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# Beshear appoints homeland security director

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT -Governor Steve Beshear has appointed an executive of a restaurant franchise company to head the state's homeland security agency.

Beshear appointed 33-year-old Adam Edelen, who has been a prolific financial donor to Democratic candidates. as executive director to the agency on Thursday. A press release says Edelen works for Thomas & King, Inc. as a strategic planner.

Edelen was an aide to former Governor Paul Patton and has also worked as vice president of the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce.

Registry of Election Finance records show Edelen donated \$2,000 to Beshear, and at least \$1,000 each to Democrats Jack Conway and Crit Luallen during the last election cycle.

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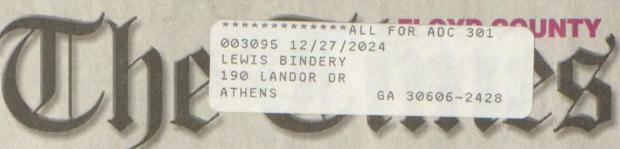
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# Mother says bullying prompted suicide

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — Bullying hurts, and sometimes it can even be deadly.

The parents of a 13-year-old former student of Allen Central Middle School say that they hope no other parent anywhere ever has to learn this sad fact in the way that they have had to since the death of their son, Stephen Lawrence Patton, who took his own life Nov. 28.

Stephen's mother, Sheila, a social worker, addressed members of the Floyd County Board of Education at a meeting held Wednesday night at May Valley Elementary School. She, along with husband Lawrence and other family members, feels that responsibility for Stephen's death lies partly with the administration and staff of the school at which her son was enrolled.

"What that child had to go through," she said through tears, "no child should ever have to go through. And no one told us anything about it.'

The Patton family says that children from Allen Central Middle School have inform them that their son had been the victim of bullying at the school.

"We've been told stories of how his lunch box would be taken from him and that once others had eaten what they wanted from it, they would toss it back to him ... He tried to keep snacks in a grocery bag in his locker. He never told us that people were taking his food," Sheila Patton said.

Though Patton acknowledges that "we're only going on what we've been told because we really don't know,"

come forward since their son's death to she still feels that school authorities should have been more aware and more communicative about the alleged bullying she has been told her son

"You can't miss this," she said. "You have to protect the children, you just can't miss something like this.'

Davida Bickford, principal, said that the news of Stephen's death came as "a shock to us all.'

"It was a terrible tragedy. He will be

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# PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS



Prestonsburg city employees were busy Thursday putting together gift packages for this weekend's Shop with a Cop event.

# Jury awards former manager \$725K



Michael Kirk

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A wrongful firing suit against Clayton Mobile Homes ended Monday with a Floyd County Jury awarding \$725,000 to former Luv Homes lot manager Michael Kirk.

"CMH devastated Mike," said John C. Kirk, Michael Kirk's attorney, "When it fired him, it sent out a message that Mike had done something wrong in defending his property and, fearing for his life, protect-

Michael Kirk, 52, shot and killed Ronald Dillion inside one of the lot homes during a burglary attempt in March 2005. One week later, Kirk was fired by CMH for "violating the company's policy which prohibited employees from having a gun on the premises," according to David Booth, of Knoxville, the company's president.

"They hung him out to dry," said Bobby Rowe, Kirk's trial counsel, "CMH expected to be

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# Suspect shot and killed by state trooper while in custody

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

OIL SPRINGS - A misdeamenor arrest turned deadly in a Johnson County community Tuesday evening when a suspect was shot by a Kentucky State Police Trooper.

Randy Baldwin, 46, of Oil Springs, died early Wednesday morning from a single gunshot wound to the chest.

"We can't understand what happened," said Joe Blanton, Danny Baldwin's brother-in-law, "We just don't know what to think right now.

According to KSP, Trooper Byron Hansford, 46, responded to a report of a suspcious person and found the suspect beside a guardrail near the intersection of Route 40 and Route 580, where he appeared to be intoxicated.

Hansford "Trooper placed the suspect under arrest for alchohol intoxication," said Trooper Scott Hopkins, a KSP spokesman from Post 9.

According to the Associated Press, Baldwin was not handcuffed and, because of layered clothing, his handgun was not detect-

According to Hopkins, while in transit to the jail, the suspect told Trooper Hansford that he had a weapon and would kill him if he did not pull over.

In a press release, Hopkins said, "Trooper Hansford complied, and when Baldwin exited the vehicle, he began approaching Trooper Hansford with a handgun."

According to the report, Hansford ordered Baldwin to drop the weapon. When the suspect did not comply, he tried to physically disarm him.

When Hansford was unable to disarm the suspect, as a last resort, he fired his weapon," said Hopkins.

Baldwin sustained a gunshot wound and was airlifted to Cabell Huntington Medical Center, where he was in surgery for most of the night. According to a KSP spokesman, Baldwin passed away at 5am Wednesday morning after undergoing surgery. An

autopsy is pending. Pursuant to KSP policy, Hansford has been placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation into the shooting.

# Professor's study questions online class effectiveness

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — College online courses may not be for every-

That is among the early findings according to an ongoing study by Dr. John G. Shiber, a professor at Big

In the study, 159 community college students who had taken at least one online course were surveyed from 2006 through 2007. The study covered 106 courses with 12 subject

Sandy Community and Technical

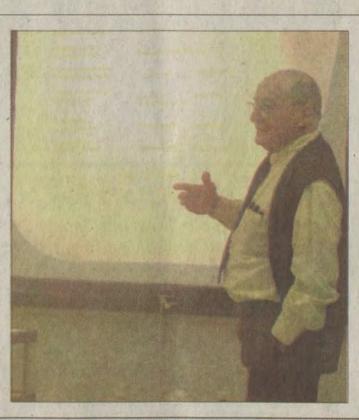
areas being defined. "This is what the students thought about the online courses, and the testing, as opposed to a normal classroom course," Dr. Shiber said.

The report indicates that more than half the students surveyed said convenience was the most positive aspect of the courses.

According to Dr. Shiber's findings, some subjects lend themselves well to online studies, while students in math and philosophy courses in particular, reported struggling with the material.

"Math tends to require instant responses to questions, and often the same question being asked more

(See ONLINE, page seven)



Dr. John Shiber presented his study of online courses to faculty and staff at Big Sandy Community and Technical College on Thursday.

photo by Jack Latta



# Beshear has first full day, says secret door won't be used

by JOE BIESK ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Days are numbered for an infamous secret door in the state Capitol, that was installed by the previous administration, Gov. Steve Beshear said on his first full work day as Kentucky's chief executive.

A door former Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration installed in early 2004 for more than \$5,000, won't be used and, depending on cost, could be removed, Beshear said. It provided passage from the governor's first-floor suite of rooms to one often used for press conferences and allowed

officials to avoid using a public hallway to get there.

Fletcher's administration claimed the door had existed previously, but was taken out and plastered over. But Beshear said the door, which is behind a large blue curtain, projects an image of secrecy that he doesn't want for his own administration.

"It, I think, has become a symbol of a lack of access to the media and to the public on behalf of the governor," Beshear said. "And, we're going to be running an open government, a transparent government and a government where the governor is going to be accessible to the people.'

fancy outfits and elegant balls, the Beshear administration reported for duty Wednesday, only to find some people without the necessary desks or computers usually associated with office jobs. Nevertheless, Beshear said his administration was "ready to work" and handle its business.

"Part of it's just figuring out how the phones work and where things are and getting organized," Beshear said.

Fletcher's term expired Monday night at midnight. Beshear, a Democrat, was sworn in and inauguration festivities for Kentucky's 61st governor — which included a

After a night filled with parade, and three balls around the Capitol grounds - filled the new executive's first full day as governor on Tuesday.

Now, Beshear's main focus shifts to crafting a state budget proposal and developing a legislative agenda for the General Assembly, which returns to Frankfort in January.

Beshear had meetings throughout the day, including an afternoon face-to-face with Senate President David Williams at the governor's office. Williams, Burkesville, said they talked in general terms about a number of issues facing the state.

"It was a productive conversation," Williams said.

Beshear's cabinet secretaries, his chief of staff and state police commissioner were sworn in at an afternoon

ceremony in the Kentucky Supreme Court chambers. Beshear's cabinet consists primarily of Democrats, and one position has not been filled. Beshear said he was still looking for a permanent Health and

Family Services cabinet secre-

"We've been looking for the very best people we can find to fill these cabinets and people with experience and we're not looking at their political affiliation when we're reviewing that experience and making those decisions,' Beshear said.

His election last month

marked the completion of an improbable political comeback for Beshear, who exited state politics after serving as lieutenant governor more than 20 years ago.

The biggest change between then and now, Beshear joked, might be where

his office is located. "Now I'm sitting in the main chair there in the governor's office," Beshear said. "It's a great feeling obvious-

# **Obituaries**

### Thomas (Jess) Branham

Thomas (Jess) Branham, 84, of Allen, died Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 14, 1923, in Maytown, he was the son of the late Tom Branham and Sarah Bentley Branham. He was a retired coal truck driver. a welder, and a member of the Community Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Sammons Branham.

Other survivors include a brother, Robert Clay Branham of Willard, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Jack Branham, George Branham and Theop Branham; six sisters: Bertha Spigmen, Stella Caudill, Eddie Hinton, Kate Crisp, Opal Crisp, and Alta King.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 15, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Paul Coleman and Richard

Crisp officiating. Burial will be in the Riley Hall Cemetery, in Allen, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier

Funeral Home. Visitation is at the funeral

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

Rebecca Briggs

home

Rebecca Briggs, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical

Born September 25, 1923, in

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Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Tommy Lafferty and Ammie Conn Briggs. She was a homemaker, and a member of Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons: Taylor Briggs of Martin, Tommy Briggs Prestonsburg, and Carl Ray Briggs of Sitka; three daughters: Betty Stephens of Prestonsburg, Billie Compton of Paintsville, and Eula Lawson of West Van Lear; 14 grandchildren, and 22 greatgrandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Darrell Briggs and Jackie Briggs; a brother, Virgil Lafferty: two sisters: Maggie McGuire and DeRossett; and two grandchil-

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 15, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

Patricia Ann Isaac Patricia Ann Isaac, 42, of Indiana, formerly of Wheelwright, died at her residence.

Born November 5, 1965, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Judith Ann and the late Doy Isaac Jr. She was a homemaker and a member of the Freewill Baptist Faith

In addition to her mother, she is survived by a son, Nathaniel Ray Stephens of Indiana; a daughter, Jessica Dawn Blackburn of Stanville; a brother, Linville Glen Isaac of Wheelwright; a sister, Junlina Gail Hall of Kite.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a sister, Maudie Francis Meade.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 14, at noon, at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Louis Ferrari officating.

Burial will be in the Family Cemetery, in Honeycamp.

Visitation is at the church. Roberts Funeral Home, Robinson Creek, is in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

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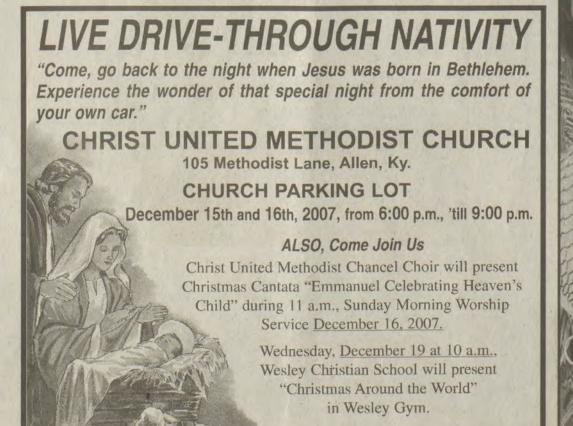
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# For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Heather Wireman, 22, to Keith Craft, 22, both of Prestonsburg.

Jina Mullins, 32, of Minnie, to Ellis Little Jr., 39, of

Johanna Sutton, 43, to Brad Smith, 36, both of Hueysville. Amber Stewart, 20, to

Shawn Witt, 21, both of Prestonsburg.

Londa Sammons, 40, to Wesley Lafferty, 36, both of Prestonsburg.

Tammy Ratliff, 30, of Pikeville. Ismael 10 Rodriguez, 26, of Louisville. Shelly Bowling, 32, of

Paintsville, to Madison Hall, 42, of Hi Hat. Heather Tackett, 26, to

Timmy Bryant, 44, both of

Rana Tackett, 22, to Harold Firestine II, 24, both of

Ozella Kidd, 41, to Clayton Conn, 37, both of Harold.

Civil Suits Filed

Magdeline Johnson vs. Lucinda Yates

Jessica Keathley vs. James Keathley

Sharon Hamilton

Ishmael Hamilton Wendy Hicks vs. Brian James Hicks

Ida Moore vs. James D.

Hazel Tackett vs. Richie

Discover Bank vs. Brenda

Shayne Hall vs. Tony Hall,

LVNV Funding vs. Joe

Burchett

Wachovia Dealer Services vs. Paul V. Conway

International Collection vs. Lester Murphy Jr.

Velocity Investments vs. Ozella Helton

Bonnie Crisp, et al vs. Grizzly Processing LLC, et al Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. Vikki D. Woodward

**Small Claims Filings** 

Capital One Bank vs. Matthew T. Goble

Cavalry Portfolio Services vs. Randy Boyd Dwight Brandan Prater vs.

Teresa Hagans Robin Little, et al vs.

Michael Newsome, et al Midland Funding vs. Betty

Branham Pioneer Credit vs. Nikki

RJM Acquisitions vs.

Rhonda Campbell

First Financial Credit vs. Mark Robinson

CACV of Colorado vs. Darlene Jones Asset Acceptance vs.

Deborah Shope LVNV Funding vs. Taylor

Caldwell Capital One Bank vs. Tony

Hager, et al

Capital One Bank vs. Wilma J. Hall Capital One Bank vs.

Lovena Martin Capital One Bank vs. Ricky

O'Connor Capital One Bank vs. Nina

P. Smith

Capital One Bank vs. Wilma Collins

Capital One Bank vs.

Charles Spurlock

Capital One Bank vs. Tony

Capital One Bank vs. Randy McKinney

Charges Filed

Joseph Mindy, 23, of Royalton, theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting.

Martellia Wright, 33, of Martin, alcohol intoxication, public place; possession controlled substance, unspecified (two counts); possession mari-

Robert A. Hall, 22, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place; disorderly conduct.

Kelly L. Hall, 22, of Langley, possession controlled substance, unspecified; no operator's/moped license.

Paul C. Hayes, 38, of Langley, possession controlled substance, unspecified; controlled substance prescription not in original container; possession marijuana; use/possess drug paraphernalia.

James Burke, 49, of West Prestonsburg, harassment.

Nathan Blackburn, age not listed, of Martin, assault. Michael Newsome, 43, of

Mclvin, assault. Ronald B. May, 58, of

Canada, illegal take/pursue/molest deer/wild turkey/elk.

Kellie Fletcher, 37, of Teaberry, alcohol intoxication, public place; endangering welfare of minor.

Sonny Charles Swiney, 38, of Teaberry, alcohol intoxication, public place; giving officer false name/address; endan-

gering welfare of minor. Charles Steven Hall, 31, of

Gamaliel, fleeing/evading police; possession controlled substance, unspecified; use/possess drug paraphernalia; controlled substance prescription not in original con-

Lonnie T. Jervis, 33, of Prestonsburg, theft by deception/cold checks (four counts).

tainer; improper equipment.

Phillip Martin Jr., 42, of Hueysville, attempt theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting; fleeing/evading police (on foot); public intoxication, controlled substance; resisting arrest.

Daniel Avery, 33, of Gallion, Alabama; alcohol intoxication, public place.

Judy C. Newsome, 56, of Prestonsburg, criminal trespass; alcohol intoxication, public place.

John Shepard, 22, of Melvin, assault, domestic violence; alcohol intoxication,

public place. John Allen Boyd Jr., 28, of Betsy Layne, violation of KY

Steve Bolen, 48, of Garrett,

assault.

Steve Crones Caudill, 42, of Hi Hat, cruelty to animals. Paula Bremer, 29, of Wheelwright, assault.

Kathleen Curry, 23, of Hi Hat, possession marijuana; use/possess drug parapherna-

Stephen Stanley, 21, of Bypro, unlawful transaction with minor.

Jacob Terry Coleman, 27, of Pikeville, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Brenda Jewell, 53, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place; criminal trespassing.

Kenneth Spriggs, 26, of Prestonsburg, possession controlled substance, unspecified; driving DUI on suspended

Jake Tackett, 22, of Harold, burglary.

Jason W. Lauzon, 28, of Vancouver, Wash., assault.

Michael Paul Newsome, 30, of Martin, disorderly conduct; burglary; alcohol intoxication. public fleeing/evading police; resisting arrest; possession burglary

Thomas Ray Goble, 41, of Prestonsburg, assault; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs; fleeing/evading police; resisting arrest; escape.

Jody Dale Puckett, 36, of Melvin, flagrant nonsupport.

**Property Transfers** 

Tom Adams to Angela and Donovan Mullins; Potter Subdivision.

Bank of New York Trust Company to Tonya Butcher; Right Fork of Bull Creek.

April and Tracy Brooks, James and Jennifer Flowe, Anthony, Icy Lee, Karen, Kellie, Patrick, Paul Gene, Paul Gene Executor, Paula Lynn, and Shelby Jones. Kimberly Montgomery to Garnis and Trula Ditto; Hen Hook Creek.

Darren and Dawn Cline to Prudential Relocation Inc; Big Branch of Abbott Creek.

Geraldine, Jody, Stacy, and Wilburn Cornette to James and Sandra Goble, Spradlin Branch Rd.

Clement and Norma Jean Hamilton to Joe and Teresa Hamilton, Location undisclosed.

Carrie, Edward, John, Mark, Michael, Stephanie, and Talila Kidd to Edward Lee Kidd; Little Mud Creek.

Sabrina Lafferty to Kim Ellis; Crestwood Subdivision.

Miller Bros Coal LLC to Lisa Cantrell, John Heinze Jr, and Gretchen Moyer; Left Fork of Cool Water Fork of Salt Lick Creek,

Mona and Tex Mitchell to Archer and Marsha Boyd; Daniels Creek.

Jimmy and Kathy Music to Johnny and Judy Jenkins; David.

Lewis Newman to Patricia Newman; Frasures Creek.

Prudential Relocation Inc to Frederick and Michelle Lyman; Big Branch of Abbott Cedar Trace Creek Subdivision.

Tara Redford to Rodney Thornsberry; Otter Creek.

Ella and Joseph Sammons to Ella and Joseph Sammons: Goble Roberts subdivsion.

Kathy and Robert Scott to Bill and Levi Hall; Keathely Spradlin Subdivision Hite.

William Setser to Donna and William Setser; Location undisclosed.

Barbara and Shepherd to Patricia Bays and Glen Johnson; Buckeye Fork of Middle Creek.

James Stumbo to Four J Development Inc; Harold.

Andy Taylor to Diana Taylor; Location undisclosed. Bobby and Herbie Wells to April and Greg Miller; River

Plains Estates. Ada Williams to Sharon and Stanley Meryers; Otter Creek.

Janet and Larry York to Lacey and Timothy Hall; Location undisclosed.

# Religious leaders call for resolution to contract dispute

by SAMIRA JAFARI

ASSOCIATED PRESS HAZARD — Religious leaders from nine states are asking officials at Appalachian Regional Healthcare and striking nurses at the system's nine hospitals to resolve their contract dispute for the sake of

their patients. "The saddest outcome of this prolonged dispute is that communities Appalachia and the quality of our health care will suffer the greatest if this dispute is not settled soon," said the Rev. John Rausch, director of the Catholic Committee on

Appalachia. Rausch and more than 75 other leaders submitted a letter on Wednesday to ARH President and CEO Jerry Haynes and members of the Kentucky and West Virginia nurses association. The letter supports continuous bargaining, but scolds ARH for permanently replacing about 150

of the nurses on strike. "From a moral and ethical perspective, the permanent replacement of striking nurses at Appalachian Regional Healthcare must stop; and permanently replaced workers should be reinstated," the let-

The statement represents views of religious leaders from

several groups, including the Central Conference American Rabbis, the Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Roman Catholic Church, the United Church of Christ and the

United Methodist Church. About 650 nurses walked off the job Oct. 1: Last week, the remaining 500 rejected a

contract offer in a 455-5 vote. spokeswoman ARH Candace Elkins said company officials were going to meet with Rausch later in the day. "We look forward to the opportunity to talk with Father Rausch about the labor dis-

pute," she said, without clabo-Rausch met with 15 nurses on strike from the ARH hospital in Hazard before speaking to reporters. A similar gathering was held in Charleston, W.Va., where the Rev. Dennis Sparks called on the ARH

board of trustees to get involved with negotiations. "Reaching a fair settlement quickly is not only important to the nurses, it is critical to ARH's financial viability, and the future of heath care in Appalachian communities," he

said in a statement. Rausch said members of Judeo-Christian faiths were concerned because they felt the lives of patients were at

"Health care is a human right. It's not a commodity," Rausch said. "In the New Testament, there's healing, there's healing on practically every page. ... Strikes are a horrible breakdown in human

cooperation.' He said that while ARH can legally replace the nurses on

strike, it's morally wrong, The nurses have been criticized for leaving their patients behind while they walk the picket line. About 150 have crossed the picket line, many of whom say they feel obligated to take care of their

patients. But those on the picket line say their main purpose for striking is the well-being of their patients. They say that staffing levels are spread too thin and mandatory overtime

has become the norm. In a recent interview with The Associated Press, Haynes denied the claims, saying federal and state regulators have never found that ARH's staffing levels adversely affect patient outcomes. Payroll documents offered by ARH show that nurses on average worked

2.5 hours overtime a week. Still, several nurses complained that even if their patients' medical needs were

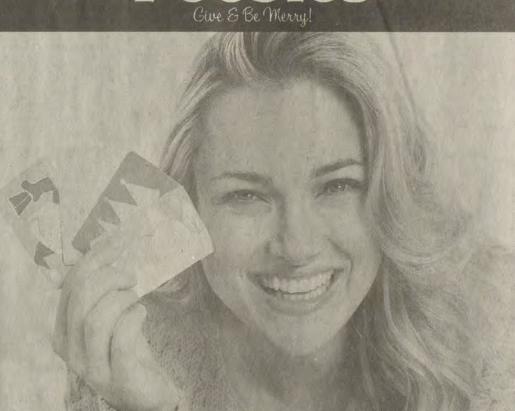
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- Albert Einstein

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# Guest View-

# Editorial roundup

The Star-Ledger, Newark, N.J., on presidential candidates and religion: Had Thomas Jefferson been subject to the religious scrutiny American presidential candidates undergo now, he'd have been a nonstarter long before the lowa caucuses. ...

Jefferson did not believe in the divinity of Christ. "To the corruptions of Christianity, I am indeed opposed; but not to the genuine precepts of Jesus himself. I am a Christian, in the only sense in which he wished any one to be; sincerely attached to his doctrines, in preference to all others; ascribing to himself every human excellence, and believing he never claimed any other," Jefferson wrote in 1803.

Certainly many Americans then and now would disagree with Jefferson. But does it matter? Does learning that one of the most brilliant men ever to lead the nation wasn't a Christian in the strict sense of the definition lessen any of his contributions?

And does it matter that Mitt Romney is a Mormon? Or Mike Huckabee a Baptist preacher? Is the test merely the church a candidate attends on Sunday morning? ...

Is it possible that fealty to the Constitution, to the laws of the nation and its traditions, including religious tolerance, ought to be considered as well as proposals to end the war in Iraq, attack climate change, create a fair system of health care and shore up Social Security?

Jefferson wasn't one to press his religion on others. In 1813, he wrote: "Religion is a subject on which I have ever been most scrupulously reserved. I have considered it as a matter between every man and his Maker in which no other, and far less the public, had a right to intermeddle."

Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle, on Bush's mortgage plan:
President Bush's homeowner relief plan is so narrow that it can't even
be called a Band-Aid. At least not one that fits.

The voluntary program would freeze rates for some mortgage holders who next year will hit balloon payments. But those now in the throes of crisis, facing either bankruptcy or foreclosure because they can't make their payments, are not covered.

The president's plan seems geared to the wishes of the banking and investing establishment, which favors a government bailout for homeowners over a program that directs mortgage companies how to manage their rates

Some tax relief for lower- or middle-income families in the worst straits and with limited financial options may be in order. But this is a crisis created by lenders willing to take a risk on borrowers they knew were suspect, and on borrowers who dove in too deep with money they didn't have. They didn't take the precautions obvious to anyone buying Christmas gifts, much less a \$200,000 house.

Congress must be careful to target its support to those in critical need and not pay out billions to rescue an industry and consumers responsible for their own plight. Banks must work with borrowers, as they are, to devise the best path out of this mess.

Times Union, Albany, N.Y., on Bush, taxes and spending:

No sooner had Congress returned from its Thanksgiving recess than President Bush was urging the lawmakers to pass an array of spending bills ,Äi including money for the Iraq war — on his own terms. But his agenda was more than a little hypocritical.

To understand just how hypocritical, consider what happened before the Thanksgiving recess. In one breath, President Bush says he agrees with a wide majority in Congress who voted to reauthorize the popular, and effective, Head Start program. But in the next breath, Mr. Bush vetoed a spending bill that includes funds for Head Start, on the grounds that the bill would have blown a huge hole in his budget.

Or how's this: In one breath, Mr. Bush warned he would use his veto power to stop Congress from overspending, while in the next he fought—alas, successfully—to protect hedge fund managers and buyout partners from having to pay the same tax rate that millions of ordinary taxpayers must pay. Several of these fund managers are billionaires, others are multimillionaires. Yet the White House not only fought to keep their income tax rate at the capital gains level of 15 percent, but also, incredibly, to borrow \$51 billion to make up for the revenue lost by this preferential tax treatment. ...

At least one billionaire, Warren Buffett, recognizes the absurdity of the Bush position. He has candidly acknowledged that his tax rate is lower than that paid by the people who work for him and who aren't nearly as well off as he. The disparity has shamed him to the point of speaking out. But where is Mr. Bush's sense of fairness? Where is his sense of proportion? Where's his sense of shame?



# Guest column

# House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

For the most part, education in Kentucky over the past 30 years has improved.

We have a more equitable system of school funding thanks to changes made under the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act, better school accountability and test scores thanks to the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (or CATS) implemented in 1999, and more college graduates than ever before. At no time in recent history have our students been better able to compete academically than they are right now.

When it comes to physical education, however, Kentucky is not making the grade.

The issue is not with the physical education teachers themselves, but with the state's reluctance to require that its elementary and middle school students spend a specific amount of time engaged in physical activity at school at a time when childhood obesity is on the rise. Instead of setting such a requirement, the state lets each individual school district set its own requirements. This is fine for districts that follow national recommendations for at least 150 minutes of physical activity per week at school, but not all districts are doing that. Moreover, not all districts are financially able to do that.

The solution is for the state and

school districts to work together on this issue so that, together, we can reduce the alarming percentage of obese children in our state.

At least two pieces of legislation has been filed for the 2008 Regular Session that would require districts to provide 30 minutes per day or 150 minutes per week of physical activity for preschoolers through eighth graders but give them options on how they do it. Districts would be able to use a combination of classroombased physical activity, organized activities at recess or other structured physical exercise. Such options would make the requirement financially viable while helping the state reach our goal of getting our kids physically fit.

physically fit.

Similar legislation was considered by the Kentucky General Assembly during the 2007 Regular Session but we could not reach agreement before session's end. Concerns with funding to meet enhanced physical activity requirements was one reason, while the desire of some lawmakers to give school districts the autonomy to set their own requirements for meeting state and federal standards on physical education was another. The concern some districts have with finding time for enhanced requirements in an already-busy school day was also at issue.

What is not at issue is whether Kentucky needs to improve physical activity among its youngsters. We have the third highest percentage of obese children in the country already. If we let the problem escalate, we could see the problem worsen.

We are not alone in this struggle. Recent reports indicating that national obesity rates have doubled for children ages 6 to 11 since the 1970s and more than tripled in that time for children ages 12 through 19 has led many states to pass; or at least consider, time requirements for physical education over the past two years. At least 20 states considered such legislation in both 2006 and 2007, with over 11 states enacting some requirement for physical activity in schools in recent years.

One of those states is Texas, which now requires that all students in grades K-5 have 30 minutes of daily exercise during the school day and will require the same amount of exercise during the school day for middle schoolers beginning next year. The law also requires annual fitness assessments for students in grades three through 12 starting this year. Another is Florida, where a 2007 law requires 150 minutes of physical education weekly for students in kindergarten through fifth grade and 225 minutes weekly for those in grades six through eight.

More states, including Kentucky, hope to find some common ground on the matter in 2008. As the National Conference of State Legislatures reported recently, "...legislators want to help kids start running, dancing and leaping to surmount the challenge and to learn a lifelong enjoyment of physical activity." But mostly, we just want our children to live long, happy lives that a healthy body makes possible.



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# Renfall Central

by TOM DOTY TIMES COLUMNIST

A real treat for renters this week was the release of two sequels that actually outmatched earlier installments. Braving holiday shopping crowds may be the true measure of one's character, and it was worth the test this week.

"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" — Fans may have been split on the fifth novel in the series, but the film actually fared well with critics and audiences alike, grossing around \$280 million at the box office. This is the darkest entry yet in the series and finds young Potter at odds with the faculty at Hogwarts when he is convinced that the evil Lord Voldemort has been reborn. A secret society within the school (check the title)

sides with Potter and offers him their allegiance as the staff at the school begin to exhibit odd behaviors which indicate that Voldemort may be very close at hand and more powerful than suspected. Good stuff that gets a little dark but should please fans of the series and make converts of new audiences. Daniel Radcliffe returns as Potter and gets ample support from Ralph Feinnes ("Schindler's List").

"The Bourne Ultimatum" — The spy series (based on books by Robert Ludlum) comes to a thrilling conclusion in this third entry as the amnesiac Bourne pieces together his super spy identity and journeys back the U.S.A. for a showdown with his former handlers. This one has it all and gets by with good pacing, scripting and action sequences. The handheld camera work may make you a little dizzy (as will a frenetic chase scene in Tangier) but this is solid stuff. Matt Damon is pitch perfect as Bourne and benefits from a fine cast of players, which include Albert Finney, David Strathairn and Joan Allen.

■ "Born Killers" — This low key crime drama is definitely worth your time, especially if the blockbusters are all out. It tells the tale of two boys who were raised by a dangerous psychopath who took them along when he broke into homes, which he calls "Piggy Banks," which also served as the film's original title, and plundered them as well as often killing the inhabitants. The film charts the adult years of these boys, who pursue their father's career path until a young woman challenges them and creates a bitter triangle that threatens to tear the brothers apart. Smart stuff that paints a shocking picture of children reared by criminals. Tom Sizemore ("Heat") is riveting as the dad from hell.

"Undead or Alive" - As a fan of zombie flicks and westerns, I really wanted to like this low budget elfort, but it would be easier to look at the north end of a south bound horse for 90 minutes than lay eyes on this dud. Weak scripting and subpar acting fill up most of the screen time, though there are some good gore effects on display. The

Next week looks promising with the release of Rob Zombie's take on "Halloween" and a live-action look at the supermutt "Underdog."

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film does little with either genre and any chance of a cinematic blowout is arrested promptly when you spy Chris Kattan in the credits as the lead character. Kattan's hyperactive characters from Saturday Night Live were fun in small doses, but watching him prance about on screen and bulge his eyes for 90 minutes will have you praying that they settle the camera on anything else (even a horse's posterior) than his Jerry Lewis inspired antics.

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# Last-man-on-Earth saga 'I Am Legend' strikingly shot, then turns cheesy

by CHRISTY LEMIRE AP MOVIE CRITIC

So if we must watch the last man on Earth wander aimlessly, it may as well be someone the charismatic Will Smith, star of "I Am Legend."

(Vincent Price and Charlton Heston took on the role with less success in previously cheesy adaptations of the Richard Matheson sci-fi novel, 1964's "The Last Man on Earth" and 1971's "The Omega Man," respectively.)

While Smith certainly conjures both pathos and absurd laughs as Robert Neville, a military scientist whose immunity to a deadly virus leaves him stranded in Manhattan it's the visual effects in director Francis Lawrence's film that truly dazzle. CGIenhanced images of Times Square, Washington Square Park and Tribeca, eerily silent and still and covered in weeds, provide a haunting set-up.

Then come the Infected the ones who didn't die from the virus but rather were transformed into shrieking, flailing crazies who only come out at night. And here's where "I Am Legend" turns from a quiet meditation on the nature of humanity into a B-movie schlockfest.

It's too bad, too, because Lawrence, who previously directed Keanu Reeves in the

met, their emotional needs

were neglected. Sometimes,

they said, the patients simply need to talk - and nurses were too busy to stop and lend an

"The patients deserve so

much better than what they

were given," said Sherry

Eversole, a recent nursing

graduate who was hired by

ARH in July. "I didn't have time to do for those people

Tammy Clemons, a 14-year nursing veteran, had similar

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she said.

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thriller "Constantine," is really onto something for a while. With the help of stark cinematography from Andrew Lesnie, he sucks you into this comatose version of the city who can hold our attention like that never sleeps. It's totally disconcerting, but, at the same time, engrossing — watching Neville roam about with his dog, Sam, and a hunting rifle, past Grand Central Terminal and billboards for "Wicked" "Rent," you have absolutely no idea what's going to happen next. (Mark screenplay, Protosevich's touched up by Oscar winner Akiva Goldsman, is very dif-

nations of Matheson's book.) Military man that he is, Neville has his routine down with only his trusted German cold, with a daily radio broadshepherd for companionship, cast seeking out any other survivors and alarms to warn him when the sun's about to go down. But he's also a human being who misses the wife and little girl (Smith's 7-year-old daughter, Willow) he lost during the city's frantic evacuation a few years back. (These nighttime flashback scenes, crammed with hundreds of extras and vehicles beneath the Brooklyn Bridge, are beautifully controlled.)

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He talks to his dog as if she were a friend (and come on, what dog person doesn't do that anyway?) and is polite enough to return the movies he borrows from his local video store before checking out new ones. By now, he can recite every word to "Shrek," which is amusing and surreal - one blockbuster star mimicking others. But he's also achingly lonely, talking to store mannequins as if they were real people, not unlike Tom Hanks and his beloved volleyball

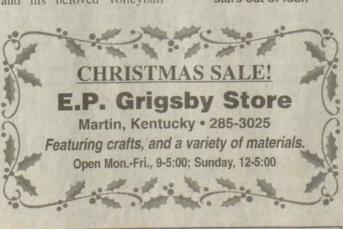
Wilson in "Cast Away." For all his charm and personality, Smith doesn't quite have the emotional depth of a Hanks to pull it off completely, but he does make you sense his pain nonetheless.

Then Neville's peaceful if tenuous grasp on reality and sanity are disrupted when he realizes the Infected have begun adapting, and aren't just hiding in abandoned buildings anymore but rather banding together to destroy him. Neville keeps trying to capture them one at a time to test different cures on them in his underground lab, but with no success. And he's not the only one they want - again, if you're a dog person, this'll be agonizing to watch.

Conveniently, there's one guy who's the biggest and baddest and serves as their leader (Dash Mihok, known appropriately as Alpha Male). And conveniently, when other survivors do finally respond to Neville's daily radio calls, they happen to be a beautiful woman (Alice Braga) and her son, who are about the same age as his wife and daughter.

The three of them hunker down in Neville's fortified brownstone for one last apocalyptic battle with the baddies. Lots of explosions and rapid gunfire ensue - sound and fury signifying nothing, which is a shame, since "I Am Legend" looked as if it might have had something to say

"I Am Legend," a Warner Bros. Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi action and violence. Running time: 100 minutes. Two-and-a-half stars out of four.



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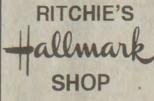


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# Manager

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sued by the Dillion family and they wanted it to be all about Mike when that happened."

The shooting came on the heels of a series of burglaries and thefts at Luv Homes, where Kirk was general manager.

According to Kirk's complaint, CMH would not provide any help to him in trying to curb the frequent thefts. "They (CMH) told me that it was my problem, not theirs," Kirk testified.

In a written statement John Kirk said, "The company gave him no help whatsoever, and literally placed Mike in a situation of having to do nothing and have all those break-ins and thefts continue, or do something himself."

During the trial Kirk testified that he had called Kentucky State Police and reported that he believed "thieves were going to hit him again" that night and was told by police to call back later if he had something certain to report.

According to testimony,

Kirk was waiting inside a mobile home when he encountered Dillion breaking in. Michael Kirk said he told Dillion to "freeze" and that he had a gun. In his lawsuit, Kirk told the jury that Dillion responded that he had a gun as well and started moving toward him. However, no gun was found on Dillion's person later

Michael Kirk was not arrested and no charges were filed. In July 2006, a grand jury concluded its investigation and determined that no indictment was warranted.

"I regret what happened,"
Kirk said, "I regret that Luv
Homes didn't do something
about all those break-ins. I
regret that police were not able
to catch the thief and I certainly regret that someone's life
was lost."

As of press time, Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs of Lexington, counsel for CMH, had not commented on whether or not they intended to appeal the decision.

# Bullying

deeply missed by the entire school and community. Our condolences go out to his family and loved ones."

Visibly shaken by the details surrounding Stephen's death given by his family Wednesday night, members of the board called for a moment of silence and a short recess in conducting business.

"You can be assured," said board chair Jeff Stumbo, "that this board will address this situation and that we will be making some comments."

Another parent, Ann Daniels, appeared at the meeting to inform that her child, a female, had also been the victim of bullying at the school.

"The kids are afraid to tell us," she said. "This is happening to other children. They get made fun of ... They aren't telling anybody and they're afraid if they hit back, they'll get in trouble."

The Floyd school board, however,

voted Nov. 26, just two days prior to the morning of Stephen Patton's death, to no longer impose disciplinary actions on those students who fight back in self-defense as a result of unprovoked attacks occurring on school grounds.

With a promise to delve deeper into the alleged problem of school bullying, Jeff

Stumbo suggested to his fellow board members the possibility of consulting an outside specialist in such matters.

"We need to inquire as to how our educators did not know," said vice-chair Carol Stumbo. "We need to involve teachers in discussions."

Board member Sherry Robinson suggested implementing a "countywide campaign against bullying."

"We had a countywide campaign on attendance," she said. "Maybe we need to focus countywide on bullying."

A 2001 study by psychologist Tonja Nansel, PhD, involving more than 15,000 US students, grades six through 10, found that 17 percent of students surveyed reported having been bullied "sometimes" or more often, with 6 percent reporting that they had both been victims and perpetrators of bullying incidents.

Victims of bullying, according to the Nansel report, tend to be cautious, sensitive, quiet, shy and withdrawn; are often anxious, insecure, unhappy, and suffering from low self-esteem; are depressed and prone to suicidal ideation; often do not have a single good friend and tend to relate better to adults than to their peers; and, if boys, tend to be physically weaker

than their peers. Additionally, they often do not want to attend school and will often fake illness in order to get out of going to

fake illness in order to get out of going to school.

Stephen Patton's grandmother, Ann Shepherd, reported to the board members that her grandson was a well-behaved,

never wanted to hurt anybody."
"Please," she said, "help the other children who are suffering."

quiet child who "loved everybody and

"This has been such a senseless thing," said Sheila Patton. "Some things just have to change. We don't want another child to have to die."

Newly hired superintendent Henry Webb said that his office would "immediately establish a committee" to look into the matter of school bullying. "We'll see what other districts are doing, what's being done nationally and such and we will involve parents, teachers and the community. We'll address this immediately."

Other business items slated for discussion on Wednesday's agenda were tabled for discussion to the Monday, Dec. 17, meeting, to be held at McDowell Elementary School.

# Online

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than once for understanding," said Dr. Shiber. "Students also reported working harder in Philosophy because they had no discussion with professors to help them understand certain concepts."

Other areas of criticism of online courses reported in the study included technical problems with the Blackboard Academic Suite, internet service providers and home computers.

Shiber's report also looks into credible testing for online courses. According to Dr. Shiber students may have others take a test for them, or copy answers directly from a book.

"The issue is learning," said Dr. Shiber. "This affects a college or university's reputation."

While the study reveals that there are problems with online

courses, the general findings indicate a positive experience, with 86 percent of those surveyed saying they would take another online course.

Shiber plans to follow-up and expand upon his study.

"For a single mother or someone who works full time, the courses are very convenient," Dr. Shiber said, "but the student must be disciplined."

The paper on online learning was presented at the 93rd annual Kentucky Academy of Science at the University of Louisville in November of this year.

Dr. Shiber, who is in his 17th year at BCSTC, has previously worked at the American University of Beirut, Purdue University, Houston, and Springfield College.

# State settles

with fired worker

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The state has agreed to pay more than \$360,000 to settle with a Transportation Cabinet worker who helped bring a merit investigation that crippled former Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration.

Under the settlement, the Transportation Cabinet would pay Michael Duncan, the cabinet's chief deputy inspector general, \$369,200.79 to end lawsuits related to his 2005 firing.

Duncan agreed to drop a civil case in federal court and the Transportation Cabinet will end its appeal of a Personnel Board ruling that found Duncan was wrongly fired for political reasons.

The state Personnel Board also ordered him to return to work with back pay.

He was one of several state mcrit employees on a so-called "hit list" of workers targeted for negative employment actions. Duncan contended he was fired in 2005 because he

supported Democrat Ben Chandler in the 2003 governor's race.

The settlement was finalized on Dec. 4.

The payment to Duncan represents \$129,200.70 in lost wages and benefits and \$240,000 to settle the suit against the cabinet, former cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert, former Deputy Secretary Jim Adams and

A special grand jury investigated the matter for 16 months and indicted 15 officials, including Fletcher.

Fletcher pardoned everyone in his administration but himself and later settled the charges against him in an agreement with Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

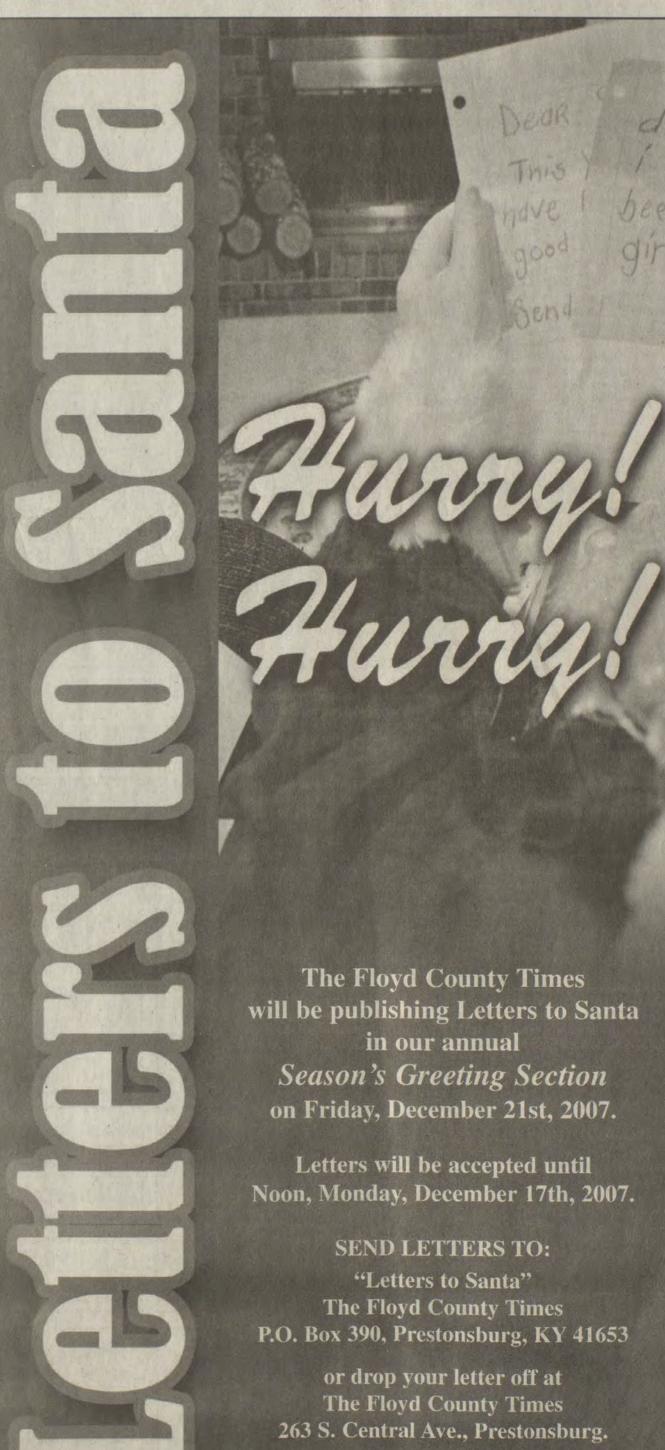
In the agreement, Fletcher and the other defendants denied any wrongdoing and assert that they acted "properly and lawfully" when they fired Duncan, who hadn't yet completed a six-month probationary period.

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### **Christmas Tummy Yummies**

Makes 15 trees

Prep time: 15 minutes Decoration time: 15 minutes Refrigeration time: 60 minutes Difficulty: Easy

- 2 bags DOVE\* Brand Miniatures Dark Chocolate
- 1 1/4 cups finely crushed candy canes or peppermints 2 cookie sheet pans
- 1. Line the cookie sheet pans with foil: set aside.
- 2. Melt the DOVE" Brand Miniatures Dark Chocolate in the microwave for 1 minute, then remove and stir the chocolate. Return to microwave for another minute, or until all remaining pieces have melted. Fold in 1/4 cup of the crushed candy canes. Spread the mixture onto prepared sheet pans with a spatula or back of a spoon. Tap the pan lightly on a counter to remove any air bubbles from the
- 3. Sprinkle the remaining crushed candy canes over the top of the chocolate. Refrigerate until set, approximately 10 to 15 minutes.
- 4. Use a warm knife or a warm tree shaped cookie cutter to press-out the tree shapes. Transfer to a wax paper lined pan and refrigerate until ready to serve. Chop the scraps and use as a topping for ice cream or cake.



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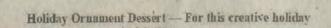


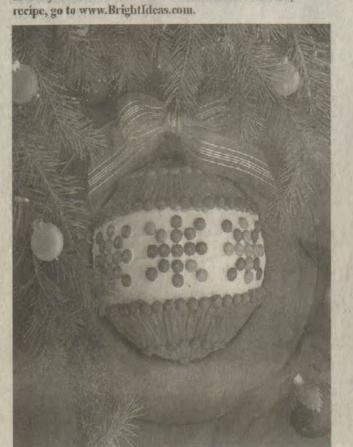
Holly Jolly Snowmen

Makes 4 snowmen (approximately 4 servings)

Prep time: 20 minutes Decoration time: 30 minutes Cooking time: 5 minutes Difficulty: Moderate

- 20 cups popped popcorn (1 cup unpopped)
- cup sugar
- cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- tablespoons butter hag M&Y'S" Brand WINIS Milk Chocolate Caudies
- 4 DOVE" Brand Miniatures Dark Chocolate
- chocolate wafer cookies
- 1 tube white decorating frasting
- 1. Preheat oven to 200°F. Spread popcorn on 2 sheet pans and place in oven to keep warm.
- 2. Combine sugar, com syrup and salt in medium saucepan. Bring mixture to boil over medium heat and cook until sugar is dissolved and mixture becomes thick, about 3 to 5 minutes. Add butter and stir until melted. Remove from heat.
- 3. Transfer popcorn to very large bowl and toss with sugar mixture until completely coated. Stir in M&M'So Brand MINIS Milk Chocolate Candies, leaving a handful aside for decoration.
- 4. With well-buttered hands, shape popeorn mixture into 3 different size balls: 2-inch, 3-inch and 5-inch.
- 5. Stack popcom balls in descending sizes, using a wooden skower pressed through center as support. For variation, make some snowmen using three different size balls and others with only two different size balls.
- 6. Use decorating trosting to attach M&M'So Brand MINIS Milk Chocolate Candies for searves, buttons and faces. To make hat, stack 1 DOVE® Brand Miniatures Dark Chocolate on top of 1 chocolate wafer and attach with frosting.





**Christmas Chocolate Drops** 

Makes 36 cookies

Prep time: 30 minutes Baking time: 10 minutes Difficulty: Fasy

- 1 bag DOVE® Brand Miniatures Dark Chocolate
- 8 tablespoons butter 1/3 cup flour
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 harge eggs 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 cups chopped nuts: such as walnuts, pecans or toasted
- Preheat oven to 325°F. Line 2 sheet pans with foil and set aside. 2 Melt half of DOVE\* Brand Miniatures Dark Chocolate with butter in top of double boiler until smooth Remove from heat and let cool to

room temperature. Meanwhile, roughly chop remaining chocolares

- 3. To make batter, combine flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt in small bowl; set aside. In large bowl, heat eggs and sugar until thick and light yellow, about 2 minutes. Stir in flour mixture and cooled chocolate and beat 1 minute Fold in remaining chopped DOVE Brand
- Miniatures Dark Chocolate. 4 Drop tablespoons of batter onto prepared cookie sheet pans about 2 inches apart Bake approximately 10 minutes, or until just firm. Remove from oven, transfer to wire rack and cool 5 minutes before removing from pans.



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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,

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

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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.

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

11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m. Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

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# Union hits from the line in OT win over Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARBOURVILLE - Union College scored six straight points in a 1:07 stretch of overtime to win the free-throw shooting contest that was a women's basketball game 94-91 over Pikeville College.

The Lady Bulldogs shot 27-of-41 (65.9 percent) from the charity stripe while the Lady Bears were 22-of-31 (71 percent) in a game that featured some 53 personal

Pikeville (1-10) took the lead 89-87 when freshman Whitney Compton hustled downcourt and scored on a putback with 2:26 left

in overtime. But after that, the host 20-8 over the next seven min-junior Susanna Todd 12. Lady Dogs scored the next six four free throws sophomore Ashley Lunsford split by a basket by senior Allison Fowler - to take a 93-89 lead with 1:10 left.

Pikeville pulled within two when junior Whitney Hogg sank two free throws with 1:00 left. With the score 94-91, the Lady Bears got the ball off a turnover with 12.1 seconds left, but turned it over before getting a shot off as Union held on for the win.

Union (8-4) scored eight straight in the second half, and when Lunsford sank a three with 9:53 left, the lead was 67-55.

But Pikeville then outscored its

utes, with senior Heather English accounting for nine of them, and when junior Kristal Daniels scored with 2:05 left, Pikeville had battled all the way back to lead 77-75.

Union, however, scored five straight late to take an 82-79 lead with 11 seconds left, but Pikeville ran a perfect set to free freshman Lauren Potts, who sank a three as the horn sounded to send the game to overtime.

Five Lady Bulldogs reached double figures, led by Lunsford sophomore Carley Blankenship with 17 points each. Sophomore Brooke Smith had 16 while Fowler tossed in 13 and

For Pikeville, junior Alice Daniel led four players in double digits with 18, thanks to 4-of-9 shooting from the arc. English had 17 and seven rebounds.

Daniels, a Betsy Layne High School graduate, followed with her first double-double of the season, scoring 15 and pulling down 13 rebounds. While it was her third time in double figures off the glass, it was her first trip in the scoring column this season. She added four blocked shots as well.

Hogg was 9-of-10 from the line to finish with 11 points and led the team with five assists and blocked three shots.



photo courtesy of Union College KRISTAL DANIELS defended against Union College's Brooke Smith.

# Notes....while on the road

by RICK BENTLEY TIMES COLUMNIST

Notes written on my trusty

- Basketball season, at least for Div. I schools, is quickly coming unraveled in our fair Commonwealth.

Kentucky is 4-3 and thanking God for the 312th toughest schedule in the country, while Rick Pitino and Louisville is losing players faster than Dale Junior can wreck a Chevy. Good news for both of them is as long as they have each other on their respective schedule, one will about have

**Rick Bentley** 

win. been very disappointed in the comments made by Billy G., who's job

to get a

it was to save us from the same fate Tubby had led us. From here, doesn't look like that'll be a problem.

On his postgame interview after Saturday's staggering performance against Indiana, Gillispie reckoned that as a senior and his team's leader, Ramel Bradley should have known better than to foul out with nearly 14 minutes left.

First of all, perhaps Billy Clyde should have slowed down the party long enough to watch a game or two from the last three seasons. Had he done that, he'd have known what the rest of us do - nothing can be left to Bradley's disgretion, unless your desire is poor shot selection.

Then there's this: Is it just me or does the coach have to take some responsibility for leaving a player in the game with four fouls and 14 minutes left in the game? Not according to Gillispie's postgame remarks.

I understand he was left with some questionable players, and I had no visions of a Final Four trip in the spring. But at this early stage, I've been no more impressed with his coaching than with their talent.

And I'll just leave it with that. Meanwhile, Sam Smith's favorite team has had some unfortunate luck, again. First David Padgett suffered what was possibly a career-ending injury. That guy's a player, no doubt

(See NOTES, page two)



Allen Central senior guard Alex Hammonds (25) dribbled against Prestonsburg's Jody Tackett during Tuesday's Floyd County Conference/58th District game between the host Rebels and Blackcats.

# Rebels bounce back, beat Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Allen Central hosted Prestonsburg in an intriguing Floyd County Conference/58th District boys' basketball matchup Tuesday night at storied J.E. Campbell Arena. After trailing by a basket at the conclusion of the opening quarter, Allen Central battled back and gradually pulled away from the visiting unit. The Rebels maintained control of the game's last three quarters en route to an 80-60 win.

Senior guard Aaron Crum hit five three-pointers and scored a gamehigh 28 points for the Rebels.

Prestonsburg shot well in the opening quarter, exiting the first period out in front 18-16.

Allen Central, however, collected itself after the initial frame. The Rebels outscored Prestonsburg 20-13 in the second quarter en route to a 36-31 halftime advantage.

Allen Central padded its lead in the third quarter, outscoring Prestonsburg 23-14.

Logan Crowder added 24 points for Allen Central. Hunter Crowder followed with 10 points for the

Senior Alex Hammonds and junior Josh Prater lent scoring to a balanced Allen Central offensive effort. Hammonds and Prater scored six points apiece.

Robbie Cole and Clinton Turner rounded out the Allen Central scoring with four and two points, respec-

Sophomore guard Michael Burchett scored a team-high 23 points for the Blackcats. Senior guard Jordan Hall added 16 points

for Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg, which dropped to 0-2, benefitted from six points apiece from seniors Taylor Clark, Nathaniel Stephens and Josh Rodebaugh.

Allen Central improved to 4-1 after posting the conference/district

AC 80, PRESTONSBURG 60

PRESTONSBURG (0-2) - Hall 16, Tackett 2, Clark 6, Stephens 6, Burchett 23, Rodebaugh 6, Setser 2. ALLEN CENTRAL (4-1) -

Hammonds 6, Crum 28., Prater 6, L. Crowder 24, H. Crowder 10, Turner 2, Cole 4.

Prestonsburg.....18 13 14 15-60 AC.....16 20 23 21-80 Jack Pack-coached Prestonsburg claimed the all-important Floyd County Conference/58th District vic-Prestonsburg prevailed, despite

and Brittany Collins netted our as

hitting only 10 field goals and sevenof-18 shots from the free throw line.

Sara Johnson and Amber Shepherd led Allen Central with 132 points apiece.

Allen Central also featured five scorers. Jaimie Mullins and Megan Jones followed with six points apiece for the Lady Rebels. Brandi Brown aided the Allen Central offensive effort with five points.

The Lady Rebels hit 14-of-25 free throw attempts.



photo by Jamie Howell Prestonsburg senior Taylor Clark (11) went up with a shot.

# P'burg outlasts Lady Rebs

EASTERN - After being doubled up 12-6 in the opening quarter, Prestonsburg outscored host Allen Central 31-18 in the second and third periods Tuesday night en route to a

Senior forward Julianne Frye hit six three-point field goals and led Prestonsburg with a game-high 20

Frye and her fellow four starters accounted for all of the Lady Blackcat scoring.

Linsey Fields followed Frye in the Lady Blackcat scoring column. Fields finished with 13 points.

Hannah Fitzpatrick added six points for Prestonsburg, providing all of her scoring offense in the final

Rikki Hughes tossed in five points

# Miners activate Allen, deactivate Price Miners, averaging 10.8 points per Price played 88 minutes, scoring a

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The East Kentucky Miners announced on

Tuesday forward Byron Allen had been activated and added to the team's roster. In addition to Allen's activation, East Kentucky announced guard Daniel Price had been deactivated.

Allen appeared in seven games before being deactivated earlier in the season. The Northwestern State product is averaging 3.3 points and 1.7 rebounds per game for the

A Pikeville College graduate. Price played in five games before being deactivated. Price made the most of his time with the

game. He joined the CBA team when suspensions were dealt

out to guards Bryant Northern tributed right away," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "He came into



BYRON ALLEN

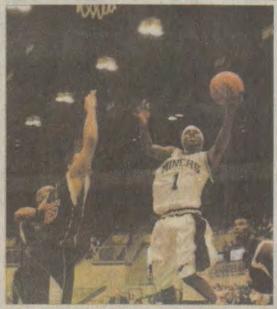
and Jason McLeish. In five games prior to the most recent roster move,

total of 54 points. "Daniel Price came in and con-

training camp with a great attitude, worked hard and after the initial roster took shape, got the opportunity to make a difference for our basketball team."

East Kentucky is currently 5-7. The Miners were back in action Thursday on the road in North Dakota versus the Minot Sky Rockets.

Minot (7-2) is the frontrunner in the American Conference. Thursday's game ended too late to make this edition.



photos courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky

**EAST KENTUCKY GUARD Jason** McLeish went up for a shot during Monday's home game versus Minot.

# Ladycats past Magoffin County by STEVE LeMASTER

Lawson leads

SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE - Senior center Kaitlin Lawson produced a double-double of 11 points and 10 rebounds to lead visiting Betsy Layne past Magoffin County Monday night. The Ladycats outscored Magoffin County 25-14 in the second half en route to a 48-40 win.

Magoffin County started on a solid note, outscoring Betsy Layne 15-11 in the first quarter. But the Lady Hornets couldn't maintain the successful firstquarter pace.

Magoffin County had a 26-23 lead at halftime before Betsy Layne owned the third quarter to the tune of an 18-11 scoring

Megan Hamilton added 10 points for the Ladycats. Seven different Betsy Layne players provided scoring. Taylor Hott and Lindsey

Martin netted eight points apiece for Betsy Layne. Krista Flanery scored five points and Andie Meade added four in Betsy Layne's winning effort.

Faith Reynolds rounded out

# (See LADYCATS, page two) Bears ranked

24th in new poll TIMES STAFF REPORT PIKEVILLE Pikeville College Bears will

go into the holidays ranked 24th in the country according to the NAIA Div. I men's basketball poll. Having only played one

game during the rating period, the Bears stepped up one place to 24th in the poll released on Wednesday afternoon. Pikeville got an 84-69 win

over Brescia University on Saturday afternoon, one day after a week off for final exams. The win improved the Bears to 9-2 on the season and stretched their win streak to six straight. Mountain State University

remained atop the poll, getting 10 of the 11 first-place votes. Georgetown College, the top Mid-South Conference team in the poll, moved into sole possession of second place after being tied with Concordia (Calif.) University. The Tigers, 12-0 on the season, garnered the other first-place

Oklahoma Baptist and LSU-Shreveport completed the top five Campbellsville University, with its 11-2 record, is sixth.

Georgetown, Campbellsville and Pikeville remain the only MSC teams in the poll. Lindsey Wilson College is the only other MSC teams getting votes, listed among the 17 teams getting votes yet not making the Top 25.

POSTPONED: GAME Pikeville College's game Sunday afternoon against The Ohio State-Newark has been postponed. The Bears were to host the Titans at the Pikeville College Gym. Efforts are being made to reschedule the game at a later date.

# AP FCS All-America Ladycats team announced

by RALPH D. RUSSO ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK Ricky Santos capped one of the most prolific college careers a quarterback has ever had with an All-America season.

The New Hampshire quarterback, along with recordbreaking running back Omar Cuff of Delaware, were selected to The Associated Press FCS All-America team released Wednesday.

Santos, last season's Walter Payton Award winner as the best player in what was formerly known as Division I-AA, has led the Wildcats to the playoffs each season. He threw for 2,972 yards and 24 touchdowns this season and New Hampshire finished 7-5 after a Championship Subdivision playoff loss to top-ranked Northern Iowa.

Santos' 123 career touchdown passes and 13,212 yards passing ranks third in FCS history behind Alcorn State's Steve McNair and Grambling State's Bruce Eugene.

Cuff, who will lead the Blue Hens into the national championship game against Appalachian State, set an FCS record for touchdowns this season with 38. He's also run for 1,861 yards.

"I'm totally unaware of all that," Cuff said of the records Wednesday in a phone interview from Chattanooga, Tenn., where the title game will be played Friday night.

Delaware recruited Cuff as a defensive back, but during his freshman season the Blue Hens shifted him to offense, where he wanted to play all

"They were low at running back on the scout team," he said. "I was able to take advantage of the opportunity.'

With another big game against Appalachian State, Cuff can break a few more records. He is one touchdown short of Barry Sanders' Division I record of 39 and with four TDs he can break the all-division record of 41 held set by Mount Union's Dan Ough in 2002.

Cuff's teammate, kicker Jon Striefsky, was also a firstteam All-American. Striefsky leads the nation's kickers with

Appalachian State, which is trying for a record third straight national title and began the season by beating Michigan, was represented on the All-America team by offensive lineman Kerry Brown and safety Corey Lynch.

Lynch blocked a field goal on the game's final play to preserve the victory against the

Wolverines and Brown is one of two players to repeat as an All-American. Portland State offensive lineman Brennan Carvalho was the other twotime All-American.

The rest of the first-team offensive linemen were Chad Rinehart of Northern Iowa, Mitch Erickson of South Dakota State and Demetrius Bell of Northwestern State.

Georgia Southern's Jayson Foster, a Payton Award finalist this season, joined Cuff and Santos in the backfield. The 5foot-9, 164-pound Foster is second in the nation in touchdowns (24) and yards rushing per game (167.6).

The other Payton Award finalists were the second- and third-team quarterbacks. San Dicgo's Josh Johnson was picked to the second team and Northern Iowa's Eric Sanders made the third team.

The receivers were Terrell Hudgins of Elon, who leads the nation in yards receiving with 1,474, and Cal Poly's Ramses Barden, who has 1,467 yards and is averaging 26 yard per catch.

Blake Martin from Sam Houston State was the firstteam tight end.

Hampton's Jeremy Gilchrist, who has returned three punts for touchdowns this season, was the all-purpose player.

Joining Lynch in the secondary was James Madison's Tony LeZotte, a second-team pick last season, along with Williams from Bobbie Bethune-Cookman and Rodgers-Dominique Cromartie from Tennessee State.

linebackers were The Bobby Daly from Montana State, Brian Bradford from Towson and Brannon Carter from Northern Iowa, who was Gateway. Conference defensive player of the year.

The defensive line was comprised of four players who were honored with player of the year awards by their conferences.

Montana's Kroy Biermann, who has 15 sacks, won Big Sky honors for topdefensive player. Brian Johnston of Gardner-Webb was the Big South's top defensive player. Eric Bakhtiari of San Diego, who leads the nation with 20 sacks, was the Pioncer League's defensive player of the year. Bryan Smith of McNeese State was the Southland Conference player of the year.

State's Chris Texas MacDonald was the All-American punter after leading the nation with a 46-yard aver-

the Betsy Layne scoring with two

In a defensive fourth quarter, Betsy Layne outscored Magoffin County 7-3.

The Ladycats improved to 3-2. Ashley Hall scored a game-high 18 points for homestanding Magoffin County. Breanna Adams was Magoffin County's secondleading scorer with 12 points.

Following the loss, Magoffin County slipped to 2-2

BL 48, MAGOFFIN CO. 40 BETSY LAYNE (3-2) Lawson 11, Hamilton 10, Hott 8, Martin 8, Flancry 5, Meade 4, Reynolds 2.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY (2-2) Powers 3, Minix 2, Marshall 1.

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# Bobcats rout Riverside Christian

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE - Betsy Layne won a second straight game Monday night, defeating visiting Riverside Christian 93-39.

The victory was Betsy Layne's third in four games.

The Bobcats outscored Riverside Christian 28-11 in the opening quarter on their way to the convincing

Sam Keathley led Betsy Layne with 15 points. Jerrod Newman added 11 points for the Bobcats.

Fifteen different Betsy Layne players scored in the lopsided victo-

Betsy Layne carried a 49-19 lead into halftime.

Jason Napier led Riverside Christian with 19 points. David Poppy added 13 points for the

Riverside Christian is a member

of the Three Rivers Conference.

Betsy Layne scored 22 points in each of the last two quarters.

Phelps defeated the Bobcats 59-46 Tuesday night. The Bobcats were playing at Piarist Thursday night. The Betsy Layne-Piarist game ended too late to make this edition.

BETSY LAYNE 93,

BETSY LAYNE (3-3) - Case 7, Lafferty 4, Keathley 15, Head 7, Tibbs 4, R. Tackett 2, Maldonado 2, Kidd 9, Newman 11, McKay 1, J. Tackett 8, Adkins 7, Stumbo 2, B. Tackett 7, C. Adkins 7.

**RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN 39** RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN (0-3) Gross 2, Napier 19, Poppy 13, Robinson 3, Daniels 2.

R. Christ......11 8 12 8-39 BL.....28 21 22 22-93

# Valley holds off Lady Blackcats nificant offensive presence in the low post. Senior

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK - Host Shelby Valley built an early lead and defeated Prestonsburg 54-43 Wednesday night in a 15th Region girls' basketball matchup.

Shelby Valley outscored Prestonsburg 15-8 in the opening quarter and went on to tote a 31-18 lead into halftime.

Each team's five starters provided all of the scoring.

Kayla Cantrell and Sally Roberts led Shelby Valley with 14 points apiece. Laura Perkins joined her teammates in double figures scoring, finishing with 12

Amanda Sawyers and Kayla Smallwood rounded out the Shelby Valley scoring with eight and six points, respectively.

Shelby Valley is under the Kristian Waugh added 11.

Rodney Rowe.

Linsey scoring for the Lady Blackcats.

end of the varsity game's third player, the coach said. quarter. The Lady Wildcats Belfry in the 15th Region went on to finish as the 15th right thing from your principles.' Region runner-ip.

For the Prestonsburg JV team,

guidance of first-year head coach

Frye added 10 for the visiting team. Hannah Fitzpatrick (6) and tions, go through as if it's October 15th again," Rikki Hughes (1) also provided Pitino said.

Shelby Valley won the junior in Indianapolis. Both teams are 5-2. varsity game 55-32 behind a game-high 13 points from Sarah

Katy Petry scored 12 points and

# Louisville forward Caracter suspended for curfew violation

by MALCOLM C. KNOX ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - Louisville forward Derrick A. Hall 18, Adams 12, Prater 4, Caracter has been suspended from the No. 22 Cardinals indefinitely for a curfew violation, coach Rick Pitino said Monday.

Caracter, who will move out of the dormitory where he lives with the rest of the basketball team, has had a series of run-ins with Pitino since the sophomore arrived last season. He was sent home to New Jersey briefly almost a year ago.

Pitino said he wasn't sure when Caracter would return. "It's going to be a while."

The team, and not Pitino, decided on the suspension, the coach said.

Pitino wanted to suspend him before last weekend's loss to Dayton, he said, but gave in to players' requests to play him Saturday. Caracter is second on the team in scoring this season with 13.4 points per game and also averages 7.4 rebounds, but his playing time has been cut short by foul troubles. Caracter had at least four fouls in six of the Cardinals' seven

The Cardinals' front line was already depleted by injuries to center David Padgett and forward Juan Palacios, both seniors. Both dressed for Saturday's game but did not play in the 70-65 loss. Padgett was one of the players who pushed for Caracter to play, Pitino said.

In order to play, Caracter signed a contract Saturday, which included a curfew - "the easiest thing on the contract," Pitino said.

Caracter broke curfew the same night.

"The sad thing about it all is he knows how much the team went to bat for him," Pitino said. "And he also knows how much he's needed, already being short-handed."

Now without Caracter, the Cardinals lack a sigcenter Terrance Farley is a solid defender and one of the best shot blockers on the team but has a career average of 1.8 points per game.

Sophomore Earl Clark leads the team in scoring Prestonsburg with a game-high (14.1) and rebounds (11.9) and will likely play some 15 points. Brittany Collins col-center, and 6-foot-6-inch Terrence Williams will lected 11 points and Julianne play at power forward, Pitino said. "We've got to get guys now learning new posi-

Though Pitino knows the bind not having

Shelby Valley led 47-33 at the Caracter puts on the Cardinals, Caracter is still his "If I made a mistake in recruiting him, it's my

ended last season with a loss to mistake, but he's still my player," Pitino said. "I'm going to stick by him 100 percent, all the way, until Tournament Semifinals. Belfry his time is up. ... You stick by people, but you do the

Louisville's next game is Saturday against Purdue

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# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Aaron Crum, ACHS Boys' Basketball

Kaitlin Lawson, **BLHS Girls' Basketball** 

about that. Now the thinking is he could be back as early as this season, but either way, it's a setback.

Then last week, the unfortunately named Derrick Caracter reared his ugly head. This is a guy who needs to be gone. Begging to play, the guy agreed to sign a contract promising to keep his curfew agreement. That very night, he

I was never crazy about Pitino while he was in Lexington, and still hold to my opinion that after the Unforgettables, he forgot about instate talent. But he deserves a better fate than the one he's been dealt in Louisville.

- Kelly Wells was a proud husband a couple of weeks ago. On the day the Pikeville College team he coaches finished up play in the Roy N. Baker Classic in McKenzie, Tenn., his wife Shawne was down the road in Memphis running in the inaugural St. Jude Memphis Marathon and Half Marathon on Dec. 7 benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Kelly said there was no way at this point he

■ Continued from p1 could do it, but he was very proud of Shawne for finishing the course. For the record, she completed the 13 miles in a time of 2:01:53.

- If all worked out properly, by the time you read this I'll be in Florida preparing for a trip with the Lady Bears. I plan to do a "Dear Diary" on the Pikeville College Web site, a link which will be found at www.pc.edu <a href="http://www.pc.edu/">http://www.pc.edu/</a> . Please stop by and check it out. With the crew I'm traveling with, it should be an entertaining read.

If I was going to be in town this weekend, I'd be at the Expo Center for the Farm Bureau Classic. A lot of work has gone into this to bring in some quality teams, and I'd about guarantee it will be a good time.

- How quickly can Michael Vick go away?

On a news segment on ESPN Radio Wednesday afternoon, the announcer referenced an "astonishing lack of ethics" when talking about Bobby Petrino leaving Atlanta for Arkansas.

# Eagles active in community service projects

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - Coach Donnie Tyndall, his staff and his Morchead State University men's basketball team have been active in community service projects during recent weeks.

During November, Eagle players visited McBrayer, Clearfield, Rodburn and Olive Hill elementary schools to visit classrooms and read to stu-

MSU squad also "rang the bell" for the Salvation Army at the Morehead Wal-Mart store.

"I believe that it is very important for my staff and our team to give back to the community," Tyndall said. "And, what better time of year to help raise money for charitable organizations than Christmas season. We are all very fortunate to have the opportunities that we have and hope that we can make others

Tyndall and members of the feel special during the holi-

The Eagle men's basketball team was honored at last spring's Annual Athletics Honors Banquet with a Certificate of Appreciation for

their community service work. In October, the Basketball Eagles and other MSU studentathletes played host to youngsters from throughout the community and region with their annual "Trick-or-Treat With the Eagles."



NATHANIEL STEPHENS (55) is back on the hardwood for Prestonsburg following a stellar senior football season.



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# hours after resigning as Falcons coach

by NOAH TRISTER **ASSOCIATED PRESS** 

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - Barely 24 hours after another blowout loss with the Atlanta Falcons, Bobby Petrino was back in college football.

Petrino was hired Tuesday by Arkansas, capping a whirlwind day in which he stunningly resigned from the Falcons after just 13 games. Petrino succeeds Houston Nutt, who stepped down at Arkansas two weeks ago and became the head coach at Mississippi.

"Today was a day of decision," Petrino said at a late-night news conference in Favetteville. 'It was difficult on one side, very easy on the other. It was difficult to leave Atlanta, the staff, players, fans. The timing of it probably is the thing that made it most difficult. Coming to Arkansas was the easy part."

Petrino got a five-year deal worth \$2.85 million per year to take over the Razorbacks, according to an athletic department spokesman.

In January, Petrino lest as head coach at Louisville to take over in Atlanta, agreeing to a five-year, \$24 million contract handed out by a team that felt he could help Michael Vick reach his full potential.

However, the star quarterback came under investigation for a grisly dogfighting operation that led him to plead guilty to federal charges.

On Monday, Vick was sentenced Monday to 23 months in prison without ever taking a snap for Petrino. That night the Falcons lost to New Orleans 34-14, and hours later Petrino left the team with a 3-10 record to return to the college ranks.

Arkansas had been looking for a coach for two weeks to replace Nutt, who resigned after a tumultuous season of his own. The Razorbacks came close to hiring Wake Forest's Jim Grobe last week, but Grobe remained with the Demon Deacons and Arkansas fans had to wonder whether the school could attract a bigname coach.

In Petrino, the Razorbacks found one. Petrino went 41-9 in four years at Louisville, coaching some of the highestscoring teams in the country before leaving in January to join the Falcons.

In 10 seasons at Arkansas, Nutt built the Razorbacks into one of the Southeastern Conference's top rushing teams. Tailback Darren McFadden finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting the last two years, but Nutt's teams often lacked balance. Petrino said his

Arkansas teams will be aggressive.

"You have to be able to run the football when you want to, and run the football when you have to," Petrino told a crowd full of Razorbacks supporters. "You have to be able to pass the football when you want to, and pass the football when you have to."

Petrino said he didn't speak with anyone from Arkansas about the job until

It was one of the most difficult things I've had to do," he said. "I truly believe from the bottom of my heart that I made the right decision."

Jeff Long, Arkansas' incoming athletic director, handled the search for a new coach. Long takes over for Frank Broyles, who is retiring at the end of the year.

'It is a tremendous honor for me to be named the 30th head coach at Arkansas, particularly on a night when we honored coach Broyles for his 50 years of service," Petrino said, referring to former head coach. "He's such a legend and I can't wait to develop a friendship with him."

Long said he wasn't deterred as the search appeared to drag on and many wondered if the Razorbacks needed to lower their standards.

"I wasn't listening or reading," Long

said. "I was going to work to find the best season. "Take Peyton Manning from the coach."

Petrino's stint in Atlanta was one of the shortest for a non-interim coach since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger. Pete McCulley was fired after starting out 1-8 with San Francisco in 1978, and Sid Gillman lasted only 10 games in his second stint as San Diego coach, going 4-6 in 1971 before

In an interesting twist, Lou Holy. coached the New York Jets for 13 games in 1976. He went 3-10, then left the team with one game remaining to become the coach at Arkansas.

Atlanta owner Arthur Blank and general manager Rich McKay were scheduled to hold a news conference Wednesday. There was no immediate word on who would take over for the team's final three games.

After losing Vick, Petrino tried three quarterbacks without success. The Falcons have lost four straight, all by double-digit margins, and are assured of the 32nd season of .500 or worse in their 42-

'Anytime you're without one of the best athletes in the National Football League, it's going to be tough," cornerback DeAngelo Hall said earlier in the

Colts, and they'll go through a little slump.

Arkansas played in the SEC championship game in 2006, but the Razorbacks finished that season with three straight losses and Nutt faced unrest from fans and dissension in the program.

Fans used the Freedom of Information Act to investigate Nutt's cell phone records. As the team struggled this year, planes were spotted at games towing anti-Nutt banners.

This season started with Nutt's longterm status shaky, and the mood in Arkansas worsened when the Razorbacks began SEC play 0-3. They finished strong, beating then-No. I LSU in their regular-season finale to go 8-4.

However, within days of one of his biggest victories at Arkansas, Nutt departed and defensive coordinator Reggie Herring was named interim coach.

Herring will coach the 25th-ranked Razorbacks when they face No. 7 Missouri in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1. Then Petrino is the only person in charge.

"I knew I wanted to come back and coach in college football," Petrino said. "I'm very excited to get back and work with the student-athlete.'

by MALCOLM C. KNOX **ASSOCIATED PRESS** 

LOUISVILLE - Louisville men's basketball coach Rick Pitino knows exactly what his team needs to be successful.

Right now, the No. 22 Cardinals could use some big bodies on their front line, which has been razed by health, academic and discipline problems.

But a wiry freshman from eastern Kentucky with past behavior problems has the desire Pitino wishes more of his players had.

Preston Knowles hasn't done a lot for Louisville statistically this season. The 6-foot-1, 170 pound guard is playing an average of 3.5 minutes per game and has scored a total of ten points. But he didn't expect much, coming to a that, because of his work

team with several experienced guards, including Edgar Sosa, who had maybe the best game of any Cardinal last season. scoring 31 in loss to Texas A&M in the second round of the 2007 NCAA Tournament.

"Being a freshman, and having everybody experienced in front of me, I have to work five times as hard." Knowles said. "Hopefully, I'll. get some more playing time, but if not, I'm gonna stay humble and keep working day in and day out

That's the attitude that has Pitino smitten.

"He, without question, is my favorite player on the team," the coach said. "Give me 12 guys like Preston Knowles and we'll have a chance of going to a Final Four every year. I really mean

ethic, and his desire, his passion, brings it every day. He's a tough kid."

But if Pitino had listened to most people he talked to, Knowles would have ended Virginia Commonwealth, Louisiana State, Kentucky or one of the other schools that had shown interest.

Knowles was suspended last summer from the Kentucky All-Star team that played against the Indiana All-Stars. He was also suspended several times from the basketball team at George Rogers Clark High School during his years there.

Instead of the negative talk, Pitino trusted the only person who said Knowles was worth the risk, Knowles' AAU coach

"I believe in (Givens),"

Pitino said during a pre-game media conference. "And Preston is here because of that. I'm excited. He is going to play more."

The coach kept his word, playing Knowles for a seasonhigh 10 minutes in a 70-65 loss to Dayton. Knowles responded with five points.

The recent suspension of forward Derrick Caracter further depleted a team missing injured center David Padgett and forward Juan Palacios, both seniors. So all the Cardinals' guards will see more playing time as Pitino has to go with some odd line-

"I'm not displeased with the other guys," Pitino said. "They give me a good, honest effort. But (Knowles) gives

me an extraordinary effort." The Cardinals travel to Indianapolis to play Purdue on Saturday. Both teams are 5-2.

Louisville UK Alumni Club to host pep rally Dec. 15: The University Kentucky Alumni Association's Greater Louisville chapter will once again host a pep rally prior to UK's annual basketball game in Louisville this year. The UK Pre-Game Pep Rally precedes the UK-UAB game at Freedom Hall Saturday, Dec.

The event will feature fun, food and festivities for the entire family. It will include the Wildcat mascot, giveaways, UK merchandise for sale, face-painting, a basketball toss game and music, along with UK's cheerleaders, dance team, pep band and a Big Blue Santa Claus. Fans

will be able to enjoy lunch selecting from a wide variety of food that will be for sale. A cash bar will also be avail-

The Alumni Club will give away blue "Go Cats!" spirit towels to the first 3,000 UK fans at the pep rally.

The pep rally will be held at the Kentucky Exposition Center's North Wing (formerly called the East Wing). The Wildcats will play the Blazers

Admission is free for UK Alumni Association members who present their membership card, and only \$5 for others. Children 12 and under get in free. (You must have a game ticket to get into the pep

The club's previous UK pep rally events have drawn 2,000 to 3,000 fans.

# UK women's team signs top juco forward

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The University of Kentucky women's basketball team has signed the nation's top power forward in the junior college rankings, Jackie Sanders, to a chart an impressive 27-4 national announced. Sanders, a native of Birmingham, Ala., is currently a sophomore at Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City Beach, Fla.

Sanders, 6-2, is considered the sixth-ranked player overall and the top junior college prospect at power forward by Brett McCormick

of the All-Star Girl's Report. As a freshman at Gulf Coast, she was named to the All-Panhandle Conference seeond team after averaging 7.1 points and 6.1 rebounds per game and helping GCCC championship. This season, she has helped lead the Lady Commodores to a No. 1 national ranking with a perfect 12-0 record. She is the team's fourth-leading scorer, averaging 11.3 ppg and is tops on the team in rebounds, grabbing 7.7 rpg.

"I am thrilled that Jackie

is the newest member of the Wildcat family," Mitchell said. "I think she sensed this was a special place and she is a special young woman who has lofty goals. We are excited about helping her achieve those goals. She is one of the letter-of-intent record and advance to the top-ranked players in the Coach Matthew Mitchell has FCCAA state tournament country and has unbelievable skill set and great size strength. She is extremely skilled for a post player as she shoots the ball well and has great range. She also has size and the ability to operate an insideoutside combination that basketball team."

"Jackie is a very good player and at 6-2 is really skilled," McCormick of the All-Star Girl's Report said. "She has good fundamentals shoot the three and has a

Prior to Gulf Coast, School in Birmingham, Ala.,

Sanders chose Kentucky

The victory was Xavier's

sixth in its last nine games

against Cincinnati. The way

the Musketeers pulled it out

really tough, hard-fought

game," Miller said. "We

finding our way. We were not

ready to win a game of this

magnitude. This year, we're

No. 20 Vanderbilt 91,

OT: At

85,

Rosemont, Ill., Shan Foster

and A.J. Ogilvy came

through after struggling most

of the night, and Vanderbilt

rallied to remain undefeated.

to its best start since the

2003-04 team won its first

12. Foster and Ogilvy were

non-factors for most of the

night, but both finished with

(2-4) with 24 points, and

66: At Provo, Utah, Lee

Cummard scored a career-

high 27 points and Brigham

Young won for the 36th

Tavernari scored 11 for the

Cougars (8-2), who had a

double-digit lead for most of

Lamar Sanders scored 11

and

Trent Plaisted added 22

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Mac Koshwal scored 21.

straight time at home.

to lead Lamar (3-6).

Draelon Burns led DePaul

No. 25 BYU 88, Lamar

At 10-0, Vanderbilt is off

"It's great for us to be in a

photo by Jamie Howel

THE PRESTONSBURG LADY BLACKCATS took the first Floyd County Conference/58th District meeting of the season versus Allen Central Tuesday evening.

# No. 17 Xavier 64, Cincinnati 59

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - The ball was loose on the floor, and all 10 players went after it. The referees eventually untangled the pile of bodies and assessed two technical

fouls for jawing and shoving. Vintage crosstown rivalry. No. 17 Xavier won a game Wednesday night that fit the tradition, using Derrick Brown's late scoring surge to rally for a 64-59 victory over Cincinnati that left both teams bruised and feeling that they'd grown up a little

"Show me a game where there's 10 players on the floor, that's a hard-fought game," Xavier coach Scan Miller said. "I was reminded at the start, in the first few minutes, that this game is so different, so emotional, so

physical." It fit the mold.

There were technical fouls, two injuries and five lead changes in the frenzied, final minutes. The game included everything that has made the rivalry famous, except for the stunning upset."

Brown saw to that.

The sophomore forward took the game firmly into his left shooting hand and scored 11 points in the final 7 minutes. The Musketeers (8-1) needed him more than ever after senior forward Josh Duncan left in the second half with a left knee injury that doesn't appear to be seri-

"We let him get in the lane," Cincinnati coach Mick Cronin said. "If you let him get in the lane and shoot layups, he's going to make them all. He's 6-foot-9 and jumps over everybody.

We played 37 minutes of really good basketball. The last 3 minutes we didn't execute defensively. That's where we got beat.'

In other games involving Top 25 teams, No. 20 Vanderbilt beat DePaul 91-85 in overtime and No. 25 BYU routed Lamar 88-66.

Heading into the game, it seemed that Cincinnati (4-5) was much farther away from Xavier than the 31/2 miles that separate them. While the Musketeers are on the rise, the Bearcats are off to their

worst start in 22 years. This one brought out the

best in them. "In this game, the effort was there," Cincinnati forward John Williamson said. "Everything was there. We had a few letdowns at the end of the game. That's where we messed up. We're not exactly all the way happy because we didn't get the win, but we found what we're capable of. We didn't get rattled by the

And Xavier didn't get rattled by the rough-and-tumble tone. Last year, Xavier also was favored, but got pushed around and lost by 10 points on the Bearcats' court.

"This is different from any other game," said Xavier senior guard Stanley Burrell, who stood on the media table and looked up at the crowd in celebration after the final buzzer. "It's emotional and guys are fighting, there are technical fouls. We wanted to set the tone, and that's what we did tonight. We made the plays down the stretch to win

"It's a new day, a new team. We were not going to get run over like we did last

Stunning upsets have been the hallmark of the series. Playing with its highest ranking since the end of the 2002-03 season, Xavier had to reach deep to prevent anoth-

A no-holds-barred tone was set in a first half that featured seven lead changes, two personal fouls and one forearm to the face — Xavier point guard Drew Lavender's face smacked into Williamson's forearm on a

Both teams lost starters to injury in the second half. Cincinnati forward Marvin Gentry was taken off the court on a neck board as a precaution after he ran into teammate Deonta Vaughn's knee while going for a loose

"I've been told Marvin's fine," Cronin said. "It was just a precaution."

Duncan had to be helped off the court after he was pushed from behind and landed hard during a tussle for a rebound. Duncan will get tests Thursday on his left

"The initial diagnosis is

and is a good passer. She can solid inside-outside game. She is the type of player that has huge potential and could really help Kentucky.

Sanders played high school basketball at Fairfield High for then-head coach Arnika Clements.

will help make us a better over LSU and Louisiana

favorable," Miller said.

was telling.

better.'

DePaul

19 points.

points

the game.

# Lady Bears pick up easy win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - One night after losing a heartbreaking threepoint game in overtime, the Lady Bears of Pikeville College had three players record double-doubles en route to an easy 109-50 win over Ohio State-Mansfield Wednesday night.

Freshman Whitney Compton came off the bench to lead the Lady Bears with 22 points and was one of three players with 10 rebounds. Freshman Lakia Bailey had 21 points and 10 rebounds, while senior Heather English had 10 points and 10 boards.

Senior Beth Patterson joined them with 10 points, adding seven rebounds and five assists. Freshman Meagan Johnson came off the bench for five points, eight assists and four

haven't had many. We're a different team than we were rebounds. last year. In December last Pikeville (2-10) dominated the glass, winning the battle of the year, we were very much

glass 63-31 Ashley Swarn led Mansfield with 19 points and seven

rebounds, while Lakeya Holmes had 15. Pikeville had 24 steals and forced 28 turnovers from the Lady Mavericks.

The Lady Bears will be in action today and Saturday in Lake Wales, Fla., in the Warner Southern Classic. The Pikeville College women's basketball team will play the host squad at 4 p.m. this afternoon.

# Bears run through Mavericks

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Five players reached double figures and one recorded a double-double as Pikeville College knocked off Ohio State-Mansfield 113-61 Wednesday night.

The win was the seventh straight for the Bears, who improved to 10-2 on the day they learned they moved up to 24th in the country in the NAIA Div. I poll.

Junior Ewan Linton led the Bears with 24 points and 11 rebounds, giving him his lifth straight double-double and seventh of the season. Senior Jeff Ferguson just missed one, finishing with 20 points and eight rebounds to go with five assists, four steals and two blocked shots.

Junior Haakim Johnson followed with 18 points and eight boards and added six steals for the Bears, who forced 28 turnovers thanks to 24 steals. Pikeville is third in the country in steals per game this season. Junior Anthony Ighodaro had 14 points and right rebounds, while freshman Justin Hicks added 12 points and five assists. Hicks is a Hazard High School graduate.

Pikeville (10-2) had 56 rebounds compared to 21 for the Mavericks. For the Bears, 29 of their claims came off the offensive glass. The Bears improved their rebounding margin that was fourth in the country in the plus-35 performance.

# Carson Palmer's numbers down in Bengals' 5-8 season

by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Ten months after Carson Palmer won the Pro Bowl's MVP award, his numbers and his team have become downright average.

Are the Cincinnati Bengals' woes dragging down their franchise quarterback? Or, is there more to it?

The first suggestion fits best.

Palmer had another so-so game Sunday in a 19-10 victory over the St. Louis Rams, leading the Bengals to one touchdown and four field goals. When it was over, he was ranked in the middle of the pack of NFL passers.

"At this position and with where we are as a team. I need to play great every week, and I haven't been great every week," Palmer said. "As far as I'm concerned, I just want to give us a chance to win. Of course, I want to throw a bunch of touchdown passes

and throw the ball all over the field, but at this point in the year with where we're at, we need wins."

At 5-8, the Bengals are out of playoff contention. They need to win their last three games against San Francisco, Cleveland and Miami to finish 8-8 for the fourth time in coach Marvin Lewis' five seasons.

Palmer's breakout season came in 2005, when he led the Bengals to their first winning record and playoff appearance since 1990. He completed 68 percent of his passes, threw 32 touchdowns and 12 interceptions, and finished with a passer rating of 101.1.

He tore up his left knee during the playoff loss to Pittsburgh, and was still recovering from the injury last season, the reason his numbers slipped slightly. He completed 62 percent with 28 touchdowns and 13 interceptions, finishing with a passer rating of 93.9 — still well above average.

The decline has continued this the first half of the season because of season. Palmer has completed 65 percent of his passes with 21 touchdowns and 17 interceptions, one shy of his career high. His passer rating

Coach Marvin Lewis thinks it's unfair to judge him on those numbers. The Bengals put a lot of responsibility on Palmer to run their no-huddle offense.

"You have to consider the whole does a good job of handling the things he sees week-in and week-

"If you look at what he manages and how he does it, there are a lot of good plays."

A lot of things have been outside his control.

The offensive line was in flux for

body of work, and he has tremendous ability to manage the football game," Lewis said Monday, "He things that are put on his shoulders and the different, unconventional

All those things left the offense one-dimensional: Palmer throwing to Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh. Palmer is on pace to set career highs for attempts and completions.

injuries. Running back Rudi Johnson

has been limited by a hamstring

injury for most of the season.

Receiver Chris Henry was suspend-

Plus, the last two games have been played in miserable conditions - the muck at Pittsburgh's Heinz Field and a steady rain Sunday in the victory over St. Louis.

There was one encouraging development for Cincinnati's offense in the rain Sunday. Rudi Johnson had his best game since the second week of the season, picking up 92 yards with a 1-yard touchdown run. He's getting closer to nor-

"I'm getting better each week," Johnson said. "I'm still not 100 percent, but all I can do is keep pushing

"We just have to keep sticking ed by the NFL for the first half of the with it. We need to believe in the guys up front and make sure we trust them. When it was crunch time, we

got the job done.'

Lewis said Monday that the Bengals got away from running some of their straight-ahead, power plays that feature Johnson because their offensive line was in transition. They've had the same five starters in the last seven games, and they've started getting back to what they do

"We put some things back into our running attack that we had climinated," Lewis said. "We had eliminated some things due to changes in the offensive line. But we've looked at some things where we used to make a little hay and gone back to that a little more.'

# Bengals RT Anderson expects to return from foot, knee problems

CINCINNATI — Right tackle Willie Anderson insists he'll play for the Cincinnati Bengals again, even though a chronic foot problem and a knee injury have wiped out most of his season.

Anderson didn't practice on Wednesday, an indication he probably won't be ready for a game Saturday in San Francisco. The 32-year-old lineman hasn't played since Oct. 21, when he hurt his right knee in a victory over the Jets.

The Bengals (5-8) haven't disclosed any information about the nature or severity of the injury, leading to questions

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fans attended this weekend's Kahn's

Redsfest 2007, presented by Great

American Insurance Group, benefiting

the Reds Community Fund at Duke

event was 20,165 and broke the previ-

ous record of 18,080 established last

year. Today's attendance was 12,805.

The attendance total at the 2-day

The total financial donation to the

Energy Center downtown.

CINCINNATI - More than 20,000

bone bruise and a sprained ligament when teammate Reggie Kelly's helmet accidentally hit him in the knee while making

"I'm tired of people saying, 'Willie's done,'" Anderson said. "I had a bone bruise that

Rich Braham suffered last seabelow the knee in the second game of the season and didn't play again, finally retiring. The Bengals had described Braham later said he broke a

Anderson, in the first year

"I took a helmet to my knee," he said. "That can happen to anybody. Before then, I was fine. My foot is what it's going to be. It's going to be the same way. I've had three or four doctors just recently tell me I should be fine and should be able to continue playing and just take care of it once I'm done playing football."

The 12th-year veteran expects to be able to play for several more years.

"I'm 32 now," he said. "I see myself playing until I'm 35, 36 years old. There's nothing about 'Willie's done." My commitment is still to this team to play three or four more

There's no telling whether

Outstanding Pitcher Aaron Harang Area in Western Hills, will have its

son. He has missed all or most 'pain and show up every of the last nine games, with Stacy Andrews taking over his spot. Anderson said his knee injuries have healed, but coach Marvin Lewis has been noncommittal.

Asked whether it would be wise for him to skip the last three games since the Bengals are out of contention, Anderson said, "I don't know. That's something to take up with Marvin. I have a job here and I'm an employee. I do what I'm told."

Anderson has been chosen for the last four Pro Bowls and won All-Pro honors the last three seasons. He said it's been difficult to watch most of this one from the sideline.

"I've always prided myself

week," Anderson said. "Now you've got young guys on this team who probably don't know a whole lot about my play. That's something that I want to show the young guys, the new guys: Willie's a pretty good football player. And I haven't been able to do that."

Anderson has been giving pep talks and pointers to teammates on the sideline during games, impressing Lewis.

"When you have the presence that Willie Anderson has, it means a lot," Lewis said. "It means a lot to the football team as a whole, the defensive guys and the offensive guys, because they don't want to let Willie down. I still feel that."

### EAST KENTUCKY MINERS **UPCOMING** SCHEDULE

DECEMBER Dec. 14 - at Minot, 7:05

Dec. 16 - Minot, 4:05

Dec. 17 - Albany, 7:05

Dec. 19 - Albany, 7:05

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.

**JANUARY** Jan. 3 at Butte, 6:15 p.m.

Jan. 4 at Butte, 6:15 p.m. Jan. 6 Yakama, 4:05 p.m.

Jan. 7 Yakama, 7:05 p.m.

Jan. 9 Rio Grande Valley. 7:05 p.m.

Jan. 14, Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.

# by JOE KAY Wednesday that he suffered a ASSOCIATED PRESS

takes time to heal.'

Anderson said it's different from the injury that center son. Braham broke a bone that injury as a bruise, but bone as well.

about whether it could threaten of a five-year contract exten-

his career. Anderson revealed sion, said the two cases are dif- he will play against this sea- on being able to play through More than 20,000 attend Redfest; fans set record attendance mark

> Fund is selling bricks and pavers to help raise additional dollars. Call (513) 765-7231 for more details. The winners of the celebrity poker

groundbreaking in April and its grand

opening in June. The Reds Community

tournament will be announced later Jerod Cahill of Florence, Kentucky won the Hooters Chicken Wing Eating

Shawn Adkins of Fairfield, Ohio

God Bless The USA.

No Wave At GABP won the event's whiffle ball tournament. In 2007, the Reds Community Fund

connected with more than 15,000 kids and coaches through its baseballthemed outreach efforts. Programs include the Reds Rookie Success League, a free, noncompetitive, coed, character-building program for kids ages 8-11; Youth Baseball and Softball Funding, which underwrites expenses for 176 inner-city teams; and Field Renovation, which has helped restor Also this weekend, 2007 Reds Most complex, located at Oskamp Recreation a stirring cover of Lee Greenwood's 164 baseball fields.

# Jackson receives consideration for weekly honor Eagles fall to KCU, Georgetown

donated \$40,000 to the Reds

Community Fund's Miracle League of

Greater Cincinnati and Northern

Kentucky field for children with dis-

abilities. The Harang family's total

donation towards the Miracle League

field project is \$55,000, including

\$15,000 from Harang and Chevrolet as

a part of the Roberto Clemente Award.

pushed the total halfway toward the

RCF's goal of \$800,000 for completion

of the project. The Miracle

The \$40,000 gift from the Harangs

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE . - East Kentucky forward James "Boo" Jackson received consideration for the CBA American Conference Player of the Week honor for the week ending December 10.

Through 12 games, Jackson is averaging 22.4 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. Jackson leads East Kentucky in rebounding. The former Eastern Michigan University standout has pulled down a team-high 39 offensive

Jackson delivered a gamehigh 39 points in East Kentucky's 117-114 win over Atlanta December 2. He scored 30 points in a 107-118 loss to the Albany Patroons Friday, Dec. 7. One of the league's most consistent productive performers, Jackson pulled down 14 rebounds in the same game, recording a double-double as part of the road matchup.

Jackson has led the Miners in rebounding in six of 12 games.

Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "He has stepped up and performed well throughout the season."

Amal McCaskill, a 6-10 center from Marquette, was named CBA American Conference Player of the Week for the week ending December

In a four-game stretch for Albany, McCaskill averaged 14 rebounds per game, leading the Patroons to a 3-1 record. McCaskill netted 37 points

"Boo Jackson comes ready against the Atlanta Krunk. He to play every night," said East averaged 25 points per game in two wins over the East Kentucky Miners.

Other American Conference players considered for the player of the week award were Terrance Hunter (Atlanta), Antonio Graves (Pittsburgh) and Ronnie Fields (Minot).

Earlier in the season, East Kentucky guard Josh Pace was named the CBA's American Conference Player of the

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College Eagles lost a close game on the road last week versus Kentucky Christian University. 77-73. For ALC, Corey Hairston had a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Eric Mullins finished with 19 points and 4 rebounds. Will Dillard (15 pts., 6 rebs.) and freshman center Corey Dixon (10 pts., 8 rebs.) were also in double figures for the Eagles.

On Saturday, Alice Lloyd traveled to Berea to play as part of a three-game KIAC/Mid-South Challenge. The Eagles played nationally-ranked Georgetown College (Ranked No. 2, NAIA., Div. 1). After being tied at 10, the Tigers had a 9-point run and led at halftime, 47-26. The Eagles played much better in the second half, getting outscored 40-36 in an 87-62 loss. Hairston was the only player in double figures for the Eagles. He finished with 16 points and 8 rebounds. Dillard had 8 points, 6 rebounds and 6 assists. Mullins had 8 points and 3 rebounds.

# AFTERMATH IN ATLANTA: Bitter Falcons feel betrayed after Petrino bolts for Arkansas

by PAUL NEWBERRY ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. - Arthur Blank looked at the sign on the wall, the one that Bobby Petrino put up in the team meeting room after he was hired to coach the Atlanta Falcons.

It lists the traits Petrino wanted out of his players, wrapping up with a most telling word:

Finish.

"I don't think quitting after 13 games is equal to the word 'Finish,'" Blank said, not even bothering to hide his sarcasm.

The owner of the Falcons wasn't the only one who felt betrayed after Petrino skipped town with three games left in his first season as an NFL head coach.

The guys who were playing for Petrino less than 48 hours earlier arrived at the Falcons' suburban training complex Wednesday to find an 86-word farewell from their ex-leader, who bailed on a 3-10 season to take the coaching job at Arkansas.

That was it. No face-to-face meeting. No phone calls. Just a short letter that had all the warmth of a credit-card solicita-

"I feel like I've been sleeping with the enemy," safety Lawyer Milloy griped.

The Falcons watched Petrino on television the previous day, yukking it up at a giddy, late-night news conference in Arkansas, then unloaded on him for the way he abandoned the team. Words like "quitter" and "coward" flowed easily off everyone's lips, from outspoken players such as DeAngelo Hall to the mildmannered ones like Warrick

While the aloof Petrino made few friends in the locker room - and there was actually a sense of relief he was gone no one expected him to leave before the season was done. All he left behind was that letter.

"Atlanta Falcons Players," it

"Out of my respect for you, I am letting you know that, with a heavy heart, I resigned today as the Head Coach of the Atlanta Falcons. This decision was not easy but was made in the best interest of me and my family. While my desire would have been to finish out what has been a difficult season for us all, circumstances did not allow me to do so. T appreciate your hard work and wish you the best.

"Sincerely, Bobby Petrino."

Blank sounded as though he

had just been stabbed in the

back. He got a call late last

week from Dallas owner Jerry

Jones, an Arkansas alumnus, to

say the school was interested in

talking to Petrino about its

Falcons had no intention of let-

ting the Razorbacks speak with

their coach, and general manag-

er Rich McKay confirmed that

position in his own talks with

series of meetings over the

weekend in which Petrino laid

out some areas of concern, and

the Falcons thought they had

addressed them all. In fact,

Blank said he met again with

the coach on Monday, just

hours before Atlanta's 34-14

loss to the New Orleans Saints,

to make sure he wasn't plan-

"He stood up, we shook hands and he said, 'You have a

Twenty-four hours later,

Petrino submitted his resigna-

tion, hopped on a plane to

Arkansas and signed a deal as

Razorbacks coach for less

money than his five-year, \$24

the way we feel," Blank said,

"The best way to describe

million deal with the Falcons.

head coach,"" Blank said.

ning to leave.

That was followed by a

Blank said he told Jones the

coaching vacancy.

"is betrayed."

The Falcons hastily chose secondary coach Emmitt Thomas to run the team on an interim basis for the final three games; he becomes the first black head coach in team histo-

Blank said he has no reason to believe that Jones was involved in Petrino's sudden resignation, and McKay said NFL tampering rules don't apply to college jobs anyway.

During his final days with the Falcons, Petrino expressed to both Blank and McKay his concerns about dealing with pro athletes. There were plenty of warning signs he wasn't coping well with players who weren't afraid to speak their minds or question the coaching staff:

"This league is not for everybody," Milloy said. "This league is for real men. I think he realized he didn't belong here."

A couple of Pro Bowlers, Hall and Alge Crumpler, had openly criticized Petrino's domincering tactics before he left. Plenty of others expressed their frustration in private.

Dunn said Petrino's rules ranged from a ban on televisions in the locker room at the team's training complex to frowning on any loud talking at team dinners when the Falcons were on the road.

"It got to the point where I never went down to team dinners to eat because I was not going to sit there in silence," said Dunn, a 32-year-old, 11year veteran. "You tell kindergartners things like that."

Around the league, others took note of Petrino's shocking departure. It just shows his true color,

like a coward with a yellow stripe down his back," said defensive tackle Grady Jackson, who was cut by Petrino during the bye week and now plays with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"He snuck out in the middle of the night like the Baltimore Colts did," said Kansas City Chiefs running back Kolby Smith, who played for Petrino at Louisville.

Even some of Petrino's fellow coaches were dismayed by his tactics.

"I'm always very disappointed when things like this happen," Baltimore's Brian Billick said. "This profession needs to handle itself better at

The Falcons were particularly upset about Petrino's jovial demeanor at his first news conference in Arkansas, where he

even participated in the school's "calling the hogs" cheer. It was the first time any of the players could remember him smiling.

"The slap in the face was ultimately when he showed up at a 11 o'clock, or whatever time it was in Arkansas, doing the 'pig sooey' hog call,' Milloy said. "It seemed like was right in rhythm with the beat. He had been practicing.'

As for Petrino's letter, Milloy had a copy of it taped above his locker, with a red "X" through Petrino's words and the player's own assessment written in: "Coward." Center Todd McClure didn't even bother keeping his.

"I think it's already in the trash," he said bitterly.

Defensive end Jamaal Anderson, the Falcons' firstround pick from Arkansas, was asked what he would tell his

alma mater about its new coach. "One word: Disloyal," Anderson replied.

Associated Press Writer George Henry in Flowery Branch; Mark Long in Jacksonville, Fla.; Steven Wine in Miami; and Doug Tucker in Kansas City, Mo., contributed to this report.

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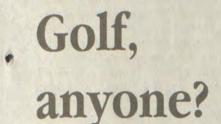
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THROUGH MY EYES

This time of year, it's easy to allow ourselves to hold little personal pity party's and let our



Kathy Prater Lifestyles editor

minds rampant with thoughts of how "everyone else" is having a merrier holiday than we are. Television commercials repeat images of happy famiand kanoodling

couples opening gifts of diamond rings, expensive colognes, the latest in electronic technological devices...

It's easy, when your pocketbook and bank accounts are heading toward the negative, to keep your mind on the positive.

But, as a friend of mine remarked to me just a few weeks back, no matter how dire your current situation may seem, it isn't too awfully hard to look around and see someone in an even worse

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# DINNER DIVA

# Eat, drink and be merry

by LEANNE ELY

Last week, I sent up a warning flag on the dangers of getting a "jelly belly" this time of year. And while this may seem contradictory, I also want to encourage you (within reason and moderation!) to ENJOY these holidays and the celebratory spreads that come with



you have to strap on the feedbag and cat like it's your last meal, however! This col-

doesn't mean

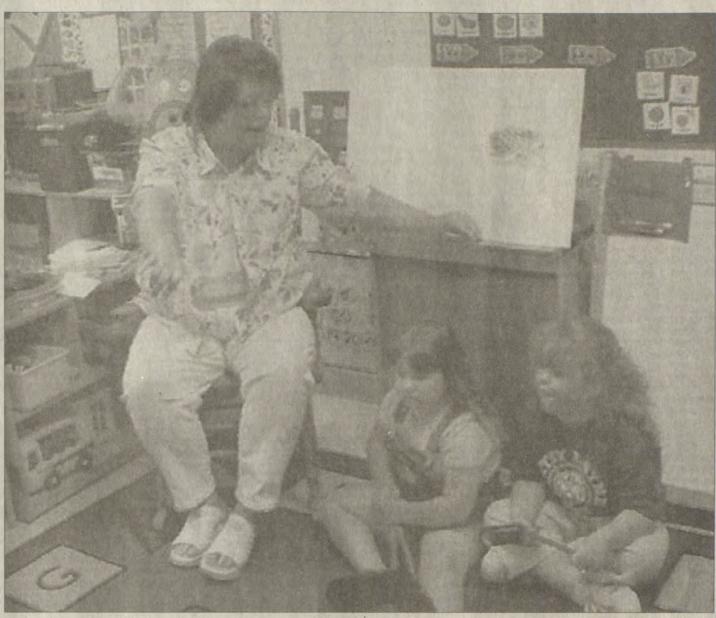
them!

umn, "Eat, Drink and Be Merry" is a Leanne Ely classic that

bears repeating. Please enjoy it and the festive recipe appearing at the end of the column.

A long time ago, when my daughter was about 6 or 7, I took her to a children's birthday party. It was pretty typical - games, lots of junky food, birthday cake and ice cream. I couldn't even tell you the name of the child the party was for or anything about it except I remember this one poor little kid

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Cynthia says that the hardest part of enduring her illness has been having to give up her work as a Pre-School/Head Start

# Hoping for a special Christmas gift

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

'Tis the season for giving and one Prestonsburg woman is hoping that she will be granted a very special gift this holiday season - that of a new kid-

Cynthia Allen, 47, of Prestonsburg, has spent the greater part of her life giving - in the field of education - and she is hoping now that some of the generous spirit she worked so hard to instill in her young students will somehow find its way back to

"I know that I touched a lot of lives," she said, "and I'm hoping that maybe somewhere out there, there will be someone who will remember me that may be able to help me out."

Cynthia, who has been diabetic for most of her life, has known for the past several years that she would soon be in need of a new kidney. Stricken with cancer six years ago, surgery performed to help rid her body of damaged organs left her with a portion of her pancreas removed, as well as her spleen, adrenal gland, and one of her kidneys.

"My one kidney has managed to work pretty well," she said, "but now, my diabetes is affecting it and I have to undergo dialysis. I'm going to have to have a new kidney, there's no doubt about that."

Working since the age of 16, Cynthia loved the work she did as a Pre-school/Head Start teacher at Betsy Layne Elementary School, but was forced to quit as her health deteriorated to the point that she could no longer be an effective teacher. "I remember this one time," she said, "when one of my students asked me to read to her. I told her, 'honey, I



Cynthia Allen, of Prestonsburg, is hoping for a very special Christmas gift this holiday season - a new kidney.

can't see good enough anymore to read to you. I'm sorry.' Seeing my eyes well up with tears, that sweet little thing just looked up at me, patted me on the arm and said, 'that's okay, Miss Allen, I'll just read to you.'

"I miss being in the classroom so much," she said. "That was my darkest hour of my illness, realizing that I had to leave.'

Cynthia, who attends Allen Baptist Church with

husband Chris and their teenage son, Cole, says that it's her religious beliefs that help her to maintain a positive mindset. "God has a plan for me, I know that," she said, "or I wouldn't be here at all."

Along with coping with her diabetes, cancer, and learning to give up smoking, Cynthia also underwent gastric bypass surgery this past summer. "I've lost 70 pounds," she said, "but I still have to lose a little more to get myself in good enough shape for the transplant surgery. It's not been easy, but I feel really positive.'

Cynthia says that she is already on the list to receive an organ donation at the University of Kentucky Hospital Transplant Center and that receiving a new kidney will lengthen her life "by at least ten years."

"I have a strong desire to be here for my family," she said. "I think that desire is what pushes me forward. Wanting to be with my loved ones and believing that God has a plan. That's what keeps

And in the meantime, that new kidney is at the top of her Christmas wish list.

Editor's Note: Cynthia may be contacted through Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times. Those who wish to learn more about becoming organ donors may call (866) 474-6544 for information. A donor's one remaining kidney will grow until it is able to do the work of two kidneys. Living donors have a normal life span and have no restrictions on their lifestyle and activities as a result of donation. All costs for organ donation are generally covered 100 percent by the recipient's Medicare or private insurance.

# FLY LADY

# Put out your hot spots!

by MARLA CILLEY

Do you feel like the whole world is crashing in on top of you? Believe it or not, it happens to all of us from time to time, especially during the holiday sea-

When we get busy, we feel that we don't have time to do even the simplest of routines. So what do we do? We let our HOT SPOTS take over our homes! Yes, that is all it is! You come in the door tired and ready to drop your load wherever you can put it, then you

crash! No, wait! First, you have to throw something together for supper and do I mean throw! Because when you are finished, your kitchen looks like a bomb went off and you feel like you should just get out of the way! By this time, you are so overwhelmed that you just want to hide so you go to bed without doing even the smallest of a before-bed routine. What seems like all of a sudden, your home has exploded in your face and soon, your husband is pitching one of his usual fits about it! Ugly words are exchanged and you

end up feeling terrible!

Here is the secret to stopping this explosion before it starts: When you hear yourself saying that you don't have time or you don't have the energy to do something, stop dead in your tracks and set a timer for 5, 10, or even 15 minutes and do a quick pick-up and put-away. That is all it takes to make you not feel so overwhelmed. Our Hot Spots attack more than our home. They hurt us inside by causing us to feel bad because we can't keep up, as well as the trick they do to zap our energy! Now, I want you to pay close attention! You can "start over" anytime! You are never behind! Do you

That stinking thinking of, "I don't have enough time" is for the birds! It is what got your home in the shape it was in to begin with! It is simply our perfectionism rearing its ugly head one more time! You can stop the downward spiral by replacing those terrible words, "I don't have time!" with "I can do just 5 minutes!"

This is a huge attitude adjustment for most of us. It takes time and worst of all we don't even realize we are doing it. Now that it has been brought to your attention, you will hear yourself say those words. When you do; turn them around and just set your

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Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A. Associate Professor of Family Medicine

I just started with a new family doctor (I moved), and he says I have osteoarthritis in Rices. My former doctor said I had degenerative joint disease. Who is right? Should I see a specialist? Both doctors have recommended the same treatment, however. Can you tell me what I have?

Both of your doctors are probably right. Degenerative joint disease (DJD) and osteoarthritis (OA) are actually just different names for the same disease. Regardless of what name you use, it is the most common type of arthritis, and its incidence increases as we get older. Over 80 percent of people over 65 have OA to some degree.

Although it can develop in any joint, large weight-bearing joints like the knees and hips are especially vulnerable as are the hands and spine.

Now, before I go further, I think a quick anatomy lesson about joints is in order. A joint is the place where two bones come together. Usually, at these junctions each bone is covered with a slippery substance called cartilage, which serves as kind of a "joint cushion." This cartilage is bathed in a special lubricant known as synovial fluid. OA results when due to hard use and/or the aging process, the cartilage wears away, spurs grow on the ends of the bones, and the body tries to compensate by producing extra synovial fluid. Together, these

# Reader probably doesn't need specialist for osteoarthritis

processes can lead to pain, swelling and loss of motion in the joint.

While OA may run in families, it is not a systemic condition like some other forms of arthritis, so only the joints are affected. The symptoms of OA can vary from mild, intermittent joint pain, to severe debilitating pain. The symptoms can be constant or intermittent, and many patients are pain-free for years.

When the knees are affected by OA, the condition can be made worse by obesity and overuse. Many people who have OA in the knees have some congential deformity in this joint, which gets worse as the disease progresses. This form of arthritis is the leading reason people have knee replacement surgery in the United

The diagnosis of OA is commonly made with an X-ray. It can show deterioration of the cartilage and narrowing of the joint space. Also, if there is fluid accumulation, the doctor can drain the fluid and send it to the lab. That analysis can exclude other causes of joint swelling such as

The treatment of OA is aimed at lessening joint pain and reducing inflammation while maintaining joint function. Patients need to avoid activities that make the pain worse. Exercise is helpful in maintaining joint function provided it is not done to excess or to the point that it aggravates the pain. Using anti-inflammatory medications like non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), can give great pain relief as well as help to decrease inflammation in the joint. Common NSAIDs include aspirin and ibuprofen. Sometimes, steroid injections into the joint can be helpful, but this cannot be done too frequently. If you are overweight, weight loss can help OA pain in the lower extremities.

As I said, it sounds like both of your physicians are correct.

Therefore, there's probably no need to see a specialist. This is usually not necessary unless the diagnosis is in question or more aggressive treatment, like surgery, is needed.

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# School Happenings

### Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

•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 "Gct 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, wellchild 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

•Dcc. 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. 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 Avc., 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** \*The center is 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, coordi-

### May Valley Elementary

•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

\*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, firstserve 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 appoint-

### 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 nondenominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and

**Family Resource Center** 

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

•After-School Child Care: 3-6

· Call 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the com-

### South Floyd Youth Services Center

·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-

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

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

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

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

\*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

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

# Wesley Christian School

•Dec. 17 - Polar Express Day. •Dec. 17 - Circuit Riders vs. Allen, 6 p.m.; home game.

•Dec. 19 - Christmas play "Christmas Around the World," 10 a.m., followed by dismissal at noon for Christmas break.

•Dec. 20 - Circuit Riders vs. Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.; away game.

•Dec. 27 - Circuit Riders vs.

Adams, 6 p.m.; home game.

•Jan. 3 - Classes resume. •WCS Learning Center accepts

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. •For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-

toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours:

**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. Tucsday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud

Creek Clinic; BSCTC. 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. - David Craft

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie

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. -

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Weeksbury

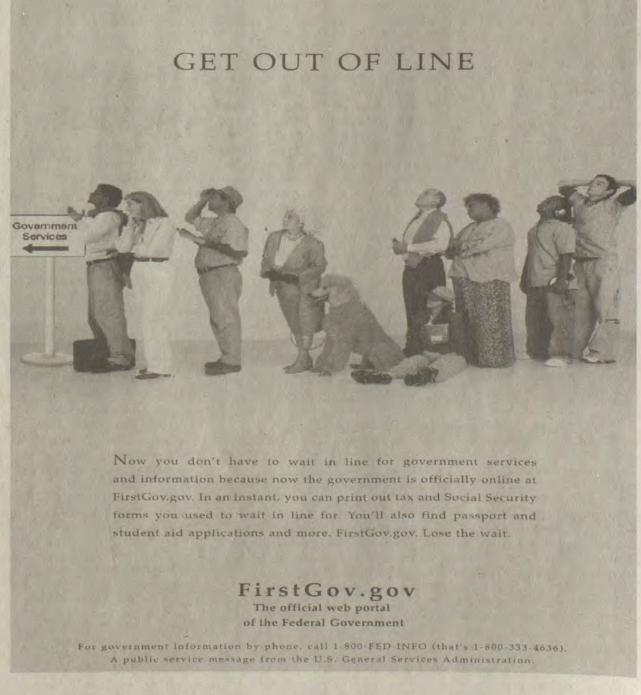
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.

Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334

Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397 Ron Johnson, Stephania Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

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





# Happy Birthday, Jaxson!

Jaxson Dwight Williams will celebrate his second birthday on December 15, 2007, at home with family and friends. Jaxson is the son of Kimberly and Scott Williams, of Allen. He is the grandson of Larry Mosley and Audrey Stanley, and Kathy Collins and Tex Williams, all of Prestonsburg.

# Diva

who was just miserable. Her mom, doing her best to do the right thing, wouldn't let this child eat the hot dogs, chips or any of the other junk food. She gave her a wholewheat muffin while the other kids snarfed down gobs of cake and ice cream. I joked with the other mothers about how I'd be trying to get my daughter off the ceiling with a spatula later on from all the sugar she was taking in! But curiosity got the best of me as I watched this mom argue with her child and watch her like a hawk during the entire party being a nutritionist, I was convinced she had some sort of serious

allergy. Turns out this mom had never let her child eat anything other than organic, wholesome foods and there were no exceptions - ever. She was horrified to find out I was a nutritionist and even more horrified when she spied my child inhaling her third hot dog. "How can you let her eat like that?" she asked. I said, "She doesn't. Just for today. Today is special, it's a birthday party and we do things differently on holidays and birthdays." She didn't understand, but I'm will. hoping you It's important to eat healthy and it's important to be balanced about it, too. And my idea of healthy eating is doing it right 90 percent of the time. The rest of the time, eat what fits: if you go to a ball game, eat a hotdog; if you go to an Easter brunch, eat the ooey gooey buttery coffeecake and forget about it! Life is too short to always say no. (Obviously, the key here is moderation with a modicum of self control! And, obviously, can't do this at all if you're dealing with a severe allergy, physical restriction or religious restrictions.) There are parts of life that are filled with celebrations and there are celebratory foods that go with it. Eat those foods with relish and don't even look at the nutrition info. Then start over the next day eating healthy again. And when you look back, enjoy the memory of the people that went along

Here's a fabulous holiday dessert that I make every year for Christmas, It's in my book, "Saving Dinner for the Holidays:'

with all that good food

because that's what it's all

### Easy Trifle Serves 6, plus

My British father was quite the cook and often made a traditional trifle that I absolutely abhorred. The whole mess floated in too much sherry and custard. I didn't like it because it was so soggy and boozy. So I came up with my own version, which not only preserved the integrity of the pound cake, but also gave those who didn't want the sherry on it, options. Trust me, this is easy, fabulous, and you are going to love

2 Sarah Lee frozen pound publication. cakes, thawed and sliced

# Eyes

As for me, I am eternally grateful for bright children, loving family members, and friends who don't allow life's storms to blow them so far away that they can't stand at the ready to throw me that life preserver when I most need it.

One of those dear friends, Bonnie Howell, shared this with me earlier this week. I thought it was worthy of passing

### The Mayonnaise Jar and 2 cups of Coffee

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the two cups of coffee:

A professor stood before his philosophy class with some items placed on his desk in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled

into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. Again, they agreed that it was.

Next, the professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else.

He asked his class once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents of both cups into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions. If everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

"The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, your house and your

"The sand is everything else - the small

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes

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for life. If you spend all your time and efiergy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are truly important to you.

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with your grandparents. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean-the house and fix the disposal.

"Take care of the golf balls first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled and said, "I'm glad you

"The coffee just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

Though neither my friend Bonnie nor I drink coffee, we still manage to share and to let one another know that we care. Thanks, Bonnie, for sending this along to remind me to keep track of the golf balls.

# Fly Lady

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1 small jar raspberry pre-

1 pint of fresh raspberries

pint whipped cream (whipped—NOT Cool Whip

I recipe Crème Anglais

1 pitcher of cream sherry

In a footed trifle bowl (or

use a salad bowl with straight

sides), you are going to layer

everything, starting with

pound cake slices spread with a generous spoonful of rasp-

berry preserves. Place the first

layer on the bottom with jam

cream, then some berries, then

more pound cake smeared with raspberry jam. Do it

again. End with whipped

cream on top. Garnish with

Serve with Crème Anglais

Crème Anglais (Make this

This is easy to make, but

anytime. It will hold up for a

few days in the fridge with no.

you must follow the directions exactly. You don't want the

half and half boiling! It will

break and you will have scrambled eggs floating in

your sauce - not good! For those in the UK and Australia,

half and half is half cream and

any remaining berries.

on the side in a pitcher.

Then a layer of whipped

serves (I prefer the seedless)

(or whatever other kind of

berry you can find fresh or

and not the stuff in a can)

(recipe is below)

side up.

problem.)

timer and do just a little.

I can hear you now! "BUT! I really DON'T have the time!," and "She doesn't understand!" Well, 1 am here to tell you that I used to think the same way as this and I

ones and you can, too! It all starts with the realization of what you are doing to YOUR-SELF with those negative words. It is a form of WHIN-ING! And you know by now that I don't allow whining!

and replacing them with positive actions. Even a little will go a long way toward helping you find this peace!

free mentoring group at 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

I want for you what I have: your CHAOS; check out have learned to change my negative thoughts into positive PEACE! This peace came for Flylady's website and join her publication. The Floyd County Times will be publishing Letters to Santa in our annual Season's Greeting Section on Friday, December 21st, 2007. Letters will be accepted until Noon, Monday, December 17th, 2007. SEND LETTERS TO: "Letters to Santa" The Floyd County Times P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

or drop your letter off at

The Floyd County Times

263 S. Central Ave., Prestonsburg.

All letters need to be legible, have your

full name, age, and address.

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I cup half-and-half cream 1/2 cup white sugar, divided 1 teaspoon vanilla, plus another 1/2 teaspoon

cgg 2 tablespoons unsalted butter

In a saucepan over medium 'heat, combine half-and-half, 1/4 cup of the sugar and vanil-

In a medium bowl, whisk together the egg yolks and remaining 1/4 cup sugar until

When cream mixture starts to just to a boil, remove it from the heat. Whisk a small amount of hot cream into the egg yolk mixture, then pour egg yolk mixture into remaining hot cream and whisk together until smooth.

Return it to the heat and cook over medium heat stirring until mixture coats the back of a metal spoon and is slightly thickened. Remove from heat and stir in butter. To keep it from getting a skin on top, put plastic wrap directly on the surface. Stir in the last 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla just before putting the plastic wrap

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Release on Permit

Number 836-0319,

which was last

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The application cov-

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Pike and Floyd

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4. Reclamation performed work includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed in April 2005. All disturbed areas have been area, Floyd County. seeded as to proadequate vide 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 home for rent in Director, Prestonsburg. Call the 874-0875 or 226-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 at the Pikeville Regional Office of the Department for Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement, 121 Mays Branch Road. Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing ers an area of will be cancelled if no request for a hearing on informal conference received by January 22, 2008.

> NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5507

Amendment In accordancce with 350.070, KRS notice is hereby given that FCDC Inc., 587 Coal. North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for an amendment an existing underground coal mining and recla-

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mation operation, located 1.3 mile southeast of Drift, in Floyd County. The amendment will add O acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an 105 additional acres, making a total of 2204.90

boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.6 mile southwest from Morgan Fork's junction with Little Mud Creek Road, and located 0.2 mile south of Simpson Branch. The amendment will

acres within the

amended permit

underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Company, Coal LLC, Jamie Ray & Lisa Powell, Edith Huff, Roland Moore, Lewis Jr. & Susie Knott, Charles & Wallen, Carolyn Rudolph Parsons, Vernon & Pamela Stumbo, Everett Gayheart.

proposed amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle

Russell Shelton.

The amendment application been filed for public inspection at the Department Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office. 3140 South Lake Suite 6, Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director. Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hollow, Hudson 127 South, U.S.

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# Around Our Schools



### PES student chosen to craft card

Each year at Prestonsburg Elementary one student is chosen by a school committee to draw a picture for the school Christmas card. This year. McKinzie Spears was chosen. McKenzie is a 5th grade student. She is the daughter of Rebecca McKinzie Spears, of Prestonsburg, and Donnie Spears, also of Prestonsburg. McKinzie was able to capture

the magic of Christmas with her drawing of an anxious elf awaiting directions from Santa who was busy carefully checking his list.



Jr. Miss Red, White & Blue winner Lauralee Johnson with escort Tyler Moore.



Kiana Hall was escorted by Jordan Burke in the Teen Miss Red, White & Blue Pageant.

# RW&B at SFMS

Both of the representatives for Red, White and Blue from South Floyd Middle School walked away with county titles during this year's pageant.

Miss Lauralee Courtlyn Johnson represented SFMS in the 6th-7th grade category for the title of Jr. Miss Red, White and Blue. Lauralee is the daughter of Leigh Ann Fraley, of McDowell, and Charles Johnson, of Wheelwright. Miss Johnson was escorted by Mr. Tyler Moore, the son of Vonda and Glenn Moore.

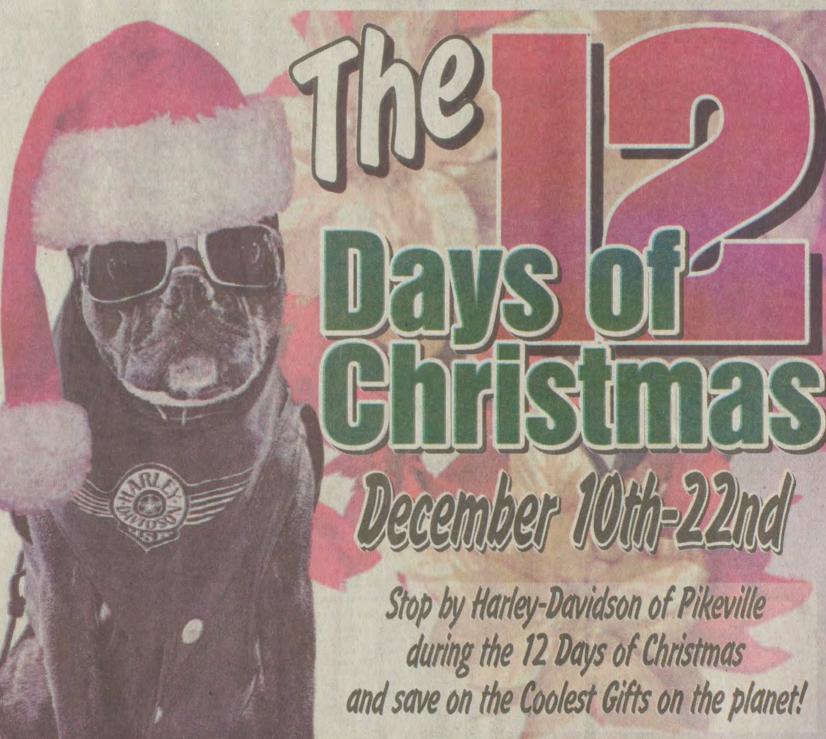
Miss Kiana Shanice Hall represented SFMS in the 8th grade category for the title of Teen Miss Red, White and Blue. Kiana is the daughter of Jeanice Allen and Jerry Allen, of Wheelwright, and the late Victor Hall. Miss Hall was escorted by Jordan Burke, the son of Lisa and Greg Burke.

Congratulations ladies!



# ACMS essay winners

The Patriot's Pen Essay Contest provides 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students the opportunity to express their opinion on a patriotic theme and improve their writing skills while they compete for worthwhile awards and prizes. The 2007-2008 theme was "Why Am I an American Patriot?" Awards are given at the local, district, and state levels. Two Allen Central Middle Schools students captured 1st and 2nd place at the local level. Ms. Amber Shepherd, a 7th grader, was the 1st place winner, receiving \$250 dollars. Ms. Caitlin Kidd, a 7th grader, was the 2nd place winner, receiving \$125 dollars. Amber Shepherd has also won an additional \$ 500 for winning the district level. Amber's entry will now move on to state level competition. Ms. Angela Coleman-Mullins is the 7th grade West wing Language Arts teacher.





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