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briefs

Second inmate killed at prison

The Associated Press

INEZ — A second inmate was slain at a federal maximum-security prison in Eastern Kentucky, authorities confirmed Monday.

It was the second fatal stabbing of an inmate in less than three weeks at U.S. Penitentiary-Big Sandy in Martin County, which opened in 2003.

Shamoni Peterson, 32, was fatally stabbed Nov. 13, apparently the result of an assault, according to a Federal Bureau of Prisons statement Monday.

Peterson was taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center near Prestonsburg, where he was pronounced dead. Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson said Peterson apparently had been stabbed repeatedly with a sharp weapon, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported on its Web site.

Calvin Speight, 42, died Oct. 24, also from stabbing.

Both inmates were from Washington, D.C.

Peterson was transferred to the prison on Dec. 14 and was serving a sentence of six years and three months for unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, authorities said.

The FBI is investigating, but no charges have been filed in either case, prison spokeswoman Mashelle Arisman said.

Confederate flag use at ACHS questioned

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

EASTERN — Touching on a subject that has fostered much debate throughout the nation in recent years, Floyd County Board of Education member Mickey McGuire said during Monday night's meeting at Duff Elementary School that he felt it was "inappropriate" for area schools to use the Confederate flag as part of their school symbol.

"I'm not a black person," McGuire said, "but I think that in other areas, such as Louisville, for example, that people there would find using the Confederate flag inappropriate."

Chelsie Cordial, an Allen Central High School student and member of the school's JROTC program, addressed the board, defending her school's right to fly the Confederate flag.

"It's a statement of how we feel at our school. We don't use it as a racial slur. We don't look at the Confederate flag as a sign of hatred. To us, it reflects our history as a school ... It's about our school, it's our pride, it's our flag," she said.

McGuire commented to his fellow board members that he believed that student body representatives of the high school had been asked, at least one

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Chelsie Cordial, an Allen Central High School student, defended her school's flag and mascot at the Floyd County Board of Education meeting, held Monday evening at Duff Elementary School.

photo by
Kathy J. Prater

CHANGING HOLIDAYS



photo by Jessica Hale

Prestonsburg city workers took down the Thanksgiving turkey in front of the Attorney General's office on Tuesday and made way for the Christmas nativity scene. Passing motorists can enjoy the view of the lighted nativity scene from now until after Christmas.

Budget worries delay tech decision

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

EASTERN — The members of the Floyd County Board of Education debated Monday evening the issue of whether or not to take advantage of a no-interest loan opportunity currently being offered in order to help the district purchase new classroom technology equip-

ment. The new equipment would help teachers employ the use of digital video "streaming" technology in the classroom.

Though board members were united in their belief that the new technology would be of great benefit to Floyd County students, a few of them hesitated in regard to the amount of money that would be

required to purchase the equipment.

"I feel that (purchasing the equipment) would be a good decision on the part of academics for students," said board chair, Jeff Stumbo. "But it would be a poor decision on the part of management, because we don't really know if we can

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Supreme Court gives lawyer 2-year suspension

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Supreme Court suspended the license of a Floyd County attorney for two years on Nov. 22 after stating in a unanimous decision that the two sexual assault convictions he had incurred in the past seven years were "directly related to his law practice" and because of that a substantive sanction was in order.

Sheridan Martin, who owns a Social Security and personal injury practice in Allen, was convicted on January 24, 2001, of third-degree sexual assault against one of his female

employees and was convicted three months later on a charge of third-degree sexual abuse against a former client.

The first case, dating back to Dec. 13, 1999, stems from an incident when Martin was working from his home. A female employee filed a complaint against Martin after she was asked to bring Martin's mail to his home and was thrown onto his bed and Martin tried to kiss her.

The woman quit her job and filed suit against Martin, along with another female employee who said he had made inappropriate

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Police report quiet Thanksgiving

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County was relatively quiet over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend with only six arrests being made, which included one arrest each for alcohol intoxication and driving under the influence.

Floyd County Sheriff

John K. Blackburn said there were fewer arrests made over the weekend than previous years and attributed the drop to the heightened law enforcement presence and also to people just being smarter and safer.

"It was very peaceful in the county," Blackburn

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New mine safety chief says drugs are major problem

by TIM HUBER
AP BUSINESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia's new mine safety chief is preparing to test his agency's staff for illegal drug use.

Ron Wooten doesn't suspect a drug problem at the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training. Rather, he considers testing a first step toward combatting what he believes is a widespread drug problem in the coal fields of the nation's second largest coal producer.

"Coal mining is tough enough and dangerous enough, even with all the safety innovations we have and all the modern equipment we have," Wooten said. "When you start to mix controlled

substances in there with it then we've got, we've got a major problem."

Wooten's concern comes from the agency's inspectors, who are in the state's mines every day. Wooten says they routinely return to the office with complaints such as prescription bottles with more than one type of pill.

"Where there's talk, there's something going on," he said.

Or not.

United Mine Workers of America spokesman Phil Smith said there's little evidence to support suspicions that drug use is more prevalent among miners than any other segment of society. Nor is he aware of evidence that drugs were involved in any of the nation's 45 coal mine deaths this year. Twenty-three of those deaths have occurred in

West Virginia.

"No coal miner wants to work next to anybody who's impaired," Smith said. "But then to turn around and say, well, we're going to test you based on nothing at all makes us wonder. What's the reason?"

Wooten said he will have information on the involvement of drugs in serious accidents and some fatalities in West Virginia mines by the end of the year.

Just how to deal with the problem, if one is found, is another matter because state mining laws don't prohibit drugs.

Passing legislation to test miners isn't likely because Wooten doubts the state could get past legal concerns over privacy and unlawful searches.

Chris Hamilton with the West

Virginia Coal Association said the industry supports drug testing. A number of coal companies have drug testing policies for their employees.

Hamilton differs with the UMW's Smith over his assessment of drug use among miners.

"There is no reason to think that mining is any different or drug use is any less common than what's found in society," he said.

West Virginia lawmakers should pass legislation that requires the suspension of a miner's mining certificate if fired for drug use, Hamilton said.

"It makes no sense to suspend a person, or terminate his employment because he's a habitual user of drugs,

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Obituaries

James Challie Fraley

James "Jim" Challie Fraley, 69, of Urbana, Ohio, passed away Thursday, November 16, 2006, in Mercy Medical Center, Springfield, Ohio.

He was born February 10, 1937, in Prestonsburg, the son of Challie Wallace and Alta Mae (Montgomery) Fraley.

Jim was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, and retired from Navistar International in 1999, having worked more than 34 years.

He also worked part-time at the Vintage Roadside Cafe. Jim loved to travel, and enjoyed camping with his family and friends, gardening, and bluegrass music. He was an avid Green Bay Packer fan. Jim enjoyed history, especially the tales of Simon Kenton, whom he will be buried near in Oak Dale Cemetery.

He was a member of the Living Faith Baptist Church of Urbana, and was a member of the Harmony Lodge 8, F&AM.

He is survived by his mother, Alta Mae Fraley; his wife, Janice A. (Spurlock) Fraley of Urbana; two sons: Mike (Kim) Fraley and Mark (Lynn) Fraley, both of Urbana; his grandchildren: Jessi, Amber, and Megan Fraley; two great-grandchildren: Gracie Mae and Noah; a brother, Bill Fraley of Columbus; his uncle, Homer Fraley of Florida; and many special friends, and many families.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A gathering of family and friends was held Sunday, November 19, from 3-6 p.m., in the Vernon Funeral Home, 235 Miami St., Urbana, with Masonic services held Sunday, at 5:45 p.m.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 20, at 1 p.m., in the Living Faith Baptist Church, 2730 E. State Route 29, Urbana, with Norm Williams officiating.

Burial was in Oak Dale Cemetery, Urbana. (Paid obituary)

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Emma Jean Francis

Emma Jean Francis, age 87, of Venice, Florida, died November 25, 2006.

She was born in Olive Hill, on August 20, 1919, and moved to Venice in 1960, from Prestonsburg. She was a homemaker, and a member of First Baptist Church in Venice.

Surviving family members include her son, Fred H. Francis of Venice; four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday, November 28, from 1-2 p.m., at Farley Funeral Home, Venice Chapel, with a funeral service following at 2 p.m.

Burial was at Sarasota Memorial Park.

Memorial donations can be made in her name to TideWell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238, or First Baptist Church of Venice, 312 Miami Ave. W., Venice, FL 34285.

Friends may visit anytime online at: www.farleyfuneralhome.com to sign a guest register book and extend condolences to the Francis family.

(Paid obituary)

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William Edward (Billy) Griffith

William Edward (Billy) Griffith, age 68, of East Point, died Monday, November 27, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born January 25, 1938, in Martin, he was the son of the late Rudolph Griffith and Alma Jarrell Key, and his stepfather, the late J.R. Key.

He was a retired welder for Martin County Coal, a member of Masonic Lodge No. 950 in Martin, El Hasa Shrine Temple in Ashland, the Martin Fire Department, a United States Air Force veteran, and a member of the AmVets.

He is survived by his wife, Della Davis Griffith.

Other survivors include a daughter and son-in-law: Melissa and Timothy Calhoun of East Point; two brothers and two sisters: Robert (Bobby) Griffith of Lynn Haven, Florida, Rudolph (Rudy) Griffith Jr., of Prestonsburg, Brenda Settles of Danville, and Susan Ratliff of Lynn Haven, Florida; two grandchildren: Kyle and Desirée.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 29, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Bobby Joe Spencer and Jack Woods officiating.

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

Visitation, at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Gary Lee Risner, Anthony Gilliam, Stevie Blackburn, Brian Ratliff, Byron Griffith, Frank Fitzpatrick, and Mike Hall.

Honorary pallbearers: Robert Comstock, William Petry, Bob Comstock, Ernest Burchett, Chris Nalle, Donnie Ousley, Dean Whited, and Merlon DeRossett.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

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Eileen Coleman Blair Hall

Eileen Coleman Blair Hall, 81, of Banner, died Friday, November 24, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born December 25, 1924, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Andy and Goldie Martin Coleman. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sill Hall.

Survivors include her sons: Denver Blair, and Lonnie Blair, both of Banner, Edward Blair of Athens, Alabama, and Gary Blair of Joliet, Illinois; her daughters: Tammy Hall of Athens, Ohio, Vivian Harris of Davidson, Michigan, Janet Jacobs of Flint, Michigan, and Dorothy Brown of Carpentersville, Illinois; a brother, Billy Joe Coleman of Millard; a sister, Linda Hurt of Columbus, Ohio; 28 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sons: Ronnie and Johnny Blair; a daughter, Geraldine Blair; brothers, Andrew Coleman, Pauley Coleman, and H.T. Coleman; and sisters: Opal Thacker and Rissie Ratliff.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 28, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with J.B. Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Butcher-Carr Cemetery, in Banner, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

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Ethel Mae Tackett Meade

Ethel Mae Tackett Meade, age 76, of McDowell, died Saturday, November 25, 2006, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born December 20, 1929, in Craynor, she was the daughter of the late Bert and Renie Hamilton Tackett. She was a disabled housekeeper for Jenny Wiley State Park, and a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Meade.

Survivors include her sons: John L. (Martha) Meade of Willard, Ohio, and Eddie Darryl (Sharlene) Meade of McDowell; a daughter, Rita Faye Ridgeway of McDowell; brothers: Elder Harold Tackett of Prestonsburg, and Elder Bill Tackett of Minnie; sisters: Ruby Bailey Smith of Pippa Passes, Ivalee Brown of Columbus, Ohio, Glenda Faye Centers of Indiana, and Birdie Sue Tuttle of Prestonsburg; grandchildren: Jerry Elliott, Charles "Chuck" Meade, Brandy Little, Jessica Cline, and Stephanie Hall; great-grandchildren: Blaine, Cody, Briana, Chayce, Brenden, Brittany, Jordan, and Jason; and special friends: Annie Moore, Loretta Tackett, Ruby Tackett, and Veta Hamilton.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Dianne Meade; and grandchildren: James L. Meade, Jennifer Lynn Meade, and Jody Ridgeway.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 28, at 1 p.m., at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church in McDowell, with Elder Bill Tackett, Elder Hershel Jimmy Hall, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Morgan Hall Cemetery in McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

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Card of Thanks

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

THE FAMILY OF FRED CONN

Card of Thanks

The family of Dr. Rondall H. Leslie wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Jerry Workman for his comforting words, First Baptist Church (Irene Cole Memorial), for all the love and support shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. A special thank-you to Ron and Mary Wright, David Banner Leslie, and Mery Ann Moore for their beautiful music and comforting words.

THE FAMILY OF DR. RONDALL H. LESLIE

Card of Thanks

The family of Lance Corporal Jonathan Brett Thornsberry, wife Toni, daughter, Haylee Jo, and parents, Jack and Judy, and all the rest of the family, wish to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped in any way during the funeral services of our beloved son, who gave all so that we can have freedom.



The outpouring of sympathy for the family, and the respect and pride displayed toward Jon Jon will be remembered and appreciated the rest of our lives. Special thanks go to the United States Marine Corps, who stood by our family through the whole ordeal, and brought us a sense of what it means to be in the brotherhood of the Marines. We came to think of them as part of our family. Thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for the tender and caring services that they provided. To the hospitals, businesses, churches, schools, and other organizations that made signs, sent flowers, and showed their love and support to our family during our time of need; it truly touched our hearts. Thanks to the law enforcement, both local and state, the veterans, and local fire departments for all their help. Whether you sang a song, gave a consoling touch, brought food, sent flowers, emails, letters, or just came to grieve with us, we truly appreciate all the prayers, thoughts and help in our time of need.

THE FAMILY OF JONATHAN B. THORNSBERRY

Card of Thanks

The family of Johnie Sparkman would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one; those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke kind words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Jerry Manns for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family.

THE FAMILY OF JOHNIE SPARKMAN

Card of Thanks

The family of Richmond Slone would like to express our appreciation to friends, neighbors, and loved ones for their many acts of kindness during this difficult time. Thanks to all who sent flowers, food, cards, prayers, or spoke kind words. Special thanks to minister Victor Davis, singer Robin Ferguson, and Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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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.

The Piarist School Blood Drive on Dec. 4
The Piarist School will be holding a blood drive on Monday, December 4, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the gym. To qualify as a blood donor, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in general good health. A picture ID is required of all donors. From start to finish, it takes less than an hour to donate blood, and you can do it every 56 days.

Christ United Methodist "The Hanging of the Greens"
Christ United Methodist Church, in Allen, will hold "The Hanging of the Greens Service" on Sunday, December 3, at 6 p.m. Kim Crisp, coordinator.

Live Drive Through Nativity
Christ United Methodist Church, in Allen, will hold a Live Drive Through Nativity

on December 16 and 17, from 6 till 9 p.m. "Come, go back to the night when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Experience the wonder of the Special night from the comfort of your own car."

Floyd County ATC Blood Drive on Dec. 4
Floyd County ATC will be holding a blood drive on Monday, December 4, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Health Careers Room. To qualify as a blood donor, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in general good health. A picture ID is required of all donors. From start to finish, it takes less than an hour to donate blood, and you can do it every 56 days.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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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 FRI., 12/1  THE NATIVITY STORY Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:00-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:25), 7:00-9:25
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Cinema Four • PG-13 HELD OVER  CASINO ROYALE Mon.-Sun. 7:45; Fri. (4:45), 7:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-4:45), 7:45	Cinema Nine • R STARTS FRI., 12/1  VAN WILDER: The Rise of Taj Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:00-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:25), 7:00-9:25
Cinema Five HELD OVER  TENACIOUS D IN: The Pick of Destiny R-Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05), 7:05-9:25	Cinema Ten • R HELD OVER  BORAT! 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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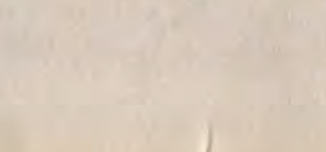
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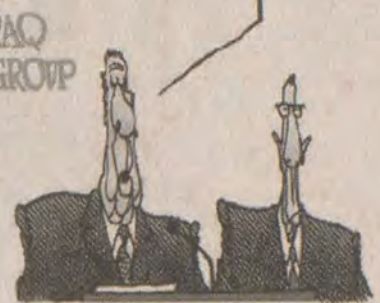
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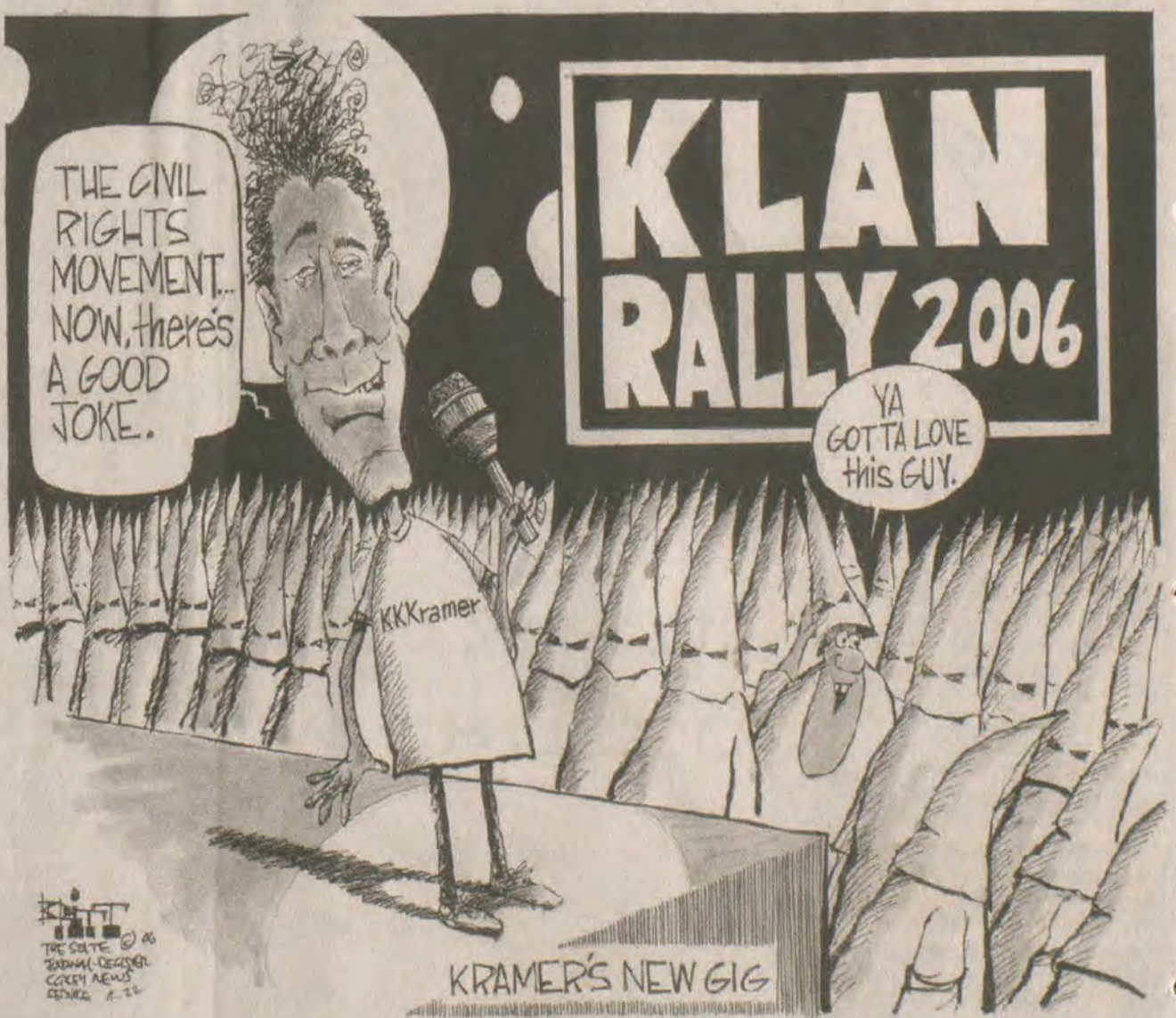
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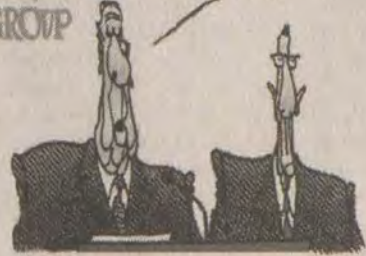
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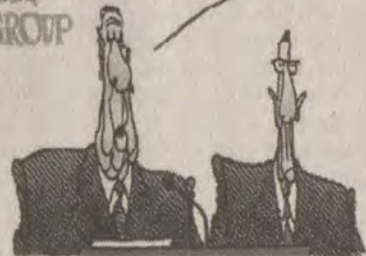
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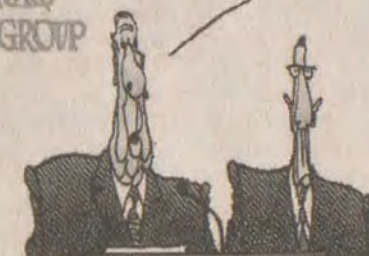
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Martin admitted to wrongdoing and pleaded to the third-degree sexual assault charge. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail in the case, which was probated for two years on the condition that he refrain from further violations of the law, complete community service, have no contact with the victim and complete a counseling program.

A former client filed charges against him after an incident on April 27, 2001, when a woman seeking a Social Security claim for her son said Martin exposed himself to her and began fondling and kissing her in his office.

Martin later admitted his conduct was ethically inappropriate but claimed it was consensual. He entered a plea to third-degree sexual abuse and was sentenced to 30 days in jail, again probated for two years on the condition that he commit no further crimes, continue therapy and have no contact with the victim.

The Kentucky Bar Association initiated disciplinary proceedings against Martin shortly after that and in April 2004 formal charges were brought against him for committing two criminal acts that reflected adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects. The charges were then referred to a trial commissioner, who listened to evidence and offered a recommendation that Martin could continue to practice law as he underwent aggressive therapy for sexual addictive behavior under supervision for a minimum of two years.

Included in the recommendation was a two-year suspension from practicing law in Kentucky, but he would only have to serve 181 days with the remainder probated as long as he followed through with his treatment. The recommendations were approved by the Board of Governor's for the KBA, and Martin requested the Kentucky Supreme Court review his case because he said in previous case law attorney's with mental health problems were not subjected to the same disciplinary actions he faced.

Martin claimed that a divorce and the deaths of his father, father-in-law and mother all impacted his mental health during the time of the two incidents, factored in with his admitted depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder with sexual elements. After reviewing the case, the Supreme Court ruled that Martin's actions "reflect very poorly on the profession as a whole" and that his behavior was so egregious in that both incidents were directly related to his practice the justices decided his original penalty was insufficient and stiffened the penalties.

The court ordered that Martin be suspended from practicing law in Kentucky for two years, that when he seek reinstatement after the suspension ends he remain in proper treatment and have in-office safeguards to ensure he does not fall back on old habits, that he pay a fine of \$4,973.58 in court costs, and within 10 days from the entry of the decision he notify all of his current clients in writing that he will be unable to represent them during his suspension.

Martin said Monday he was notified of the court's decision on Thanksgiving and was disappointed by the news.

"I'm sure there will be three or four people that will be very happy with the decision, and only me and a few others will ever know what happened," Martin said. "I placed myself in a bad position, and I have only myself to blame for that."

Martin hopes to return to his practice when his suspension ends and said he has other professional options open to him in the meantime. He said things did not go the way he had hoped they would, but he remains positive and believes he can change because he does not have a terminal illness.

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Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

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External Diploma Program

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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.

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

Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 month-

ly 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.

Obituaries

Curtis Moore

Curtis Moore, age 75, of Garrett, husband of Betty Carol McCloud Moore, died Friday, November 24, in the Riverview Healthcare Center, in Prestonsburg.

He was born May 10, 1931, in Garrett, a son of the late Kendall and Gervie Warrens Moore. He was a retired Floyd County School Teacher, a member of the Stone Coal Old Regular Baptist Church, and an honorary member of the Martin AmVets.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; three sons: Timothy Alan Moore (wife, Ella) of Elizabethtown, Steven Wade Moore (wife, Judy) of Langley, and Christopher Jerome Moore (wife, Julie) of Rock Springs, Wyoming; a daughter, Teresa Renee Moore of Garrett; two brothers, Cletis Moore of Wayne, Michigan, and Lester Moore of Westland,

Michigan; two sisters: Elmata Hoover of Mt. Olivet, and Juanita Moore Emmons of Maysville; eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and two brothers: Otis and Ray Moore.

Funeral services for Curtis Moore were conducted Tuesday, November 28, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Harry Lee Moore Cemetery in Garrett, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers: Rodney Hoover, Timothy Moore, Richard Moore, Matt Hicks, Wesley Moore, Todd Hoover, Butch Hoover, and Cory Heintzelman. (Paid obituary)

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Rev. Abe Vanderpool

Rev. Abe Vanderpool, age 95 of Prestonsburg, passed from this life on Wednesday, November 22, 2006, in the Riverview Healthcare Center, in Prestonsburg.

He was born June 17, 1911, in Gunlock, the son of the late Charles B. and Sarah Shepherd Vanderpool.

He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church. He had been a minister since 1944.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty L. Vanderpool.

Survivors include: One Son, Isaac "Ike" Vanderpool of Anderson, Tennessee; six daughters, Ethel Scarberry of Martin, Effie Garrett of Prestonsburg, Sarah Jones of Englewood, Florida, Phyllis Keel of South Whitley, Indiana, Mary Stratton of Ivel, and Martha Kidd of Prestonsburg; one half-brother, Lonzo Shepherd of Prestonsburg; 32 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, and 35 great-great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, and his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Abe Vanderpool Jr., and a daughter, Montana Howard.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 25, at 1:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Bethel Bolen officiating.

Burial was in the Shepherd Cemetery at Gunlock, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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Nicole Turns Seven
Tamara Rayelynn "Nicole" Burchett turned seven on November 18th. Nicole celebrated her 7th birthday at Pin Zone Bowling Alley of Prestonsburg. She enjoyed and celebrated her birthday with more than 50 family members and friends. Her party theme was "The Little Mermaid."
Nicole wants to tell everyone who made her party a special one, "THANK YOU!"
She is the daughter of Jonathan and Kim Burchett of Slickrock, the granddaughter of Kenny and Imajean Robinson of Martin, and Eddie Burchett and the late Tamara Ann Burchett of Slickrock. She is also the great-granddaughter of Josephine Scarberry, and the late Junior Scarberry of Langley, and also the late Sam and Ella Robinson of Martin.

Report: Supe allowed miner to operate truck with faulty brakes

The Associated Press

ROUSSEAU — A miner was killed in an accident on a mountaintop coal mine in Eastern Kentucky after a supervisor knowingly allowed him to drive a truck with faulty brakes, according to a report

released by federal investigators.

Steven T. Bryant, 23, of Louisa, who had less than year's worth of experience, lost control of the water truck while descending a steep mine access road on May 23, according to the recently

released report by the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration. Bryant worked at the Miller Brothers Coal, Risner Branch No. 1 Mine in Breathitt County. He died at the scene.

The brakes on the truck were defective and Bryant,

who normally operated a rock truck, was not trained to operate a water truck, the report said.

The report also says that the mine superintendent, David C. Peters, was notified of the brake failure on at least two separate occasions before the

accident.

Peters could not be reached for comment on Monday. He told the Courier-Journal for a story Monday, "I'm not interested in talkin' about that," when asked about the incident.

MSHA can pursue civil penalties against individuals

for willfully violating health and safety standards. The state is reviewing the case for possible fines, in addition to possible suspension or revocation of the company's mining license and any culpable official's mining certificates.

Holiday

said. "It was nice because we had checkpoints and patrolling, which made it a quiet holiday weekend."

Holiday shopping went smoothly in the county over the weekend as well. The Floyd County Sheriff's Department received no reports of shoplifting or any other complaints from stores throughout the area.

Blackburn said the weekend was quiet and expects much of the same during the Christmas holiday. Judging from years past, Blackburn predicts New Year's to be the busiest upcoming holiday weekend.

Motor vehicle fatalities were down from last year throughout the state, with Kentucky State Police reporting 10 deaths in

nine separate crashes between Wednesday evening and Monday morning. Last year 12 people died during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Preliminary reports indicate that alcohol was a factor in only two of this year's crashes. Eight of the 10 victims were not wearing seat belts.

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Board

pay the money back."

Board member Sherry Robinson also voiced hesitation by saying that she didn't want the board to have to end up firing teachers to balance out the money spent on purchasing the new equipment.

"Do we want to have to say, 'Sorry, you don't have a job because we put smart pads in every classroom?'" she asked

her fellow board members. "I mean, I'd like to have both."

Purchasing the new equipment could cost the district over \$700,000. Coal severance funds in an amount over \$80,000 could help the district pay for the new equipment, if the decision to purchase is made.

The board has five options to choose from in regard to the

purchase. The coal severance funds would be adjusted in accordance to the amount of equipment purchased and the monetary amount financed.

"I think the technology is great," Jeff Stumbo said, "but I'm just concerned about next year."

The board members agreed to study the issue further and to make a final decision at a

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Drugs

then find the person has found work someplace else," Hamilton said.

Despite a raft of federal and state laws passed after 12 miners died at West Virginia's Sago Mine in January, only Kentucky has added drug testing.

Since mid-July, Kentucky has required coal companies to report positive drug tests and miners who refuse to take tests. Thus far, 125 miners have been suspended, though 10 suspensions have been reversed, said Chuck Wolfe, a spokesman for the Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing.

Sixty-six miners have appealed and 53 have been reinstated, Wolfe said.

The numbers suggest a tiny drug problem in Kentucky.

The 115 suspensions account for just over one-half of 1 percent of Kentucky's 19,269 mine workers. However, only about a quarter of the state's coal companies test employees for drugs, Wolfe said.

Testing at Miners' Health, Safety and Training would be confined to inspectors and other employees allowed to

drive state vehicles, Wooten said. Everyone would be tested next month, followed by random tests determined by a lottery system.

"I can't be out there talking about drugs and getting rid of them if I'm not sure that our house is clean," Wooten said. "We're going to make sure of it."

later meeting.

In other business, the board received a report from Janie Spurlock, consultant for the Kentucky School Boards Association, on a newly implemented drug use prevention program currently being taught in the district's schools, "Too Cool for Drugs." Spurlock said that the program is receiving positive feedback from students, teachers and the community and that she feels that it is having a positive impact on student lives.

"The program gives the children the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to remain drug-free throughout life," she said.

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Flag

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event, to not display their school flag and the Confederate symbol. The ACHS student acknowledged that she believed that statement to be true but did not report further on the subject.

McGuire continued, saying that he believes it to be "very short-sighted" on the part of the school board "to teach our children to fly the Confederate flag with pride."

"I believe it would be deemed very inappropriate in the majority of America's workplaces," he said.

Supt. Paul Fanning said that he intends to investigate the matter of ACHS school groups being asked to not display their flag at outside functions and that he would report back to the board with his findings.

Driver charged with murder in crash that killed two

The Associated Press

HAZARD — An Eastern Kentucky man was charged with murder in connection with a fatal traffic crash that killed two people.

Anthony Franks, 31, also was charged with driving under the influence and assault in the crash that killed his wife and a teenager, state police said.

Franks, who is from the Hazard area, had four passengers in his vehicle Friday when it went off Kentucky 451 in Perry County, state police said. Franks overcorrected and hit a parked car, police said.

The crash killed, Megan

Franks, 28, and Tiffany Hall, 17, who lived in nearby Knott County, state police said.

Jason Franks, 29, of Gays Creek in Leslie County and Steven Payne, 36, of Busy in Perry County were injured and taken to the University of Kentucky Medical Center, police said.

Jason Franks was in good condition and Payne was in serious Monday afternoon, hospital spokesman Matt Cantor said.

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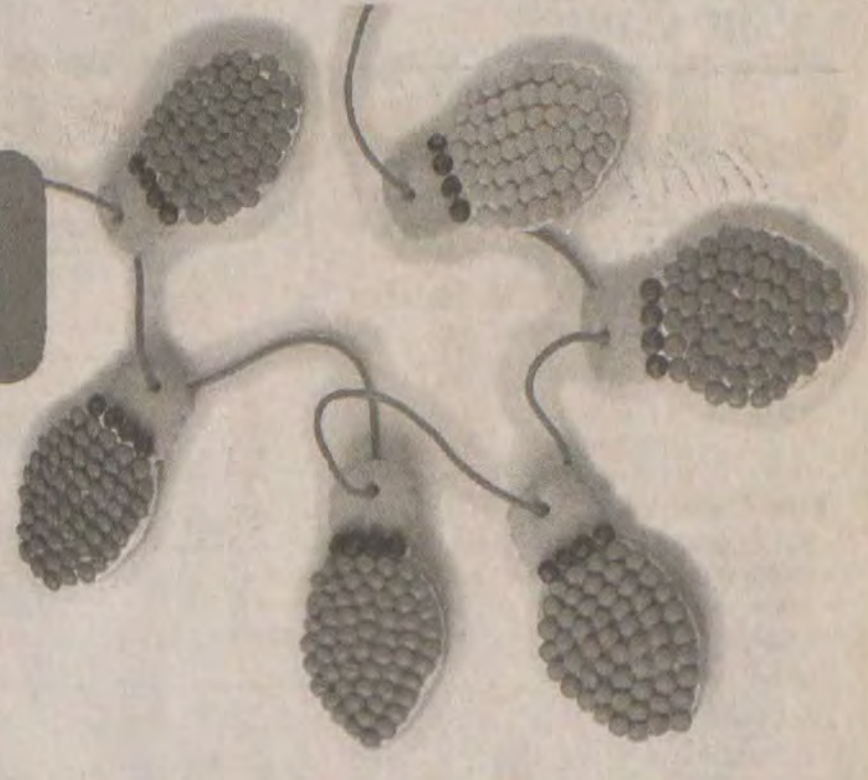
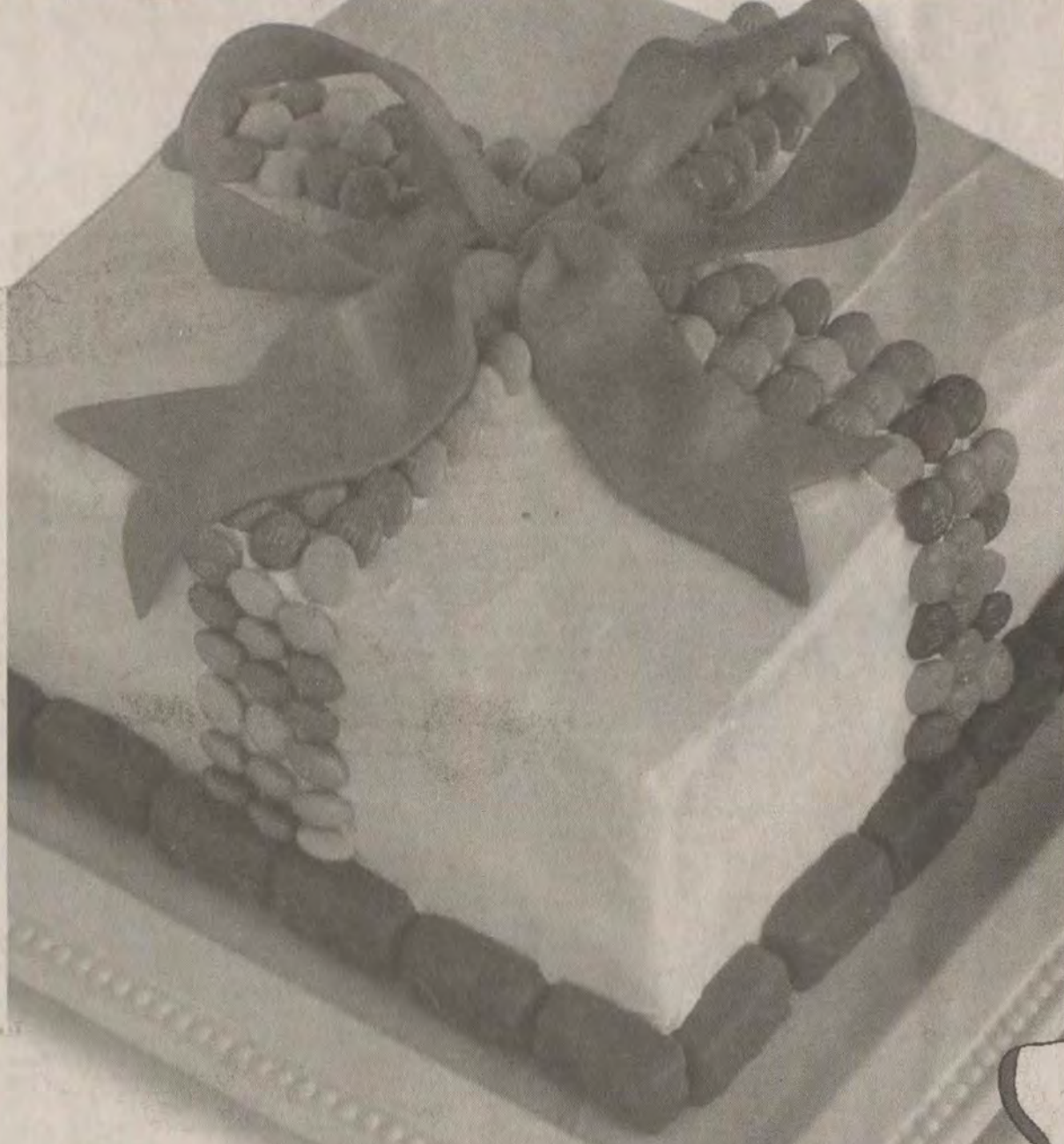
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Sweet Santa Cookie Pops

Prep time: 30 minutes
Baking time: 12 to 17 minutes
Decoration time: 20 minutes

- 1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for the Holidays
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 (18-ounce) roll store-bought refrigerated cookie dough
- 1 (16-ounce) can vanilla frosting
- Red food coloring
- 1 bag mini marshmallows
- 10 large cupcakes,iced with red frosting (optional)
- Reynolds® Parchment Paper

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 2 cookie sheet pans with Reynolds® Parchment Paper.

Knead flour into refrigerated cookie dough until smooth. Roll out dough to scant 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out 10 triangles and 10 circles, re-rolling scraps if necessary.

Line up circles on prepared pans, and press 1 lollipop stick halfway into each circle. Arrange 1 triangle on top of each circle, overlapping by 1/2 inch, with tip curved to resemble hat.

Bake 12 to 17 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from oven, transfer to wire rack and let cool completely.

Tint 3/4 cup frosting light pink; set aside. Tint remaining frosting red and spoon into a resealable plastic bag; then snip small corner and pipe frosting onto each hat to cover. Decorate with M&M'S; place 1 mini marshmallow at very top. (For better results, work on one cookie at a time.)

Spread pink frosting onto circle part, and arrange face with M&M'S for eyes, nose and mouth. Use marshmallows cut in half for beard, and whole marshmallows for brim of hat.

Tip: Presenting cookie pops in cupcakes is optional. If you prefer, simply offer them as pops. When serving them for a special occasion, consider wrapping each in a piece of cellophane (about 12 inches square), tied closed with a piece of curling ribbon.

Makes 10 pops

Gift-Wrapped Cake

Prep time: 15 minutes
Baking time: 30 to 35 minutes
Decoration time: 30 minutes

- 1 (13-ounce) bag Snickers Minis
- 1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for the Holidays
- 1 (13.3-ounce) bag Starburst Fruit Chews
- 1 (13-ounce) bag Milky Way Milk Chocolate Covered Caramels
- 1 (18.25-ounce) box yellow cake mix
- 1 (16-ounce) can plus 1 cup vanilla frosting

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line two 8 x 8-inch cake pans with wax paper; grease and flour both.

Roughly chop 20 Snickers; set aside. Prepare cake mix according to package directions. Stir chopped Snickers into batter before dividing it evenly between prepared cake pans.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Transfer to wire rack; cool about 10 minutes. Invert and let cool completely.

To make ribbon pieces, soften 20 red Starburst chews in microwave about 3 to 5 seconds. Roll softened candy into 8 x 6-inch rectangle between 2 sheets wax paper. Cut candy lengthwise into 2 strips, each 1-1/2 inches wide. Fold both strips in half, making bow loops. Notch bottoms of 2 remaining strips, making bow's ribbons. Set aside.

Place 1 cake layer on serving platter. Spread with 3/4 of frosting. Place remaining cake layer on top and cover with remaining frosting. Arrange unwrapped chocolate-covered caramels around the of cake.

Gently mark top of cake with a cross, dividing it into 4 equal squares. Arrange M&M'S in 3 rows over marks, on top and down sides of cake. Arrange bow pieces on center of cake.

Makes 16 servings

Christmas Holly Cookies

Prep time: 20 minutes
Baking time: 12 to 17 minutes
Decoration time: 20 minutes

- 1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for the Holidays
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 (18-ounce) roll refrigerated cookie dough
- 1 (16-ounce) can vanilla frosting
- Green food coloring

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper.

Knead flour into cookie dough until smooth. Roll out dough to scant 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out 18 holly-leaf shaped cookies, re-rolling scraps if necessary. Transfer cookies to prepared cookie sheets.

Bake 12 to 17 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from oven, transfer to wire rack and let cool completely.

Tint frosting green. Spoon into resealable plastic bag; snip 1 lower corner. Pipe outlines on the cookies, then fill in outlines with tight zigzag pattern. On about half of cookies, spread frosting smooth with small spatula or table knife.

Attach a few green M&M'S to cookie tops, then place 3 red candies as berries on leaf tips. Arrange cookies on serving platter, overlapping slightly, in shape of wreath.

Makes 18 cookies



Tasty Table Lights

Prep time: 10 minutes
Baking time: 45 minutes

- 2 (9.5-ounce) bags M&M'S Minis Milk Chocolate Candies
- 1 (18-ounce) roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 (16-ounce) can vanilla frosting
- 1 (14-ounce) package red licorice laces

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Knead flour into cookie dough until smooth.

Roll dough out to 1/4-inch thickness. Using printable pattern (www.brightideas.com/christmas/recipes/1363_1.jsp) or Christmas light cookie cutter, cut out shapes.

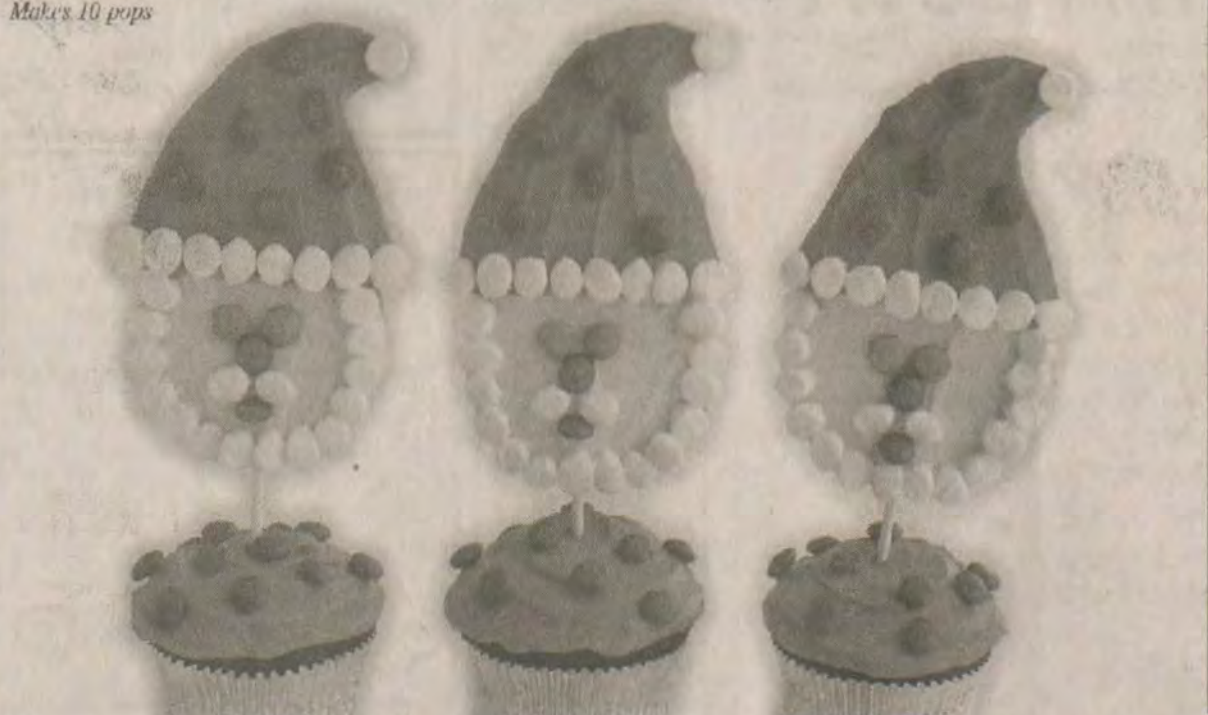
With spatula, gently transfer cookies to baking sheet. Using drinking straw, press hole through bottom of light bulb "stem" for each cookie.

Bake 15 minutes. Transfer to wire rack and let cool completely.

Separate out different colors of chocolate candies, and set aside. Spread vanilla frosting on top of each cookie. Arrange a single color of chocolate candies on top of each cookie.

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

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co.,

Inc., 439 Meadows Branch; Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground/refuse storage coal mining operation located 2.0 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 1521.0 acres of underground area for a total area within the permit boundary of 2648.16 acres. The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.0 miles east from Ky Route 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road and located 0.1 miles north of Sugarloaf Branch. The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 771/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will use the underground mining method. The operation will underlie land owned by Jewell Crider, Lon Goble Estate, Donald L. & Joyce

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NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF FLOYD...SCT

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following Settlements of Estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said Settlements must do so on or before December 29th, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	06-P-140	Addison Collins	Sharon Forman	10-18-06
Final	04-P-315	Beatrice N. Bryant	Roger D. Bryant	10-18-06
Final	04-P-361	Delcie Gayheart	Rhoda Lanman	10-23-06
Final	03-P-441	A.B. Bryant	Peggy Bryant Hall	10-23-06
Final	06-P-105	Troy Hamilton	Janice Hamilton	10-24-06
Final	06-P-107	William Henry Setser	Karen Ousley	10-24-06
Final	06-P-173	Magnolia Hall	Sue Jones	10-24-06
Final	06-P-170	Elden Bailey	Norma L. Bailey	10-24-06
Final	06-P-62	James Potter	John Potter	10-26-06
Final	04-P-377	Ralph Vernon Frye	Jackie Frye	10-30-06
Final	04-P-367	Burgis Cook	Sonja Chaffins	10-30-06
Final	06-P-181	Norma Mullins	Kermit Howard	10-31-06
Final	06-P-148	Maryland Seals	Leva Vaughan	11-01-06
Final	03-P-445	Willard Dean Edmonds	Evelene Jewell Edmonds	11-02-06
Final	05-P-415	Draxie B. Newsome	Mary Lou King	10-03-06
Final	06-P-182	Hughes Akers	Susan Akers	11-07-06
Final	04-P-384	Clarence Keathley Jr.	Debra Carroll	11-09-06
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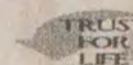
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All proposals must be received before 1:00 PM EST, Friday, December 8, 2006. All bids received will be opened and publicly read at the AOC offices at that time.

A representative of the AOC will make an appointment to inspect all proposed lease space that meets the requirements stated above. A determination will not be made until a visual inspection of all proposed properties has been made. Property must be approved by the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, Division of Building Codes Enforcement, and must meet OSHA and the Americans with Disabilities Act specifications, as well as existing applicable building codes. For any additional information, contact Chuck McCreary of the Facilities Department at (502) 573-2350.

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Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
10-23-06	06-P-368	Celia Jean Horn	Charles B. Horn	
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10-24-06	06-P-375	John Benjamin Markham	Anna M. Markham	
10-25-06	06-P-376	Lorene Griffith	Robert E. Griffith	Kevin P. Keene
10-25-06	06-P-377	Jean Hicks	Anita Martin	
10-06-06	06-P-352	Connie King	Arnold Joshua Howell	Gerald DeRossett
10-26-06	06-P-378	Sola Crum Frasure	Gene Frasure	
10-30-06	06-P-383	Virginia Buskirk	Franklin Hall Buskirk (F.H.)	
10-30-06	06-P-384	William James Reynolds, III	Patricia A. Reynolds	
11-01-06	06-P-385	Helen E. Seals	Leva Kay Vaughan	James D. Adams II
11-06-06	06-P-388	Lorene Brown	Shirley A. Faulkner	
11-08-06	06-P-390	Rhodes Prater	Ina Mae Prater	
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11-15-06	06-P-401	Sarah Adkins	Charlotte Gayle George	
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Field set for 4th annual Tiger HOOPS Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – The field has been announced for the 4th annual Tiger HOOPS Classic boys' basketball tournament to be held Dec. 27-30 at the Paintsville High School gym.

The format for this year's tournament will again be pool play with a morning and evening session, each consisting of four games. The winner from each of the four pools will advance to the championship round.

Participating teams in the 4th annual Tiger HOOPS Classic are Brewbaker, Ala.; Alcoa, Tenn.; Louisville Moore; Russellville; East Carter; Tate, Fla.; University Heights; Heath; North Hardin; Bullitt East; Ballou, D.C.;

Prestonsburg; Treasure Coast, Fla.; Louisville Seneca; Morgan County and host Paintsville.

A breakdown of the divisions follows.
East Division: Paintsville; Brewbaker, Ala.; Alcoa, Tenn.; Russellville.

West Division: West Carter; University Heights; Louisville Seneca; Tate, Fla.

North Division: Prestonsburg; Heath; North Hardin; Ballou, D.C.

South Division: Morgan County; Louisville Moore; Treasure Coast, Fla.; Bullitt East.

"This is our 4th annual Hoops Classic tournament and we try to bring in excellent teams from across the nation to play with teams from surrounding regions," said Tiger HOOPS Classic Event Manager Bob Lyons. "Overall, the individual talent is outstanding in this field.

We have several D1 recruits and college coaches will be in attendance to scout others. One player has verballed to Mississippi State from University Heights, along with many others who attend the five-star camps."

The HOOPS Classic benefits businesses in Johnson and several surrounding counties.

"This tournament benefits many local businesses, plus increases tourism in the surrounding area – so it's not just a basketball event, but a community event," Lyons noted. "Any business interested in promotion or sponsoring to help offset the costs, can contact me and we would be honored to have them."

The tournament annually boasts a strong

(See CLASSIC, page two)



Bears extend win streak with victory over Newark

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Kelly Wells will remember this week for more than spending his first Thanksgiving in Pikeville. Wells will recall ending the struggles of losing his first six games at Pikeville College by hitting the trifecta, following consecutive wins prior to the holiday with a 78-50 victory over Ohio State-Newark on Sunday.

The Bears were winless prior to hosting the Thanksgiving Classic at the East Kentucky Expo Center on Tuesday and Wednesday, and now stand 3-6 after Sunday's win.

"It was anything but pretty, but we know that's the way it's going to be right now," Wells said after Sunday's win. "We'll take them any way we can get them at this point."

The Bears weren't pleasing to the eyes, allowing the Titans to hover above 60 percent from the field most of the first half before settling at 52.2 percent. Pikeville, on the other hand, hit 48.5 percent but were hampered by 2-of-12 from the arc before intermission.

OSU-Newark (5-3) kept it close the entire first half, leading at 13-12 and tying the game three times early. The Bears stretched the lead to eight a couple of times late, including the end of the first half at 37-29.

But the second half was completely different. The Bears came out more focused on the defensive side, holding Newark to only 6-of-30 shooting including 2-of-18 from the arc. Furthermore, the Titans sank only 7-of-20 from the line in what was a miserable first half of play.

Pikeville allowed the game to get no closer than nine on two

(See BEARS, page two)

END OF THE ROAD



photos by Jamie Howell

Johnson Central controlled Friday night's Class 3A State Semifinal game against Covington Catholic both offensively and defensively in the first half. CovCath, however, turned things around in the second half.

CovCath livens up, eliminates JCHS

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – For one half, Johnson Central was the better team. Johnson Central entertained perennial football power Covington Catholic Friday night in the Class 3A State Semifinals. The Golden Eagles got on the scoreboard first when speedy running back Shawn Grim, a junior, broke loose and scored on a 56-yard run. The Golden Eagles took a 14-10 lead over Covington Catholic into halftime. But the halftime advantage wouldn't hold up. Covington Catholic reeled off 28 unanswered points in the second half on its way to beating Johnson Central

38-10. The Golden Eagles ended their third season under head coach Jim Matney near-perfect at 13-1.

"This is a great group of young men," Matney spoke of his team, following the season-ending loss. "We've had a wonderful year."

Johnson Central senior fullback/linebacker Blake Johnson exited the game in the third quarter after twisting his knee. Johnson Central's bruising running back and one of its defensive stoppers was clearly missed. Johnson carried the football 16 times for 60 yards before exiting Friday night's playoff game.

Grim finished with 220

(See EAGLES, page two)



Raiders to host defending region champ in opener

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Defending 15th Region All "A" Classic Champion South Floyd will open the 2006-07 season at home in Raider Arena Friday versus defending 15th Region Champion Johnson Central. The two teams are quite familiar with one another. South Floyd opened the 2005-06 season at home on a winning note with an 89-81 win over Johnson Central.

South Floyd played its best basketball prior to the month of March last season, finishing the campaign 14-15. The Raiders, under the guidance of head coach

(See RAIDERS, page two)

Russell ends Belfry's season – again

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FOREST HILLS – On the gridiron, it's safe to say Russell has Belfry's number. For a second straight year, Russell defeated Belfry in the Class 2A State Semifinals. This time, Russell beat Belfry in even more convincing fashion. Russell blanked host Belfry 19-0 Friday night and advanced to its second straight Class 2A State Championship Game. The Red Devils are defending Class state champs.

The Red Devils executed an efficient passing attack on their way to the shutout victory.

(See PIRATES, page two)

ALC Lady Eagles beat Mid-Continent

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles had much to be thankful for the week of Thanksgiving. The Alice Lloyd women's basketball team

won its only game last week, claiming a 70-53 victory over Mid-Continent University. The game was tied deadlocked at 28-28 when in entered halftime. But the second half belonged to Alice Lloyd. The Lady Eagles outscored the Lady cougars 42-25 in the sec-

ond half en route to the win.

Becky Thomas – in her first collegiate basketball season – led the way for Alice Lloyd with 18 points and seven rebounds. Whitney Lykens turned in a double-double performance for Alice Lloyd, finishing with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Chastity Fox (10 points, 6 assists) and Elisha Hall (11 points, 4 steals, 4 rebounds) were also in double figures scoring for the Lady Eagles. Taran Cody had a well-rounded effort the Lady Eagles, scor-

(See ALC, page two)



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:

Allen Central High School senior Ryan Collins eyed a free throw last week during a preseason practice. Collins and teammate Josh Martin (right) return with experience for the Runnin' Rebels.

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Pro football: Bengals 30, Browns 0

by TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND – The Cincinnati Bengals got a rare shutout. The Cleveland Browns can't get Braylon Edwards to shut up.

Picking off Cleveland quarterback Charlie Frye four times, the Bengals held a team scoreless for the first time since 1989 and Carson Palmer threw three touchdown passes as Cincinnati embarrassed the bickering Browns 30-0 on Sunday.

Palmer finished 25-of-32 for 275 yards and connected with Chris Henry for two TD passes as the Bengals (6-5) stayed firmly in the AFC playoff race by beating Cleveland for a record fifth straight time.

Cincinnati came in with the NFL's lowest-ranked defense, allowing 378 yards per game. You'd have never known it.

Before piling up yardage during extended garbage time in the fourth quarter, the Browns (3-8) had only 167 yards – 21 rushing – after three

quarters. By then, they were down 30-0 and on their way to dropping to 1-5 at home.

In a season of low points, the Browns have seemingly hit rock bottom.

"This is pretty low," said coach Romeo Crennel, 9-18 in two seasons with Cleveland. "Last year I was pretty low, too. I wasn't really expecting this."

The shutout was the Bengals' first since Dec. 3, 1989, a span of 269 games. That one also came against the Browns, who capped a turbulent week with a troubling loss that included a sideline tantrum by Edwards.

Following an interception, Edwards approached Frye and the two exchanged words. At one point, a heated Edwards grabbed Frye by his jersey and teammates moved in between them to calm things down.

Edwards continued to rant about something as Frye turned his back and walked back to the bench.

Earlier this week, Edwards criticized Cleveland's conservative play

calling and then blasted teammate Brian Russell for his hard hit on Bengals wide receiver Chad Johnson when Cincinnati beat Cleveland 34-17 on Sept. 17.

Edwards didn't make any friends with his comments, and his latest antics could cause a rift with Browns fans and Frye, who was sacked four times and roughed up all afternoon.

"Me and Braylon are fine," Frye said. "Our biggest opponent right now is us. We have to get on the same page and fight together. We have to stop fighting each other and start playing against the other team. If not, we are not going to win many games."

Edwards declined to comment after the game. After getting dressed, he left the locker room, pausing to slap Frye on the backside before exiting.

Frye went 18-of-29 for 186 yards. Edwards had two catches for 29 yards.

Crennel dismissed Edwards' behavior as "a young guy, a fiery

competitor who wants this team to do good."

About the only positive for the Browns was keeping Johnson out of the end zone. Cincinnati's fun-loving playmaker had promised to leap into Cleveland's notorious Dawg Pound to celebrate his score.

That didn't happen, but Johnson finished with seven catches for 123 yards, giving him 573 in the past three games.

"I don't think this game was so much easy as we executed," Johnson said. "We took what they gave us. We just came in and got a win."

Palmer, who has thrown three TD passes in each of his last three games, tossed his third TD on the first play of the fourth quarter, a 10-yarder to Henry, to put Cincinnati ahead 30-0.

In the third quarter, Palmer hooked up with T.J. Houshmandzadeh on a 6-yard strike to make it 23-0. Cleveland fans cheered sarcastically when the Bengals missed the extra point, one

of the few Browns highlights.

The Bengals made it look easy from the outset, scoring on three of their four possessions in opening a 17-0 halftime lead.

With all kinds of time to throw, Palmer picked apart Cleveland's injury-depleted secondary. He went 16-of-20 for 175 yards in the opening half as the Bengals racked up 15 first downs and only punted once.

Palmer, though, was more impressed by Cincinnati's defense, which held the Browns to 203 yards and forced five turnovers.

"The defense was huge," he said. "They got us fired up. We were jumping around with every turnover. Our defense has taken a lot of criticism, so for them to get this shutout is huge. I can't remember when we got a shutout."

The Browns, who have a nasty habit of starting poorly, began on a sour note when Joshua Cribbs returned the opening kickoff 101 yards, but had the TD negated on a holding call.

ALC

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ing nine points and pulling down eight rebounds.

The Alice Lloyd Eagles didn't fare as well as the Lady Eagles last week.

In a men's basketball game played Tuesday night in Barbourville, host Union defeated Alice Lloyd 90-80.

The Eagles led 42-40 at halftime and were still leading 66-58 midway through the second half. Union went to a zone defense later in the second half and the Eagles were unable to connect from the outside, hitting only

three-of-21 from three-point range.

Former Clay County standout turned Alice Lloyd College Eagle Rodney Mitchell led the way for the visiting team with 21 points and six rebounds. Shawn Newsome had 15 points and two assists for Alice Lloyd before fouling out. Daniel Combs came in off of the bench to get 11 points and six rebounds for the Eagles. Alice Lloyd senior point guard Chris Hurt, a Johnson Central High School graduate, dished off nine assists for the Eagles.

Eagles

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yards rushing on 32 carries. As a team, Johnson Central amassed 347 yards of total offense.

The Covington Catholic offense caught fire in the second half. For the game, Covington Catholic finished with 501 total yards. Once the Colonels went ahead of host Johnson Central in the third quarter, they never trailed

again.

Covington Catholic quarterback Josh Bleser hurt the Central defense – both passing and rushing. Bleser completed 11 of 20 passes for 204 yards and two touchdowns. On the ground, Bleser gained 49 yards via four carries.

Senior Brandon Brown led the Covington Catholic ground game with 102 yards rushing.

Johnson Central's 13 wins this season set a new school record. The latest edition of the Golden Eagle football team was the first to ever play in the State Semifinals.

Covington Catholic (11-3) will take on Bowling Green this Friday at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville. Kickoff for the Class 3A title game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Classic

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field of teams and this year is no different.

"We have several teams that will be rated in the top 25 and players who will be candidates for All-State," said Lyons. "The teams from Florida, Alabama, Washington D.C. and Tennessee are tremendously talented, as well as the many Kentucky teams.

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Bears

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occasions early and ballooned it to 31 (76-45) on a pair of free throws by senior Donnell Dobbins before settling with the 28-point win.

Junior Paul Frazier and freshman Rob Walker each turned in double-doubles in the win. Frazier had 21 points and 11 rebounds, while Walker hit for 14 and 12. Each had five offensive rebounds as Pikeville College pulled down

20 of their own misses en route to a 55-29 win on the glass.

Dobbins fell just short of a triple-double, finishing with 20 points, nine assists and eight rebounds to go with three

steals. Running-mate Donald Thomas had 10 points, nine rebounds, five assists and three steals.

Kelon Broaddus led Newark with 15 while Brandon Rose tossed in 10.

Raiders

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Barry Hall, lost four seniors to graduation.

The lone returning starter for South Floyd is senior Ethan Johnson, one of the 15th Region's top players. Others back for the Raiders are Lyle Johnson, Wes Akers, Adam Stone and Kyle Brown.

Johnson Central captured last season's 15th Region title with a victory over Shelby Valley. Head coach Mark Starns guided Johnson Central to the regional championship

in his first season at the helm of the program.

The Golden Eagles lost three starters – including 15th Region Tournament MVP Kyle Rice – to graduation. Jesse Meek (5.8 ppg) and Jamie McCarty (16.7 ppg, 3.6 rpg) are two starters back for the Golden Eagles. Johnson Central picked up a new addition in the offseason when junior point guard Jaryd Crum transferred in from Sheldon Clark.

Other players back for the Golden Eagles are Justin Murray, Ian Welch, James Blankenship and Zach Sargent.

"This year's team should provide a lot more speed than last year's team," commented Starns. "The inside presence of Kyle Rice will be missed."

South Floyd and Johnson Central only met once during the 2005-06 season.

Tip-off for Friday's season-opener between the Raiders and Eagles is set for 7:30 p.m.

Pirates

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Russell went ahead 6-0 early in the first quarter of Friday night's game against Belfry. Russell quarterback Tyler Jones engineered Russell's first touchdown when he found Kasey Clark on a 26-yard scoring strike. Russell took the 6-0 lead into halftime.

The Red Devils added to their lead in the third quarter

when Jones hooked up with Paul Frazier on a 33-yard touchdown pass-catch combination. Russell added its final score when Jones and Frazier connected on an 18-yard aerial score.

Jones completed seven-of-11 passes for 147 yards and the three touchdowns.

Belfry was limited in what it was able to do offensively.

Pirate quarterback Andrew Elkins was seven-for-14 passing for 139 yards.

Russell will face undefeated Mercer County (14-0) this Friday in the Class 2A State Finals. Mercer County dismantled Owensboro Catholic in the State Semifinals, winning 43-0. Kickoff for the Class 2A state title tilt is set for 11:30 a.m.

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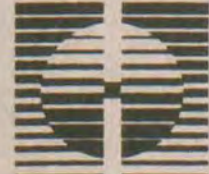


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No. 19 Tennessee 17, Kentucky 12

by ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee's 22nd straight victory over Kentucky was a struggle — which didn't bother Volunteers coach Phillip Fulmer too much.

"It's great to win when you don't play particularly well," he said. "I don't remember a game in this series ever being easy at all, and this is an example of their defense doing a great job of taking the challenge."

LaMarcus Coker plunged 1 yard for a go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter, and Volunteers' defense preserved the lead to beat Kentucky 17-12 on Saturday.

Erik Ainge was 19-of-33 for 240 yards for Tennessee and completed a 15-yard TD pass to Robert Meachem in the first quarter. Coker finished with 90 yards on 22 rushes.

But Kentucky (7-5, 4-4), ranked last in the nation in total defense, made the Vols work to the very end for this one.

The Vols (9-3, 5-3) had only three possessions in the first half that resulted in a touchdown, a field goal and a blocked field goal.

"Are we going to screw around and let a team that shouldn't beat us beat us? We couldn't have field goals and score touchdowns. We talked a lot about pride," Fulmer said about what the team heard at halftime.

After going ahead with Coker's score at the beginning of the fourth quarter, Tennessee looked like it could

grind out the clock and score again, but Ainge was tackled and fumbled on third down. Tennessee recovered but had to punt.

The Wildcats got it back with 8:30 left and marched inside the Vols 10. They had a delay of game penalty on second-and-goal at the 3, and their possession ended with two consecutive incomplete passes.

Tennessee took over with 3:02 to go and ran out the clock.

"We had a chance to win the darn game, and we didn't get it done," Kentucky coach Rich Brooks said. "The good news is we had a chance."

Meachem had six catches for 116 yards, giving him the school record for single-season receiving yards at 1,265. He surpassed Marcus Nash, who had 1,170 in 1997 with Peyton Manning at quarterback.

Meachem is a junior and could leave early for the NFL. Asked about returning for his senior season, he said, "Why wouldn't I?"

Kentucky was leading 12-10 at halftime, and Lones Seiber missed a field goal in the third quarter that would have extended its lead. Coker scored on the Vols' ensuing drive.

The Wildcats didn't look at all like a team that allowed 501 yards in a 42-40 win over Louisiana-Monroe last week and nearly ended the second-longest losing streak in Division I-A against one team.

The Vols had 336 yards of total offense and were held to fewer than 20 points for only

the third time this season.

"We won. That's all that matters," Ainge said. "There was someone either (with) a miscue with a route, a miscue with a throw or a protection. Something went wrong. We stopped ourselves."

The win gave Tennessee second place in the SEC East behind Florida and prevented Kentucky's try for eight wins for the first time since 1984 — the last year they won in this series.

"It hurts to lose," Kentucky tailback Rafael Little said. "The last time we were down here we lost the same way. We can't keep doing that every time we come down here."

After the Vols regained the lead with Coker's touchdown, the Wildcats got into Tennessee territory with Andre Woodson's 41-yard pass to Dicky Lyons, but they couldn't get another first down. On fourth-and-2 at the Vols 28, Turk McBride tackled Little for a loss.

Kentucky went ahead a few seconds before halftime after Tennessee fumbled a kickoff. Seiber, who had missed an extra point on the Wildcats' previous score, kicked a 20-yarder to put Kentucky up 12-10.

The game marked a homecoming for Kentucky quarterbacks coach Randy Sanders, who resigned a year ago as Tennessee's offensive coordinator.

He had Woodson playing well. He was 26-of-39 for 282 yards and threw a 5-yard touchdown to Little in the second quarter.

Little ran for 119 yards on 23 carries. Jacob Tamme had 119 yards receiving on seven catches.

Sanders spent 17 years as a coach with Tennessee after playing quarterback for the Vols. Fulmer promoted him to

coordinator when David Cutcliffe left to be head coach at Mississippi before the 1998 national championship game.

Fulmer and Sanders hugged and talked on the field before the game. While they were talking, Cutcliffe walked over

and hugged Sanders and spoke for a moment.

"We're awful grateful for what Randy did while he was here. He'll will always be a Vol deep down," Fulmer said.

Sanders left without talking to reporters.

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No. 8 Louisville 48, Pittsburgh 24

by ALAN ROBINSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Louisville is playing again like a team that belongs in a BCS bowl game. To get there, the Cardinals will need some help from a team they've already beaten.

Brian Brohm threw four touchdown passes against a Pitt defense that again showed little resistance and No. 8 Louisville beat the Panthers 48-24 Saturday to take another step toward a Big East title.

If Louisville (10-1, 5-1 in Big East) defeats Connecticut next Saturday and No. 15 Rutgers loses at No. 7 West Virginia, the Cardinals will represent the Big East in a BCS bowl. Rutgers (10-1, 5-1) gets the bid if it wins, since the Scarlet Knights defeated Louisville 28-25 on Nov. 9.

Think the Cardinals fans won't be chanting, "Let's go, Mountaineers" next week?

"We just have to take care of our business," Brohm said. "We can't worry about it — if you do, you're focusing on the wrong thing. We've got to focus on UConn."

The Cardinals looked focused on putting away Pitt, outscoring the Panthers 34-3 during one stretch after briefly falling behind 14-7 in the first quarter.

Brohm, standing in the pocket as long as he wanted against a nonexistent pass rush, threw scoring passes of 42 yards to Mario Urrutia, 9 yards and 1 yard to Gary Barnidge and 75 yards to Harry Douglas. Brohm finished 21-for-29 for 337 yards and Urrutia caught seven passes for 144 yards.

"That was probably my sharpest performance, but it's pretty easy when you don't get knocked down the whole game," Brohm said. "I had all the time in the world to find receivers who were open."

Pitt (6-6, 2-5) lost its fifth in a row after winning six of its first seven and, while bowl-eligible, likely won't find a bowl willing to take a team that hasn't won since Oct. 13 and trails five teams in the Big East standings. The season-ending slide is Pitt's longest since it lost its final seven in 1998 to finish 2-9.

The Panthers surrendered 139 points in their final three losses: 48 to Louisville, 45 to West Virginia and 46 to Connecticut.

"We felt like we could throw on them, and we had

confidence in our receivers to get open against their defensive backs," Brohm said.

Douglas is convinced the Cardinals are back to where they were before the unexpected loss to Rutgers tightened up the Big East race. The Cardinals are assured of winning at least 10 games for the third time since 2001, and fourth time in school history.

"We're back," he said. "Nobody's playing tight, we're just going out and having fun and playing the game. That's the key to this offense. We were scared to make mistakes, now if you make a mistake we just pick it up on the next play."

Pitt tried to shake itself out of its slump by wearing all gold uniforms. There is no record of Pitt wearing such a color scheme before, but the new uniforms didn't cover up an inadequate defense that gave up 1,140 yards in its final two games — 641 to West Virginia and 499 to Louisville.

Pitt, aware it probably wouldn't go to its sixth bowl game in seven seasons if it didn't win, led 14-7 after scoring twice in a 48-second span of the first quarter on LaRod Stephens-Howling's 6-yard run and wide receiver Derek Kinder's 21-yard TD pass to Oderick Turner.

That was about it for Pitt's offense, for the game and the season. Pitt is 11-12 in its first two seasons under coach Dave Wannstedt.

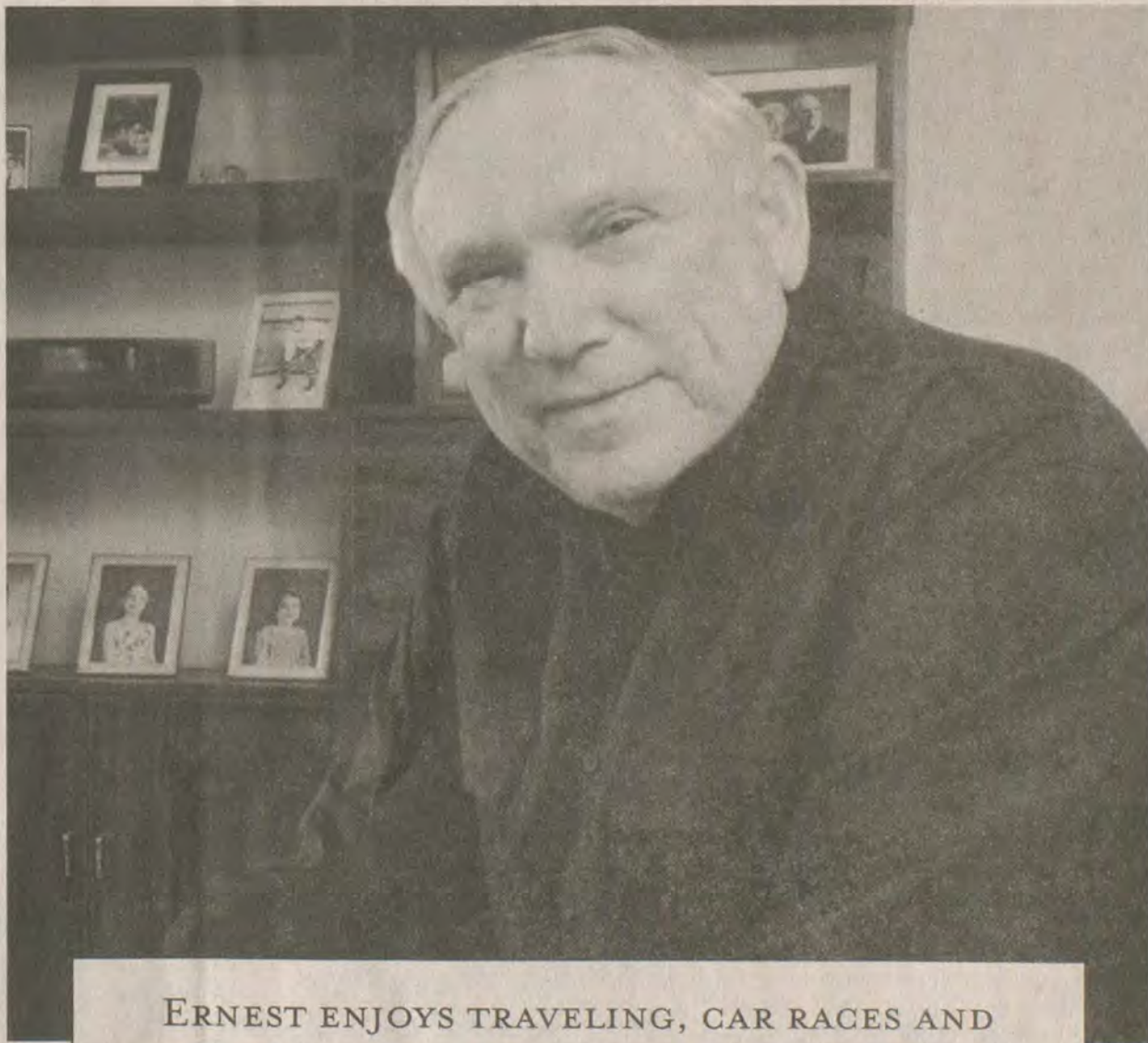
"To beat a real good team, you've got to be physically dominant, and we're not physically dominant," Wannstedt said. "It's pretty clear to me we have a lot of work to do. We've got to get stronger and bigger and, when we do that, we'll see positive results."

Kinder tried to find something positive from a season in which Pitt won only five of 11 games against major college opposition. Among its six victories was a decision over Division I-AA The Citadel.

"We started off real well and we showed we can play with some good teams," he said.

Only not this team. After Louisville's Art Carmody kicked a 39-yard field goal, Brohm found Urrutia on a 42-yard touchdown pass play to put the Cardinals up 17-14. Later in the second quarter, Urrutia's 43-yard reception led to Brohm's TD pass to Barnidge that put the Cardinals up 24-

17. The Cardinals began pulling away in the third quarter on another Brohm to Barnidge TD pass, this one ending a 98-yard drive, and Jajuan Spillman's 13-yard TD run after William Gay intercepted a Tyler Palko pass.



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McGwire goes on Hall ballot along with Gwynn and Ripken

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Mark McGwire, Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken Jr. headline the first-time candidates on the 2007 baseball writers' Hall of Fame ballot released Monday, sure to spark debate on Big Mac's place in history as the steroid era comes under renewed scrutiny.

Jose Canseco, whose book last year led to a congressional hearing on steroid use in baseball, also is on the ballot for the first time. Canseco said

he used steroids along with McGwire when they were teammates.

McGwire denied using illegal performance-enhancing substances, but when he appeared before a congressional committee, he evaded questions. "I'm not here to talk about the past," was his repeated response.

McGwire finished his career with 583 home runs, seventh in baseball history while Canseco, a former MVP, is 30th at 462. Dave Kingman, 34th with 442, has the most home runs for a player who has been on the Hall of

Fame ballot and was not elected.

Gwynn, an eight-time batting champion with San Diego, and Ripken, a two-time MVP with Baltimore, are considered likely to gain election on the first ballot. Ripken played in 2,632 consecutive games, breaking Lou Gehrig's record.

Bret Saberhagen, a two-time Cy Young Award winner, and former MVP Ken Caminiti also are among 17 players on the ballot for the first time along with Harold Baines, Dante

Bichette, Bobby Bonilla, Scott Brosius, Jay Buhner, Eric Davis, Tony Fernandez, Wally Joyner, Paul O'Neill, Devon White and Bobby Witt.

Jim Rice, who was 53 votes short of election last year, heads the 15 holdovers. Rich Gossage finished one vote behind Rice.

Reporters who have been in the BBWAA for 10 or more consecutive years are eligible to vote, and the totals will be announced Jan. 9.

The complete ballot: Harold

Baines, Albert Belle, Dante Bichette, Bert Blyleven, Bobby Bonilla, Scott Brosius, Jay Buhner, Ken Caminiti, Jose Canseco, Dave Concepcion, Eric Davis, Andre Dawson, Tony Fernandez, Steve Garvey, Rich "Goose" Gossage, Tony Gwynn, Orel Hershiser, Tommy John, Wally Joyner, Don Mattingly, Mark McGwire, Jack Morris, Dale Murphy, Paul O'Neill, Dave Parker, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken Jr., Bret Saberhagen, Lee Smith, Alan Trammell, Devon White, Bobby Witt.



TOPS IN THE TURKEY TROT: Veteran runner Frank Stanley, 47, Paintsville, finished first overall in the Turkey Trot 10K held Saturday, Nov. 18 in Prestonsburg. Stanley finished the event in 43:12.

Tennessee looking for New Year's Day bowl

by ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer believes his team has made a case for spending New Year's Day at a bowl.

The 17th-ranked Volunteers (9-3, 5-3 Southeastern Conference) ended the regular season with a 17-12 victory over Kentucky on Saturday, putting them in position to win 10 games for the ninth time since Fulmer has been coach.

The win earned them second place in the SEC East behind Florida.

"I absolutely do, and I would expect that would happen. I know everybody concerned is doing everything they can," Fulmer said when asked about whether his team deserved a New Year's Day game.

Tennessee finished 5-6 last year and didn't go to a bowl for the first time since 1988. Of the 13 bowls in Fulmer's tenure, only two were played before Jan. 1.

Bowl berths will not be decided for another week. The SEC championship and BCS selections next weekend will help determine the destination.

The Vols are hoping for either the Capital One or Outback bowl, but they could

drop to the Music City Bowl if only one SEC team makes the BCS.

"Hopefully we get to go somewhere where it's hot," Tennessee receiver Robert Meachem said.

The Wildcats (7-5, 4-4) also are eager to find out which will be their first bowl since 1999 under coach Hal Mumme. They got to seven wins for only the second time in 10 years and first with coach Rich Brooks.

Kentucky was on the verge of ending its losing streak to Tennessee, but the Wildcats dropped their 22nd in a row after the Vols rallied and their defense held in the fourth quarter.

"I'm just really disappointed we're not 8-4," Brooks said. "We just didn't quite finish the deal."

Kentucky went ahead 12-10 a few seconds before half-time and maintained the lead through the third quarter. Tennessee regained the lead, 17-12, with LaMarcus Coker's 1-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats had the ball twice afterward, and Tennessee's defense stopped them on fourth down each time. Erik Ainge's pass to Meachem in the Vols' final drive gave them a first down

and allowed them to run out the clock.

Kentucky's defense came into the game ranked last in Division I-A for total defense, but it performed much better.

The Vols were held under 20 points for only the third time this season.

"There are a lot of positives in how well our defense played," Kentucky defensive end Jeremy Jarmon said. "We made a lot of big plays, and we just have to take that and build on it (going) into the bowl game."

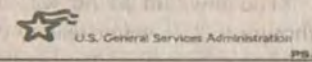
While Tennessee waits on its bowl invitation, the Vols will celebrate reaching nine wins and the postseason after their huge disappointment a year ago.

"We never want to be in that situation again," Tennessee defensive end Xavier Mitchell said.

"After last year just sitting around at home all month getting fat eating our moms' cookies, that's not exactly what we wanted to do."

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KIM'S KORNER

Coal Basket Bible

By: Kim Little Frasure

(Thanks to Elmo Lawson, of Oregon, who recently sent this story of the Coal Basket Bible)

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with his young grandson.



Kim Little Frasure

Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson, who wanted to be just like him,

tried to imitate him in any way he

could. One day the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?"

The grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water."

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You

(See KORNER, page eight)

POISON OAK

What's in store for winter?

by Clyde Pack

Haven't heard the folks on the weather channel give their long-range forecast yet, but there are those walking among us who tell us we're in for a long, hard winter.



Like the man I heard while I waited in line to make a major purchase (three stamps) at the post office about a week before the election. He said if the Democrats won a major election in November, the winter would be hard. If the Republicans won, the winter would be mild. If there's any truth to that, guess we'd better cut some extra firewood, for sure.

On the other hand, though, another group of "sign readers" are staying just the opposite. Guess that leaves us just hanging out there guessing as to when to don our long johns, and wondering just how long we'll have to wear 'em.

Anyway, over the years our readers have sent us dozens of ways the old folks used to predict the kind of winter we can expect. Quite naturally, the first thing that comes to mind are the woolly worm readers who pay attention to the little critters, and swear by their findings. They say, for example, that it's 100 percent true that if a worm is brown in the middle and lighter on each end, the season will begin and end on a mild note, but will be really bad in the middle. The woolly wormers have a little formula for all the stripes, and every combination means something different.

Other lesser known things our grandparents noticed, or at least they

(See OAK, page seven)

MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE



Tiny Abigail Coleman was utterly delighted with the gifts she received and the friends she made at the Dream Factory Christmas party. Abigail's Christmas surprises were sponsored by Brownie and Girl Scout troops from the May Valley Elementary School attendance area.



Breannian Cottrell received a "Tickle Me, Elmo" vibrating chair that appeared to tickle her pink with delight. Breannian later gave big hugs all around in thanks of the many gifts she received.



Mary O'Wheatley, Dream Factory, Louisville headquarters, served as "lead elf" encouraging several of the children to join her in singing a few Christmas carols after the excitement of opening gifts was over.



Dream Factory board members, Kathy Allen, Cora Greathouse, Darlene Howell, and Denna Prater joined their president, Jennifer Greathouse, as she got the banquet festivities underway.



Volunteers helped serve a delicious banquet of roast turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and, especially for the kids, pepperoni pizza.

Dream Factory annual party another success

By Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Smiles were plentiful, along with food, gifts, and Christmas cheer as volunteers gathered to present the sixth annual Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky Christmas banquet this past Saturday, November 25, at the Mountain Arts Center.

Chapter president Jennifer Greathouse welcomed Mary O'Wheatley, development coordinator, Dream Factory National Headquarters, Louisville, to the holiday party as both women acknowledged the tireless efforts of the local chapter's board members and volunteers in helping to make the holiday party a success in this, its sixth year in the local area.

As in years past, several area businesses and organizations joined together to help make children's Christmas dreams come true by donating gifts

(See DREAM, page eight)

CRITTER CORNER

Dog Philosophy

There is more truth than poetry in some of the following sayings:

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.
-Anonymous

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.
-Ann Landers

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.
-Will Rogers

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.
-Ben Williams

A dog is the only thing on earth that

loves you more than he loves himself.
-Josh Billings

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.
-Andy Rooney

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made.
-M. Acklam

Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike people, who are incapable of pure love and hate.
-Sigmund Freud

I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult.
-Rita Rudner

(See CRITTER, page seven)



This adorable chocolate Lab looks good enough to eat! Aptly named, seven-month-old "Hershey" is proudly owned by Dylan Crisp. Dylan shares that Hershey's favorite pastime is "romping and playing."

School Happenings

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

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

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

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

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

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

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

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

Allen Central High School

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

Allen Central Middle School

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dec. 15 - Christmas Dance for Clark students.

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

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

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

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

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

Lost and Found located in Resource Center. Items not claimed

by Dec. 7 will be donated to "One Warm Coat" program or become a part of FRC Clothing Closet (for Clark students).

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

Duff Elementary

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

Yearbooks on sale - \$22.

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

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

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

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

May Valley Elementary

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

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

Mountain Christian Academy

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

MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school

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

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

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; 4:30-9 p.m., Auxier Learning Ctr.

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

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

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

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

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

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(December 4, and December 6, 1996)

Governor Paul Patton's honeymoon with the General Assembly is over. The special session, which Patton called to reform the state's workers' compensation system, got off to a rocky start, with labor leaders vowing to fight the bill...The Prestonsburg Fire Department is cautioning West Prestonsburg residents to boil water before using it, because a Tuesday morning gas spill may have contaminated the water...The Floyd County Adult Detention Center will be the first jail in eastern Kentucky to go on-line with Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) of Louisville...A ruling by Floyd County Judge Danny P. Caudill, dismissing a theft charge against county road foreman Mike Jarrell, has been reversed by the Kentucky Court of Appeals...Natasha Judine Yates, 17, of Oil Springs, a Prestonsburg High School junior, died Friday, from a gunshot wound incurred in Lexington on Thanksgiving night. According to police reports, the teen was walking along Charlotte Court with two adult friends, around 7:20 p.m., when she was shot with what is believed to be a handgun. Police say the shooter was a tall, thin black man, wearing a black "puffy" jacket...Patches of ice on Town Branch Road caused a car to slide off the road and flip onto its top in a bottom, Tuesday morning. The driver, who did not want to be identified, said he was not injured...Sammy Terry of Martin, and his family are really celebrating the holidays, this year. Terry was hospitalized in Louisville last year at Christmas, awaiting a heart transplant. Doctors implanted a mechanical heart pump in Terry in order to keep him alive along enough for the transplant. Terry is home, back to work, and feeling lucky to be alive...Floyd County School Board members are looking to cut more than \$1 million in expenses—and maybe more—after learning at Tuesday's special board meeting that over \$500,000 in average daily attendance funds will be lost this school year...Christmas lights

were lit up on the West Prestonsburg bridge, one of Prestonsburg's most famous landmarks, last week. The decoration of the bridge is part of an attempt to decorate the city more each year, Mayor Jerry Fannin said. The Prestonsburg Fire Department worked for several days stringing the lights...The prospects for developing a federal prison in the Big Sandy region grew stronger and less expensive this week, adding new potential as well, to a multi-county plan to bring jobs to the area...Approximately 100 Floyd County residents will not receive their Social Security benefits next month because their disability is drug or alcohol related...Action Petroleum Inc., will be cited for not reporting a gasoline spill that allegedly posed a threat to the environment and to the citizens of West Prestonsburg, Tuesday, according to Environmental Response Coordinator Joe Schmidt, of the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection...Russell Meade, 26, of Prestonsburg, was arrested Wednesday, after he allegedly afflicted pain and injury to a minor child. He is charged with first-degree criminal abuse...Heart attack survivors and family members gathered at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Tuesday night, in memory of those who died of heart attacks, and for the lighting of the Mended Hearts Christmas Tree...There died: Marvin Quinton Samons, 54, of Lawrenceburg, November 27, at Columbus Hospital, in Frankfort; Narcie Prater Click, 91, of Martin, Wednesday, November 27, at her residence; Rev. Woodrow Mullins, 75, of Caney Highway, Sunday, December 1, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Gertrude Vanderpool, 81, of Albion, Michigan, formerly of Garrett, Monday, November 18, at Albion Manor Care Center; Jessie James Jones, 84, of Teabery, Friday, November 29, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Hiatt Chaffins, 79, of Garrett, Wednesday, November 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Minerva Skeans Hale Goble, 85, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of West Prestonsburg, November 21; Glenn D. "Nero" Vance, 40, of Huntington, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, December 1, at his residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(December 10, 1986)

Union funds might be used to support opposition candidates when current school board members come up for re-election...A Floyd County man was lodged in jail, charged with murder and first-degree assault as the result of a collision at Allen, last Friday, that killed a Langley woman and injured her three-year-old daughter...Mayor Anna Latta announced the appointment of Elmo Allen, 26-year veteran of Kentucky State Police work, as the new chief of police...Everyone who had anything to do with installing the culvert that collapsed under a section of KY 80 near Martin, October 26, has been named as a defendant in a suit filed by the driver of one of two cars which plunged into the resulting crevasse...Martin barber Earri Hayes has been named mayor pro-tem of the city, following a decision by Mayor Raymond Griffith to step down on account of failing health...A single-car accident on the Mountain Parkway claimed the life of Virginia Davidson Shivel, 78, of Prestonsburg, who was a member of one of Floyd County's oldest families...Special education teacher Mary Pamela Precht, who was not rehired by the Floyd Board of Education in the fall of 1984 did not receive adequate notice that she was about to lose her job, should have been rehired, and is entitled to damages, the Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled...There died: John W. Smith, 86, of Betsy Layne last Wednesday, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center following an extended illness...David Lee Crothers, 36, of Auxier, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center...Ellis Thornsberry, 56, of Price, Sunday, at his residence following a brief illness...Lora Mullins, 65, of Topmost, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following a brief illness...Grace Belle Langley, 83, who was a pianist in the early Prestonsburg cinema, Wednesday, at Vanceburg Health Care Center; and Fannie Stephens Pitts, 64, formerly of Spurlock, November 1, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana.

Thirty Years Ago

(December 5, 1976)

A major change in the Prestonsburg City Administration resulted from the resignation, last Thursday night, of Mayor William O. Goebel Jr. Upon the mayor's resignation, city council elected one of its members, Harold W. Cooley, to succeed Goebel. The new mayor took the oath of office after resigning from the council...The Floyd County Board of Education, last week, filed formal application for funding under the new Public Works Act of two major construction projects which will cost an estimated \$735,000...The Floyd County Board of Education, last week, approved the purchase of a 3.4-acre site at Garth for a future school bus garage...An Abbott Creek Road Improvement project now being planned by the State Department of Transportation will indirectly affect, if not make possible, the construction of a multi-million dollar housing complex in the vicinity of Cliff...There died: Mrs. Polly Ann Lafferty, 63, died at her home at Garrett, Thursday, December 2; Mrs. Ruth E. Lindy Willis, 68, of Pikeville, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Friday, December 3, at Methodist Hospital in Pikeville; Johnnie Franklin Pennington, 73, of Lima, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, at a Lima hospital; Felix Dudley, 86, of Langley, died Thursday, December 2, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Miss Julia James Walters, 50, of Emma, died Tuesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Tona Williams, 84, at her home at McDowell, Tuesday; Everett Hunt, 52, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, December 3, at Betsy Layne.

Forty Years Ago

(December 8, 1966)

The Floyd County local option contest suit took a dramatic turn, Monday morning, when

(See YESTERDAYS, page seven)

Yesterdays

Special Judge Charles Lowe held four persons—one, a minister—in contempt of court and sentenced them to jail. The four were ordered committed to jail when they declined to tell how they voted at the July 27 election...United Fuel Gas Company union employees remain on strike; a new attempt at negotiation has failed; and blasting of gas transmission lines continues...The program of training personnel for employment in the U.S. Shoe Company plant which is yet to be built on acreage purchased across the Big Sandy from Lancer will begin, Monday, at Archer City Park, it was said this week...Maytown High School's undefeated Wildcats won the Floyd County pre-season tournament, here, last week-end after downing three of their strongest rivals...Married: Miss Linda Lou Porter, and Mr. Fred Blair, December 3, at the Allen Baptist Church...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. James S. Hardwick, of Miamisburg, Ohio, a daughter, Lara Lynn, November 26, at Kettering, Ohio...There died: Joe Bayes, 61, of the Big Branch of Abbott Creek, Wednesday, en route to the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Bill Compton, 78, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at the Methodist Hospital,

Pikeville; Mrs. Alpha Jean Tackett Crittenden, 17, formerly of Weeksburg, Sunday, at Chicago, Illinois; Miss Jenny Martin, 78, of Allen, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Darcus Gayheart, 79, of Ligon, Monday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Fred Blackburn, 33, formerly of West Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Warsaw, Indiana; Charley Stencil, 72, of Wheelwright, Saturday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ballard Gunnells, 76, former Banner resident, Sunday, at Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Agnes Spradlin, 93, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago
(December 6, 1956)

Party harmony prevailed throughout most of Floyd County's 60 precincts, Saturday, as committeemen and committeewomen were selected to govern the Democratic party's destinies for the next four years...The town of Boldman uses more water than any other town south of Ashland in the

eastern Kentucky coal field, according to a report by the Agricultural and Industrial Development Board of Kentucky...In connection with the announcement, made Monday, that the interest rate on Federal Housing Administration loans will be increased to 5 per cent, effective December 4, the Veterans Administration pointed out that its interest rate of 4 1/2 per cent is controlled by law...James B. Hall, 53 years old, former Floyd County deputy sheriff and restaurant-owner, was killed, early Tuesday night, when his car crashed into a tree on U.S. 23, near Catlettsburg...Ray Heinisch's Maytown Wildcats won their eighth consecutive game in whipping their old rival, Martin, 96-63, Saturday night, to cop the 13th annual Floyd County Pre-Season Tournament...Married: Miss Emma Lorraine McGuire, of Louisa, and Mr. Thomas R. Baldrige, of Cliff, November 22, at Prestonsburg; Miss Jane Crawford, of Mallory, W.Va., and Mr. Joe W. Spears, of David, Nov. 1, at Lexington; Miss Karlene Riffe, of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Prestonsburg, and Lt. Robert A. Butt, of McAlister, Okla., November 10, in Phoenix...There died: Miss Susannah Johnson, 78, of East McDowell, last

Thursday, at home; William Gibson, 84, of Eastern, Saturday, at the home of a relative; Mrs. Ethel Hall Taylor, 33, of Amba, Tuesday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Sarah M. Slone, 78, of West Prestonsburg, last Thursday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Sixty Years Ago
(December 5, 1946)

In Washington, Wednesday, Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough levied a fine of \$3,500,000 upon the United Mine Workers of America, and one of \$10,000 upon the union's leader, John L. Lewis, after their conviction on a contempt-of-court charge growing out of the 14-day-old soft coal work stoppage...The Court of Appeals, Friday, upheld Circuit Judge E.P. Hill in his dismissal on demurrer of a petition contesting the Dry victory in Little Paint precinct, September 23. The court also ruled that Judge Hill's refusal to suspend prohibition in the precinct until outcome of the contest action is finally determined was correct. As a consequence, sale of alcoholic beverages in Little Paint

precinct will become illegal December 28...Construction of the new Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, began here two weeks ago and to be completed by next spring, will entail an expenditure of \$40,000, it was estimated this week...First games, of the new Veterans of Foreign Wars eight-team basketball league were played, Tuesday night...Married: Miss Lois Osborne and Mr. Richard Wallen, both of Wheelwright, November 30; Miss Ruth Daniels, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. James Walker (Red) Hazelett, of Paintsville, November 16, at Paintsville...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Worland, of Prestonsburg, a son—Francis Edward—December 1, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crum, of Betsy Layne, a son—Gregory—at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville...There died: Ernest Robinson, 43, of Langley, Saturday, at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin; Sampson Mullins, 74, at the home at Garrett, of his daughter, Sunday; Mrs. Lily Beatrice Laven, 55, of Allen, at the Martin General Hospital, Wednesday; R. M. Hicks, 47, of Hippo, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey, Wednesday; Mrs. Maggie Hurt Robinson, 56, of Wayland, Wednesday.

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Oak

were lesser known to me, even includes the way the wind blows. On January 1, if it blows from the south, it will blow from the south every day in January. Guess southern winds mean milder weather. Some folks even count the number of times it thunders in January, and believe that number indicates how many frosts we'll have in April. Some believe that if it thunders in February,

it will frost on that same day in May. Other signs of nature, pertaining to what we might expect this coming winter, include a heavy frost as a sign of rain; a heavy frost hanging on the trees until late in the morning, means you'd better prepare for snow, and if your hog or mule stands looking toward the north, cold weather's on the way. And let's not forget the squirrel

watchers who believe that if Mr. Squirrel wears a heavy coat, look out. Some local forecasters are also moon watchers, believing that the number of days old the moon is, when it snows the first time, is the number of times it will show that year. Mistletoe watchers tell us a heavy crop of mistletoe in the fall indicates a cold winter is on the way. Same is true with an abundance of wild fruits. And, of course,

all true eastern Kentuckians know that a severe winter is on the way if hornets build their nests low to the ground. Those with fireplaces (except electric or gas, of course) might be interested in knowing that it's going to turn extremely cold if firelight is seen reflecting on the woodwork in the room, especially if the fire crackles with a fluffy sound, as if snow were falling on it.

Guess in those long-ago days before science was used in weather predicting, our ancestors figured it all out themselves. And, likely as not, did so with a great deal of accuracy. The big question is, however, will we have a white Christmas? Instead of looking for signs in nature, think I'll just wait to see what ole Jim Cantore has to say about it. I'll keep you posted.

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Critter

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down. -Robert Benchley
Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog. -Franklin P. Jones
If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons.

-James Thurber
If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise. -Unknown
My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3 a can. That's almost \$21 in dog money. -Joe Weinstein
Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come

from a grocery with the most amazing haul, chicken, pork, half a cow...they must think we're the greatest hunters on earth! -Anne Tyler
Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea. -Robert A. Heinlein
If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite

you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man. -Mark Twain
You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'Wow, you're right! I never would've thought of that!' -Dave Barry
Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole. -Roger Caras

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them. -Phil Pastore
An excellent goal in life is to attempt to be as good a person as your dog thinks you are.

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Internet Shopping Tips

(NAPSA)-If projections by the U.S. Department of Commerce are correct, Americans will spend more than \$26 billion shopping online this year. A significant portion of those shopping dollars will be spent during the upcoming holiday gift-giving season. If you're among the growing number of consumers who think there's no place like home to shop, the folks at www.dearfoams.com have some tips for making your Internet shopping a little easier:
Start Early
Start early, since nearly half of online shoppers expect to be buying their holiday gifts by Halloween, according to the 2006 eHoliday Mood Study, conducted by BizRate Research for Shopzilla and Shop.org. Also, keep in mind that many Web sites need at least a week to deliver the goods, or charge a premium for expedited shipping; so be certain to check delivery policies and options. If you're doing a little last-minute shopping, try to do so at sites that make expedited shipping guarantees.
Choose User-Friendly Sites
Shop on Web sites that give you a good look at the product you're buying and that provide plenty of information. For instance, www.dearfoams.com is an easy-to-navigate site that lets you buy Dearfoams slippers from the comfort of your own home. The site features vibrant, full-color images of the company's current footwear collection; unique, Internet-only products; and complete information on product pricing, features and benefits. Consumers can also use the site to create wish lists, track orders, join in contests and register to receive special promotions.
Stay Safe
Identity fraud is one of the fastest-growing crimes in the U.S. Always read a site's security policy before you make a purchase and only shop at secure Web sites. In addition, consider designating one credit card with a lower limit as your Internet-shopping credit card. Keep a close eye on your statements and notify your bank of any suspicious activity. Still leery about making the plunge into the world of online shopping? You can put yourself at ease by only shopping at sites operated by companies you know and trust. For example, the Dearfoams company has been in the slipper business for over 60 years. It is the best-known and trusted name in at-home comfort footwear.
Keep A Record
Keep track of shipping dates, confirmation numbers and any other records related to your online transactions. They can come in handy should you have to make a return or if your purchases don't arrive by the agreed-upon date. It's also a smart idea to familiarize yourself with a Web site's return policy before making a purchase. Can you return items for a full refund or only for credit? It could be worth your while to find out.
For more information about shopping for Dearfoams online, visit www.dearfoams.com.
If you use the Internet to do some holiday shopping, some good advice is to shop at Web sites of companies you know and trust.

Holiday Hints

A Guy's Guide To Diamond Buying

(NAPSA)-If a diamond is forever, how long should it take to shop for one? If you're like most men, it takes more than a month. Statistics show that 59 percent of men who plan to buy a diamond as a holiday gift for their significant other decide to do so before Thanksgiving. But that doesn't mean choosing a diamond needs to be hard. Try these tips:
Go For Romance
A series of stones set in increasing size can symbolize how your love grows deeper with every passing moment. Journey diamond jewelry is available in a range of unique designs and styles, such as a romantic Zales Journey Heart Diamond Pendant or a timeless Journey Circle Pendant, available at Jewelry.com.
Be A Winner
You can enter to win her a \$25,000, one-of-a-kind Journey diamond necklace designed by Heidi Klum for Mouawad. Just correctly complete the crossword puzzle created by top puzzle maker Brendan Quigley at the Web site www.adia.mondisforever.com.
A Classic Touch
Try giving her diamond stud earrings, a favorite of Hollywood A-listers such as Oprah and Jessica Simpson. Treat her to Kwiat Diamond Studs set in platinum, or a sexy yet timeless H. Stern Diamond Solitaire Princess Pendant. Past, Present And Future...
Check out pieces such as the Whiteflash Three-Stone Diamond Ring available at whiteflash.com. You can also opt for fun, fresh styles such as Daniel K Starlet Earrings, a gorgeous pair of three-stone, cushion-cut diamonds on knife-cut platinum bars.
Celebrate Her...
Deck her out with a diamond right-hand ring. Styles range from floral to contemporary and can be found at retailers such as Kay Jewelers. For something on the romantic side, treat her to a Mia & Kompany Diamond Rose Right-Hand Ring set in white gold or go all out with a Damiani Notte di San Lorenzo large diamond and white gold right-hand ring.
Here Comes The Bride...
December is the most popular month of the year to get engaged. Solitaire rings such as Ritani's diamond solitaire in platinum are a classic choice. If she prefers a vintage look, try the Hearts on Fire Perfection in Platinum Collection. The three-stone setting, which represents your past, present and future, is a sentimental option. For a great selection of three-stone diamond ring styles, check out jeweler Bailey, Banks & Biddle.
For more tips, visit the Web site www.adiamondisforever.com.
A Journey diamond necklace symbolizes how your love grows stronger over time.



Help Your Child Cope With School Stress

(NAPSA)-Each new school year can be a stressful time for children, with new teachers and classmates, new rooms, new routines and more schoolwork. It can be particularly unnerving and overwhelming for children facing major transitions such as starting elementary school or middle school. As a parent, there are proactive steps you can take to support your child.
• Express interest and enthusiasm about the start of the school year. If you are confident and excited, your child will be, too.
• Take a walk around the school with your child and locate his or her classrooms, lunchroom, playground and restrooms. This will help your child to feel more comfortable with his or her surroundings and prevent feeling lost on the first day.
• Take time to listen and discuss aspects of the new school year that he or she is worried about. Remember to let your child know that it's normal to feel nervous about the start of school. For parents of younger children, suggest that your child take a family photo or special object to school to make his or her surroundings more comfortable.
• Spend time each day talking to your child about what happened in school. Give your child positive feedback about his or her new experiences.
• Praise and encourage your child to become involved with school activities and try new opportunities.
• Attend school functions and stay involved in your child's education. Children whose parents are more involved with their education have higher achievement, are better adjusted and are less likely to drop out of school.
• Make a point to learn not just about how your child develops physically, but socially and emotionally, as well. If you are aware of what's typical behavior and thoughts for your child's stage in life, you will be able to tell more readily when things may not be right.
Anxiety and stress about school are normal for a child and usually pass within the first few days or weeks. If your child continues to seem anxious or stressed, it may be time to seek help. Talk to your pediatrician about what you can do as a parent. If problems persist, consider a referral to a trained and qualified mental health professional.
For more information on helping your child cope with stress as well as supporting his or her social and emotional development, contact a nearby Mental Health Association or the National Mental Health Association at www.nmha.org or (800) 969-NMHA (6642).

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European travels planned for 2007

Three Hazard Community & Technical College faculty members are planning two different trips to Europe in 2007. One trip is to Italy May 8-17, 2007; the other is to Germany, Italy, and Switzerland July 10-19, 2007. The Andiamo tour is with HCTC Professor Michael Strickland, along with Amy Stewart of Jefferson Community & Technical College. The tentative dates are May 8-17. The Andiamo includes the following itinerary: Milan, Verona, Padua, Venice, Siena, Rome and Florence. Tour highlights will include St. Mark's Square, St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, the Coliseum, Assisi, The Academia, home of David, and the Lake District of northern Italy. The trip includes two meals a day, hotel accommodations, travel to Italy and back and travel while in Italy. Informational meetings will be held in the near future. If interested, call Mike Strickland at 487-3207 or 800-246-7521, ext. 73207.

HCTC Professor Scott May and Donna Sparkman are organizing the Germany, Italy, and Switzerland trip, July 10-19. The itinerary is complete and available for previewing by any interested person. Rothenburg, Munich, Innsbruck, Venice, Lucerne, and Heidelberg are some of the great cities on the visit. Anyone interested in traveling to Germany, Italy, and Switzerland (with a day in Austria and an optional add-on 3-day excursion to Paris), then contact scott.may@kctcs.edu

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EPPC Cabinet Secretary Teresa Hill, left, presents the reclamation award for the Prestonsburg regional office to Miller Bros. Coal representatives Art Thomas, center, and Gene Campbell, right.

Miller Brothers Coal, LLC wins 2006 reclamation award

Miller Brothers Coal, LLC received a reclamation award in recognition of the best reclamation in the Prestonsburg regional office. The award was co-sponsored by the Kentucky Coal

Association and the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources. The office won for Permit #860-0383, a Miller Bros. surface operation, located in Knott County.

Miller Bros. Coal was commended for enhancing post mining land use benefiting "wildlife habitat conducive to birds, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals."

Environmental Public Protection Cabinet Secretary Teresa Hill made the award presentations at the Kentucky Coal Association's annual meeting, held in Lexington. The Kentucky Coal Association represents large and small, surface and underground coal operators in both eastern and western Kentucky.



Holiday Gift Giving Steps Out Of The Box

(NAPSA)-When searching for unique holiday gifts for your loved ones, find some inspiration in unexpected places. Your local office superstore is a great place to start. This year, creative gift giving is easy with fun tools for crafty kids, cool cameras, and surprising new ways to groove to music. Even traditional business accessories have a new fashion twist. Say good-bye to the ho-hum sweater and consider these surprise holiday gifts:

Find your way to holiday parties without stopping to ask directions with the TomTom One GPS Navigation System, which combines ease of use, portability and touch-screen technology into a sleek new design. Easy to take from car to car; just plug in, switch on and go.

Superstyle with serious tune-age, The ISpot Chair is a sleek and comfortable office chair with a nifty arm pad earphone dock to fit iPods, MP3 players or any game system. Intense in-arm speakers and master volume control at fingertips make this chair the "it" item of the season.

Perfect for people who hate junk mail or want to protect against identity theft, the Staples MailMate(tm) Shredder is powerful enough to shred 10 folded paper sheets, CDs, DVDs, credit cards, staples and small paper clips. Fits anywhere mail is opened, including the kitchen counter.

Women now have new choices that go well beyond the basic laptop case. In butter-soft genuine leather with contrast stitching, the Buxton Women's Computer Case carries the load in fashionable colors, perfect for techy trendsetters. An interior organizer section includes multiple card pockets, expandable utility loops, cell phone pocket and an electronic organizer pocket.

Share those holiday memories easily with the Canon(r) PowerShot A540 Digital Camera, perfect for capturing pictures and video in full color with a 2.5" LCD screen, 6.0 megapixels, 4x optical zoom and 21 shooting modes.

The Crayola(r) Cutter makes cutting as easy as tracing a picture. The safe, easy-to-use cutting wand handles like a pen, so kids can cut out intricate shapes anywhere on the page. Designed with safety in mind, the punch-tip action cuts paper by perforating it, not slicing, and the tip retracts when not in use. Includes stencils, decorative paper, acetate sheets and an idea booklet.

When the holiday to-do list gets too long, don't stress. Just press the Staples Easy Button, packaged in its own gift box for the holidays. Staples Foundation for Learning will donate proceeds of this product, up to \$1 million, to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

Still stumped? Visit Staples.com to enter a profile of the person you are shopping for and receive customized gift recommendations that will surprise and delight family and friends.

Family reunion?

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



Pumpkin Pie Is Even More Pleasing When You Add Corn Syrup

(NAPSA)-If pumpkin pie is an important part of your holiday meals, then you may be interested in ways to make this perennial favorite even better.

With the right ingredients, you can achieve a richer, deeper flavor for the filling and serve your guests their own personal single serving.

Pumpkin pie perfection requires striking a delicate balance between sweetness and spice. The unique flavor combination of sweet pureed pumpkin, cinnamon, ginger and cloves can be overpowered by too much sugar.

To complement the pumpkin and spices and help achieve a deeper, more complex taste, use a combination of corn syrup and sugar to add sweetness to your pumpkin pie. Dark corn syrup was an essential ingredient in homemade pumpkin pies 60, 80 and 100 years ago and remains an excellent ingredient choice.

This new, improved recipe, Individual Classic Karo Pumpkin Pies, has a smooth but dense, and not overly-fluffy texture. It may well become your new pie tradition.

After the main course, anyone for whom portion-control is paramount will appreciate this recipe for single-serve "pumpkin pie-lets."

Try flavoring real whipped cream with any of the following: vanilla, finely chopped crystallized ginger, cinnamon and freshly-grated nutmeg or ground cardamom and cinnamon to serve along the pies.

For more delicious recipes, including Frozen Pumpkin Cream Pie, Pumpkin Cheese-Swirled Pie, Pumpkin Pecan Pie and the Classic Pumpkin Pie, visit www.karosyrup.com.

Individual Classic Karo Pumpkin Pies

Prep time: 25 minutes
Bake time: 1 hour Chill time: 2 hours
Makes 6 servings

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
2 eggs
1/2 cup Karo Dark Corn Syrup
1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin
1 can (12 fluid ounces) evaporated milk

Pastry for double crust pie

Preheat oven to 350° F. Mix sugar, salt and spices in a bowl. Add eggs and beat slightly. Add remaining ingredients; blend well. Roll pastry on a lightly floured surface.

Cut six circles of pastry about 6 to 12 inches in diameter. Note: if using a purchased refrigerated pie crust, roll each crust into an oval, about 16 x 13 inches. Cut 3 circles from each oval. Place each pastry circle in a 10-ounce custard cup. Fold top edge of pastry towards the inside; flute or crimp edges by pressing pastry against cup at even intervals.

Place an equal amount of pumpkin filling (about 3/4 cup) into each prepared crust.

Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until knife inserted in pie center comes out clean. Allow pies to cool a minimum of two hours before serving.

The addition of dark corn syrup makes these mini pumpkin pies more flavorful than other pumpkin pies.

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and food to create a special holiday evening. "We look forward to this party all year long," Greathouse said. "Our board, community volunteers, Mayor Fannin, and the Mountain Arts Center all make it possible. Without them and their support, it couldn't be done and my heartfelt thanks go out to each and everyone of them."

"From corporations to individuals that donate their time and money to this organization, I want to say, from the very bottom of my heart, two little words that mean so much - thank you. You help create a moment without pain for these children and their families, as well as a lifetime of magical memories," said O'Wheatley. O'Wheatley praised Greathouse, her board, local hospitals and physicians, and community supporters for their efforts in helping make the dreams of the recipients come true. "The Eastern Kentucky area is great, I want to come back next year," she said.

2006 Christmas sponsors of individual gifts include: Appalachian Wireless, Rudd Equipment, Bill's Grocery, B & D Technology, First Commonwealth Bank, MedZone Pharmacy, Tobacco Max, T.R.C. Mining, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Drains Unlimited, Kinzer Drilling, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, Constable Mike Hall, Terri Lee Crum, Heather O'Brien, Joann Cantrell, Kelly Coleman, and the May Valley Elementary area Brownie and Girl Scout troops #427. Appalachian Wireless graciously sponsored each of the 23 dream recipients; Rudd Equipment and T.R.C. Mining each sponsored three children; and Tobacco Max and Kinzer Drilling each sponsored two children.

Sponsors donating food, party supplies and tickets to the Kentucky Opry Christmas show for each child and their family include: B&D Technology, Kinzer Drilling, First Commonwealth Bank, Music Carter Autos, Big Sandy TV Cable, Shell's Auto and Truck Repair, Kentucky Fried Chicken, City of Prestonsburg, Papa John's Pizza, Food City, Pepsi of Pikeville, Mountain Arts Center, Dairy Queen, Dairy Cheer, and Wal-Mart SuperCenter.

Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky board members and volunteers include: Jennifer Greathouse, president, Denna Prater, vice-president, Kathy Allen, Darlene Howell, and Cora Greathouse, and Tony Caudill, Jonathan Grass, Stacey Greathouse, Jennifer and Rodney Gardner, Darrell Prater, April Click, and Denny and Mary Whitten.

"We like to bring back each of our Dream Factory recipients for a reunion at the annual Christmas party," Jennifer Greathouse said. "We've lost three through the years, and though they may be gone, they will never be forgotten," she added. "Those three are Christy Ann Hamilton, Cory Alexander Prater and Justin Lee Wright. These three children remain in our hearts just as those who are still with us."

To learn more about The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, or to nominate a critically or chronically ill child that may be eligible for the granting of a dream, contact Jennifer Greathouse at (606) 886-9828.

Korner

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will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was "impossible to carry water in a basket," and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran

hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!"

"So you think it is useless?" The old man said, "Look at the basket." The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean. "Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible.

You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out."

That is the work of God in our lives. To change us from the inside out and to slowly transform us into the image of His Son.

'Til Next Week
May God Bless