.m.
Johnson Central 29,

Rockcastle Co. 7
 Rockcastle Co., 0, 0, 0, 7-7
 Johnson Central, 7, 7, 0, 15-29
 JC—Shawn Grim 30 run (James Barrett kick); JC—Grim 2 run (Barrett kick); JC—Tommy Taylor 44 pass from J.K. Ratliff (Grim run); JC—Grim 64 run (Barrett kick); RC—Shawn Childers 55 pass from Izak McCreary (Brad Durham kick).
Records—Rockcastle Co. 11-2, Johnson Central 13-0.
Belfry 49, Middlesboro 26
 Middlesboro, 12, 0, 8, 6-26
 Belfry, 14, 14, 14, 7-49
 M—Trevor Hoskins 2 run (kick

failed); B—Corey Chapman 46 pass from Andrew Elkins (Glen Earnest kick); B—Chapman 43 run (Earnest kick); M—Cornelius Ford 31 run (pass failed); B—Dustin May 1 run (Earnest kick); B—Gerald Epling 26 pass from Elkins (Earnest kick); B—May 2 run (Earnest kick); B—Epling 1 run (Earnest kick); M—Hoskins 3 run (Casey Earls run); B—Adam Bownes 41 pass from Elkins (Earnest kick); M—Dalin Farr 67 pass from Hoskins (run failed).
Records—Middlesboro 11-2, Belfry 11-2.

Lady Bears

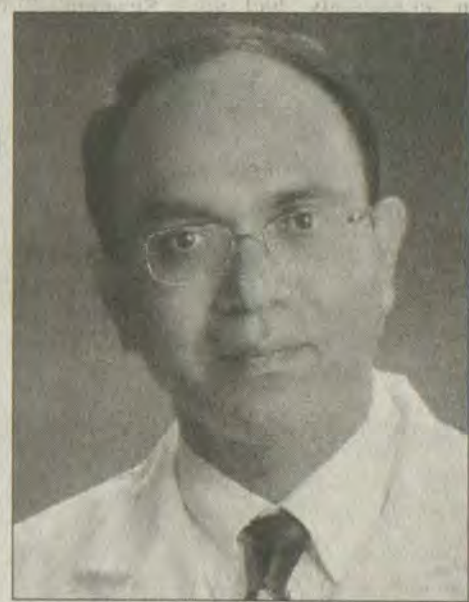
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 within one on a layup by senior Jessica Lovell at the six-minute mark. That began a 16-1 run that saw six different Lady Bears scratch to take a 40-28 lead at the break.
 The first eight minutes of the second half was more of the same as Pikeville outscored the Lady Knights 17-7 to stretch the lead. Sophomore Vicki Hall had seven in the first eight minutes, and when freshman Heather Martin sank two free throws with 12 minutes left, the lead had ballooned to 22 at 57-35.
 Senior Tonya Amburgey had

a game-high 21 to lead Pikeville. She also had seven rebounds. Martin came off the bench for 15 to go with four rebounds and four assists.
 Hall finished with 13 and eight rebounds, while sophomore Kristal Daniels had 10 rebounds to lead Pikeville in her first start of the season. Senior Jessica Lovell had eight assists to go with six points.
 Pikeville dominated the glass to the tune of 53-31.
 Kentucky Christian (7-4) was paced by junior Jennipher Swann with 14 points. Swann

she was the only Lady Knight in double figures. Gessford and freshman Kristin Hecht added seven each.
 Pikeville shot a blistering 58 percent for the game after a first half of 64 percent. They made all four threes they shot.
 KCU, meanwhile, had an off night, hitting only 30.9 percent from the field.
 The Pikeville College women's basketball team will return to action Nov. 28 when it visits regional rival Alice Lloyd College.

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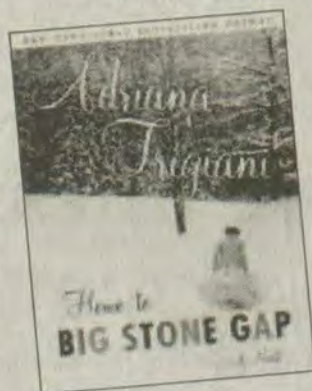
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Union pulls out 90-86 win over Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARBOURVILLE — Union College posted 53 second-half points to erase an eight-point, halftime deficit to pull out a 90-86 victory over visiting Pikeville College Saturday.

Freshman Aaron Dunaway netted a season-high 30 points in helping the Bulldogs snap their two-game losing streak to improve to 4-2 overall. The Bears dropped to 0-6 on the

season.

Down 45-37 at the half, Union slowly chipped away at the deficit, eventually tying the score at 64 after Ryne Bretz completed a three-point play with 11:00 left in the game. The Bulldogs took their first lead of the second half off a Max Hunter putback that made it 74-72 with 5:55 remaining.

After the teams traded baskets on their next few posses-

sions, the game was knotted at 76 with 4:22 to play. But Union seized control on the game by making seven of eight from the foul line during a 7-1 stretch to open up an 83-77 cushion with 46 seconds to go.

Pikeville, though, fought back. After a pair of Donnell Dobbins free throws with two seconds left, the Bears trailed 88-86. However, Union punctuated the victory when Bretz

hit a streaking Kevin Jones for a dunk to make the final 90-86.

The game was tight throughout with 15 lead changes and 13 ties.

Dunaway was 11 of 18 from the floor, including a 6-for-11 performance from 3-point range, in netting his 30 points. Chris Stunson chipped in 17 points, making eight of

10 from the free-throw line. Hunter chipped in 14 points and five rebounds.

Dobbins led all scorers with 31, while Robert Walker and Paul Frazier added 19 and 18 points, respectively, for Pikeville. Walker also hauled in a game-high nine rebounds.

Union hit 54.5 percent (30 of 55 shots) from the field and was eight of 19 (42.1 percent)

from long range. The Bears, meanwhile, hit 29 of 72 shots (40.3 percent) and connected on only 35.3 percent (six of 17) from 3-point range.

The Bulldogs made life difficult for the Bears in the paint as they blocked eight shots. However, Pikeville won the battle on the boards, outrebounding Union 44-35.

Union edges Lady Bears in nail-biter

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — When you face an opponent who is averaging better than 100 points-per-game this season and is undefeated, most people aren't going to give you much of a chance.

Friday night, the Pikeville College women's basketball team faced a Union College team that was perfect on the season and had limited all opponents to 50 or fewer points. And even though the Lady Bears came up just a little bit short in the 86-80 loss, which opened up the 2006 Gatti's Classic, they put up a tenacious fight that will not soon be forgotten at the Pikeville College Gymnasium.

Like most of their games this season, the Lady Bears looked solid during the first half. A put-back by junior Vicki Hall (Belfry) put the Lady Bears up 11-4 early, but the Lady Bulldogs picked up the pace and played the way many expected them to. A 17-6 run put Union on top at 21-17 with 7:57 remaining in the half, and from there the two combatants exchanged baskets, and the lead changed hands three more times. A layup by Hall capped off the first half as the buzzer sounded, sending the Lady Bears to the locker room with a 39-33 lead.

It was the first time all season that the Lady Bears held the lead going into halftime. Union, conversely, had not trailed at the half all season.

The test, of course, would be whether or not the Lady Bears could keep up their strong play in the second half. For a while, it appeared that they would not, as Union tied the score at 45 apiece on a three from Andrea Hillard at the 17:15 mark, and then used a 29-18 run over the course of the next 10 minutes to take a commanding 74-63 lead.

It seemed like déjà vu all over again for the Lady Bears; this was just another game that was going to get away. Yet the Lady Bears were not finished. The defense stepped up, forcing poor shots, and the offense began moving the ball, particularly inside the paint. Rather than tense up and fall down, the Lady Bears relaxed and went back to basics.

When sophomore Camille Cook (Whitesburg) made a layup with a mere 35 seconds to go, the Lady Bears suddenly at regained the lead at 80-79. The crowd went crazy, realizing that this game was clearly turning into a classic.

A jumper from Brook Smith put Union back on top 81-80, but the Lady Bears still had the ball with less than 20 seconds to go. Junior Kelli Jo Moore (Inez), trying to get the ball into the hands of the hot-handed Tonya Amburgey (Pinetop), who finished with a career-high 31 points, threw the ball behind Amburgey's defender. The ball then ricocheted off the Union defender and into the waiting arms of Susanna Todd, who was promptly fouled. Todd made

both her free-throws, putting the game out of reach, and sending Union to the 86-80 victory.

The loss was heartbreaking.

"We played very hard tonight offensively," said Pikeville head coach Bill Watson. "We were down by 11 and battled back to take the lead; you can't ask for a better effort than that. Union's a good team. It hurts to lose this one, but I'm happy with the effort."

The effort couldn't have been greater than that of Amburgey, who led all scorers with her 31 points and barely missed a double-double picking up nine rebounds. Hall (11) and Moore (10) also scored in double digits for Pikeville. Senior Jessica Lovell (Belfry) threw in a game-high 11 assists, which was also a personal season-high.

The Union attack was led by Todd, who scored 27 points and had a game-high four steals. Smith and Allison Fowler also scored in double digits, picking up 17 points and 15 points, respectively.

Osborne holds off Adams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Osborne pulled off close wins over Adams in C- and D-team boys' basketball games last week.

In the C-team game, Osborne defeated Adams 23-19.

Dylan Hall, Jimmy Helton and Cody Hill each had six points for the Osborne C-Team. Weston Little rounded out the Osborne C-Team scoring with five points. The Eagles took an 18-14 lead over Adams into halftime of the C-

team game.

For Adams, Bryson Williams netted a game-high seven points. Gary Arnett followed with five points for the Blackcats and J.D. Adams and Trey Stapleton each had three points. Austin Sloan scored on a free throw for the C-Team Blackcats.

In the D-team game, Osborne held Adams to 10 points through the first three quarters and beat the Blackcats 23-17.

Jarred Little paced the Osborne D-team, scoring a

game-high 11 points. Trey Little scored five points and Michael Martin added three for the Eagles. Hunter Johnson and Kievan Redford rounded out the Osborne scoring with two points apiece as five different Eagles posted points.

Hunter Brown was the leading scorer for Adams, tossing in a team-high seven points. Maddy Wright and Corey Conley rounded out the Blackcat C-team scoring with six and four points, respectively.

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Lady Eagles put up big numbers in three wins

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles won three of four games last week. On Monday night, they hosted Freewill Baptist College from Nashville, Tenn., and came away with a 104-56 win. Whitney Lykens, Kaylan Richardson, and Sierra Wynn each scored 16 points. Becky Thomas had 12 and Chastity Fox and Cassie Whitaker each scored 10 points in the game.

On Wednesday night, the Lady Eagles hosted Montreat College and came away with a 91-63 win. Thomas scored 28 points and pulled down 13 rebounds in the game. Lykens (22 points) and Richardson (11 points) were also in double figures.

On Friday and Saturday, the Lady Eagles traveled to

Bluefield College (Va.) for a tournament. On Friday, they lost to Point Park (Pa.) by the score of 93-80. Lykens led the way with 20 points. Leisha Hall had a good game with 15 points. Taran Cody and Richardson each scored 10 points.

The Lady Eagles got back on the winning track on Saturday with a 120-25 win over Warren Wilson College (N.C.). Lykens and Richardson had 19 and 17 points, respectively. Wynn pitched in with 15 points. Tabatha Sprouse was also in double figures with 12 points.

This week, the Lady Eagles' only game will be on Tuesday night against Mid-Continent University. The game will be played on a neutral court at Spalding University in Louisville.

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Russell 31, Corbin 23


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Covington Catholic 56,

Lexington Catholic 49
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Kentucky 42, Louisiana Monroe 40

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
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LEXINGTON — If Kentucky was a lock for a bowl berth, Louisiana-Monroe came dangerously close to playing locksmith.

A record-breaking performance by Wildcat receiver Keenan Burton nearly unraveled because of a porous defense, but Kentucky held on for a 42-40 victory Saturday, clinching its first winning season since 2002.

"I was fearful of a letdown and I think we had a little bit of a letdown," coach Rich Brooks said. "We need to get our swagger back on defense."

But Burton caught three touchdown passes to give him a school-record fourth straight game with multiple receiving scores. The new mark broke the old one teammate Dicky Lyons Jr. set in the season's first three games.

Lyons called Burton the best receiver in the Southeastern

Conference, but Burton credited Lyons and quarterback Andre Woodson for making his job easier.

Burton's third score Saturday, a 25-yarder from Woodson, extended Kentucky's lead to 8 points late in the fourth quarter and moved Woodson into a tie for third on the Wildcats' all-time list with 27 touchdown passes this year.

"The reason I'm maturing is because my quarterback is maturing," Burton said. "When he's maturing, the whole team's maturing."

Monroe quarterback Kinsmon Lancaster led the Warhawks downfield and scored on a one-yard sneak, cutting the lead to 2 with a minute left. But Lancaster couldn't reach the end zone on the 2-point conversion try.

The Wildcats recovered an onside kick attempt and ran the clock down to four seconds, but then fumbled to give the Warhawks the ball back at midfield for one last play. Lancaster completed only a short pass before

time expired.

Kentucky (7-4, 4-3 SEC) was already eligible for its first bowl game since 1999 and can clinch second place in the SEC East by winning its regular season finale at No. 22 Tennessee. The Wildcats have finished no higher than third since the conference established divisions in 1992.

"It's definitely relieving to get our seventh win," Woodson said. "We were glad to pull away with this one today, and it feels great."

Kentucky trailed after three quarters when Calvin Dawson scored his third touchdown on a one-yard plunge, and the extra point put Louisiana-Monroe on top 34-33. But the Wildcats took the lead for good four minutes later on a 34-yard field goal by Lones Seiber.

Although the Kentucky offense has dominated this year, the defense — particularly the run defense — struggled again Saturday.

Kentucky led by 18 midway through the second quarter after an 84-yard punt return down the right sideline by Rafael Little — the seventh-longest punt return score in Kentucky history. Louisiana-Monroe (2-8, 1-4 Sun Belt) would follow with a 3-yard touchdown run by Dawson and add a 41-yard field goal by Cole Wilson to cut the Wildcats' lead to 28-20 at halftime.

Dawson then dominated the Warhawks' opening possession of the second half. On consecutive plays he ran for 24 and 16 yards before skipping into the end zone untouched from nine yards out.

"We just came up a little bit short," Monroe coach Charlie Weatherbie said. "I think this football team is really headed for greatness."

A sack by Kentucky defensive end Myron Pryor forced the Warhawks to punt from deep in their own territory, but punter Kevin Payne bobbled the snap out of the back of the end zone.

That gave the Wildcats a safety and possession, which produced a 26-yard field goal by Seiber, stretching the lead back to six.

Louisiana-Monroe led early when Travis Eickman leaped into the air to block Seiber's 25-yard field goal attempt on Kentucky's first possession, and Greg James scooped it to travel 78 yards for the touchdown.

The Wildcats made the most of their opportunity on their next drive. Little took a handoff and spun through two defenders to sprint 46 yards and put Kentucky in position. Then backup running back Alfonso Smith plowed through to score from eight yards out and tie the game at 7.

Cole Wilson managed a high snap and nailed a 45-yard field goal to put the Warhawks back in front 10-7.

Kentucky regained the lead at the end of the opening quarter when Woodson found Burton wide open for a 37-yard touchdown reception. Burton also scored from 17 yards.

No. 22 Kentucky 79, Mississippi Valley State 56

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
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LEXINGTON — Ramel Bradley had a career-high 21 points and No. 22 Kentucky

started with a 15-0 run in defeating Mississippi Valley State 79-56 Friday in Tubby Smith's 500th game as a college coach.

Bradley, who has been

working on his shot selection as Kentucky's new point guard, picked good ones against the Delta Devils. He made 8 of 11 attempts from the field and 5 of 7 from 3-point

range. Randolph Morris had 18 points and nine rebounds.

Smith, now in his 16th year as a head coach and 10th at Kentucky, improved his record

to 367-133. He has coached 314 games at Kentucky, 122 at Tulsa and 64 at Georgia.

In their final tuneup before heading to the Maui Invitational, the Wildcats (2-0) signaled they're ready for stiffer competition. They'll get it in Hawaii with a first-round matchup Monday against DePaul and possibly a second-round game Tuesday against national runner-up UCLA.

The Delta Devils (0-3) didn't score until Larry Cox made a layup four and a half minutes into the game. In the first 12 minutes, Kentucky added an 11-0 run to their beginning burst.

Mississippi Valley State had only five points with eight minutes remaining in the first half and Kentucky used eight steals and 14 fast break points to build a 41-18 halftime lead.

Bradley ignited the early rally and began both halves with a 3-pointer. In one 20-second span, Bradley made a jumper then grabbed a loose ball, using an underhanded flip

from beneath the basket to score again.

Bradley fed freshman forward Perry Stevenson one of his two first-half dunks.

Stevenson, who had seven blocks in the Wildcats' opener Wednesday against Miami of Ohio, had three Friday in his second straight start. He set the defensive tone by swatting away the Delta Devils' first shot — a 3-point attempt by Carl Lucas.

Another freshman, guard Jodie Meeks, had 13 points for Kentucky, but was cold from 3-point range, hitting only 1 of 6 attempts.

Other than Bradley, the Wildcats made only 3 of 18 shots from beyond the arc.

The game marked a return to action for Kentucky senior forward Sheray Thomas, who was suspended for the opener and two exhibition games for an undisclosed rules violation. Thomas had one point off the bench.

Cox led the Delta Devils with 17 points.

Louisville 93, Kentucky Wesleyan 68

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville guard Terrence Williams scored 19 points and added five rebounds and four assists as Louisville beat Kentucky Wesleyan 93-68 in an exhibition game on Sunday at Freedom Hall.

Brandon Jenkins scored 11 points and Jonathan Huffman added 10 for the Cardinals, who pulled away in the second half for their second win in as many days. Louisville won its season-opener 100-87 over Northwestern State on Saturday.

"It's very tough playing an exhibition game after a regular season game but we got a lot out of this tonight," said Louisville coach Rick Pitino. "We got a chance to play (our young guys) and we played against a team that is going to

run."

Louisville freshman forward Derrick Carater, who must sit out the team's first three games while serving an NCAA suspension for taking a loan from a family friend in the summer of 2005, struggled after dazzling in Louisville's previous exhibition game against Georgetown (Ky.) College.

Carater — who has lost nearly 50 pounds in the last four months — picked up three quick fouls after entering the game. He finished with six points, three rebounds and two assists before fouling out early in the second half.

"Derrick made just three really bad fouls," Pitino said. "He was trying to bang with the other guy and show he weighed just as much as him. There's no reason to pick up those three fouls and battle like

that. He's got to get them in a good way and he didn't get them."

Jeff Fahnbulleh led the Panthers with 22 points and had 21 rebounds, but Kentucky Wesleyan, a Division II program located in Owensboro, couldn't keep up after trailing 36-28 at the half.

"I thought we did a good job on defense in the first half, but then they kind of wore us down," said Kentucky Wesleyan coach Todd Lee.

The Cardinals opened the second half with a 24-6 run fueled by a defense that forced 23 turnovers, leading to 33 points. The wide margin allowed the Cardinals to substitute liberally in the final minutes. All 15 Louisville players who saw action scored. Louisville center David Padgett, recovering from offseason knee surgery, did not play.

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KIM'S KORNER

Every day may we Nestle not Wrestle

By: Kim Little Frasure

One of my dearest childhood friends shared this via email with me a week or so ago.

The minute I read it I knew it had to be shared with you. There is such



Kim Little Frasure

wisdom shared in the sentences below I only hope the words are as much a blessing to you as they were to me.

"Last year I watched Billy Graham being interviewed by Oprah

Winfrey on television. Oprah told him that in her childhood home, she used to watch him preach on a little black and white TV while sitting on a linoleum floor.

She went on to tell viewers that in his lifetime, Billy has preached to twenty-million people around the world, not to mention the countless numbers who have heard him whenever his crusades are broadcast. When she asked if he got nervous before facing a crowd, Billy replied humbly, "No, I don't get nervous before crowds, but I did today before I was going to meet with you."

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POISON OAK

A time for leftovers

by Clyde Pack



Clyde Pack

Depending on when you're reading this, you're either anticipating another big meal, or are just recovering from one. Either way, happy Thanksgiving.

Ever since I was a little feller climbing all over those parked C&O gons, or doing all those other things that coal-camp kids did back in the 1940s, I've always appreciated a big table of delicious food, and this particular season. However, after I've reached adulthood, sometimes I wonder why those responsible for inventing the calendar chose to put Thanksgiving and Christmas so close together. To me, spacing them just a month apart sort of takes some of the fun out of it.

For example, most people I know prepare a big turkey and dressing dinner for Thanksgiving. Sometimes as much as a week or so later, leftovers are still being enjoyed. Problem is, those same people generally fix turkey and dressing for Christmas dinner, too. Therefore, about the time one gets over overeating on Thanksgiving, it's time to overeat at Christmas time.

I don't expect to ever be put on any sort of calendar committee, but if ever I am, I think I'll suggest at least a two-month gap between the two. I might even recommend that Thanksgiving replace Halloween. Kids don't need all that candy, anyway.

Another thing I find interesting is that turkey is the so-called "traditional food" for Thanksgiving, because a report on TV a while back revealed

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Extension Homemakers continue annual tradition



May Lodge Christmas tree adorned for 2006 holiday season

by Kathy J. Prater
 FEATURES EDITOR

Many families traditionally decorate their Christmas trees while folks are home over the Thanksgiving holiday. In line with this tradition, Floyd County Extension Homemakers got the holiday week off to a proper start as they convened bright and early Monday morning in the May Lodge lobby to trim the tree and otherwise adorn our favorite resort.

It's an annual tradition of the Homemakers and one that Theresa Scott, Floyd County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer

Sciences, says the Homemakers work hard on all year long. "Each of our area clubs have spent the last few months handcrafting the beautiful ornaments. It's amazing to see the detail, thought, and care that go into each one," she said.

This year, the Homemakers had a little help with some of the ornaments - the wooden snowmen you will see hanging happily from the branches. "The students at the David School cut the shapes out for us," Scott said. "It was a big help to us and we really appreciate their efforts."

As is usual each year, the Homemakers always present a theme for the Lodge tree. This year, the underlying theme seems to be "Recycle,

Reuse, Recreate," as one can easily spot ornaments made from leftover wood cuttings, light bulbs, Popsicle sticks, and wooden spoons. If you're looking for a fun family activity for the holidays, try making some of your own ornaments from recycled items that can likely be found around your own home. For more information on the Floyd County Extension Homemakers, contact Theresa Scott at 886-2668. Yearly dues are a mere \$6 - that's pretty inexpensive for an entire year of fun and learning. Congratulations, Homemakers, on another beautifully unique May Lodge Christmas tree!

CRITTER CORNER

Top ten cat care pointers

Your pet cat may act like he doesn't need you with his independent attitude and litter-trained skills, but nevertheless, he does still count on you to provide him with food, water, safe shelter, regular veterinary care, companionship, and more. Take care of the following ten essentials, and you'll be guaranteed to develop a rewarding relationship with your feline companion:

(1.) Outfit your cat with a collar and ID tag that includes your name, address, and telephone number. No matter how careful you are, there's a chance your companion may slip out the door and an ID tag greatly

increases the chance that your cat will be returned safely home.

(2.) Follow local cat registration laws. Licensing, a registration and identification system administered by some local governments, protects both cats and people in the community.

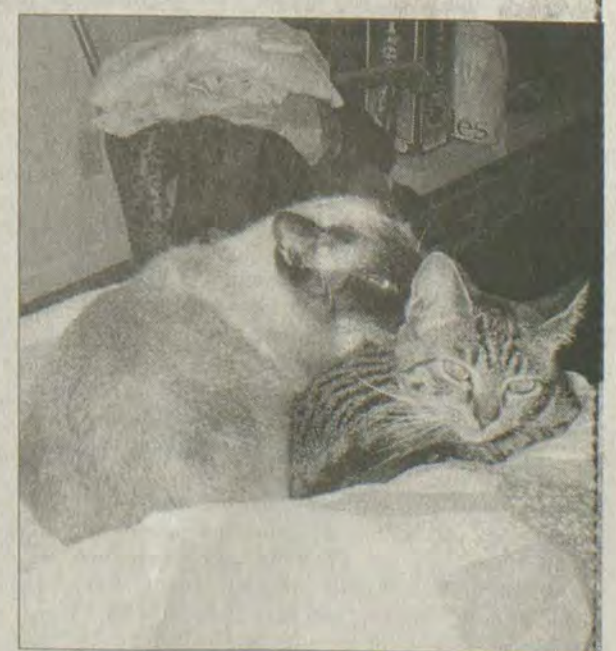
(3.) Keep your cat indoors. Keeping your cat safely confined at all times is best for you, your pet, and your community.

(4.) Take your cat to the veterinarian for regular check-ups. If you do not have a veterinarian, ask your local animal shelter or pet-owning friend for a referral.

(5.) Spay or neuter your pet. This will keep her healthier and will reduce the problem of cat overpopulation.

(6.) Give your cat a nutritionally balanced diet, including constant access to fresh water. Ask your veterinarian for advice on what and how often to feed your pet.

(See CRITTER, page seven)



Feline friends, Pitten and Spiffy snuggle up on a recent cold November morning.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

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

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

■ Nov. 27 thru Dec. 1 - Book Fair. Volunteers needed.

■ Nov. 28 - Magic Me, weather permitting, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Allen Central High School

■ Nov. 22, 23, 24 - No School - Thanksgiving break.

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

Allen Central Middle School

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

Can Food Drive going on now at school.

■ Nov. 27 - Floyd County Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m., ACMS.

■ Nov. 27 - Teen Dating Violence program, 7th & 8th grades.

■ Nov. 28 - Picture retakes.

■ Nov. 30 - Bullying program, 7th & 8th grades.

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

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

coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

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

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

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Clark Elementary

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

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

■ FCHD nurses on site Nov. 2, Nov. 16. Medical exams, shots, and WIC services all available to community. Telephone the center at 886-0815 for an appointment.

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

Duff Elementary

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

■ Nov. 22, 23, 24 - No School.

■ Nov. 28 - Picture retakes.

■ Yearbooks on sale - \$22.

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

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

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

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

May Valley Elementary

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and postpartum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Mountain Christian Academy

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

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg

Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Nov. 28 - Open House. Free meal served at 6 p.m.; parent/teacher visits, 6-8 p.m. Date subject to change.

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

■ Floyd County substance abuse counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

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

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

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

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

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

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

■ Nov. 22-24 - No school; Thanksgiving break.

■ Nov. 28-30 - PRIDE program; Denise May, grades K-6.

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

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

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

Wesley Christian School

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

BSCTC Adult Education & GED

2006 Fall Schedule

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

■ Tuesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Weeksby Comm. Ctr., Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Weeksby Comm. Ctr., Martin Comm. Ctr., Betsy Layne Youth Service Ctr.; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.

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

■ Thursdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC, Mud Creek Clinic; 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC, Betsy Layne Youth Service Ctr., Floyd County Detention Ctr.; 6-8 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

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

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

YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
Times,
10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60,
70 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

(Wednesday, November 27
and November 29, 1996)

The Floyd County Solid Waste Commission has warned that those who are not paying their garbage bills may find liens on their property, their wages garnished, and their credit ratings damaged. County Attorney Keith Bartley said during the commissioner's regular monthly meeting, Monday night, that civil suits were going to be filed against everyone who has refused, but can afford to pay their bills...An accident early Sunday morning, in McDowell, claimed the lives of two Floyd County men, after their vehicle skidded broadside into a utility pole on Route 680. The driver, Frank Hall, 36, of Hi Hat, was transported by the Left Beaver Rescue Squad to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The passenger, Terry Slone, 41, of Bevinville, was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson...Roy Thornberry, 18, a senior at Prestonsburg High School, and the son of a Floyd County deputy jailer, was arrested, Friday, and charged with terroristic threatening for allegedly making a bomb threat, at the high school. He pleaded not guilty during his arraignment, Monday, in Floyd District Court...Keeping to their word, Floyd County School Board members expelled three students for the rest of the school year, Monday night, for their roles in pulling fire alarms and making bomb threats at Prestonsburg High School...On November 30, Santa and his crew will visit various stores throughout downtown Prestonsburg. Santa will make his annual trek to Prestonsburg before Christmas, but this year, he's bringing his reindeer, his elves, and some gifts...Three Floyd County residents were arrested, Friday, during the Kentucky State Police's statewide drug roundup. James D. Sellards, 31, of Betsy Layne, was arrested and charged with three counts of trafficking a controlled substance; Paul Fields, 32, of Prestonsburg, is charged with two counts of cultivating marijuana; Jerry McCloud of Prestonsburg was charged with 16 counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud...Prestonsburg City officials may have to look to the state for help in paying for a hillside

slippage at Old Style Mining, inside the city limits. Councilman Estill Lee Carter reported at Monday's council meeting the company had posted a \$10,000 bond prior to mining the site, but "we all know it is inadequate to take care of the situation"...The Floyd County's Sheriff's Department arrested a "copycat" caller who allegedly phoned in a bomb threat, Wednesday, to Melvin Grade School just hours after the threat was made. Wilma Jean Johnson, 38, was arrested Wednesday, after she allegedly made a bomb threat at Melvin Grade School. She was charged with terroristic threatening...Donna Hall, a Floyd County trial commissioner resigned her position, and a Judicial Retirement and Removal Commission news release says a more severe penalty would have been issued had she not. Hall admitted in her defense that she allowed a law enforcement officer to sign her name to two search warrants, according to the release...Martin police officials will be looking forward to the new year because it will mean pay raises to them. Martin City Council voted unanimously, Tuesday night, to grant 75-cent per hour pay raises for its four full-time police officers. The increase will bring their pay up to \$7 per hour, Mayor Alan Whicker, said...Almost every computer lined along two walls at Opportunities Unlimited had a student operating its systems, Monday. In an adjacent classroom students figured out square roots of numbers and worked equations. Opportunities Unlimited is an alternative school operated by the Floyd County Board of Education...Even though a Floyd judge's ruling has been appealed, the city of Prestonsburg is moving on with its plan to construct a golf course and athletic complex. "As far as we are concerned," Mayor Jerry Fannin said, Tuesday, "the issue has been taken to court and we won, and the property is annexed"...For the fourth time in a little over four years, Floyd Countians are searching for a superintendent of schools...There died: Charles L. Workman, 78, of Louisa, Tuesday, November 26, at Three Rivers Medical Center; Terry Slone, 41, of Bevinville, Sunday, November 24, at McDowell, from injuries received in an automobile accident; Doy Isaac Jr., 63, of Bevinville, Saturday, November 23, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Samuel Jessie Stephens, 69, of Allen, Sunday, November 24, at his residence; Frank Hall, 36, of Hi Hat, Sunday, November 24, at McDowell,

from injuries received in an automobile accident; Randall Akers, 48, of Teaberry, Sunday, November 24, at his residence; Olby Thornberry, 76, of Taylor, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, November 16, at his residence; Arthur "Red" Sturgill, 101, of Prestonsburg, Friday, November 22, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Thekla Click Reffett, 85, of Bellview, Florida, formerly of Langley, Monday, November 26, at her residence; Oscar Eugene Davis, 56, of Printer, Monday, November 25, at his residence; Mary Edith Rice Vanhoose, 63, of Prestonsburg, Friday, November 22, at her residence; Susie Click Hicks, 84, of Mousie, November 20, at her home; Myrtle Martin, 84, of Grethel, Tuesday, November 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Clarence H. "Jake" Crisp, 75, of Martin, Wednesday, November 27, at his residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(December 3, 1986)

There will be fire plugs "throughout the county" if the fiscal court realizes the savings, it expects it will, by refinancing seven-year-old housing bonds, Judge Executive John M. Stumbo said last week...Left Beaver Magistrate Ed Caudill lost, last week, a round in his battle to overturn his July, 1985 conviction a charge of possessing a forged instrument. But his attorney declared, later, that the fight is far from over...A Betsy Layne man, Harold Robert Baer, who was charged with auto theft was released without bond, Tuesday, after his constitutional rights had been violated, by not receiving a preliminary hearing within ten days...The Task Force on Insurance and Liability was invited to hold its December meeting here "because of the serious insurance problems plaguing the mountain area," said House Majority Leader Greg Stumbo...The Glo bridge, abruptly shut down in October by federal authorities, was opened to traffic, Monday afternoon, after a county crew completed repair work and a state bridge engineer declared the bridge safe...In the spirit of giving, churches, social agencies, and individuals throughout the county will be busy in the coming weeks, organizing events and donating their time and money in an effort to help the needy...There died: David Baldrige, 81, of

Hueysville, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, following an extended illness...Edgar Thornsbury, 64, of Mousie, Saturday, at University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington, following an extended illness...Marsha Benedict Sweeten, 36, formerly of Wheelwright, last Wednesday, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Mount Vernon, Illinois...Jake Graham Fraley, 78, of Drift, Monday, at his residence following an extended illness...and Hazel Pack Curnutt, 87, formerly of Mousie, last Thursday, at Saint Joseph Hospital, in Lexington, after a brief illness.

Thirty Years Ago

(Dec. 1, 1976)

The manslaughter trial of Richard Franklin Spencer, accused of the slaying earlier this year, at Lancer, of his father-in-law, Jeff Nelson, ended in the second day, Tuesday, when the defendant entered a plea of guilty to reckless homicide...A Floyd county teacher named the county board of education and Supt. E. P. Grigsby Jr., defendants in a suit filed, Saturday, protesting her transfer from one school to another...The Floyd County jail had its own population explosion, Sunday afternoon, when County and State officers imprisoned 37 persons, including six juveniles, after a marijuana raid on Prater Creek...Derailment of 16 coal cars, Monday night, near Hunter, spilled several hundred tons of coal along the tracks and into an adjacent field, and interrupted rail service on the Left Beaver Creek branch line of the Chessie System...County Attorney Harold J. Stumbo, this week, drafted a six-point proposal to the fiscal court, pointing out that the present solid waste disposal system in the county "is not working," and recommending that the court create a garbage district, issue revenue bonds to pay for necessary equipment, and provide for management of the countywide operation by a board separate from the court and elected officials...There died: Jennie Stephens Horn, 92, died Thursday, at her home at East Point; Mrs. Frances McGuire Spradlin, 83, former resident of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, November 23, at her home in Lexington; Delmas Frederick Saunders, 35, formerly of Prestonsburg, Nov. 23, at the U.K. Medical

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Yesterdays

Center; Lawrence Hicks, 71, died Saturday, at his home at Langley; Mrs. Belle Sizemore Derossett, 96, of Water Gap, Tuesday, at Highlands Medical Center; Elmer Clifton, 83, of Prestonsburg, Saturday at Highlands Regional; James Cecil Jr., 57, of Allen, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, Friday; James Frasure, 75, formerly of McDowell, died Friday, in an Ashland hospital; Vernon Hunter, 26, of Topmost, Sunday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Bridget Grayson, 55, formerly of Garrett, Sunday, in the Lorain Community Hospital, Lorain, Ohio.

Forty Years Ago

(December 1, 1966)

The faint hope that a contract settlement would be reached at a brief resumption, November 23, of negotiations between representatives of the United Fuel Gas Company and the Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers Union went glimmering, and the company continues to lose heavily from the dynamiting of gas mains...Two meetings on as many nights, next week, have been scheduled for the purpose of acquainting landowners with the Left Beaver Creek snagging and clearing project, and to procure easements from owners of land along the part of the stream which is proposed for improvement...Tuesday's snowfall rendered highways in this, and other counties of the area, hazardous to drivers, resulting in nine highway accidents being reported to the Pikeville post, Kentucky State Police...Miss Marietta Stumbo of McDowell, was named Miss Snow Queen of 1966,

here, Saturday...The long-delayed 1966 state, county and school tax bills are due to begin reaching taxpayers in this county, perhaps within the next 10 days...Married: Miss Brenda Hughes, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Abraham Vanderpool, of Emma, Saturday, at the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church; Miss Jenny Lee Meece, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. William Edward Bottoms, of Lexington, November 18, at the First Methodist Church, here...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. O. R. (Pete) Howard, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Mina, Thanksgiving Day, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. A. Randall Hughes, of Portsmouth, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, a son, Charles Randall, Nov. 13, at the Scioto County Memorial Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Conn, of Ivel, a son, Glenn Preston, Thanksgiving Day, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: John Carmody, 68, of Kent, Ohio, formerly of Bevinsville, last Tuesday, at a Ravenna, Ohio, hospital; Rufus Shepherd, 46, last Wednesday, at his home at David.

Fifty Years Ago

(November 29, 1956)

Coal production in the field represented by the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Operators Association is still ahead of last year, at this time, it was noted in a recent report of the group...Funeral rites were conducted, Sunday morning, for two Floyd men who received fatal injuries in a head-on collision of their cars on U.S. 23 at Harold, Thanksgiving evening. Dead are Earl Kidd, 28, of Harold, and

Raymond Newman, 24, of Grethel...Rabid foxes struck in three places in this county, recently, with one invading the home of Bert Newman on Frasure's Creek, at East McDowell, last Friday night...Former State Representative Jerry F. Howell, of Price, was seen, this week, as a sure-fire bet to be the next Floyd County Democratic chairman as the last threat of a scrap in the election of precinct committee members vanished...A copy of the official seal of Floyd County has been supplied at Navy request, by County Judge Henry Stumbo for incorporation into the official emblem of the USS Floyd County, U.S. Navy destroyer named for this county...Married: Miss Joyce Lorene Martin, of Wayland, and Mr. Orbin Childers, of Garner, Ky., November 17 at the Wayland Methodist Church...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Don Sullivan, of Prestonsburg, a son, Don Jr., Nov. 22, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to A-3c and Mrs. Dean Peters, of Martin, now in Japan, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Crum, of Allen, a son, Sunday, at a Martin hospital...There died: Tony J. Compton, 60, of Betsy Layne, Sunday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Lester Judd, 61, Sunday, at his home at Drift; John Boyd, 59, Sunday, at his home at Wayland; Ad Layne, 73, of Langley, last Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

Sixty Years Ago

(November 28, 1946)

Support of Congressman-elect W. Howes Meade of the Big Sandy river canalization move was seen in his presence, Monday evening, at

Pikeville, in a meeting of proponents of the movement...Although an attempt to put a stop to Sunday movies in Betsy Layne reached a point where a warrant was issued for the arrest of the theatre owner there, he is in no danger of the law. A law describing operation of a theatre in Kentucky on Sunday as the offense of breaking the Sabbath, has been repealed, it was learned...A feature of the Armistice Day program in Paintsville, recently, was the presentation of Bronze Star medals to Capt. Bert T. Combs and Lt. Walter S. Harkins, both of whom are Prestonsburg attorneys...H. B. Patrick, Prestonsburg oil and gasoline distributor, announced, this week, that he will build, here, a frozen food locker plant within the next few months if sufficient interest is shown by county residents in such a facility...The Prestonsburg Black Cat football team closed out its season, Friday afternoon, battling Paintsville to a 6-6 tie...Married: Miss Hilda Mae Arrington, of Martin, and Mr. Steve Stout, of Prestonsburg, November 2...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Tackett, of Prestonsburg, a son—Paul Carter—November 24, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Estel L. McKinney, of Prestonsburg, a daughter—Donna Sue—November 23, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. Dickerson Jr., a son—Richard Evans—November 21, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington; to Mr. and Mrs. Darvin Webb, of Dwale, twins—Bobby and Betty—last week...There died: Miss Mary Patton, 31, at home, here, Monday morning; Mrs. Peachie Craft, 26, of Town Branch, Monday, at the Martin General Hospital; Palma, four-months-old daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Reed, of Hueysville, Saturday.

Seventy Years

Ago

(November 27, 1936)

The home of Mrs. Alice Hall on Jack's Creek, was dynamited early Monday morning. Sheriff M. T. Stumbo investigated, but no definite clues have been uncovered...Chester (Chick) Allen, Walter Butler and W. D. Frazier were seriously injured when the car in which they were riding crashed into a rock cliff on the Allen-Lackey road, below Bosco, Tuesday afternoon...The two-story residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Spurlock, of West Prestonsburg, was destroyed by fire, Thursday morning...Arthur Johns Archer and Beverly Burchett have purchased the Pelphrey's Dry Cleaners in Prestonsburg...Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hughes, and baby, were injured, Saturday afternoon, when the truck Mr. Hughes was driving plunged over an embankment on the Mayo Trail, near Prestonsburg...The Lackey High School Lions defeated Auxier high, Friday, 15 to 6...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Elder Wright, of West Prestonsburg, a daughter—Carol Sue—November 1...There died: Mrs. Emma Lafferty, 90, at her home here, Friday; Lewis Howard, 75, at his home at Hueysville, Saturday night; William M. Perkins, 90, of Tram, Friday; Mrs. Osa Stone, 28, of Ivyton, November 19; the 22-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clifton of Bays Branch, Monday.

Oak

historians pretty much agree turkeys were not in great abundance in that part of the country during the time of the first Thanksgiving, and it was very likely that the Pilgrims and Indians shared little more than corn and wild berries.

But having turkey for the holiday

is fine with me. If it was chosen on false belief, that's OK, too. I mean, it could have been worse. Like what if folks today were under the impression that John Alden and Priscilla could have found nothing to cook but a possum or a squirrel, or maybe a groundhog back then? Would we still

have preferred the traditional fare of our founding fathers?

Wonder what we'd be serving for Thanksgiving had old Ben Franklin had his way back in the late 1700s, and instead of the eagle, Congress had declared the turkey our national bird? Wouldn't it be unpatriotic to eat

a turkey, now, if that had happened back then?

Guess the fact that history worked out as it did is another reason for us to be thankful.

Things are even more special at the Pack house this year as we'll be

celebrating the holiday season for the first time with our new grandson, Owen William Pack. He joined big sister Alison last January, thus providing a couple of doting grandparents with a double dose of thankfulness. God is good.

Critter

(7.) Train your cat to refrain from undesirable behaviors such as scratching furniture and jumping on countertops. Contrary to popular belief, cats can be trained with a bit of patience, effort, and understanding on your pet.

(8.) Groom your cat often to keep

her coat healthy, soft, and shiny. Although it is especially important to brush long-haired cats to prevent their hair from matting, even short-haired felines need to be groomed to remove as much loose hair as possible. When cats groom themselves, they ingest a great deal of hair,

which often leads to hairballs.

(9.) Set aside time to play with your cat. While cats do not need the same level of exercise that dogs do, enjoying regular play sessions with your pet will provide him with the physical exercise and mental stimulation he needs, as well as strength-

en the bond you share.

(10.) Be loyal and patient with your cat. Make sure the expectations you have of your companion are reasonable and remember that the vast majority of behavior problems can be solved. If you are struggling with your pet's behavior, con-

tact your veterinarian or local animal shelter for advice and check out the HSUS's Pets for Life campaign information.

*Information for this article was derived from the website of The Humane Society of the United States.

Korner

Oprah's show is broadcast to twenty-million people every day. She is comfortable with famous stars and celebrities but seemed in awe of Dr. Billy Graham.

When the interview ended, she told the audience, "You don't often see this on my show, but we're going to pray." Then she asked Billy to close the show in prayer. The camera panned the studio audience as they bowed their heads and closed their eyes just like in one of his crusades.

Oprah sang the first line from the song that is his hallmark "Just as I am, without a plea," misreading the line and singing off-key, but her voice was full of emotion and almost cracked.

When Billy stood up after the show, instead of hugging her guest,

Oprah's usual custom, she went over and just nestled against him. Billy wrapped his arm around her and pulled her under his shoulder. She stood in his fatherly embrace with a look of sheer contentment.

I once read the book "Nestle, Don't Wrestle" by Corrie Ten Boom. The power of nestling was evident on the TV screen that day. Billy Graham was not the least bit condemning, distant, or hesitant to embrace a public personality who may not fit the evangelistic mold. His grace and courage are sometimes stunning.

In an interview with Hugh Downs, on the 20/20 program, the subject turned to homosexuality. Hugh looked directly at Billy and said, "If you had a homosexual

child, would you love him?" Billy didn't miss a beat. He replied with sincerity and gentleness, "Why, I would love that one even more."

The title of Billy's autobiography, "Just As I Am," says it all. His life goes before him speaking as eloquently as that charming southern drawl for which he is known.

If, when I am eighty years old, my autobiography were to be titled "Just As I Am," I wonder how I would live now? Do I have the courage to be me? I'll never be a Billy Graham, the elegant man who draws people to the Lord through a simple one-point message, but I hope to be a person who is real and compassionate and who might draw people to nestle within God's embrace.

Do you make it a point to speak to a visitor or person who shows up alone at church, buy a hamburger for a homeless man, call your mother on Sunday afternoons, pick daisies with a little girl, or take a fatherless boy to a baseball game?

Did anyone ever tell you how beautiful you look when you're looking for what's beautiful in someone else?

Billy complimented Oprah when asked what he was most thankful for; he said, "Salvation given to us in Jesus Christ" then added, "and the way you have made people all over this country aware of the power of being grateful."

When asked his secret of love, being married fifty-four years to the same person, he said, "Ruth and I

are happily incompatible."

How unexpected. We would all live more comfortably with everybody around us if we would find the strength in being grateful and happily incompatible.

Let's take the things that set us apart, that make us different, that cause us to disagree, and make them an occasion to compliment each other and be thankful for each other. Let us be big enough to be smaller than our neighbor, spouse, friends, and strangers."

Every day, may we Nestle, not Wrestle!

May Your Thanksgiving Be Truly Blessed,

Til Next Week..

Young Appalachian Poet contest announced

Attention high school student writers: Hazard Community & Technical College will hold a competition for the first Young Appalachian Poets Award. The theme for 2006 is "The Affrilachian Experience." This year's contest is designed to encourage high school students to write about African-American life in Appalachia.

The First place winner will receive \$100 cash, autographed copies of Affrilachia, Buffalo Dance, and Black Box, publication in Kudzu and in PLUCK! The Journal of

Affrilachian Art & Culture, and participate at Evening with Poets in April 2007.

The First runner-up will receive \$50, autographed copies of Affrilachia, Buffalo Dance, and Black Box, and publication in Kudzu.

The Second runner-up will receive autographed copies of Affrilachia, Buffalo Dance, and Black Box, publication in Kudzu.

The contest is open to any interested high school aged poets. Deadline to enter is Friday, Dec. 8, 2006.

Each entry can include up to five poems on disc using Microsoft Word. Poets should also include a brief autobiographical statement and a Self-Addressed Stamped envelope to: Scott Lucero, Young Appalachian Poets Award, One Community College Drive, Hazard Community & Technical College, Hazard KY 41701 or email them to : Scott.lucero@kctcs.edu Put Submission: Young Appalachian Poets Award in the subject line of the email.

See works from Ky. School of Craft

The first two graduates of the Kentucky School of Craft will present the opening of their senior exhibition with a reception on Friday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the School in Hindman. The exhibition will be open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, Monday - Friday through Dec. 15 and is free and open to the public.

Valerie Lee, age 20 of Tiner, Jackson County, will complete requirements of the Fine Woodworking/Furniture Design Program. Valerie's focus has been on the design and creation of functional furniture pieces that have their roots in the simplicity of Shaker and Mission-style furniture. Valerie brings her own unique perspective to these historical furniture forms through the introduction of pattern and exquisitely grained woods. Valerie's plans are to continue her education and eventually teach at the college level. Valerie will also

operate her own design studio producing fine furniture.

Jan Stanfill, age 55 of Hazard (formerly of Knott County), will graduate as the first student of the Jewelry/Metals program. Jan's work is primarily concerned with the ancient technique of granulation—a process of fusing 22-carat gold granules to a 22-carat gold surface. The resulting image is one of controlled pattern and texture. Jan is heavily influenced by the changing landscape of the Appalachian region. Her plans are to open a local studio, creating unique gold and silver granulated jewelry and metal objects.

The Kentucky School of Craft is a part of Hazard Community & Technical College and is the only school of its kind in Kentucky. Located in the recently remodeled, historic Hindman High School building, the School of Craft has state-of-the-art equipment and

enables students to learn from renowned studio artists. For more information concerning this exhibit, the School of Craft and its programs call (606) 487-3410 or (800) 246-7521, ext 73410.

Visit the website at www.hazard.kctcs.edu



Birthday



Look who's 4!

Johnathan Blackburn, the son of Dingus and Joanna Blackburn, of Martin, turned four years old on Sunday, November 12, 2006. Johnathan has two brothers and one sister. His family hopes he had a very happy birthday!



Pictured are (front row, left to right): Dennis Mayo, Ivan Gilliam, Barry Adkins, Mickey Thompson, James Flora, State Representative Hubert Collins, Elmer Howard, Nelson Sumpter, and Donna Branham. Back row (left to right): Chris Bailey, Tracey Maynard, Richard Brown, Crawford Blakeman, and Bobby McCool.

KY Coal Academy graduates

Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) graduated the fourth cohort of mining students from the KY Coal Academy program. The impressive ceremony, held at the Hager Hill Campus of BSCTC celebrated the completion of 30 weeks of training and practical mining experience for 7 students who will now assume jobs as full time miners in the coal industry. State Representative Hubert Collins was the guest speaker for the event. Representative Collins told about the history of the coal industry and the changes that had come about since his father had mined coal. He encouraged them to persevere and to make a career of mining. Other comments were offered by Elmer Howard from Excel Mining and Nelson Sumpter of Booth Energy. Excel Mining and Booth Energy have both been full partners with BSCTC in the Coal Academy program since the beginning of the project. Both coal companies sponsor students in the program, paying them a training wage while they are students in the classroom and providing them practical co-operative work experience to balance their time in the classroom.

Baldwin receives CPC-A credentials

Big Sandy Community and Technical College is pleased to announce Ms. Anna Baldwin, a recent graduate of the Medical Information Technology program, has been awarded the Certified Professional Coder-Apprentice (CPC-A) credential. Ms. Baldwin successfully completed the national certification examination to receive this credential sponsored by the American Academy of Professional Coders. The Academy is a nationally renowned organization offering professional accreditation, education, recognition, and networking opportunities to medical coders. The demand for medical coders is increasing nationally by approximately 10,000 employees each year and is projected to increase 36 percent or more through the year 2010. Nationally, 18 percent of all medical coding positions go unfilled, according to the U. S. Department of Labor. Big Sandy Community and Technical College currently offers an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Medical Information Technology with an insurance coding option as well as a diploma in insurance coding. Students are encouraged to apply their insurance coding expertise toward seeking professional certification in the coding area.

Charity Drive

The Eastern Kentucky Brothers of the Wheel Motorcycle Club will be collecting money on Friday, November 24 for their 2006 Christmas project to help local children in need of Christmas cheer. Todd Caudill, chapter president, encourages all to give generously to this very worthy project that provides new shoes, clothing, and toys to children within our local area. The program is conducted through the assistance of Floyd and Johnson County Family Resource Centers. Your support is greatly appreciated.



SFMS Homecoming

Meshana Ray was recently elected 2006 Homecoming Queen for South Floyd Middle School. Meshana is the daughter of Johnny and Shawntel Ray, of Wheelwright. She was escorted during the half-time festivities by Dustin Tackett.



Miss Photogenic

Meshana Ray, the daughter of Johnny and Shawntel Ray, of Wheelwright, was named "Miss Photogenic" in the 2006 Floyd County Red, White and Blue Pageant, held in October at the Martin Community Center. Meshana is a student at South Floyd Middle School.



HCTC welding students are winners

Two teams of welding students at Hazard Community & Technical College competed in the Woodrow Scott Welding Tournament in Monticello on Nov. 6. The teams place third and fourth in the team contest. Craig Herald, welding instructor, announced there was a first place winner along with three second place winners in the welding and cutting process. Shown above, from left, are: Jeff Wilson and James Cox of Leslie County; Chucky Williams of Perry County; Josh Honeycutt of Letcher County; Shane Hayes of Hazard High School; Joe King of Letcher County; Coy Hall of Lee County; and Justin Thomas of Owsley County. Justin Thomas placed first and Shane Hayes placed second in the Oxy-Fuel cutting contest. Joe King Placed second and Chucky Williams placed fourth in the Gas Tungsten Arc Welding contest. James Cox placed second in the Flux Core Arc Welding contest. Jeff Wilson place fourth in the Flux Core Arc Welding contest and in the Gas Metal Arc Welding contest. Coy Hall and Josh Honeycutt placed fourth and fifth in the Shielded Metal Arc Welding contest.

Enjoy a holiday treat at the Mountain Arts Center!

Kentucky Opry Christmas Shows 2006 with Special Guests Kentucky Opry Junior Pros

Show Schedule:
 Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25 - 7:30 pm;
 Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2 - 7:30 pm;
 Saturday, December 9 - 7:30 pm; Sunday, December 10 - 3 pm;
 Friday, December 15 - 7:30 pm; Sunday, December 17 - 3 pm
 Kentucky Opry Tickets: Adults \$15; Senior Citizens \$13;
 Students Under 18 \$11; Groups of 15+ \$10
 Dates & Times are subject to change.
 Call toll-free for tickets: 1-888-MAC-ARTS or Locally 606-886-2623
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Prestonsburg Honor Choir Christmas Performance
 Thursday, November 30 - 7 pm

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NUTCRACKER
 Wed & Thurs, December 6 & 7 - 7 pm
 Tickets go on sale to public on Monday, November 20 at 9 am.

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Talking Turkey



Making The Most Of Holiday Leftovers

(NAPSA)—Holiday time means turkey, and turkey usually means leftovers. Now you can jazz up roast turkey and watch it disappear.

The Reuben Tortilla offers another opportunity to savor the holiday leftovers. It's easy to make, and thanks to sauerkraut, it's healthy.

Sauerkraut contains chemical compounds thought to prevent several types of cancer—including colon, lung, and breast cancers. A Michigan State University women's health study observed that girls who ate four or more servings of sauerkraut per week during adolescence were 74 percent less likely to develop breast cancer than those who ate little or no sauerkraut.

Once the leftover turkey and Reuben Tortillas are gone, take advantage of sauerkraut's versatility and use it during your next holiday party as an ingredient in contemporary hors d'oeuvres such as Kraut-Stuffed Mushroom Caps. Also, sauerkraut juice can be used to mix dirty martinis and Bloody Marys.

Reuben Tortilla

- 4 8-inch whole wheat tortillas, softened
- 1/2 cup fat-free Thousand Island dressing
- 4 oz. cooked turkey (and/or pastrami or corned beef)
- 4 slices (3/4 oz. each) Swiss cheese
- 1 cup well-drained Krrrrisp Kraut, Silver Floss or Bush's Best Sauerkraut

Spread each tortilla with 2 Tbsp. dressing. Top with 1 oz. turkey, 1 slice cheese and 1/4 cup sauerkraut. Fold opposite edges of tortilla over to cover filling. Roll up from one unfolded edge to the other, forming wrap sandwich. Microwave each 20 seconds to 30 seconds or serve at room temperature. Serves four.

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