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### briefs

## Beshear announces four cabinet appointments

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Governor-elect Steve Beshear has announced four new additions to his administration.

Beshear also announced on Thursday that he plans to have a Labor Cabinet.

Nikki Jackson of Louisville will fill the role of Personnel Cabinet secretary. Jackson has a background in human resources.

Robert Vance of Maysville will head the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. Vance has a background in banking.

Marcheta Sparrow of Harrodsburg will assume the role of commerce secretary. Sparrow has a tourism background.

State Representative J.R. Gray will become the commissioner of the Labor Department. Beshear says he will elevate that agency to a cabinet.

### 2 DAY FORECAST

**Today**



High: 50 • Low: 41

**Tomorrow**



High: 53 • Low: 46

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

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# Missing couple found lost at state park

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A meeting of Hunter Education Program officials at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park turned out to be a lifesaver on Tuesday, when an elderly, dementia-stricken couple from Colerain Township in Ohio were found walking along a back road at the park, over 300 miles from their home.

Robert Butler, 85, and his wife, Loretta Butler, 82, had not been seen in Colerain since midday Monday accord-

ing to Hamilton County Sheriffs deputies.

Park officials said the couple had abandoned their vehicle near the Odd Fellows youth camp and walked back approximately two miles to where the hunter training officers were holding their meeting.

"We were just about to wrap up the meeting when we heard someone yelling outside," said Bill Balda, supervisor for the Hunter Education Program, who was present at the meeting where the couple was found. "They

were cold and tired of walking."

According to Balda, hunter training officer Bobby McKee, who is an emergency medical technician, checked their vitals and found that they were physically alright, though officials at the park said the couple were showing early signs of hypothermia.

According to Balda, they offered to drive the Butlers home, but it took "some time" to figure out the couple was not from the local area.

"They knew their address very well," said Balda, "but they believed

they were still in the Cincinnati area."

Balda said the couple were brought to May Lodge, where they could get something to eat and get warm. Balda said they waited with the couple until a specialist in adult services from the Department of Protection and Permanency arrived.

James Grace, assistant director for Health and Family Services, described dementia as, "a loss of short term, practical memory, and confusion. Spatial

(See LOST, page two)

## SPREADING CHRISTMAS JOY



Sgt. Todd Kidd and Tori Hunt, a freshman at Prestonsburg High School, help Devin Kendrick, a student at Allen Elementary, with his Christmas shopping.

## Troopers help make holidays merry

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — It was beginning to look a lot like Christmas Tuesday at the Pikeville Wal-Mart, as the Kentucky State Police held their annual "Shop with a Cop" program to benefit needy children in Eastern Kentucky.

"We expect to have 80 kids from the five-county area of our post," said Lt. Henry Banks.

Children were bused in from Floyd, Johnson,

(See SHOP, page two)



Kentucky State Police sponsored Shop with a Cop, which helps children in the Big Sandy area have a merry Christmas.

## P'burg loan program helping to revitalize downtown

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two businesses in the downtown area are the beneficiaries of a new loan program being offered by the city of Prestonsburg.

"We are very pleased to make these loans," said Brian Allen, president of the Prestonsburg Renaissance Board. "Not only are we creating jobs and adding to the local economy, but we are creating growth for the downtown area."

"Along with the downtown concerts, Christmas parades and advertising that we do for the downtown

area, we are showing people every day that downtown Prestonsburg is very much worth exploring," Allen said. "Downtown Prestonsburg is a destination."

Recipients this year include Dadeo's, located at 135 E. Court Street. Owner and chef Doug Brown applied for and was awarded a \$10,000 low-interest loan to start his business.

According to Brent Graden, Main Street manager, Dadeo's will feature gourmet soups, salads and sandwiches for breakfast and lunch.

"Without the loan, none of this

(See LOANS, page six)

## Striking nurses overwhelmingly reject offer

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — The labor strike of Kentucky and West Virginia nurses which began in October didn't end this week when, according to the nurses on strike at Appalachian Regional Healthcare hospitals, the latest contract proposal was "overwhelmingly rejected."

Jim Smith, attorney for ARH, described the proposal in a statement given on Monday as "a very strong, good contract for the employees and the hospital."

This was not the sentiment expressed by nurses when a vote of 445-5 against the proposal was returned by the union, according to officials.

According to Sarah Hunley, president of Harlan Kentucky Nurses Association Local 114, "As a demonstration of our good faith and goodwill, we brought this proposal back for a vote by our members as ARH requested. This vote tonight shows that it is the rank-and-file RNs on the picket lines who are making the decisions and their decision as reflected in tonight's vote is that this is not anywhere near a 'very strong, good contract for nurses.'"

According to Hunley, the

proposal included "a failure by ARH to adequately address safe patient staffing and scheduling issues." The "insulting" back-to-work agreement put forth by ARH that made no promise to return the nurses on strike to their old jobs was also a "major problem," said Hunley.

"It is time ARH and Jerry Haynes (president and CEO of ARH) stopped trying to divide our nurses, our hospitals and our communities," said Hunley. "We fear that in Mr. Haynes' obsession to destroy our union that he will destroy ARH hospitals in the process."

"Despite the vote ... we remain prepared to go back to work immediately, provided the issue of safe patient care is adequately addressed and a reasonable return to work agreement is included," Hunley said. "We hope that ARH will return to the table and work with us in a spirit of cooperation and goodwill."

"We are disappointed that the nurses did not ratify this contract," said ARH spokesperson Candace Elkins. "Going forward, we will continue to offer quality health care services to our communities who depend on us."

According to Elkins' office, no further talks have been scheduled.



Dance Etc. completed its 10th annual production of "The Nutcracker" at the Mountain Arts Center this week, performing for over 5,000 people. See story on page A5



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# Environmental groups challenge mountaintop removal permit

by SAMIRA JAFARI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Environmental groups in Appalachia have filed a lawsuit against the federal government, challenging a permit that allows International Coal Group to expand a mountaintop removal operation in eastern Kentucky.

The groups say the expansion would bury streams and creeks leading into the Kentucky River, a water source for more than a million people.

The lawsuit was filed Thursday by the Sierra Club and Kentucky Waterway Alliance at the U.S. District Court in

Louisville. It alleges that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers violated the Clean Water and the National Environmental Protection acts by issuing a permit that allows ICG to expand its 960-acre mine in Leslie County by roughly 1,000 acres.

"I have watched mountain after mountain reduced to rubble," said Teri Blanton, a Sierra Club member in Berea, who says she visits the mine site regularly. "The area that the Army Corps has opened to mining is a green oasis rising out of the flattened and bare moonscape the company has created."

Carol Labashosky, a spokeswoman for the Corps of Engineers office in

Louisville, which issued the permit, said the agency would not comment on pending litigation.

A spokesman for ICG said the company would have a statement later Thursday.

The challenge is similar to a West Virginia case in which a federal judge ruled the corps violated the same federal laws by issuing valley fill permits for several Massey Energy Co. mountaintop removal mines without extensive environmental reviews. The corps had maintained that more extensive reviews weren't necessary for the permits and that mitigation techniques such as restoring streams would offset losses.

# Obituaries

## Edith M. Tackett Jones

Edith M. Tackett Jones, 74, of Beaver, died Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born June 27, 1933, in Beaver, she was the daughter of the late Ellis and Mellie Bentley Tackett. She was a homemaker and a member of Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law: Paul and Jenny Jones of Harold, Phillip Jones of Beaver; daughters and sons-in-law: Julie and David McGuire of Hi Hat, Jennifer and Michael Randolph of Ivel; brothers: George Tackett of Teaberry, Orville Tackett, Charles Ed (Terry Lee) Tackett, both of Beaver, Andy B. Tackett of Betsy Layne; sisters: Sarah Faye Hamilton, Dorothy Helen Hall and Wanda Lee Hamilton, all of Teaberry, Dixie Lee McKinney, of Harold and Eileen Tussey of Martin; five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 7, at 11 a.m., at Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Ellis

Tackett Cemetery, in Beaver, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church.  
(Paid obituary)

## Wendell Douglas Vance

Wendell Douglas Vance, 35, of Beaver, died Sunday, December 2, 2007, at his residence.

Born April 21, 1972, in Lexington, he was the son of Michael Vance of Beaver, and Norma Jean Shepherd of Harold. He was a coal miner.

In addition to his parents, survivors include two sons: Michael Sean Douglas Vance of Harold and Jeremiah Vance of Beaver; a brother, Michael Vance Jr. of Regina; a half-sister, Gerri Whitney Vance of Ivel; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Jennifer Vance; grandparents: Earnest and Minerva Osborne Vance and Bert and Virginia Shepherd Conn.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 5, at noon, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ralph Hall and Bill Stone officiating.

Burial was in the Vance Cemetery, at Beaver, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.  
(Paid obituary)

# Eastern Kentucky Association of Realtors conducts installation and awards banquet

PAINTSVILLE — The Eastern Kentucky Association of Realtors recently held an installation and awards banquet at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville.

The following members were honored:

■ Paul Brown, Sr., of Redd, Brown, and Williams, the Distinguished Service Award.

■ Deborah Stephens, 1st Choice Realty & Associates, Realtor of the Year.

■ Melissa Little, AAA Real Estate Services, Inc., 2007 Rookie of the Year.

The "2007 Top Producers" were Teresa Preston, Redd, Brown, and Williams, Paintsville; Shirley Blackburn, AAA Real Estate Services

Inc., Pikeville; Ellen Harris, Century 21 American Way Realty, Prestonsburg; Marsha Kendrick, Century 21 American Way Realty & Auction Service, Paintsville; and Brenda Gooslin, AAA Real Estate Services, Inc., Pikeville.

Robert Damron, president of the Kentucky Association of Realtors and member of the Eastern Kentucky Association of Realtors, inducted Brenda Gooslin as 2008 president.

Norman Jones, Kentucky Association of Realtors District 6 director, conducted the induction of the following officers: Chris Jones, president-elect; Barbara Lavender, treasurer; Deborah Stephens,

treasurer-elect; Jim Thomas, director; Alan Hensley, direc-

tor; Clifford Bennett, director; and Dorlane Runyon, director.

## Loans

would have been possible," Brown said. "It made one of my dreams come true."

Down To Earth was another recipient of the Main Street Loan. Store owner Katie Gray received a \$5,000 loan and plans to use that money to expand her business into women's clothing.

The Main Street Loan Fund is managed by Prestonsburg Renaissance and offers a 3 per-

cent APR to qualified applicants.

"We look at the overall vision of the applicant," said Graden. "We will help them realize their dream of opening their retail store or service in Downtown Prestonsburg."

For more information on Prestonsburg Renaissance please contact Brent Graden at 886-2335.

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## Card of Thanks

The family of Jeremiah "Jerry" Turner would like to extend their appreciation to all the friends, neighbors, and families, who offered comfort and kind words at the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, or gave money, or just offered some kind words. A special thanks to Jerry Manns, Bethel Bolen and other ministers, for their kind words, prayers, and the beautiful singing; and to Brad Hartman, the organist, who played the beautiful music. Also a special thanks to those who helped dig the grave and to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and professional service and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control. Your love and support will never be forgotten. May God bless you all.

THE FAMILY OF JEREMIAH "JERRY" TURNER

## Lost

relationships with time and distance become impaired." No comment on the Butlers' case could be issued by Grace due to legal confidentiality.

The Butlers were seen earlier Tuesday morning in Frankfort. According to Major Fred Deaton of the Frankfort City Police, officer David Ingle reported seeing the Butlers' vehicle driving slowly at 4 a.m. Tuesday.

"The vehicle wasn't driving excessively slow, and they

were driving okay, so it wasn't a drunk driving situation," said Deaton. "The officer ran their tag on the MDT (Mobile Data Terminal), and there was a slow response."

According to Deaton, by the time Ingle received the missing persons report, he had ceased following the car.

At press time there was no official word on the Butlers' whereabouts between 4 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Park officials said Bob Butler, of Indiana, the couple's son, arrived around 1 a.m. Wednesday and drove them home.

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## Shop

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Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties. According to Banks, the children are chosen from the schools by the family resource coordinators and are then bused to Wal-Mart.

"We work with them (family resource centers) because they know which children need the extra help," said Banks.

"The children are paired with a Trooper and given \$100 to spend on whatever they like," said Banks. "Inevitably, we have kids who will want to spend some of that money on their mother, father, a grandmother or some family member, because the kid knows that person might not get anything for Christmas either."

Along with the KSP troopers, trooper spouses, dispatchers, clerks, retirees, Pike County Health Department personnel, Wal-Mart employees and several other volunteers turned out to help, including members of the Prestonsburg High School volleyball team, who showed up to be "Santa's Helpers."

"Any time you can do something for kids at Christmas, you're doing the right thing," said Tim Burke, manager of the Pikeville Wal-Mart.

According to Trooper Scott Hopkins, along with Shop with a Cop, KSP also offers Trooper Island during the summer. Trooper Island is a camp for children who might not otherwise have an opportunity.

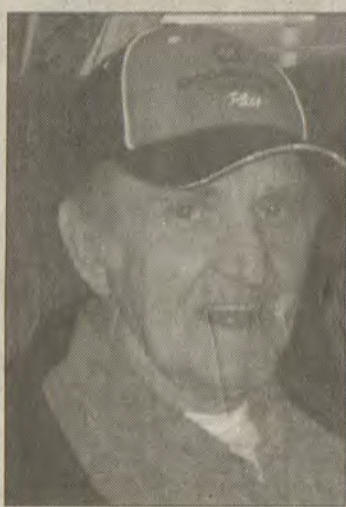
"We have about 800 kids from around the state come down there every year free of charge," said Hopkins.

Due to weather and school closings, some parents had to bring their children to Wal-Mart.

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## In Loving Memory of Charles Edward Hurst

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And grant us this one wish. And make it come true. To have his choir of angels sing, Happy Birthday to you. Someday we will celebrate all the birthdays we've missed. For now we can give you nothing but our love and all our tears.

Happy 68th Birthday, Dad

We love you and miss you very much.

Violet, Glenn, Gary, David, Mary, Sharon and Sherry

# Our Yesterdays

The Floyd County Times reported in its September 3, 1937, issue that work was ready to begin on Prestonsburg's new grade school building.

Front Page of The First Issue of The Floyd County Times. Printed June 19th, 1927

You never know what you might be missing, if you are not reading "Our Yesterdays," printed each Wednesday in The Times.



# For the Record

### Marriage Licenses

Julie Moore, 41, to Mark Frasure, 40, both of McDowell  
Miranda Gayheart, 19, of  
Printer, to Jeffery Allen Jr., 19,  
of Wayland.  
April Click, 26, to Jason  
Curtis, 27, both of  
Staffordsville.  
Rachel Hamilton, 22, of  
Teaberry, to Timothy  
Newsome, 23, of Grethel.  
Kari Slore, 22, of  
Prestonsburg, to Ryan  
Hamilton, 26, of Loraine,  
Ohio.  
Myra Powell, 33, to John  
Hurd, 29, both of Allen.  
Clydia Bradley, 31, to  
Danny Waddles, 33, both of  
Prestonsburg.

### Civil Suits Filed

Jessica Crumpler vs. Blake  
Crumpler  
Sasha Scott vs. John Tucker  
Pamela Mullins vs. Joshua  
Mullins  
Juanita Wood vs. Barry  
Wood  
Loretta Gregory vs.  
Veronica Kirk, et al  
Annashea Moore vs. Byron  
K. Staten  
Lisa Lemaster vs.  
Christopher Click  
April Mayes vs. Berry  
Mayes  
Jamie Blankenship vs.  
James Blankenship  
Kristie Tackett vs. John  
Tackett  
Sheila Johnson vs. David  
Johnson  
Sheila Trimble vs. Justin  
Trimble  
Bank of New York vs.  
Jimmy Crum, et al  
Julie Long vs. Mark Yates  
City National Bank vs.  
Teresa Basham  
In re: Joseph Collins, trans-  
feror and Freedom Financial  
Solutions, transferee  
Jackie Day Crisp vs.  
Highlands Regional Medical  
Center, et al

### Clarification

The Jennifer Lawson  
named in "Civil Suits Filed"  
last week is not the same per-  
son as Jennifer Lawson, of  
Flat Gap, who was a reporter  
for The Floyd County Times.

### Small Claims Filings

Capital One Bank vs.  
Rosemarie Spurlock  
Betty Francisco, et al vs.  
David Williams  
Capital One Bank vs.  
Tamara Bailey  
LVNV Funding vs. Beth  
Moore  
Capital One Bank vs.  
Elizabeth Meade  
Capital One Bank vs.  
Bridget Howell  
LVNV Funding vs. Maudie  
Bailey  
Midland Funding vs. Ethel  
Lafferty  
DH Capital Mgt. vs.  
Marvin Tackett

### Charges Filed

Terry Hamilton, 22, of  
Prestonsburg, disorderly con-  
duct; assault.  
James J. Hunter, 24, of  
Wayland, disorderly conduct;  
assault.

Benjamin Elmer Mahan,  
29, of Craynor, illegal  
take/pursue/molest any  
deer/wild turkey/elk.

Robert B. Carter, 53, of  
Banner, illegal  
take/pursue/molest any  
deer/wild turkey/elk.

Johnny D. Adkins, 43, of  
Martin, terroristic threatening.

Timothy L. Marsillett, 40,  
of Prestonsburg, alcohol intox-  
ication, public place.

Gary L. Adams, 32, of  
Mealy, possession controlled  
substance; controlled sub-  
stance prescription not in orig-  
inal container; use/possess  
drug paraphernalia.

Latonia Hope Atwood, 27,  
of Campbellsville, disorderly  
conduct.

Jeremy Paul Kilburn, 26, of  
Dwale, theft by unlawful tak-  
ing.

Michael Pope, 33, of  
Louisa, alcohol intoxication,  
public place.

Kevin Keathley, 23, of  
Galveston, possession con-  
trolled substance/unspecified;  
controlled substance prescrip-  
tion not in original container.

Terry Ray Howard, 45, of  
Garrett, terroristic threatening  
(two counts); criminal mis-  
chief (two counts).

Malen Mitchell, 33, of Hi  
Hat, harassment.

Roger P. Holbrook, 70, of  
Prestonsburg, terroristic  
threatening.

Jonathan Newsome, 31, of  
Craynor, illegal  
take/pursue/molest any  
deer/wild turkey/elk.

Jessica Blevins Kidd, 27, of  
Tram, assault.

Wilfredo Dmingus, 21, of  
Martin, menacing; assault.

Angela Rigdon, 24, of  
Wheelwright, fugitive from  
another state.

Joshua Miller, 23, of  
Prestonsburg, burglary; crimi-  
nal mischief.

Benjamin Akers, 23, of  
Harold, theft by unlawful tak-  
ing.

Chris Akers, 40, of David,  
flagrant non-support.

Brian Thomas Shepherd,  
24, of Prestonsburg, operating  
motor vehicle under influence  
of alcohol/drugs; carrying  
concealed deadly weapon; driv-  
ing DUI on suspended  
license.

Karen Crum, age not listed,  
of Prestonsburg, theft by  
deception/cold checks.

John Allen Boyd, 29, of  
Emma, custodial interference.

### Property Transfers

Donnie and Tammy Bartley  
to Donald Nelson; Location  
undisclosed.

Bluefield Timber LLC to  
Appalachian Forests LLC;  
Location undisclosed.

Charles and Sara Butcher,  
David, Gaye, Julian, and  
Vicky Cooley to Mike and  
Deborah Conn; Prestonsburg.

Cecil Hatton Revocable  
trust, and Cecil Hatton Trustee  
to David and Lois May; BP  
Friend Addition.

Judelle Conley Trustee,  
United Credit Share Trust, and  
Danise White Trustee to Hollie  
and Judelle Conley, Melanie  
Warfield, and Danise White;  
Location undisclosed.

Doris and Nancy DeLong to  
Donnie and Jamie Stephens,  
Left Fork of Middle Creek.

Wendy Gibson to Lanny  
Gibson; Location undisclosed.

Angela and Kenneth  
Hamilton to Kenneth  
Hamilton; Location undis-  
closed.

Curtis and Tyler Holbrook  
to Equitable Production

Company, Mouth of Wilson  
Creek.

Bill and Stella Hyden to  
Larry Collins; Location undis-  
closed.

Tonya Johnson to Andrew  
Beat; Eagle Trace Subdivision.  
Glenn Leggett to Debra  
Leggett; Location undisclosed.

Dorothy Marshall to Krinda  
Bailey and Donnie Flannery;  
Bucks Branch.

Bonnie and William May to  
Michella May; Mayo  
Subdivision.

Duard and Kathleen Meade  
to Lonie and Patty Meade;  
Parsons Branch.

Judy and Rufus Moore to  
Christopher and Sabrina  
Swerlein; Location undis-  
closed.

Donald Nelson to Donnie  
and Tammy Bartley; Location  
undisclosed.

Angela and Vernon Porter  
to Angela and Robert Little;  
Caney Fork of Middle Creek.

Norma Sammons to  
Equitable Production; Mouth  
of Wilson Creek.

Tiffany Scott to Tiffany  
Scott; Harold.

Edgar and Joy Shepherd to  
Blake and Rebecca Burchett;  
Crestwood Subdivision.

Elmer and Gracie Tackett to  
Elmer and Gracie Tackett;  
Laynesville.

Clyde and Susan Tatum to  
Emma Pigman; Bucks Branch  
near Martin.

Eddie and Mary Webb to  
Ruth Pennington; Location  
undisclosed.

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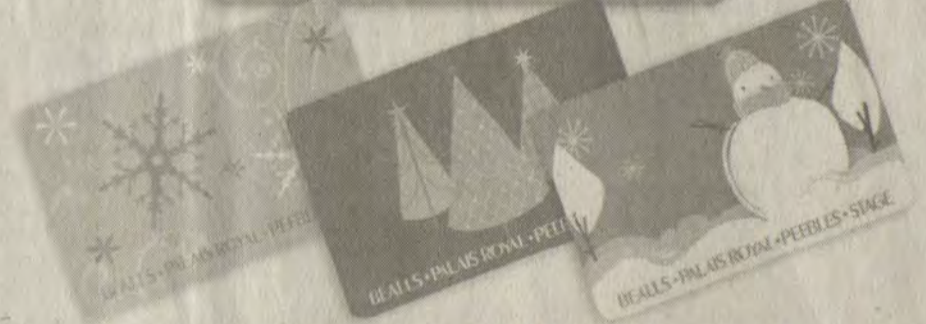
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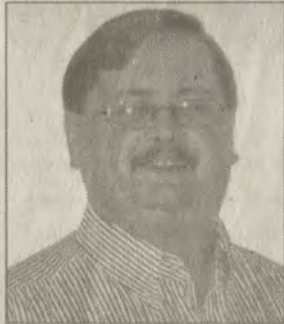
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# Healthy Holiday Tips

## Managing the Stress of the season

The holidays are a time of joy and  
celebration. While it's normal to feel a  
little overwhelmed this time of the  
year, these tips can help make the  
holidays less stressful.

- Plan ahead. Get organized as far in advance as you can.  
List the things you want to accomplish and prioritize them.
- Set realistic goals. Rather than trying to do everything on  
your own, ask family and friends for help.
- Do something for someone else.  
Helping others can help you feel better.

ARH FOUNDATION  
For Healthier Communities

**ARH**  
[www.arh.org](http://www.arh.org)

Source: Mental Health America





# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Before God we are all equally wise — and equally foolish."

— Albert Einstein

## Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

## Guest View

### Editorial roundup

*The Northwest Herald, Crystal Lake, Ill., on the future of the Republican Party:*

So far, 23 Congressional Republicans — six in the Senate and 17 House members — have announced their retirement. This week, Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., called it quits. Closer to home, former House Speaker Dennis Hastert has resigned, triggering the need for a special election to fill the remainder of his term. Lott did not offer much explanation for his choice, other than he wanted to pursue work in the private sector. Hastert, too, has remained mum on his reasons for leaving.

This wave of departures will greatly dim any Republican hopes of recapturing the House or the Senate next fall. Add in the fact that Democrats have been raising more money than Republicans and 2008 is starting to look like a grim year for the Grand Old Party.

We would like to believe otherwise, but it is beginning to appear that Republicans have a fairly large contingent of either sore losers or plain old quitters. ...

Democracy works best when different points of view are fought for, vigorously, and the result is a compromise that all sides can live with. Democracy is not about getting your way 100 percent of the time. The minority should play a very significant role.

It's too bad that some Republicans apparently don't see it that way. Then again, it probably is time for some new ideas, new energy and new blood in Washington.

*The Daily Independent, Ashland, on a smoking ban near hospitals:*

Lexington-area hospitals have joined in an alliance to ban all smoking on their property. In taking that step, the hospitals should realize that prohibiting smoking on their property could lead to problems on nearby property. That's the lesson Ashland has learned from King's Daughters Medical Center's total smoking ban.

Four Lexington hospitals — Central Baptist Hospital, St. Joseph Healthcare, UK HealthCare Albert B. Chandler Hospital and UK HealthCare Good Samaritan — have joined hospitals in Paris, Versailles, Maysville and Georgetown to form the Tobacco-free Healthcare Collaborative.

Smoking already is prohibited inside the hospitals, but in joining the alliance, the hospitals all agree to end all smoking on their property, eliminating designated smoking areas, by Nov. 20, 2008. ...

... As a result (of the ban at King's Daughters Medical Center) smokers have become a major source of litter in (Central Park), and they also have been something of a nuisance for residents near KDMC.

The smoking ban at hospitals in central Kentucky will cause the same sort of problems. In the months leading up to the total ban, the hospitals would be wise to develop a plan for handling those related problems. That's part of their responsibility for instituting a policy that causes problems for others.

*Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal, on the death penalty:*

Ohio must suspend its death penalty. So the American Bar Association rightly counseled in late September, issuing a 495-page report, 30 months in the works, on the way Ohio conducts capital punishment. ...

It focused on the proposition: Does Ohio do all it can "to ensure a fair and accurate system for every person who faces the death penalty"?

That is the necessary standard. Commit an error, execute an innocent person, and there is no turning back, no making amends, no chance for the state to compensate the defendant for its enormous mistake. The state faces the catastrophe of engaging in its own version of murder. ...

In 1991, then-Gov. Richard Celeste commuted the death sentences of eight prisoners. Many howled in response. The truly infuriating aspect is that all these years later, Ohio has done so little to address the Celeste concerns, concerns that have become more evident, that now have been exposed in full by the panel of the American Bar Association. The opportunity is there, and it is not about serving somehow the monsters among us. It is about our shared aspiration to see the state act justly and fairly in our name.



## Guest column

### House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Doubling the number of college graduates in Kentucky to 800,000 by 2020 is just as difficult as it sounds.

For years the state's Council on Postsecondary Education has focused on the seemingly rational strategy of increasing enrollment at the state's colleges and universities, retaining those students and seeing them through graduation to help the state reach the 2020 goal set by the 1997 General Assembly. Yet rational though it may be, the strategy has holes.

The fact that significant enrollment increases since the goal was set in 1997 have not translated into higher retention and graduation rates is probably the most gaping hole of all. One-year retention rates for first-time freshman at Kentucky's public institutions and graduation rates for first-time, full-time students completing a bachelor's degree within six years of beginning college only increased by 1 percent between 1992 and 2006, according to a National Report Card issued by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, even though nearly 70,000 more students are enrolled in those colleges and universities today than in 1997. To meet the 2020 goal, the Council knows these holes have to be patched up.

Doubling the numbers, as the Council likes to say, by meeting the 2020 goal is more than an arbitrary deadline set by state lawmakers. It has real life implications for every Kentuckian, since studies show that increased education attainment

among a state's residents help improve state and local economies. This was made clear in a 2002 report by the California-based economic think tank the Milken Institute, which concluded that the single greatest factor to explain per capita income disparities among the states is the percentage of college graduates per state. By encouraging residents to finish their higher education, states not only help newly-degreed residents increase their personal income but improve the quality of life for all their citizens.

Our region has some work to do in this area. The percentage of residents in Johnson, Martin, Floyd and Pike counties with a bachelor's degree or above ranges between 9 to 9.9 percent, or eight to nine points behind the statewide percentage of 17.1 percent. If we are going to help the state increase its number of degree holders to the national average of 32 percent by 2020, we must increase the number of degree holders from our area.

We will not have to do anything without the state's help, however. The Council has a new strategy to meet the 2020 goal. By focusing less on enrollment and more on degree production and statewide priorities—including tuition affordability—the Council hopes Kentucky can catch up with other states in both the number of college graduates and per capita income.

Interim Council president Brad Cowgill told state lawmakers on the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue on Nov. 19 that lawmakers will have to significantly increase their budget support of postsecondary education and support new funding initiatives proposed by the council to make the strategy work. Those initiatives include:

■ A Double the Numbers Degree Fund to solve the state's retention and graduation problems. The fund will financially reward schools for producing more degrees, with additional reward for degrees in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), community and technical college system transfers, minority students and development education students. Lawmakers are being asked to provide \$20 million in the next budget cycle for this program.

■ A developmental education fund to serve underprepared students and improve teacher development. The Council has requested a total of \$10.3 million for this fund over the next biennium.

■ A Statewide Priorities Fund, which would use \$25 million in the next budget cycle to target specific statewide needs, including workforce development, STEM, graduate education, academic quality, research and support and access for nontraditional students (older students returning to college to finish their degree).

Other funding requests made by the Council include an additional \$200 million in funding for the state's Bucks for Brains research endowment fund, additional funding for the community and technical college system and \$800 million in state bonds to improve existing building and construct new facilities at public colleges and universities.

Funding all these initiatives at the level requested would be a considerable challenge for the state, but a majority of lawmakers agree with the Council that a new strategy is needed to meet the 2020 goal. We will be very receptive in the upcoming 2008 session to these requests as we explore how to make our regions and the Commonwealth a better place to live.

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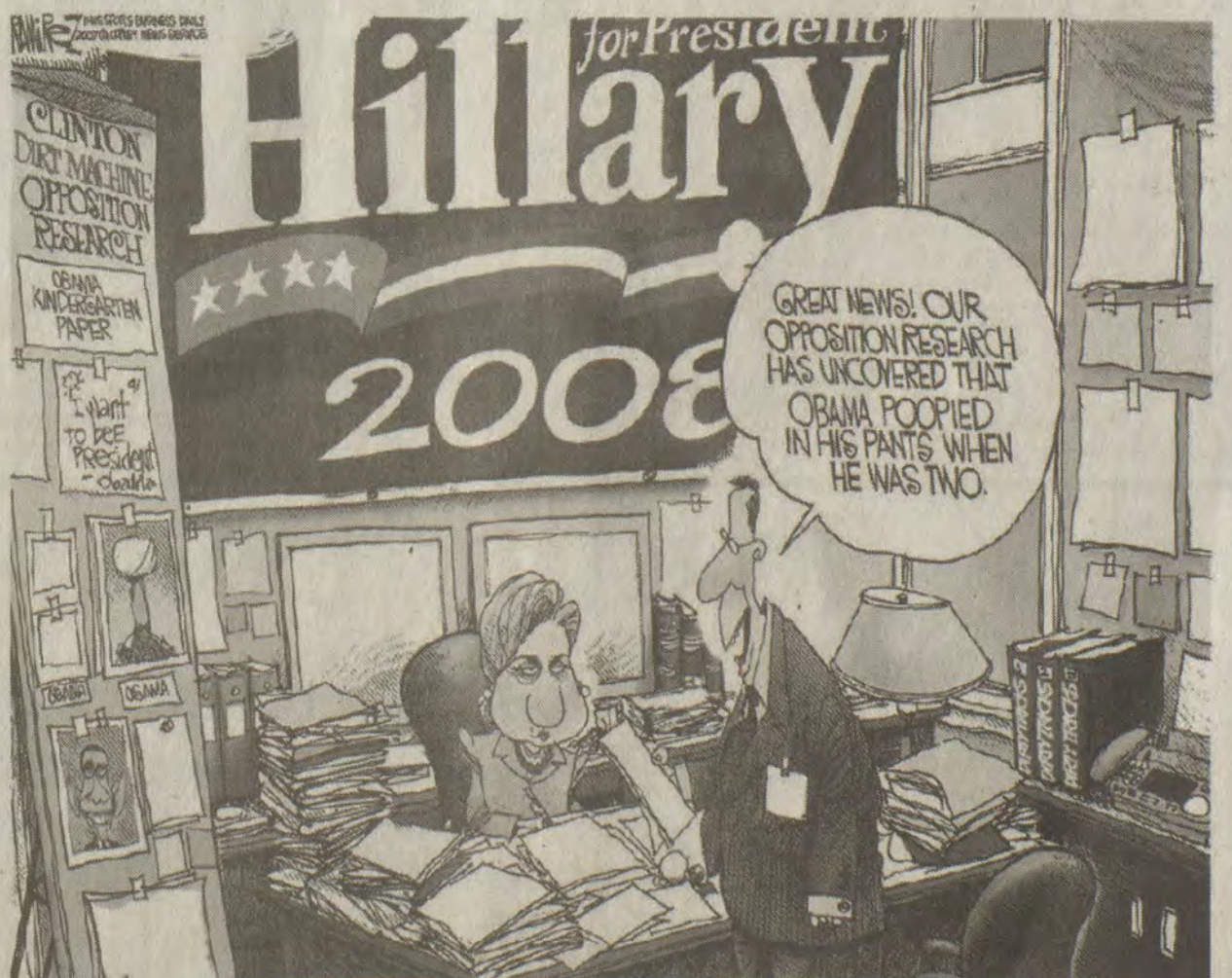
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# Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
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Four efforts hit the shelves this week that are more than worth your time and include an excellent HBO series and one trilogy-ending blockbuster.

■ "Pirates of the Caribbean 3: At World's End" — Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley return for the last installment in the adventure series that was much better than it had any right to be, considering it was based on a tourist attraction. All questions are answered in this final installment, which doesn't skimp on the action or length (clocking in at a breakneck 168 minutes). You finally get to see how Jack Sparrow escaped from that Kraken and there are plenty of high-caliber guest stars which include Geoffrey Rush, Stellan Skarsgaard and Chow Yun-Fat.

■ "Superbad" — Actor/writer Seth Rogen ("Knocked Up") co-wrote and costars in this raucous teen comedy which could be termed "Knocked Up: The High School Years." The film focuses on two not-so-popular boys who are disappointed when their plans for hosting a big party go belly up. They opt to make the most of it and have a spirited romp that offers up plenty of vulgar humor that men will find especially appealing. The characters are well written and sharply observed by Jonah Hill and Michael Cera, but they are somewhat upstaged by a character named Fogell (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) who is an uber-nerd laboring under the delusion that he is super cool. This one mines its comedy from the characters and resists awkward plot devices and strained situations.

■ "The Nanny Diaries" — A popular teen fiction series gets its first film

with this well thought out account of a college graduate who takes a nanny job with an upper crust family living in Manhattan's fashionable East Side. The film earns extra points for making the snob characters more than caricatures and there is also an engaging performance by Scarlett Johansson, as well as a nice cameo from Paul Giamatti. Worth a look for the PG-13 crowd.

■ "The Wire: Season 4" — HBO's gritty crime series returned last year with these 13 episodes which took the drama in another direction by focusing on the drug problem in Baltimore's inner city schools. The strength of this series has always been its unflinching examination of people on all sides of the drug issue and that approach is only bolstered by the addition of four adolescent actors portraying young men who are drawn to dealing on street cor-

ners due to diverse influences, which include peer pressure, parental pressure (believe it or not, one mother encourages her son to sell drugs) and economic need. The returning cast of breakout performers includes Dominic West ("300"), Wendal Pierce (as a sharp detective losing a bout with the bottle), Michael K. Williams (as the charismatic but deadly Omar, who preys on dealers like an urban Robin Hood) and Jim True-Frost in a stunning turn as a disgraced cop who finds he has more to offer as an inner city teacher. Season 5 is due in 2008 and it will be the last one, so check out this series which HBO has kept producing despite the fact that it was a ratings loser.

Next week its invasion of the sequels with the arrival of "The Bourne Ultimatum" and "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix."

## Dance Etc. and the MAC complete 10th annual run of 'The Nutcracker' ballet



PRESTONSBURG — Dance Etc. and the Mountain Arts Center continued their holiday tradition this past week as they presented the 10th annual production of "The Nutcracker."

Over 250 dancers from Dance Etc. Studio of Dance participated in this year's production. The dancers presented six performances of the classic holiday ballet, including three sold-out matinee performances for local schools. The dancers performed for over 5,000 spec-

tators throughout the week.

On opening night, Dance Etc. owner and show director Jody Shepherd, along with her assistant director, Jennifer Smith, commemorated the 10th anniversary by bringing on stage and recognizing the 10 dancers who have played the lead role of "Clara" over the years.

Shepherd said it takes all of the dancers to make a successful show but she thought that by recognizing the young ladies who had played the lead role it was a way to see how the dancers had grown. Shepherd said that the most amazing part was that out of the 10 dancers, nine of them still participated in her dance classes and were part of "The Nutcracker" cast this year.

Originally "The Nutcracker" was planned as a biennial production, but the students fell in love with the show. They look

forward to it every year and by the time they are in high school, many of them have played most of the roles in the production Shepherd said.

This year's show was also marked by some beautiful new costumes courtesy of costume designer Jenny Robinson. All of the children in the party scene had new costumes made by Robinson. Shepherd said the party scene costumes were very authentic and rivaled many worn by professional ballet companies. Robinson also made many other new costumes and accessories.

Dance Etc. and the Mountain Arts Center were very excited to have completed another successful run of the Show. Now after a short holiday break the dancers will begin preparing for their annual spring production, which they will present at the MAC on June 7.

## Group warns parents about video game sex, violence as holiday shopping season is in full swing

by ANDREW MIGA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Graphic scenes of gunshot victims spurting blood and a man urinating into a prisoner's cell are included among the 10 video games that a media watchdog group warns should be avoided by kids and teens under 17.

With the holiday shopping season in full swing, the National Institute on Media and the Family presented its 12th annual video game report card Tuesday to help parents decide what games are appropriate for their children.

"There's an endless stream of new games that will never be suitable for children," said Rep. Betty McCollum, D-Minn., who joined institute officials and other lawmakers at a news conference.

Efforts to protect children from the dangers posed by excessively violent video games have not kept pace with growth of the video game industry, the institute said.

Institute officials cited "growing complacency" among game retailers, parents and the gaming industry on video game ratings.

"Unfortunately, we're seeing some steps backwards," said institute president David Walsh.

Walsh said fewer retailers, for example, are participating in efforts to educate their customers and employers about the video game ratings.

The institute, a media watchdog group, cited figures showing that nearly half of kids between 8 and 12 have played M-rated games intended for those 17 and over.

But the industry's Entertainment Software Rating Board, which assigns game ratings, defended the effectiveness of its program.

"At a time of year when parents are looking for helpful guidance about video games, this year's report card does little more than sow unwarranted doubt about effective tools like ESRB ratings," said ESRB president Patricia Vance.

Vance said a recent Federal Trade Commission report called the ESRB rating system useful and informative for parents.

The institute showed gory scenes of sword, gun and knife violence from several video games. A scene from "Assassin's Creed" depicts an attacker plunging a knife into his victim's back several times. A man in "Manhunt 2" taunts a prisoner by urinating into the man's cell. A fallen victim's body is riddled with

gunfire as blood spurts across the screen in "The Darkness."

The group's list of 10 "games to avoid," all M-rated, are in the video game report card on its Web site, <http://www.mediafamily.org>, along with a list of recommended games for kids and teens.

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**LEGALS**

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Permit No. 860-5300**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for Phase 2 bond release on permit number 860-5300, which was last issued on 11/28/06. The application covers an area of approximately 20.14 acres, located 2.2 miles south of Lackey, in Knott and Floyd Counties.

The permit area is approximately 0.6 mile southeast from KY Route 550's junction with Triplett Branch Road, and located on Triplett Branch of Jones Fork. The latitude is 37°26'37". The longitude is 82°50'05". The bond now in effect for this permit is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$40,300.00. Approximately \$23,475.00 of the bond amount is included in the application for release.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2, Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 28, 2008. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 29, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., or soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 28, 2008.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

1. In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal LLC, 433 Daniels Creek Road, P.O. Box 990, Allen, KY 41601, has applied for

Phase 1 Bond Release on Permit Number 836-0319, which was last issued on 4/17/07. The application covers an area of approximately 639.97 acres, located 1 mile southeast of Weeksbury in Pike and Floyd Counties.

2. The permit area is approximately 1 mile southeast from Kentucky Route 466's junction with Caleb Fork County Road, and is located on Pine Fork of Caleb Fork, in Floyd County, and Abel Tackett Fork of Long Fork, in Pike County. The latitude is 37 degrees 19 minutes 09 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 41 minutes 01 seconds.

3. The bond now in effect for permit number 836-0319 are surety bonds for:

- Increment No. 1, \$59,700.00
- Increment No. 2, \$536,800.00
- Increment No. 3, \$96,700.00
- Increment No. 4, \$289,100.00
- Increment No. 5, \$297,700.00
- Increment No. 6, \$443,100.00
- Increment No. 7, \$544,700.00 and \$76,000.00
- Increment No. 8, \$52,500.00

Approximately 60% of the original bond amount is included in the application for release.

4. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed in April 2005. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species, and provide appropriate

conditions for the surrounding wildlife.

5. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by January 22, 2008.

6. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 23, 2008, at 10:00 a.m./p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the Pikeville Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing on informal conference is received by January 22, 2008.

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**CITY OF PRESTONSBURG ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

The City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids on financing in the amount of \$76,158.00. For specifications concerning the loan, please contact Yvette Stephens at (606) 886-2335, ext. 18. Bids will be due no later than 4:00 p.m., on Monday, December 10, 2007. The City of Prestonsburg has the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids.

**FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE 06-013 Amendment No. 1**

**AN ORDINANCE** relating to the Retail Sale of Distilled Spirits in Restaurant—Hotels/Motels in Floyd County, Kentucky, and amendment thereof; Whereas the Ordinance 03-003 states the hours of operation for business daily is 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m., prevailing time, and shall have their last call for drinks at 11:30 a.m. So, therefore, the Court needs to extend the hours of operation and the last call for distilled spirits. **Be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of the County of Floyd, Commonwealth of Kentucky:** The Sale of Distilled Spirits, Hours is amended to: **HOURS** Premises licensed under this chapter may remain open for business daily from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m., prevailing time, and shall have their last call for drinks at 1:30 a.m., except that no sale of distilled spirits by the drink may be made from 2:00 a.m., on Sunday, until 9:00 a.m., on Monday, and said licensed premises shall not sell any alcoholic beverages on Christmas Day (December 25), nor on any election day during the time when the polls are open. All persons except for employees, agents, or licensees shall be off the premises no later than one hour after the close of sales. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_



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**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.  
In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.  
New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

**BAPTIST**

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.  
Auxiliary Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.  
Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church, Mousay Ky; Worship Service, 9:30; Every third Sat. and Sun. of each month; Roger Hicks, Pastor, Ralph Howard, Asst. Pastor. Contact Kamit Newsome 606-377-6881 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chad Blair, Pastor.**

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

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

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

**Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.**

**Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.**

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

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

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

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

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

**Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.**

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

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

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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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**CATHOLIC**

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

**CHRISTIAN**

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

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

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

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

Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Willie E. Meade, Minister.

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

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

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

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

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

Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley; Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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

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

**CHURCH OF GOD**

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EPISCOPAL**

St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

**LUTHERAN**

Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bentrup, Minister.

**METHODIST**

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

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

Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lamaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolido, Minister.

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.

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

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

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Church Service, 9:15; Sabbath School, 10:45; John Baker, Pastor, 358-9263; Church, 886-3459, leave message. Everyone welcome!

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Sacramento Mtg., Sunday School, 11:20 a.m.; Relief Society/Preisthood/Primary, 12:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; Ken Carriere, Bishop.

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## MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Bears enter NAIA Top 25

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — On the afternoon it scrimmaged the University of Kentucky, Pikeville College got a mention in the NAIA Div. I men's basketball poll.

One single, solitary mention.

Of the 18 teams to get votes but not make the Top 25, none got fewer points than Pikeville. There were the Bears, along with Langston, Okla., University, each getting one vote for the poll.

Now, however, some five weeks later, things have changed for Kelly Wells' Bears. And when the first regular-season rating was released Wednesday afternoon, the Bears were included on enough of the 11 ballots to make the poll at No. 25.

"I'm very pleased for these young men

who have come in and worked so hard this fall," said Wells. "We like this team and where we are right now, and we're very appreciative to be in the Top 25."

Pikeville is 8-2 on the season and has won five straight games. The Bears are led by junior William Harris and senior Jeff Ferguson, who average 15.2 points per game. Junior Ewan Linton follows at 14.1 points per game.

The trio also leads the Bears on the glass. Linton averages 8.0 per game, with Harris at 6.7 and Ferguson at 6.0. The Bears are sixth nationally in rebounding margin, winning the battle of the boards by 12.0 rebounds per game.

Junior Haakim Johnson is also in double figures at 13.3 per game.

The Bears are in the top four nationally in

four different categories, including steals at 14.6 per game. That is thanks in large part to the play of junior guard Xavier Yates, whose 3.4 thefts per game is third in the country.

Pikeville is one of three Mid-South Conference teams in the current poll. Georgetown College picked up one first-place vote and is tied for No. 2 with Concordia (Calif.) University being top-ranked Mountain State. The Tigers are the only team in the poll with double digit wins at 10-0.

Campbellsville, preseason No. 11, is now sixth with a 9-2 record. Included in their record is wins over preseason Nos. 4 and 15, Faulkner (Ala.) University and Oklahoma Baptist University, in the Lou Cunningham Classic.

OBU fell to fourth in the poll while LSU-

Shreveport is fifth. Campbellsville is followed by Trevecca Nazarene (Tenn.), Robert Morris (Ill.), Lee (Tenn.) and Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.) in the top 10.

Other teams of note include Oklahoma City, the preseason No. 1, which is now 12th, and Lambuth University, a member of the Mid-South in football only, which is 13th.

One other Mid-South school received votes in the poll. Lindsey Wilson College, which is 6-4 on the season, got nine points and checks in 35th nationally.

The second regular-season poll will be released Wednesday, Dec. 12. After that, the NAIA will not release a rating until Jan. 9.

Many NAIA teams, including Pikeville, won't face a heavy schedule during the late-December-early-January timeframe.

## Angry Red returns to carpet

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

LOUISVILLE — This afternoon, half of Belfry will be in our Commonwealth's biggest city.

This afternoon, Philip Haywood will pull his tie snug, put on his sport coat — unless it's too cold, then he'll don something a little warmer — and walk out into the middle of Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

This afternoon, fans of high school football the state over will get to see the game they've waited for, the one they predicted back in August. This afternoon, it'll be Belfry on one sideline and Central on the other.



Rick Bentley

And this afternoon, the 2007 Belfry Pirates will try to hand Coach Haywood his third state football championship in the last five years.

How odd it has been, this last five-year span. Haywood coached for several years at Prestonsburg, barely sniffing the state finals. In his first two seasons at Belfry, he made it to the championship game, only to come up short.

The latter of those came in 1985.

Remember where you were in December 1985? I sure do. I was in Pippa Passes trying to negotiate final's week for the first time in my life. I had no idea what I was doing, only that all I had to do was take those six exams and I'd be home free for six weeks.

Meanwhile, Coach Haywood and his trusty sidekick Steve Mickey were in Louisville, trying in vain to steer the Angry Red to the state title.

It didn't happen that day. Just like it hadn't the year before. As a result, Pond Creek still hadn't won a state title. Yet. It had to be imminent, right?

Right?

Think about it. Haywood had been at Belfry two years. Lost in the state finals both times. He was 2-for-2 getting there. A win had to be right around the corner, right?

Right?

Then it happened. The Drought. Oh, how many schools

(See **AGAIN**, page two)



photos courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners  
Mike Crain (11) and Pikeville College graduate Daniel Price (15) helped the Miners to a pair of wins over Atlanta.



## Miners on the road for series versus Albany

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — After winning four of its last five games, East Kentucky's professional basketball team will return to the floor Friday night in New York versus the Albany Patroons. The East Kentucky Miners, a CBA expansion team, will look to post their first road win of the season in the Empire State. A tradition-rich professional basketball franchise, Albany helped to jumpstart the career of legendary NBA coach Phil Jackson, who guided the Patroons for 4 1/2 seasons, winning the 1984 CBA Championship. Jackson has won nine NBA championships with the Bulls and Lakers. George Karl, another accomplished NBA head coach, also spent time on the Albany sidelines as head coach.

The Miners got over the .500 mark Monday with a 109-103 win over the Atlanta Krunk. East Kentucky prevailed 6-1 in the quarter points category.

"Getting over the .500 mark was

key before we head back out on the road," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "The Albany franchise has its place in professional basketball history. Albany will be ready to play."

Amal McCaskill scored a game-high 37 points, pulled down 14 rebounds and handed out six assists Wednesday night as Albany defeated Atlanta 120-111. Behind McCaskill's effort, Albany won the quarter points 4.5-2.5 and improved to 3-3.

Nat Burton added 29 points for the Patroons in the win over Atlanta.

Albany is under the guidance of head coach Vincent Askew, a former standout player for the Patroons. Askew, a 6-5 guard/forward from Memphis State University, was selected by the Philadelphia 76ers in the 2nd round (39th overall) of the 1987 NBA Draft. He went on to play in nine NBA seasons for eight different teams. While in the NBA, Askew played for coaching greats such as Karl, Larry Brown and Mike Dunleavy.

The Albany franchise has produced an NBA player in the past year. Jamario Moon, the reigning CBA Defensive Player of the Year and an All-CBA First Team honoree last season, now stars for the NBA's Toronto Raptors.

Keathley and Moon developed a relationship when the Miners head coach guided the ABA's Kentucky Colonels and Moon played for the Louisville-based team.

The latest edition of the Albany pro basketball team has won two of its last three games.

Tip-off for Friday's East Kentucky-Albany game is set for 7:35 p.m. at the Washington Avenue Armory. The two teams will meet again at the same time at the same venue Saturday.

After taking on Albany in a pair of away contests, East Kentucky will return home to host Minot Monday night. Tip-off for the East Kentucky-Minot game is slated for 7:05 p.m. and tickets remain available. For ticket information, contact the Miners office at 606/437-9715.

## Valley boys, girls favored in All 'A'

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — Shelby Valley's boys' and girls' basketball teams are the preseason favorites to win 15th Region All "A" Classic championships. The Valley teams are headed back into the 15th Region small school tournament following a one-year hiatus.

The Paintsville boys' and girls' basketball teams — defending champi-

ons — are touted to finish runner-up.

Other 15th Region All "A" teams are Paintsville, Pikeville, South Floyd, Piarist School, Phelps, Allen Central and Betsy Layne.

In the boys' preseason 15th Region All "A" Classic poll, Valley is picked first ahead of Paintsville (2), Pikeville (3), Betsy Layne (4) and Allen Central (5).

The Valley girls are tabbed ahead of Paintsville (2), Betsy Layne (3), Phelps (4) and Pikeville (5).

A breakdown of the 15th Region All "A" Classic preseason player rankings follows.

Boys — 1. Landon Slone, Paintsville; 2. Jacob Bryant, Shelby Valley; 3. Ashley Hatfield, Shelby Valley; 4. Matt Clevenger, Pikeville; 5. Brennan Case, Betsy Layne.

Girls — 1. Sally Roberts, Shelby Valley; 2. Jasmine Hall, Phelps; 3. Kaitlin Lawson, Betsy Layne; 4. Jessika Russell, Paintsville; 5. Sara Davis, Pikeville.

## Tigers topple Betsy Layne, 104-37

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — After beating Buckhorn and giving head coach Brian Hall his first win, Betsy Layne fell hard on the road Tuesday night versus highly-touted Paintsville. The homestanding Tigers jumped out to a 25-9 lead in the opening quarter and coasted past the Bobcats. Paintsville held Betsy Layne to nine or fewer points in each of the first three quarters en route to a sound 104-37 victory.

Paintsville outscored Betsy Layne by 14 points in each of the first two quarters.

Landon Slone paced Paintsville with 24 points and seven rebounds. Shane Grimm followed with 21 points and eight rebounds for the Tigers.

Thirteen different Paintsville players broke into the scoring column. Blake Bundy scored 13 points and Daniel Meade added 12 for the Tigers.

Jeremy Pack scored nine points and Justin Murray, a transfer from crosstown rival Johnson Central, contributed eight.

Paintsville led 49-11 at halftime and owned the third quarter, outscoring the Bobcats 32-9.

No Betsy Layne player reached double figures in the scoring column. Josh Head and Bryce Adkins led Betsy Layne with seven points apiece.

PAINTSVILLE 104, BETSY LAYNE 37

BETSY LAYNE (1-3)—Case 2, Keathley 2, Lafferty 6, Head 7, McKay 1, Tibbs 3, B. Adkins 7, Newman 4, C. Adkins 2,

Maldonado 1, Martin 2.

PAINTSVILLE (2-0) — Slone 24, VanHoose 2, Bundy 13, Grimm 21, Murray 8, Meade 12, Pack 9, Reynolds 2, Deaton 2, Witten 2, Caldwell 2, Spencer 3, Jackson 3, Betsy Layne...5 6 9 17-37  
Paintsville...29 20 32 23-104

BETSY LAYNE BOB-CATS—Today: Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 10 Riverside Christian, 7:45 p.m.; Dec. 11 at Phelps, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 13 at Piarist School, 7 p.m.; Dec. 18 Prestonsburg, 6 p.m.

PAINTSVILLE TIGERS—Today: Lawrence County, 6 p.m.; Dec. 13 Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 15 South Charleston, W.Va. (Kentucky Farm Bureau Classic at Pikeville).



SHAG CAMPBELL TOURNAMENT: Adams defeated South Floyd for third-place in the Shag Campbell Tournament. A complete recap of the tournament will appear in Sunday's edition.

## Yantz named Battle of the Bluegrass Series Director

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts has announced the naming of a new Series Director for the 2008 season. Series CEO Tom McConnell has named Larry Yantz, a seasoned veteran in dirt track racing, the new Series Director.

"We are very excited to bring Larry Yantz on board with the Battle of the Bluegrass Series," McConnell said in a recent interview. "His years of experience within the dirt racing circuit will allow the Series to branch out and to reach new heights."

Yantz has been involved in racing since the late 1960s on various levels. Yantz began his long dirt racing career as a driver in 1967 and by the 1980s had become a team owner. During the mid-2000s Yantz became track owner and promoter of the Ponderosa Speedway in Junction City.

(See **BLUEGRASS**, page two)

## Rebs turn back Pike Central

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Host Allen Central outscored Pike Central in three of four quarters Tuesday night and defeated the Hawks 77-63 in an early regular-season matchup that pitted two familiar 15th Region foes against each other.

Allen Central outscored Pike Central 22-18 in the opening quarter and carried a 43-28 lead into halftime.

Pike Central gained some momentum in the third quarter, outscoring the Rebels 18-11. The Hawks, however, failed to keep the momentum rolling.

After going on a 10-3 run in the third quarter and deadlocking the game at 48-48, Pike Central faltered.

Allen Central led 52-50 with just under two minutes remaining in the third quarter when junior Josh Prater and Pike Central's Matt Adkins were caught up in a heated possession. Both Prater and Adkins were ejected from the game.

Allen Central went on to finish strong, outscoring Pike Central 23-13 in the final quarter.

Aaron Crum paced Allen Central with a game-high 29 points.

Logan Crowder also reached double figures scoring for the Rebels, finishing with 16 points. Clinton Turner tossed in nine points and Alex Hammonds added eight in Allen Central's winning effort.

Prater and Robbie Cole rounded out the Allen Central scoring with five and two points, respectively.

Michael Boyd Thompson led Pike Central with a team-best 17 points. Joe Nichols followed with 14 points for the Hawks. Tyler Hamilton netted 11 points and Adkins scored 10 prior to his ejection.

(See **REBS**, page two)



# Tim Tebow emerges as frontrunner for Heisman

by RALPH D. RUSSO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A Heisman Trophy race that once seemed so muddled has been dwindled to four contenders and even has a favorite.

Florida quarterback Tim Tebow, trying to become the first sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy, has emerged as a front-runner among the finalists who will be in New York on Saturday night vying for the award given to the top player in college football.

Arkansas running back Darren McFadden, the runner-up for last year's Heisman, Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel and Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan were the other finalists selected Wednesday.

"I think it's a good race," Brennan said at a news conference in Honolulu. "I think anybody can win it."

The Heisman race took a while to develop this season and seemed wide open until the last month when Tebow, McFadden and Daniel emerged as front-runners.

Since the first Heisman was given to Chicago's Jay Berwanger in 1935, all 70 players who have won college football's most prestigious award have been juniors or seniors.

Tebow has a good shot to break that trend. After helping the Gators win a national championship last season as a freshman, 235-pound dual-threat quarterback ran for 838 yards and a Southeastern Conference-record 22 touchdowns in his first year as a starter.

He's also the nation's second-leading passer, having completed 68 percent of his throws for 3,132 yards, with 29 touchdowns and six interceptions.

Tebow's already pulled off one college football first, becoming the first major college player to run for 20 touchdowns and throw 20 TD passes in the same season.

One thing Tebow has never done is visit New York. He plans to have his parents and some of his siblings along for the trip.

"I'm looking forward to seeing all of it, Central Park, the Christmas tree (in Rockefeller Center), Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, everything," Tebow said. "It's going to be cool, just walking the blocks. I've never been to a city like that."

McFadden was one of the preseason favorites after finishing second to Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith last year. His candidacy lagged with a mediocre October, but he gave himself a boost with a spectacular November. In the final month of the season, McFadden tied the SEC record with 321

yards rushing against South Carolina, and ran for 206 yards and three TDs and also threw a touchdown pass to lead the Razorbacks to a 50-48 triple overtime victory over then-No. 1 LSU.

Daniel was one of six quarterbacks to reach 4,000 yards passing this season. He threw for 4,170 yards and 33 TDs to get the surprising Tigers within a victory of reaching the BCS national championship game.

"This shines a huge light, a shining light, on the University of Missouri and the state," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said in a conference call with the Mizzou Tiger Club of St. Louis on Wednesday.

This season, Brennan led Hawaii (12-0) to the only perfect regular season in major college football and its first Bowl Championship Series appearance, but his numbers were down from last year because he lost time to injuries.

In the Warriors' run-and-shoot offense, Brennan passed for 4,174 yards and 38 touchdowns. He also set the major college record for career touchdown passes with 131.

"It's a great feeling because it's not like I'm the only one getting rewarded here. It's everybody who played with me getting rewarded," Brennan said.

The Heisman finalists are the top vote-getters in balloting by media members and former players.

McFadden and Brennan were among the players who received plenty of preseason Heisman hype, along with Southern California quarterback John David Booty, Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm, Rutgers running back Ray Rice and Michigan running back Mike Hart.

Booty missed time with injuries and never made a serious run. Injuries also held back Hart. Brohm and Rice had big numbers, but their teams slumped.

Midway through the season, Tebow and Oregon quarterback Dennis Dixon started separating themselves from the pack. A knee injury ended Dixon's season early and probably cost him a trip to New York for the award presentation.

Dixon and the Ducks were No. 2 in the country heading into their 10th game of the season. His left knee buckled early in a loss to Arizona, and without him the Ducks lost their final two games.

Dixon finished the season with 2,136 yards passing and 20 touchdown passes and ran for 583 yards and nine touchdowns.

AP Sports Writer Jaymes Song in Honolulu contributed.

## Bluegrass

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Now becoming the Series Director of the nation's most competitive regional racing series adds to Yantz's long repertoire of dirt racing accomplishments.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with the BoB Series," Yantz stated in a phone interview. "I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead for the Series. I am truly here for the love of the sport. I will be extremely accessible to not only the drivers, but everyone who enjoys the sport as much as I do."

The 2008 season proves to be one of the most exciting seasons yet for the nation's premier regional dirt racing series. Yantz and the rest of the Battle of the Bluegrass team plan to make many return visits to stops on the 2007 tour as well as some new tracks throughout the region. The 2008 tour and banquet information will be released soon.

For more information on the O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series, go online to [www.battleofthebluegrass.com](http://www.battleofthebluegrass.com).

# Hope named AFCA Regional Coach of the Year

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WACO, Texas — Eastern Kentucky University football head coach Danny Hope was named a 2007 NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Regional Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) today. Hope is one of six FCS coaches in the running for AFCA National Coach of the Year honors which will be announced in January.

In his fifth year at Eastern, Hope finally put this former FCS powerhouse back into prominence with an Ohio Valley Conference championship. The Colonels finished the 2007 season 9-3 overall and undefeated in league play (8-0). Eastern won all but one of its OVC games by double figures and earned its 19th conference title, most by any team. Under Hope's guidance, EKU clinched its first playoff berth since 1997. Hope was the assistant head coach at Louisville before returning to Eastern and has an

overall coaching record of 35-22 (.614).

The AFCA recognizes five regional Coach of the Year winners in each of the Association's five divisions — Football Bowl Subdivision, Football Championship Subdivision, Division II, Division III and NAIA. The winners are selected by active members of the Association who vote for coaches in their respective regions and divisions.

In the FCS division, the regional winners were Richmond's Dave Clawson and Fordham's Tom Masella (Region 1 — tie), Delaware State's Al Lavan (Region 2), EKU's Danny Hope (Region 3), Northern Iowa's Mark Farley (Region 4) and South Dakota State's John Stiegelmeier (Region 5).

The AFCA will announce its five 2007 National Coach of the Year winners at the 2008 AFCA convention in Anaheim. All head coaches who were eligible for regional honors are eligible for national honors as well.

## Rebs

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ALLEN CENTRAL 77, PIKE CENTRAL 63  
Pike Central (0-2)—Thompson 17, Nichols 14, Hamilton 11, Adkins 10, Slone 6, McCoy 3, Tackett 2.  
ALLEN CENTRAL (2-0)—Crum 29, Crowder 16, Turner 9, Hammonds 8, Prater 5, Cole 2.  
Pike Central.....18 10 18 13-63  
Allen Central.....22 21 11 23-77

SEASON-OPENER: Allen Central opened the 2007-08 season with a win Saturday, defeating Southwestern 72-66 in Somerset at the Somerset

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across the Commonwealth would give everything for a drought like that. Seven wins. Eight wins. Nine wins. But the end always came, always sooner than desired.

In 1989, the Bucs won the region and made it to the semifinals. On the coldest night I've ever spent on a football field — much colder than the one in Pineville only weeks earlier — the Pirates pushed Highlands to overtime.

And Highlands pushed back. The 1990s saw quality football on Pond Creek. The Angry Red did it all — they played Belfry Defense, Belfry Offense ... they even (gulp) passed the ball. Really. I was there. I saw it.

They did everything. Except win the region. The season always ended shy of that. Always short of Louisville.

Then came 2003. Behind a line so strong Pikeville College sank its teeth into *all of them*, behind a two-headed monster that ran through opposing defenses and stonewalled their offenses, the Red Machine headed to Louisville.

Again. Finally, again. It'd been nearly two whole decades, but they were back. Philip Haywood was here. Steve Mickey at his side. Lots of Angry, even more Red, finally reached the big Pizza Box.

And then, just as the semifinals of 1989, it went to overtime. There's nothing quite like overtime in high school football. On that night, there was nothing quite like the five minutes that preceded it. I ran from the press box as if it were on fire, chasing some writers, being chased by others.

The elevator doors flew open and we sprinted up an embankment, across some pavement, around a corner. Thank God, they played overtime that day on that end.

And when it mattered, the greatest offensive

# HONORED: MSU FB coach Ballard recognized for achievements

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University Head Football Coach Matt Ballard has been named a finalist for the 2007 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award, which honors the college football coaches who best exemplify responsibility and excellence on and off the field of play. Fans can cast a vote for Ballard to win for Division I-AA by December 15 at [www.coachoftheyear.com](http://www.coachoftheyear.com). The winner will be announced on December 29 during an ABC/ESPN special.

"More than a half-million fan votes were cast for 597 college football coaches this season, a tremendous and passionate outpouring of support from college football fans across the nation," said Greg Gordon, Liberty Mutual vice president, Consumer Marketing. "Each finalist embodies what makes this award different than any other: responsibility — not only to his own team and players, but also to his school and his community."

Ballard is MSU's all-time winningest football coach with a 14-year record of 81-70. He led the 2007 Eagles to a 7-4 mark. Over the past 12 years, the Eagles have had 10 winning seasons and 11 non-losing seasons. The Eagle head coach is also active in many, many community service projects.

Joining Coach Ballard as a finalist for Division I-AA are:

Mark Farley, University of Northern Iowa; Kevin Higgins, The Citadel; Jerry Kill, Southern Illinois University; John Stiegelmeier, South Dakota State University.

Each winner receives \$50,000 from Liberty Mutual to support his civic and charitable activities, \$20,000 in scholarship to his school's alumni association, and is recognized in the permanent Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year display at the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind.

During the initial fan-voting phase at (Sept. 6-Nov. 27), the top 25 vote-getters in each division qualified to be evaluated by an objective model designed exclusively for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award and reviewed and endorsed by the College Football Hall of Fame. The model arrived at the finalists by scoring each of these qualifying coaches in four areas: coaching excellence, sportsmanship and integrity, academic excellence, and community commitment.

Fan votes in this second phase account for 20 percent of each coach's final score, with a voting committee of college football media (25 percent) and College Football Hall of Fame coaches and players (55 percent) contributing the remainder.

The winners will be announced Dec. 29 on an ABC special presentation hosted by Hall of Fame Sportscaster Keith Jackson and Analyst Kirk Herbstreit at 5:30 p.m. The special award presentation will re-air Jan. 8, 2008, on ESPN2 at 2 p.m.



## SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



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THE ALLEN GRADE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS claimed first-place in this year's Shag Campbell Tournament.

photo by Jamie Howell



# KHSAA FOOTBALL: New faces highlight expanded state championships

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — When the Kentucky High School Athletic Association expanded from four to six classes in football this fall, it gave four more schools a chance to play in a state championship game.

That's why this year's state championships at Cardinal Stadium will have special meaning to three schools: Lone Oak, Louisville Central and Lexington Christian.

Bach is making its first appearance in the state finals and each comes equipped with its own story line.

Unbeaten Lone Oak (14-0) has record-setting quarterback Corey Robinson, Central (9-5) is the alma mater of Muhammad Ali but has never had a title shot and Lexington Christian (11-3) seeks a state championship in just its seventh season of varsity football.

"It feels awesome," Lexington Christian coach Paul Rains said. "We have come so far in such a short time, our players and football family are very excited and anxious to represent our school on such a big

stage."

Rains' fifth-ranked Eagles will take the stage first when they meet nine-time state champion and No. 2 Beechwood (12-2) in the 1A final Friday morning.

"It will be a physical game," Rains said. "Beechwood definitely has the experience and size advantage, but our guys have been beating the odds during the playoffs, and we have played some very tough opponents in the regular season to ready ourselves for this type of game."

In Class 2A, top-ranked Newport Central Catholic, which won Class A in 2005 and '06, goes for its third straight state title against fifth-ranked Fort Campbell, which has won 12 in a row. Newport Central Catholic (13-1) has five shutouts this season and only allows 9.4 points per game, while Fort Campbell (12-2) averages 39.8 points and 253.3 rushing yards per game.

Seventh-ranked Central (9-5), which played a difficult regular-season schedule, takes on top-ranked and unbeaten Belfry (14-0) in the Class 3A final. Central is led by

quarterback Leland Banks (1,704 yards, 16 TDs), while Belfry has a double-barreled ground attack of Dustin May (1,634 yards, 26 TDs) and Ivan Lee (1,287 yards, 16 TDs).

In Class 4A, third-ranked Lone Oak (14-0) meets second-ranked Lexington Catholic (12-2), which won its only state title in 2005. Lone Oak has a prolific offense, reaching the 50-point mark 11 times led by Robinson, who has thrown for 5,631 yards and a national-record 90 touchdowns passes this season (against only four interceptions). Both marks blew away the previous state records.

His top target, junior Jamarielle Brown, has tied the state record for receptions (96) and is one away from the single-season TD mark (28). Lone Oak is coached by Jack Haskins, whose Heath team lost to Ludlow 7-6 in the 1975 Class A state final.

Meanwhile, Lexington Catholic, whose only losses were to 5A finalist Fort Thomas-Highlands and 6A finalist St. Xavier, have five shutouts this season and allow just 11.9 points per opponent. Lexington

Catholic is led by quarterback Nic Ward (2,334 yards, 22 TDs) and running back Shane Israel (1,287 yards, 15 TDs).

In Class 5A, top-ranked and 16-time titlist Highlands (14-0) will battle No. 2 Bowling Green (13-1). Highlands, which trails Louisville Trinity by one in state titles won, is led by running back Josh Cooner (1,588 yards, 26 TDs).

Bowling Green, runner-up in Class 3A the last two seasons, has a balanced offensive attack triggered by quarterback Trent Steelman (2,807 yards, 24 TDs). Ironically, Bowling Green, whose only blemish this season was to Class 6A finalist Trinity, won its lone state title in 1995 when it beat Highlands.

"I expect a game between two fast and physical football teams," said Bowling Green coach Kevin Wallace, who was a Purples assistant coach in '95. "Any mistake will be magnified because of the talent that will be on the field, leading me to believe the team that makes the fewest mistakes will enhance their chance to win."

In Class 6A, two familiar foes

meet again in a battle of Louisville private school powerhouses. Top-ranked St. Xavier (14-0), an 11-time state champ, takes on No. 2 and 17-time state winner Trinity (12-2) for the third time in five years in a state championship game.

Quarterback Ben Zoeller guides a St. X offense that could get a boost from the recent return of running back Rolandan "Duce" Finch. Finch, who averages 141.8 rushing yards per game, was sidelined a little more than a month with a knee injury, but he returned in a limited role in last week's semifinal win. The Tigers have four shutouts this season and haven't allowed more than 15 points in a game.

The score-happy Shamrocks, who average 46.9 points, are led by quarterback Will Stein (3,497 yards, 52 TDs), running back Tim Phillips (1,696 yards, 27 TDs) and receiver Nate Dutton (1,386 yards, 20 TDs).

Trinity, which won five of the last six state titles in Class 4A, won the previous two state title matchups with St. X, but the Tigers won September's regular-season meeting 24-15.

# WOMEN'S: No. 1 Tennessee edges No. 4 North Carolina, 83-79

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Top-ranked Tennessee and fourth-ranked North Carolina gave women's basketball fans quite a show.

With the help of two free throws and a final basket from Alexis Hornbuckle, the defending national champion Lady Vols (6-0) prevailed 83-79 Sunday night in a rematch of last season's Final Four matchup between the teams.

"I thought it was a great game for women's basketball. This game tonight was a national championship game," North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "We're looking forward to playing Tennessee again in the tournament or Final Four."

The Tar Heels (9-1) were looking to avenge their 2007

tournament loss. North Carolina held a 12-point lead with eight minutes left in that game, only to have the Lady Vols chip away at the margin and win 56-50.

On Sunday, it was Tennessee which held a 13-point lead with 6:28 left before North Carolina went on a 17-5 run capped by a steal and layup by Italc Lucas to bring the Tar Heels within 79-78.

It was the second time in the second half that the Lady Vols' had built a double-digit lead only to see the Tar Heels respond.

"It was a game of runs," Tennessee coach Pat Summitt said. "North Carolina never went away. They did a great job of coming at us."

Rashanda McCants fouled Hornbuckle with 13.8 seconds left and she hit both free

throws to restore a three-point edge. Hornbuckle finished with 25 points.

North Carolina had one last shot as Rebecca Gray was fouled by Hornbuckle while attempting a 3-pointer with 5 seconds left. Gray made her first free throw and missed her second. She then intentionally missed her third, but didn't hit the rim causing a violation and giving the ball to Tennessee. The Lady Vols inbounded the ball to Hornbuckle, who

added one more basket to put the game away.

"It's just that I'm such an intense player," Hornbuckle said of fouling Gray. "Every shot that goes up I have to contest it. I should have just let it go. I would have been heartbroken if I was the reason for (a loss)."

Tennessee shot 42.2 percent from the field and North Carolina made 43.8 percent.

The Lady Vols used an 11-2 run in the first half that ended on Alex Fuller's 3-pointer with

about 8 minutes left to take a 29-21 lead. But Tennessee's shooting went cold, and the Tar Heels responded with a 9-0 run to pull within a point at 35-34 with about 4 minutes before the half.

Erlana Larkins tied it at 40 on a layup with about a minute before the half, but Fuller sank a layup off a pass inside from Candace Parker with seconds remaining that gave Tennessee the 42-40 lead at halftime.

North Carolina dominated in the paint, scoring 62 points under the basket and 28 second-chance points. The Tar Heels also controlled the boards, outrebounding the Lady Vols 57-39.

"It's always an intentional effort for us to get inside, just because that's what coach Hatchell teaches us," Larkins said.

Larkins led North Carolina with 22 points and 15 rebounds. McCants finished with 19 points, Jessica Breland had 14 and LaToya Pringle added 10.

Candace Parker had a double-double 21 points and 16 rebounds for Tennessee and Shannon Bobbitt added 10 points.

**ABOUT REBECCA GRAY:** University of North Carolina freshman Rebecca Gray is a Floyd County native. Gray, who was born in Martin, claimed the 2007 Miss Basketball honor after a stellar prep career at Scott County High School in Georgetown. She has contributed for the Tar Heels as a freshman.



REBECCA GRAY

# Brooks a finalist for National Coach of the Year

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

### LEXINGTON

University of Kentucky Coach Rich Brooks has been named one of 10 finalists for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award, a national honor that recognizes accomplishments on and off the field of play and is presented with the support of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

After inheriting a program on a severe NCAA probation in 2003, Brooks has steadily rebuilt the program. Kentucky has posted a 7-5 record in 2007, and along with last year's 8-5 mark, represent the first consecutive seven-win seasons for UK football in 30 years. Other accomplishments this year include:

The Wildcats reached the nation's top-10 rankings for the first time in 30 years.

UK reached the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) poll for the first time in school history.

UK's thrilling triple-overtime win over Louisiana State was the team's first triumph over a No. 1-ranked team in 43 years.

Victories over LSU and then-No. 9 Louisville marked the first time in 30 years that the Wildcats knocked off two top-10 teams in the same season.

Kentucky is going to back-to-back bowl games for only the fourth time in school history.

Kentucky set a school record for attendance, averaging more than 68,000 fans per game.

In addition to on-the-field achievements, the award also takes public-service activities into account. The Rich Brooks Foundation has benefited charities such as the Ronald

McDonald House, Markey Cancer Center, Florence Crittenton Home, Camp Horsin' Around, Riding for Hope, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, Camp Quality Kentucky, Hospice of the Bluegrass, YMCA of Central Kentucky, and the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund. In addition, Brooks has been a visitor to patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital and is a blood donor.

Fans can help Brooks win the award by voting for him, from Dec. 5-15, at [www.coachoftheyear.com](http://www.coachoftheyear.com). The winning coach will receive \$50,000 for his favorite charities, \$20,000 for the school's alumni association, a trophy, and recognition at a permanent exhibit at the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind.

Joining Brooks as a finalist are Sylvester Croom of Mississippi State, Paul Johnson of Navy, Mark

Mangino of Kansas, Joe Paterno of Penn State, Mark Richt of Georgia, Rich Rodriguez of West Virginia, Jim Tressel of Ohio State, Tommy Tuberville of Auburn, and Ron Zook of Illinois.

In addition to the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year, Brooks also is on the watch lists for the Bear Bryant Award and Bobby Dodd Award for national coach of the year.

National Football Foundation Dinner to be Webcast on CSTV.com: The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame annual awards dinner will be a live webcast on CSTV.com from 7:15 to 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

UK's Jacob Tamme is a finalist for the Draddy Award as the nation's top scholar-athlete. The Draddy Award is expected to be announced between 8:15 and 9 p.m.

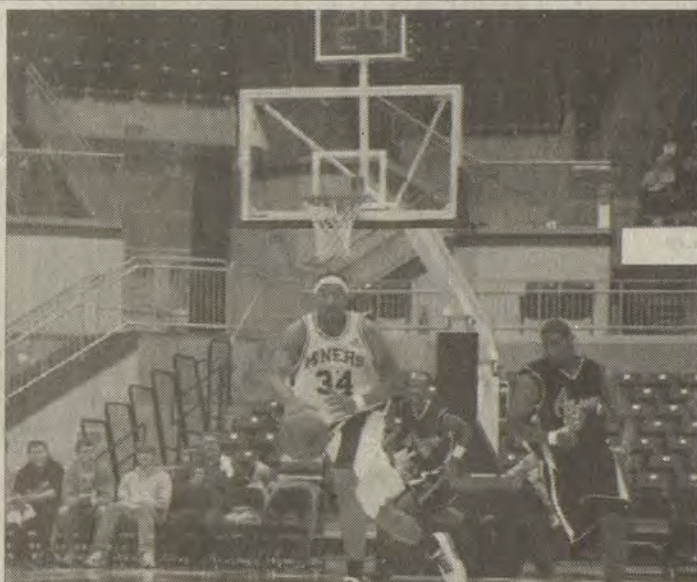


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**JAMES "BOO" JACKSON (34) scored 39 points for the East Kentucky Miners in a recent win over the Atlanta Krunk.**

## Seven UofL football players named All-BIG EAST

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Seven University of Louisville football players were rewarded Wednesday by being named to the All-BIG EAST team, as selected by the BIG EAST coaches. Harry Douglas, Eric Wood, Gary Barnidge and Art Carmody all made the first team while Brian Brohm, George Bussey and Lamar Myles were voted to the second team.

The Cardinals finished the season at 6-6 and 3-4 in the BIG EAST Conference.

Douglas, a senior from Jonesboro, Ga. made the first team as a wide receiver for the second straight season. He led the BIG EAST Conference in both receptions and yards, recording 71 catches for 1,159 yards, despite missing two games to injury. He recorded a career-best 223 yards in a loss to Kentucky and followed that up with 205 yards against Syracuse. The 5-10 wideout registered five 100-yard games in 2007 and was tied for the team lead with seven touchdowns. He also finished third in the country in receiving yards per game.

Wood, a junior from Cincinnati, Ohio, makes an appearance on the All-BIG EAST first team for the second straight season after earning second team honors last season. Wood has started 37 straight games at center for the Cardinals. He's been one of the best centers in college football on one of the nation's top offensive units.

Barnidge was a unanimous selection at tight end after finishing second on the team in receptions and yards. The senior from Middleburg, Fla. set new career-highs with 53 catches for 655 yards and seven scores. He caught four passes for 126 yards and two scores against Middle Tennessee.

Carmody, the 2006 Lou Groza Award Winner, was a first team selection for the third straight time. The NCAA's all-time career scoring leader for kickers, Carmody was 13-of-17 this season on field goal attempts and was 53-for-53 on points-after-touchdowns.

Brohm earned second team honors for the second straight season, despite putting up huge numbers. The 6-4 signal-caller broke the school record for touchdown passes in a season with 30 and threw for a career-high 4,024 yards. Brohm became the BIG EAST's all-time passing leader with 9,956 yards.

Bussey, a junior from Louisville, earned second team honors after being selected first team a year ago. Bussey started 12 games at tackle on one of the nation's top offensive units.

Myles was the lone defensive player for the Cardinals on either team. The 6-0 junior led the Cardinals in tackles with 128, almost 70 more than the team's second-leading tackler. He recorded six double-digit tackle games, including a career-high 22 in a loss to Kentucky.

# Five Wildcats named All-SEC

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

### LEXINGTON

Five University of Kentucky Wildcats — tight end Jacob Tamme, linebacker Wesley Woodyard, quarterback André Woodson, defensive end Jeremy Jarmon, and offensive tackle Garry Williams — were named to the All-Southeastern Conference squad selected by league coaches.

Tamme (Danville) and Woodyard (LaGrange, Ga.) are first-team selections, with Woodyard being one of only five unanimous choices on this year's team. Woodson (Radcliff), Jarmon (Collierville, Tenn.), and Williams (Louisville) are second-team picks.

Tamme, Woodyard, and Woodson are repeating their honors from the 2006 season. Tamme is the first tight end in Kentucky history to be named first-team All-SEC for two seasons. (Note: the position name "tight end" was first used at Kentucky in 1971. Prior to that, wide receivers and tight ends were known simply as "ends.") Woodyard is the first Wildcat linebacker to earn first-team All-SEC laurels for two seasons since Randy Holleran in 1988 and

1990. Woodson is the first UK QB to get consecutive All-SEC accolades since Tim Couch in 1997-98.

Here is more information on their seasons:

Tamme caught 53 passes for 584 yards and five touchdowns. He often was the go-to receiver in clutch situations, with crucial receptions in the wins over Louisville, LSU, and Vanderbilt. He is the all-time leading pass catcher among UK tight ends and second in SEC history.

Woodyard leads the SEC in tackles with 124 stops, his third consecutive season reaching the century mark in tackles. He was named SEC Defensive Player of the Week in the win at Arkansas. He has an active streak of 36 games with at least four tackles.

Woodson has thrown for 3,351 yards and 36 touchdowns, leading the SEC in both categories. He was named National Player of the Week following three games this season and set an NCAA record with 325 consecutive passes without an interception. He has led Kentucky to its first back-to-back seven-win seasons in 30 years.

Jarmon has nine quarterback sacks, second in the SEC

in that category. For the season, he has 58 tackles, 13.5 tackles for loss, two fumbles caused, two pass breakups, and a fumble recovery. He was SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week in the win at Vanderbilt.

Williams has blocked for an offense that has posted a school-record 440 points. UK also is averaging 438.6 total offensive yards per game, one of the best in school history. He was named SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week by the league office following the win over Florida Atlantic.

Tamme elected SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year: Tamme has been named the Southeastern Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year in a vote of the league coaches, the SEC Office announced Wednesday.

This marks the second-consecutive season that a Wildcat has been chosen SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year, as Tamme joins 2006 winner Hayden Lane. It is the first time in the history of the award that one school has had back-to-back winners.

Tamme (Danville) completed his bachelor's degree in only three years in Integrated Strategic Communications

with a 3.82 GPA. He is now in his second year of study for his Master's in Business Administration and has a 3.83 graduate school GPA.

On the field, Tamme has been named first-team All-SEC two years in a row. He has 53 receptions for 584 yards and five touchdowns this season. With 130 career catches, he is Kentucky's all-time leading pass-receiving tight end. He has been a clutch receiver for the Wildcats, with key TD catches in the wins over Louisville and LSU. He also set up the game-winning touchdown at Vanderbilt with a 34-yard pass reception.

Tamme also has been very active in community service. He has been the team's outreach chairman for three years and was named to the National Good Works Team in 2006.

This is the third major academic honor for Tamme this year. In addition he was chosen as a National Scholar-Athlete by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, winning an \$18,000 scholarship for continued postgraduate study. He was also elected first-team Academic All-America by the College Sports Information Directors of America.



# Reds Hall of Fame to add four members, including Larkin

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

CINCINNATI — Shortstop Barry Larkin was selected by fans, and outfielder Cesar Geronimo, right-handed pitcher Joey Jay and front office executive Garry Herrmann were tabbed by the veterans committee for 2008 induction into the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame. It is the largest and oldest continually operating team Hall of Fame in baseball.

The quartet will be inducted into the Reds Hall of Fame in ceremonies at Great American Ball Park on July 19 and will increase the membership to 75, including 69 players, 3 managers and 3 executives. A Hall of Fame gala will be held July 20 at Duke Energy Center.

Geronimo will be introduced to Reds fans Friday at 5:45 p.m. on the Duke Energy Center's main stage at Kahn's Redsfest 2007, presented by Great American Insurance Group, benefiting the Reds Community Fund.

"With 2008 representing 50 years since the establishment of the Reds Hall of Fame, it is fitting that we honor the contributions of three players and a front office executive who have made a lasting impact on Reds

baseball," said Reds Hall of Fame Executive Director Rick Walls. "We are pleased to recognize their many accomplishments with this important recognition and look forward to their induction next summer."

Larkin, 43, received 16,386 of the 25,269 fan votes tabulated in August at the ballpark, the Reds Hall of Fame and Museum and online at reds.com. Chris Sabo followed with 2,434 votes and Paul O'Neill with 1,724.

Larkin has been rated by baseball historian Bill James as "one of the 10 most complete players in history" and the sixth-greatest shortstop ever. He is included in Bill Deane's book *The Top 10 Baseball Shortstops Of All Time*. When he retired following the 2004 season, Larkin ranked among baseball's all-time leaders at shortstop in home runs (7th), batting average (10th), hits (12th), stolen bases (12th) and RBI (17th). Nine times in his last 15 seasons, he was rated by the Elias Sports Bureau Rankings as the top shortstop in the National League.

The Cincinnati native's 19 seasons with the Reds ties the club record shared by David Concepcion and Pete Rose. In 2,180 appearances

from 1986-2004, Larkin hit .295 with 198 HR, 960 RBI and 379 stolen bases. In franchise history, he ranks second or third in almost every statistical category. The 12-time National League All-Star won 9 Louisville Slugger Awards (the most by any Reds player) and 3 Rawlings Gold Glove Awards, he was the NL's Most Valuable Player in 1995 and 4 times won the Ernie Lombardi Award as the Reds' MVP. In 1996 he became the first shortstop in Major League history to produce at least 30 homers and 30 steals in a season. He was the club's captain from 1997 until he retired.

Geronimo, 59, was the center fielder on the Big Red Machine clubs of the 1970s, generally considered one of the greatest teams in baseball history. He is the seventh member of that starting lineup to be inducted into the Reds Hall of Fame. Acquired by Cincinnati in the famous November 1971 trade that also included Jack Billingham and Joe Morgan, in 9 seasons with the Reds from 1972-1980 "The Chief" hit .261 while winning 4 consecutive Rawlings Gold Glove Awards (1974-77). He produced his best season during the 1976 World

Series championship run, hitting .307 in 149 games.

Jay, 72, pitched for the Reds for 6 seasons from 1961-66 and compiled a 75-63 record and 3.80 ERA in 150 starts and 36 relief appearances. He was a National League All-Star in his first season with Cincinnati after going 21-10 with a 3.53 ERA and ranking among the league leaders in wins (1st), shutouts (4, 1st), complete games (14, 3rd), winning percentage (.677, 5th), innings pitched (247.1, 7th), ERA (8th), strikeouts (157, 8th) and starts (34, 9th). He finished fifth in that year's NL MVP voting. Jay is one of only 5 Reds pitchers since 1900 to win at least 20 games in consecutive seasons.

Herrmann, also a Cincinnati native, was the club's chief executive officer and general manager from 1902-27. Under his leadership, the Reds won the franchise's first World Series in 1919, finished second in the National League 3 times and third 4 times. He spearheaded the construction of Redland Field, the ballpark that served as the home of the Reds from 1912 until 1970.

In 1903, Herrmann was chosen

by baseball owners to be the president of the National Commission, baseball's governing body at the time, and held that title until 1920. In that capacity, he was instrumental in mediating a conflict between the American and National Leagues that led to the establishment of the modern World Series in 1905, an achievement that earned him the nickname "The Father of the World Series." Herrmann died in Cincinnati in 1931 at the age of 71.

**Reds trade OF Buck Coats to Blue Jays for player to be named or cash:** The Toronto Blue Jays acquired outfielder Buck Coats from the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday for a player to be named or cash.

The Reds designated Coats for assignment on Nov. 28 when they signed free-agent closer Francisco Cordero.

The 25-year-old Coats played in 20 games for the Reds this season after they claimed him off waivers from the Chicago Cubs on Aug. 28. He batted .206 with two RBIs in 34 at-bats for Cincinnati.

In 127 games at Triple-A, Coats hit .308 with 11 home runs, 63 RBIs and 20 stolen bases.

# NFL: Bengals blunder their way to eighth loss

**by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS**

CINCINNATI — The play epitomized the Cincinnati Bengals' season.

On a fourth-and-17 in the closing minutes Sunday night, receiver Chad Johnson ran downfield, cut toward the sideline and caught Carson Palmer's pass. He immediately went out of bounds with a defensive back closing in — four yards shy of the first down.

With that, the game and the season were all but over.

A 24-10 loss in rainy Pittsburgh ended the Bengals' threadbare hopes of making the playoffs. At 4-8, they're doomed to another season without a winning record. And they're fast losing the support of fans who wonder why they keep making costly blunders

that decide games.

Something's just not right with this team.

"I think sometimes some of our problem is we don't always have a team attitude," defensive end Justin Smith said Monday. "I think the best teams really don't care about any of that (statistical rankings). They care about winning. And we're not there yet."

Not even close.

The Bengals haven't developed the resolve or discipline to get beyond a mistake or take advantage of one. They got four turnovers Sunday night and gave the ball up only once, but let all those extra chances go to waste.

They drove for a touchdown on their game-opening possession. They managed only three points the rest of the way even though they got

the ball inside Pittsburgh's 30-yard line three times. The defense also let Hines Ward have 11 catches and a pair of touchdowns.

"He got to the yard markers, knew where he had to be, and would catch the ball and pretty much fall down in the conditions we had," Smith said.

Unlike the Bengals.

Johnson's too-short reception on Cincinnati's final offensive play was last in a series of mistakes that helped Pittsburgh overcome those four turnovers:

— After getting the ball at Pittsburgh's 28 following a short punt, a false start penalty put the Bengals in a hole and forced them to settle for Shayne Graham's 43-yard field goal attempt. He missed it.

— Glenn Holt fumbled a

kickoff return, setting up a field goal that put Pittsburgh ahead to stay 10-7.

— A holding penalty on cornerback Leon Hall nullified a safety.

— An offside penalty on Pittsburgh's fourth-and-3 punt allowed the Steelers to keep possession, run three more plays and drain 1:41 off the clock in the closing minutes.

— Finally, Johnson came up short on the last play, allowing Steelers' quarterback Ben Roethlisberger to finish it off by twice taking a knee.

The most costly problems came on offense. The Bengals had six possessions start at their own 39-yard line or better — three of them began inside Pittsburgh's 30 — but managed only three points.

"We didn't take advantage of the field position at all," coach Marvin Lewis said

Monday. "We didn't score touchdowns, we missed on throws, we missed on catches. We have to do a better job. That was the disappointing thing. You need to come out of there with points."

Palmer struggled in the wet, muddy conditions, frequently overthrowing receivers. He was only 17-of-44 for 183 yards with a sack. Running back Rudi Johnson also struggled as well, picking up only 34 yards on 14 carries.

The many mistakes had sports talk shows buzzing Monday with questions about the coaching staff and whether it needs to be changed. The Bengals have had only one winning record in Lewis' five seasons, going 8-8 in three other years. They've got a long way to go just to get to the break-even mark again.

**EAST KENTUCKY MINERS UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

Dec. 7	— at Albany, 7:35 p.m.
Dec. 8	— at Albany, 7:35 p.m.
Dec. 10	— Minot, 7:05 p.m.
Dec. 13	— at Minot, 7:05 p.m.
Dec. 14	— at Minot, 7:05 p.m.
Dec. 16	— Minot, 4:05 p.m.
Dec. 17	— Albany, 7:05 p.m.
Dec. 19	— Albany, 7:05 p.m.
Dec. 21	— at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Dec. 23	— Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m.
Dec. 27	— at Atlanta, 7:05 p.m.
Dec. 29	— at Atlanta, 7:05 p.m.

# CBA IN PIKEVILLE: East Kentucky Miners 109, Atlanta Krunk 103

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE — Reigning CBA American Conference Player of the Week Josh Pace recorded a triple-double for the second straight game Monday night as the East Kentucky Miners defeated the Atlanta Krunk 109-103. Pace led East Kentucky in scoring, rebounding and assists. The Miners' leading scorer for the season finished with 28 points, 14 rebounds and 13 assists.

Boo Jackson followed with a double-double of 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Miners.

Five different East Kentucky players scored a dozen or more points. Daniel Price scored 17 points, Ed Horton added 16 and Mike Crain connected for 12 as East Kentucky won for the fourth time in five consecutive outings at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

"It's been a good run here at home," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "We were able to finish the

homestand strong tonight with a win over a very talented Atlanta team."

In a back-and-forth matchup, East Kentucky exited the first quarter with a 10-point lead, out in front of the Krunk 31-21. Atlanta fought back and led East Kentucky 48-47 at halftime.

East Kentucky outscored Atlanta in each of the last two quarters. The Miners jumped out in front in a high-scoring third quarter. Host East Kentucky led 82-79 when the third quarter concluded.

East Kentucky (5-4) shot 51.9-percent from the field. The Miners hit six-of-seven three-point field goal attempts.

"I promise we're going to play the most exciting brand of basketball around and get up and down the floor and put points on the scoreboard," Keathley commented following his team's second straight win over the Atlanta club.

Waki Williamson led Atlanta (3-6) with a game-high 37 points.

# Pace records back-to-back triple-doubles

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE — One week after claiming a CBA Player of the Week award, East Kentucky Miners guard Josh Pace recorded his second straight triple-double Tuesday night. In two home games versus the Atlanta Krunk, Pace had 10 or more points, rebounds and assists, giving him the East Kentucky professional basketball team's first and second triple-double performances, respectively.

In Monday's 117-114 win over Atlanta, Pace had 26 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists. He led all players in rebounds and assists.

The former Syracuse standout continued to produce at a high level Tuesday as East Kentucky defeated Atlanta 109-103. Pace had a triple-double recorded in the third quarter of Tuesday's game, finishing with 28 points, 14 rebounds and 13 assists. Pace had game-high

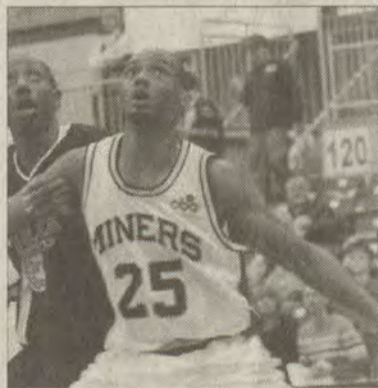
totals in rebounds and assists. He led the Miners in scoring in the second game versus the Atlanta team.

"Josh Pace is going to go out and play hard every night," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "I couldn't be any more proud of how he's stepped up and played throughout the season."

East Kentucky improved to 5-4 following Tuesday's win over Atlanta. The Miners have won four of their last five games — all of which were played at home on the East Kentucky Expo Center floor.

Pace recorded both of his

triple-doubles with East Kentucky point guards Bryant Northern and Jason McLeish out of the lineup



**JOSH PACE**

while serving a suspension handed down by the league following a melee that occurred during the Thursday, Nov. 29 home game versus Butte.

"We had a depleted roster this week and we all had to step up," said Pace. "Atlanta is a good team. Everybody on their team played hard. At the same time, we came out and played hard. Getting the wins here at home was important before we go back out on the road."

Pace was the first signee for the East Kentucky

Miners. A Griffin, Ga. native, Pace is New Zealand's reigning player of the year. He was a leading contributor during each of his four seasons with the Syracuse University men's basketball program.

In his senior season, Pace averaged 10.8 points per game for the Orangemen.

After graduation, Pace played in the 2005 Utah Jazz Summer League. The Syracuse product played on three separate teams overseas during the 2006 season. Pace was named an NBL All-Star as a member of the Nelson Giants during the 2007 season, averaging 19.1 points, 6.6 rebounds, 3.5 rebounds and 1.4 steals per game. He led the Giants to the NBL title and claimed the league's Most Valuable Player award.

Pace is currently averaging 25.2 points and 8.4 rebounds per game. He is shooting 55.6-percent from field and 75.7-percent from the free throw line.

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Former Syracuse University standout Josh Pace (25) worked against an Atlanta Krunk defender during a recent game. Pace produced a pair of triple-doubles versus the Atlanta team. The Georgia native is the reigning New Zealand Player of the Year.

# Junior squads can dance with Reno's Roadhouse Diamond Girls

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE — Junior dance squads from throughout Eastern Kentucky now have the opportunity to join the Reno's Roadhouse Diamond Girls — official dance team of the East Kentucky Miners — on the East Kentucky Expo Center hardwood. Throughout the remainder of the season, area junior dance squads will be invited out onto the East Kentucky Expo Center floor when the Reno's Roadhouse Diamond Girls perform during the first timeout of each Miners home game.

"All area junior dance squads are invited out onto the floor to join us during the first timeout of each home game," said Reno's Roadhouse Diamond Girl Jilley Brown Vickery. "We're excited about having all of the junior squads join us on the floor during home games."

The Miners play all of their home games inside the East Kentucky Expo Center. East Kentucky has already hosted Pittsburgh, Rio Grande Valley, Butte and Atlanta. One of four expansion teams in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA), East Kentucky is 5-4 after its first nine games.

East Kentucky has a two-game road series scheduled versus Albany Dec. 7-8.

The Miners are due to host Minot on Monday, Dec. 10 in their next home game.

Tip-off for the East Kentucky-Minot game is set for 7:05 p.m. Tickets for the upcoming home game remain available. The phone number for the East Kentucky professional basketball team's ticket office is 606-437-9715.

**RENO'S ROADHOUSE DIAMOND GIRLS**





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### THROUGH MY EYES

## The beauty of the season

Today would have been my mother's 83rd birthday, were she still here. Looming in the horizon, this coming Christmas Day, is the anniversary of her death. Needless to say, December, in all its holiday glory, has now become a bit of a challenging month for me.



Kathy Prater  
Lifestyles editor

As I pen this column, it is Thursday afternoon, and it is cold outside. I remember that my mother disliked cold weather. All my life, each autumn, I would hear my mother remark, at one point or another, that the colorful leaves and brisk fall temperatures made her feel sad. To her, these things meant that winter was approaching, and winter was her least favored time of year.

"Doesn't it make you feel sad," my mother would ask me, "when you see the leaves falling? It makes me think of death."

My answer to these remarks was always no. Unlike my mother,

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### DINNER DIVA

## Jelly Belly

by LEANNE ELY

"He had a broad face and round little belly, that shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly!"

Now I don't know about you, but I know that's Santa when I read those familiar lines of verse from 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Now, Santa may have had a belly, but it's just plain unhealthy—even if your last name is Claus!



Leanne Ely

Belly fat is just the worst—and not just because of the cosmetic reasons why, either. It's the health risk that's most concerning.

People who are more apple-shaped than pear-shaped (in other words, carry more weight around their middles than on their posteriors), have more fat around their organs (that's very hard on your body), and are more at risk to develop cancer, diabetes and heart disease. That's not fun, is it?

Here's how to find out if you're at risk. Measure your waist, measure your hips. The bigger your waist compared to your hips, the

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Program sponsors WMDJ Radio and McDonald's restaurants were recognized for the services they have provided for the past ten years that have helped make the Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child program such a success. Pictured are McDonald's representatives Cindy Wiley and Donna Kesner with WMDJ representatives Mona and Tommy Dingus.

photos by Willie Elliott

## Floyd County Schools celebrate 10th year of Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child

by PATRICIA C. WATSON

Floyd County Schools, WMDJ 100.1 FM and local McDonald's restaurants celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child program, this past Sunday afternoon, December 2, at the Wilkinson/Stumbo Convention Center, Jenny Wiley State Park. Over the span of the past ten years, this school-business partnership has allowed over 2,000 student voices to go forward into local communities via radio!

"I know that our community looks forward to hearing the students on the radio," said Henry Webb, newly selected superintendent of Floyd County Schools. "They touch all of our hearts as they share things that make us laugh and that make us cry. I want to commend the work of each partner, WMDJ and McDonald's as well as our own schools and district. This is an excellent program."

Every day in December, each of Floyd County's schools will be featured on WMDJ 100.1 FM, as our students share what Christmas means to them. A total of 180 students, ranging from kindergarten through grade 12, responded to one of five writing prompts given to them by their individual school writing instructors. The writing prompts included: What does Christmas mean to you? What is a favorite Christmas memory? What is the best gift you have ever given? And, what is the best gift you have ever gotten? In addition, this year, a new prompt was added: What tradition does your family observe each year?

Each school selected their top twelve writings to submit to district judges. Faculty from the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, both, Prestonsburg and Pikeville campuses reviewed 180 student entries to determine the overall winners for each school at primary, intermediate, middle school, and high school levels. Judges were: John Carroll, who has worked faithfully with the program since its inception; Rose Smith, Sherri Kinzer, Robert Looney, Linda Looney, Deborah Jacobs, Mary Stepp, Mark Wells, David Proffitt, Kelly Adam, Stephanie Conn, Lisa Pelfrey, and LeeAnn Helton. The second part of the judges' task was to determine if a school qualified for a



Alex Sisco, a third grader from Stumbo Elementary School, read her essay on what Christmas means to her at the recent 10th year anniversary event.

Silver Salute Award, an award given for overall excellence in that school's submitted student writings.

Recipients of the Silver Salute Awards remained unnamed until the district awards celebration event. Then, at the district awards ceremony, Mr. John Carroll presented Betsy Layne High School and May Valley Elementary, each a Silver Salute Award for overall distinguished writing by their students.

At the December 2nd celebration event, all 180 students received certificates for a McDonald's All American Meal and overall winners received tee shirts from McDonald's and WMDJ. In addition, the overall school winners received a copy of the book, Christmas Tapestry, written by Patricia

Polacco. Mona Dingus read an excerpt of this story to an audience of approximately 450 people including: parents, students, educators and community friends. Food City co-sponsored the reception by providing cookies for the guests. In addition, beautiful pots of poinsettias grown by the Mountain Comprehensive Care Greenhouse program served as door prizes to 10 lucky people as and added, especially festive, part of the 10-year celebration. Santa Claus also held a seat of honor and posed with children, families, and teachers and students, as Willie Elliott, former Floyd County Times writer and Floyd County Schools teacher, snapped pictures throughout the celebratory event.

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### FLY LADY

## The best gift of all

by MARLA CILLEY

I was once asked by an interviewer, "If anyone wanted to treat themselves to a gift from the Flyshop what would the best gift be?" I told them it was not a gift from the Flyshop that I would recommend to FlyBabies to give themselves; that, instead, it was a gift of "routines."

The holiday season is tough enough. We don't take care of ourselves. We push and push and push till we can no longer go. Why do we do this to our-

selves? In November, we practiced our new habit of menu planning. We have saved money, saved time and you have had fun. It's a wonderful way we can learn a new habit and get all the things done. But, December's habit is going to be very difficult for you.

We always put ourselves last. And as a result of putting ourselves last, we become tired, irritable and hard to live with. The holidays are tough enough without you adding to the stress. Your new habit for December is going to be to begin taking care of yourself. And in

order to not be irritable and stressed out, it is essential that we take care of ourselves. And I know you don't like to do this.

What does it mean to take care of yourself? Taking care yourself starts with going to bed at a decent hour. We never like to be told to go to bed. But, you need to get your rest. You are pushing yourself on too little sleep. Not enough sleep causes us to be fussy. It also causes us to run around all day in a fog. Not enough sleep messes with our metabolism; this could be one reason we gain weight even more easily during the holidays.

The next thing we have to do to take care of ourselves is to eat properly.

This means to eat plenty of fruits and vegetables. We are so used to crashing and burning that we do this with food, too. We eat a lot of sugar; then we crash and we need more sugar or more caffeine to get us going again. It becomes a vicious cycle of crash and burn, crash and burn. What would we do if our cars ran this way? If we were to put in a little fuel, run out of gas, have to get more gas and go 90 miles an hour for a short period of time and then run out of gas again. Our cars wouldn't run correctly. And, neither do we! We have to stop this behavior! In order for our cars to run effectively; they need a good



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# Family Medicine

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December - with its many holidays - is always a busy month. This year, the holiday season starts with the Jewish "Festival of Lights," or Hanukkah. A bit earlier than usual, it runs from sundown on Dec. 4 to sundown on Dec. 12. The rest of the month is filled with other religious and secular holidays including Hajj, Christmas, Kwanza and New Year's Eve.

So, in keeping with that holiday spirit, I would like to give my readers a break from the usual treatise on the diagnosis and treatment of illness. Instead, for the 16th year in a row, this column will give you respite from the

discussion of human ailments and, instead, give you a delightful food recipe that I hope will provide a special holiday treat for your family.

This dessert has little or no nutritional value, but is loved by young and old alike. It is easy to make, can be made a day or two ahead and is relatively inexpensive. My sister's mother-in-law makes this recipe year round, as it is always a crowd pleaser. But, be judicious in how often you have it, because it's loaded with calories.

In my home this delectable dish has two names. Officially, it's Grandma Alene's Four Layer Dessert,

# Chef Simpson's Rx for holiday cheer — Green yucky stuff

but we also call it "the green yucky stuff." That helps keep the uninformed out of it until time for dessert. It has been a longstanding family joke about the name, because it's anything but yucky.

- Ingredients:**
- \* 1 cup flour (all purpose)
  - \* 1 stick butter or margarine (I prefer butter) — softened
  - \* 2 tablespoons sugar
  - \* 8 oz. cream cheese
  - \* 2/3 cup powdered sugar
  - \* 1/2 large tub of whipped topping (e.g., Cool Whip®)
  - \* 2 large packages of pistachio instant pudding
  - \* 2 1/2 cups milk

**First Layer**  
Blend flour, butter and sugar, and press into pan. Bake at 350 degrees F

for 8 to 10 minutes. Cool completely.

**Second Layer**  
Combine cream cheese, powdered sugar and whipped topping - beat until smooth and spread over cooled first layer.

**Third layer**  
Combine pudding mix and milk - mix well and pour over second layer.

**Fourth layer**  
Top with remaining whipped topping and chill several hours or overnight.  
Garnish with chopped pecans if desired.

I've found that many people are put off when they see the word "pistachio" in the ingredient list. I'd encourage you to overcome this prejudice and give it a try. It is truly an excellent dessert. If you can't rise to

that challenge, you can do what some other folks do; they substitute chocolate pudding for pistachio pudding. The result is still a dessert that melts in your mouth.  
Enjoy!

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## School Happenings

### Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

- \*\*Special Notice: Those interested in sponsoring a child for Christmas, please call the YSC at 886-1297.\*\*
- Dec. 11 - Magic Me will meet at Riverview nursing home from 3:15-4:30, weather permitting.
- Dec. 14 - All Christmas sponsor gifts are due in to YSC office.
- Dec. 19 - YSC regular Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m.
- Those students interested in learning about fun ways to exercise and about good nutrition are invited to sign up for "Get Moving AMS." Call 886-1297 for more info. Program will be conducted by the Floyd County Extension Office.
- Lending Library available for student/parent use. Pamphlets, videos, books and more on a variety of topics available.
- A nurse from the FCHD is currently available at the school to provide services including: School physicals, immunizations, WIC, well-child exams, etc. Call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment. Child does not have to be a student at AMS to receive services. HPV vaccines and flu shots currently available.
- The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Services offered to students and families regardless of income. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297.

### Allen Central High School

- Dec. 10 - National Beta Club Scholarship due.
- Dec. 12 - Board meeting, May Valley.
- Dec. 12 - Beta Club fruit delivered to school.
- Dec. 14 - Governor's Scholars applications due.
- Dec. 15 - AXA Achievement Scholarship due.
- Dec. 15 - Burger King Scholarship due.
- Dec. 15 - Winter Ball.
- Dec. 17 - Semester exams, 1st, 3rd, and 5th.
- Dec. 17 - Board meeting, McDowell Elementary.
- Dec. 19 - Semester exams, 2nd, 4th, and 6th.
- Dec. 19 - Last day of school before Christmas break!
- Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

### Allen Central Middle School

- Dec. 12 - Parent meeting.
- Dec. 14 - Holiday celebration.
- \*Please have your Food City Valu Card scanned for ACMS! Points help purchase school merchandise.
- 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.

### Baptist Learning Center

- Now accepting applications for new students, Toddler I class thru Pre-K class. Located in the First Baptist Church, S. Front Ave., downtown Prestonsburg. Call 886-8681.

### Betsy Layne Elementary

- 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.

### Duff Elementary

- \*Those wishing to sponsor a needy child for Christmas, may contact Judy Handshoe, in the FRC, at 358-9878. The center is also in need of gently used clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks.
- 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 area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

### May Valley Elementary

- Dec. 11 - Monthly parent support program (V.I.P.'s), 1:30-2:30 p.m., in library. Please check in at office.
- Dec. 12 - Free clothing giveaway at Graceway Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Dec. 13 - Eddy Eagle safety program for 1st grade.
- Dec. 15 - Free coat giveaway at Garrett First Baptist Church, 3-4 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.
- Dec. 17 - Nutrition program.
- Dec. 17 - Christmas play, grades K-2, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 18 - Christmas play, grades 3-5, 6 p.m.
- \*Special Announcement: May Valley Elem. has been nominated as a Blue Ribbon School by the Commissioner of Education. Only 5 schools in the state have received nominations.

•May Valley is currently accepting applications for the May Valley Elementary Early Childhood Program (3-4 year olds). Fee for services is \$18/per day. Services available Mon. thru Fri. Contact school at 285-0883 for more information. Slots will be filled on first-come, first-serve basis. Remaining applicants will be placed on waiting list.

•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

- Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!
- Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school

physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

•Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book checkouts. A variety of topics are available.

•Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

### Mountain Christian Academy

- Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.
- 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

- Dec. 11 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., conference room.
- REMINDER: The Floyd Co. Health Dept. services previously provided by Clark FRC are still available through the AMS Youth Services Center. Call 886-1297 to schedule appointments for WIC, HeadStart, Kindergarten, 6th grade exams, and well-child exams (age: birth to 18 years).
- 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.
- After-School Child Care: 3-6 p.m.
- Call 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community.

### South Floyd Youth Services Center

- Dec. 11 - Monthly parent support program (V.I.P.'s), 1:30-2:30 p.m., in library. Please check in at office.
- Dec. 12 - Free clothing giveaway at Graceway Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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### Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

- \*Yearbooks are \$22 and will be on sale January 1, in school office.
- 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

- 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

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

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

•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.

### 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.
- For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

### Big Sandy Community & Technical College Adult Education and GED

- Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.
- 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Martin Comm. Ctr.
- 1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright Baptist Church.
- Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.
- 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. - David Craft Center.
- 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments.
- 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County Jail.
- 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.; Martin Community Ctr.
- Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.
- 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC; Floyd County Jail.
- 6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.
- Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC.
- 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Wecksbury CC.
- 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC.
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Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334

Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397

Ron Johnson, Stephania Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bornes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

\*Program will be closed from Dec. 20 through Jan. 4. All centers will reopen on Jan. 7.



photo by Willie Elliott  
Dexter Kidd, a first grader from Stumbo Elementary, was thrilled to spend a few moments with the guest of honor, Santa Claus.

## Christmas

In addition, Sarah Allen Joseph performed beautifully at the piano, adding to the spirit of the occasion.

Partners at WMDJ include Dale McKinney, Mona Dingus, Rick Caudill, Bill Marshall, and Jamie Johnson, who all work together to get the students' voices taped and broadcast over the radio airwaves.

McDonald's partners include Bob and Tom Hutchison, Lora Suttles, Charles Everidge, Cindy Wilcy and Donna Kesner.

In the school district, a district coordinator, Patricia Watson, oversees the different stages of the writing program. In addition, a school coordinator in each building guides the student work process. School coordinators include: Stephanie Marsillett, Adams Middle School; Sonya Slone, Allen Central High; Angela Coleman-Mullins, Allen Central Middle; Susan W. Barnette, Allen Elementary; Kathy Wagner, Betsy Layne Elementary; John A. Kidd,

Betsy Layne High; Melanie Turner, Duff Elementary; Kim Potter, May Valley Elementary; Rachel Crider, McDowell Elementary; Debbie Kidd, Opportunities Unlimited; Stephanie Samons, Osborne Elementary; Betty Minix, Prestonsburg Elementary; Desha Holliday, Prestonsburg High School; Sherry Bailey, South Floyd High; JoAnn Mullins, South Floyd Middle; and Rhonda Blanton, Stumbo Elementary.

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## New Arrival

Catherine Walker is pleased to announce the arrival of her baby sister, Dianna Carol Walker. Dianna joined the Walker family on November 15, 2007, weighing in at 5 lbs., 14 oz., and measuring 19 and 1/4 inches. Catherine and Dianna are the daughters of Brian and Suzanne Walker. They are the granddaughters of Randall and Dianna Hunsucker, and Jimmy and Carolyn Walker, and the great-granddaughters of Anne Roark, all of Prestonsburg. Dianna's family welcomes her with great joy at this holiday season!

## Fly Lady

steady fuel supply, as do our bodies.

What does this fuel supply consist of? It consists of fruits and vegetables, plenty of water, protein, and fiber. This is what Leanne calls a balanced diet. My gift to you this holiday season is the gift of establishing routines. The simple habits we teach you every month become the routines that help you take care of yourself. Taking care of yourself relieves stress. This stress is what causes us to not enjoy the holidays.

Please enjoy your gift. The

month of December is about pampering you and taking care of you. If you don't do it, who will? This is the best gift you can give yourself!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out Flylady's website and join her free mentoring group at [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net) or her book, *Sink Reflections*, published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, *Body Clutter*, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Marla Cilley. Used by permission in this publication.

## Diva

higher your risk. Your heart risk goes up as your inches go up. If your waist is bigger than your hips, you need to take this message seriously, especially if you're a woman.

Just remember, there is no magic potion or spot reduction exercise you can do to get rid of the belly fat. It takes work. I'm not going to lie to you, it takes HARD work. That's hardly earth shattering, is it? You have to eat less (PORTION CONTROL!), move more (EXERCISE!) and eat healthier stuff (EAT YOUR VEGGIES!). Like I said, it's no shocker.

I felt this is an important reminder as we are well into the holidays and the greasy appetizers are calling out, the candy comes pouring in from everywhere and the party invitations just seem to multiply. Now isn't the time to lose body clutter necessarily. This is more a time to think sensibly about maintaining your current weight and not gaining!

Be a mindful eater, regardless of the time of year and let's stay healthy into 2008. Here is a heart healthy recipe to help you and it's a snap to make, too! Enjoy!

### Blackened Salmon Poor Boy Sandwiches

Serves 6

6 salmon fillets or steaks (4 to 6 oz. each) — boned and skinned

6 French rolls — lightly toasted, remove some of inside breading

1 1/2 cups shredded cabbage

12 slices tomato

6 tablespoons low-fat mayonnaise

1/4 cup Cajun spice mix PLUS

3 tablespoons Cajun spice mix

Oil

Salt and pepper — to taste

Heat a heavy skillet over high heat for 15 to 20 minutes. Mix mayonnaise with 1-2 teaspoons of Cajun spice. Taste, add salt, pepper or more Cajun spice as necessary; put aside

until later.

Lightly oil both sides of the salmon and sprinkle with the remaining Cajun spice (the more you add, the hotter it becomes, so heads up).

Place salmon in the hot skillet to blacken; cook 2 to 3 minutes on the first side, turn and finish cooking. Cooking time will vary based on the thickness of fish and the heat of pan. Spread 1 tablespoon of the mayonnaise mixture onto each French roll. Top each with a blackened salmon steak/fillet, 2 slices of tomato and 1/4 cup of the shredded cabbage and serve.

Per Serving: 373 Calories; 11g Fat; 30g Protein; 42g Carbohydrate; 7g Dietary Fiber; 64mg Cholesterol; 1371mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1 1/2 Grain(Starch); 3 Lean Meat; 2 1/2 Vegetable; 1 Fat; 1/2 Other Carbohydrates.

SERVING SUGGESTION: Serve with a tossed green salad.

\*If you can't buy Cajun spice mix or would prefer to make it yourself, here is a simple recipe:

2 1/2 tablespoons paprika  
2 tablespoons garlic powder

1 tablespoon black pepper  
1 tablespoon crushed red pepper flakes

1 tablespoon dried thyme  
1 tablespoon dried oregano

1 tablespoon onion powder  
1 tablespoon ground white pepper

1 teaspoon mustard powder

This makes about 2/3 of a cup. Keep it in a sealed ziplock type bag to use again.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website, [www.SavingDinner.com](http://www.SavingDinner.com) or her *Saving Dinner Book series* published by Ballantine and her *New York Times Best Selling book Body Clutter*, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

# Jenny Wiley Theatre seeks community support

Jenny Wiley Theatre is entering the 2008 Season, having entertained four generations and provided educational opportunities for the east Kentucky region for 43 years. The Jenny Wiley Theatre Board, as well as the patrons who have not missed one season since the beginning are amazed. "It is gratifying to look back and see how far this unique organization has come since volunteers from Johnson, Floyd, and Pike counties gathered to produce a show," said Carrie Cinnamon, JWT Board President. "One show, produced by volunteers four decades ago, has evolved into an East Kentucky icon." The Theatre has expanded from one summer show to presenting three to four shows each summer including an historic drama and year-round productions, a live orchestra, a touring company, and educational opportunities for the people of the region, while becoming one of eastern Kentucky's favorite attractions.

In 2007, nearly 45,000 patrons enjoyed the diverse programming offered by JWT. Nearly 20,000 students in 36 Kentucky counties enjoyed the educational tour through the Theatre-on-Wheels Program, and approximately 1,000 students participated in the In-School Theatre Workshops. Jenny Wiley Theatre has not only provided a much-needed cultural respite, but the economic impact each year totals nearly \$1,100,000 spent in our region. Jenny Wiley Theatre has truly found a place in the universe.

It's amazing that the theatre has been such a moving force in our region, yet there are many facts about JWT of which the general public may not be aware. For instance, did you know that Jenny Wiley Theatre is NOT affiliated with any other organization? JWT is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization, governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees. While not affiliated, the Theatre does partner with several other organizations (The Mountain Arts Center, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Pikeville High School, Morehead State University, etc.) to provide patrons the best experience possible. The amphitheatre space and Wilkinson/Stumbo Convention Center in Prestonsburg are provided, at no cost, by the state park system. Park employees and Theatre staff work closely together to draw tourists into



The cast of JWT's 2007 production of Disney's High School Musical.

the region.

Another misconception about Jenny Wiley Theatre is that JWT is completely state funded. "Not so," said Executive Director, Martin Childers. "Yes, JWT does receive some state funds covering about eight percent of the annual budget, but government grants are competitive, not guaranteed and require application annually." Only 39 percent of the annual budget (this year nearly \$1,000,000) comes from ticket sales, and the balance is raised through mail solicitations of individuals and corporations, ad sales, several grant sources, costume rental, and special events. The majority of the budget is designated for the hiring of professional actors, designers, musician, technicians, and production costs. Other expenses include part-time and full-time staffing, insurance and organizational costs. "We are grateful that so many throughout our region realize the value and quality of our endeavors and continue to generously support the theatre through its many challenges and accomplishments," Childers said.

This month, the Theatre begins its annual fundraising campaign with a goal of \$206,500. If you appreciate the work of the theatre and its benefits to your community, please consider investing in the Theatre's future by becoming a Jenny Wiley Theatre contributor. There are many different ways to support and you can find out more by visiting [www.jwtheatre.com](http://www.jwtheatre.com) or by calling the office at 1-877-CALL-JWT. All donations are tax deductible.

\*Jenny Wiley Theatre is a non-profit organization and receives funding from individuals, corporations, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paintsville Tourism, the Kentucky Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Kentucky Department of Travel.

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## Eyes

autumn was a favorite time of the year for me. I loved the colored leaves hanging on the trees, I even loved the crunchy sound the dried up ones underneath my feet made. And what's not to love about pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns, Halloween costumes and candy? Fall festivals and caramel apples? Not to mention that this time of year is a predecessor to even better things to come - Thanksgiving feasts, holiday parades, Christmas presents and lighted trees.

Now, however, as the temperatures begin to drop, I find that I find myself sharing my mother's long held dread of the winter months. Funny that the very time of year that she acquainted with death for all her life, is the very time that she happened to leave this earthly existence.

Now, as December arrives and I wait for the seventh day, and then the twenty-fifth, my thoughts remain not on all the holiday glitter and many festive events, but rather on my mother and the sadness of her last years here with us.

My mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 1997, one month before my father passed away. From that time, until her death in 2005, I struggled to understand all the many changes as each day dawned with a new challenge to face.

Through the years, I learned to see my mother in a whole new light. She became to me, not just my "mother," the woman with which I had argued as a teen and followed as a child, and eventually come to befriend as a young adult, but, if you will, a human being. A woman who was not perfect, but who had tried to do the best she knew as she traveled life's many paths of twists and turns.

I learned to forgive her for what I had seen as her failings as I was growing up. I learned to love her in a new and different way as our roles switched and I, in essence, became "mother" and she my child.

This year, as the trees become bare and the cold winds begin to blow, I am trying to broaden my horizons yet a tiny bit more

and learn to get past the feelings of dread and despair as these December hallmarks of birth and death arrive and pass.

This year, I am trying to remember my mother's holiday turkey and rich chocolate fudge; I am trying to remember that the reason she dreaded seeing winter approach was not so much steeped in morbidity as it was simply that it meant that her beloved flower gardens and rose bushes would soon wither and die. I am trying to remember my mother's fried chicken and apple pies and how much she enjoyed packing them both for family picnic lunches. In short, I am trying, at this most special time of year, to remember not my mother's death, but her life.

It is a challenge, but it is a challenge that I hope to overcome. Because December, in all its sparkly, glittery, holiday glory is a beautiful time of year; and my mother, in all her living glory, was a beautiful person.

And you know what they say - it's all in the eye of the beholder.

## WEDDINGS



## Stewart-Whitt

Amber Renee Stewart, the daughter of Kimberly DeRossett and Benjie Stewart, and Shawn Anthony Whitt, the son of Phillip and Rhonda Whitt, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Amber is the granddaughter of the late Revella and Christine Martin Stewart, of Minnie, and Lila Francis Prater DeRossett, and the late James Dee DeRossett, of Allen. Shawn is the grandson of Opal Slusher Whitt and the late Johnny Whitt, of Salyersville, and Mary Margaret Moncrief Caudill and the late Kirby Caudill, of Whitesburg. The wedding ceremony and celebration will take place on Saturday, December 22, 2007, at half past the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, at the US 23 Country Music Highway Museum, in Paintsville. An invitation to help celebrate this special day is cordially extended to all family and friends.



## Ward-Dye

Kayla Suzanne Ward and Shane Dye were joined in marriage on November 1, 2007, in a ceremony that was held in Prestonsburg.

Kayla is the daughter of Beth and Larry Walker, of Van Lear, and Alan Ward, of McDowell. She is the granddaughter of Oakie and Carol Sparks, and Geraldine Ward and the late Glen Ward. She is the great-granddaughter of Violetta and the late Otis Wright.

Shane is the son of Mary and Jasel Dye, of Grethel. He is the grandson of Edith Huff and the late Ersel Huff, and the late Nancy Ann and Kennel Dye.

The newlyweds reside in Minnie.

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# FLOYD COUNTY Around Our Schools



## Pumpkin math

Mrs. Newsome's second grade class did centers with the theme of Pumpkins. Carla Lough, a parent volunteer helped students with activities. Students predicted if they thought a pumpkin and various other classroom items would float in water. Many were surprised that the heavy pumpkin did indeed float. Students also estimated how many seeds they thought a pumpkin contained then the seeds were counted by bags of 25. Students also did various math problems with pumpkin seeds. There was also an Art center where students made a pumpkin man and a literature center where students cut apart and placed Fall words in alphabetical order. The students had a fun day and learned a lot.



Pictured are Prestonsburg Elementary School teachers Angela Duncan, left, and Glendine Hale, right. Both women became national board certified teachers this year.

## PES teachers achieve national board certification

Two Floyd County teachers are now recognized as among the nation's top educators. Mrs. Angela Duncan and Mrs. Glendine Hale, teachers at Prestonsburg Elementary School, have met the nation's highest teaching standards and have achieved national board certification in 2007. This achievement recognizes educators as among the best teachers in the nation.

Mrs. Angela Duncan has served as a curriculum resource teacher for Floyd County Schools for the past four years. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education and for special education (K-12) with an emphasis in learning and behavioral disorders from Morehead State University. In addition, she has acquired a master of arts in education degree for instructional leadership from Eastern Kentucky University. She will add NBCT certification in early and middle childhood literacy to her current certifications as an elementary and special education consultant.

Mrs. Glendine Hale is a special education teacher who holds a bachelor of science and a masters degree in education from Eastern Kentucky University. She has 27 years of teaching experience, with 18 of those in the Floyd County School System at Prestonsburg Elementary. Mrs. Hale's recent

achievement certifies her as a national board certified exceptional needs specialist.

National board certification is a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize and reward great teachers - and make them better. As part of the process, teachers build a portfolio that includes student work samples, assignments, videotapes and a thorough analysis of their classroom teaching. Additionally, teachers are assessed on their knowledge of the subjects they teach.

"Like board-certified doctors and accountants, teachers who achieve national board certification have met rigorous criteria through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment, and peer review," said NBPTS President and CEO Joseph A. Aguérreberre. "Research demonstrates that national board certified teachers consistently outperform their peers in knowledge of subject matter and ability to create challenging and engaging lessons."

The certification process began in 1987 by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental organization. Today, more than 60,000 National Board Certified Teachers are making a positive difference in the lives of students across the nation.



## Veterans Day

Students at the David School honored veterans on Friday, Nov. 9, during its annual Veterans Day Celebration. Both teachers and family members of several students were recognized for their service to our country. A short program presented by the students was followed by a luncheon in honor of the national holiday.



## PES kids celebrate

Students in Mrs. Angle Watts' Kindergarten class recently celebrated Red Ribbon Week in their beautiful new classroom at Prestonsburg Elementary.



### What is a hero?

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