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## MINERS COME BACK

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### briefs

## Santa rides Monday

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Santa Claus is slated to make an impromptu stop in Prestonsburg Monday evening before beginning his 2007 world tour.

According to operational details leaked to The Floyd County Times news staff, Mr. Claus, age unknown, will work in conjunction with the Prestonsburg Fire Department beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, traveling all over the city aboard a fire engine.

Mr. Claus, who has a history of visiting the Big Sandy region before making his Christmas deliveries, said in a released statement that while there are exceptions, Prestonsburg children overwhelmingly lean toward the good. Claus insisted that his list had been double checked. The identity of those deemed "naughty" was not made public.

Operational plans indicate Santa's reindeer and sleigh (designation: SC1) would touchdown in an undisclosed location sometime Monday, where last-minute flight checks and plans would be made. From there he will rendezvous with city firefighters, who will be escorting Mr. Claus about the city, handing out candy along the way.

### 2 DAY FORECAST

#### Today



High: 52 • Low: 38

#### Tomorrow



High: 57 • Low: 49

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

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# FRANKFORT SHUFFLE

## Spencer resigns House

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER



Brandon Spencer

FRANKFORT — A potential rematch between current and former 95th District state representatives became a special election Tuesday when former Rep. Brandon Spencer, after "much deliberation, and prayerful consideration," resigned his House seat.

In a letter to Gov. Steve Beshear,

(See SPENCER, page six)

## Stumbo seeks to regain seat

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER



Greg Stumbo

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Greg Stumbo, of Prestonsburg, announced Wednesday morning that, if it is offered, he will accept the Democratic nomination for the 95th District House of Representatives seat vacated by former Rep. Brandon Spencer

(See STUMBO, page six)



Chuck Meade

## SPREADING CHEER



photo by Kathy J. Prater

New clothing, toys, and a bicycle for everybody were among the gifts received by the children participating in Prestonsburg's "Shop with a Cop" program. For full details, see page B5.

## Nurses, ARH reach tentative agreement

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A tentative agreement has been reached between hundreds of Appalachian nurses and the region's largest health care provider, possibly putting the months-long labor dispute to an end.

The Kentucky and West Virginia nurses associations made a joint announcement

Thursday with officials from Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

Both sides said details of the agreement will not be disclosed until the 700 registered nurses at ARH vote on the new contract on Friday and Saturday.

Chief nurses negotiator Pat Tanner said the new contract addresses the nurses concerns.

## Fire department urges holiday safety

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg firefighters offered up some tips to avoid potential holiday disasters and to have a safe and merry Christmas this year.

Deep frying turkeys has become a popular alternative to traditional methods in the last few years, but

Fire Chief Gary Dotson warns people to be cautious.

"You should always deep fry turkey outdoors," said Dotson, before adding that placing the fryer a safe distance from one's house is advisable.

Don't overfill the fryer with oil, and pick up any dried leaves, or other flammable items.

(See SAFETY, page six)

## 23 sought in Floyd, Pike drug roundup

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Kentucky State Police troopers from Post 9, along with Pikeville City Police officers and Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) officers joined forces as part of the 12-month investigation that has led to 23 drug related suspects in Floyd and Pike counties.

According to the report issued Friday morning KSP, Pikeville Police and canine handlers left at 7 a.m. to arrest 23 suspects on drug charges relating to trafficking in marijuana and trafficking in controlled substances, with the drugs ranging from marijuana to prescription pills and cocaine.

The list of subjects being sought Friday are as

(See ROUNDUP, page six)

## Beshear raises new concerns about budget

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear has rescinded pay raises given by his predecessor to members of the Kentucky Parole Board.

Beshear said a major shortfall in the state budget has made it unwise to grant the raises ordered by former Gov. Ernie Fletcher earlier this month just before he left office.

"That budget right now has insufficient funds to pay those salary increases," Beshear said Thursday. "So it makes no financial sense to have salary increases out there when

we don't have the budgetary resources to pay those salaries."

Beshear, speaking to reporters at a press conference where he announced the appointment of his secretary of health, raised new concerns during a press conference about the state's overall finances with six months remaining under the current budget.

"This is becoming increasingly not a pretty picture," he said. "While I didn't create the situation that I'm walking into, it's my job to do something about it and make sure that this

(See BUDGET, page six)



photo by Joy Baldrige

Frosty the Snowman visited Mrs. Barrows' class at Perstonsburg Elementary Wednesday afternoon, as students prepared for an extended holiday break. Frosty also paid a visit to all kindergarten and first grade classes at the school.

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For the second year in a row, the employees of Gearheart Communications came together Monday to present 39 children from the Martin County Head Start and Stumbo Head Start with toys, clothes, coats and shoes for Christmas. As part of the Angel Tree Program, employees throughout Gearheart Communications selected angels from the tree to sponsor anonymously for Christmas. Representatives from the Martin County Head Start Program came by to pick up the gifts to deliver to the needy 3-, 4- and 5-year-old children. Later on that afternoon, Santa Claus came by and presented children from Ms. Deb's Stumbo Head Start class with toys, clothes, shoes and stockings full of goodies and treats. "It was a joyful day that was more than heartwarming, and I will never forget the pleased looks on those little faces and the grateful thank yous from the parents of the children," said Amanda Baker, human resources manager. "I feel very blessed to have been a part of this experience." The children were videotaped and the program will air on Inter-Mountain Cable local TV channel 5 throughout the holiday season.

## Free college courses offered to high school students

MOREHEAD — High school juniors and seniors who want to get a head start on their college career may enroll at Morehead State University. Students with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 may take college courses tuition-free.

The process to enroll is simple. Complete the "High School Student Admissions/Registration Application" which is available from your high school guidance counselor or MSU's Web site at [www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions). Enrollment is currently open with course(s) for the spring

term. Students may choose from 100 or 200 level courses on the class schedule. The special application and list of courses may be obtained from MSU's Office of Enrollment Services, 100 Admissions Center or by calling (606) 783-2000. Students are responsible for textbooks and any fees not included in tuition.

Textbooks for the classes are available from the University Bookstore, located in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus. Orders may be placed by calling (888) STORE-05 or via the Internet at [www.book-](http://www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu)

[store.moreheadstate.edu](http://www.moreheadstate.edu). Purchases will be shipped to the address specified by the student.

Classes at MSU for the spring semester begin on Monday, Jan. 14, at all locations. The term ends May 11.

Additional information, the application and a list of recommended courses are available by calling Tina Stafford-Baldwin, distance education director, at (800) 585-6781, option #3; or MSU at Mt. Sterling, (859) 498-0780 or (866) 870-0809; or MSU at West Liberty, (800) 648-5371 or (606) 743-1500.

## Obituaries

### Matilda Rice Palmer

Matilda Rice Palmer, 80, of Ivel, died Wednesday, December 19, 2007, at her residence.

Born April 22, 1927, in Ivel, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Florence Riddle Rice. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Franklin Palmer.

Survivors include two brothers: Marvin Rice of Auxier, and Howard Rice of Georgia; a sister, Nancy Stephens of Ivel; four step-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a stepson, Wesley L. Palmer; a stepdaughter, Alice Frommel; two brothers: Willie Rice and Wesley Rice; and a sister, Anna Katherine Allen.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 22, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby Carpenter officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

[www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com](http://www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com)

(Paid obituary)

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Born November 22, 1920, in German, she was the daughter of the late Marion Crider and Dixie Spears Crider. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor Thurman Stepp who died July 13, 1974.

Survivors include two daughters: Brenda Brown of Amelia, Ohio and Melinda Sobanski (Richard) of Collierville, Tennessee; a brother, A.J. Jack Crider of East Point; two grandsons: Dr. John (April) Brown of Seattle, Washington, and Rick Sobanski of Memphis, Tennessee; three special friends, Stewart Gregg of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Jack and Ammie Vaughan of Prestonsburg; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Donald David Stepp and an infant daughter, Monica Stepp; a sister, Jeanette Frazier; and four brothers: Johnny Crider, Walter Crider, Norman W. Crider and Astor Crider.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 21, at noon, at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Steve Williams officiating.

Interment will be in

Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

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

### James Marvin Thompson

James Marvin Thompson, age 63, of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, formerly of Wayland, passed away Sunday, December 16, 2007, in Michigan.

He was born June 23, 1944 in Lackey, the son of the late Edgar Thompson and Mary Maples Thompson.

Survivors include two brothers: Wallace Earl Thompson of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, Charles Moore, of Portage, Michigan; three sisters: Hazel Hall of Raven, Edna Belt, of Liviona, Michigan, and Elizabeth Adkins of Roscommon, Michigan.

Funeral services for Mr. Thompson were conducted Thursday, December 20, at 1:30 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Red Morris officiating.

Burial was in the Miners Cemetery, at Eastern, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

### Nola Crider Stepp

Nola Crider Stepp, 87, a resident of (Mt. Washington Care Center), Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly of Highland Terrace, in Prestonsburg, died Tuesday,

December 18, at Mercy Hospital, Anderson, in



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# For the Record

### Marriage Licenses

Belinda Hall, 31, to Jodie Rister, 46, both of Garrett.  
 Alibia Martin, 18, to Brandon Johnson, 19, both of Craynor  
 Gina Fields, 40, to Jimmy Webb, 42, both of Prestonsburg  
 Tasha Little, 24 of Pikeville, to James Gillispie, 25, of Van Lear  
 Melissa Spears, 26, to Stephen Watson, 35, both of Langley  
 Greta Hicks, 26, of Prestonsburg, to George Gilbert, 25, of Lawrenceburg  
 Tabbatha Hill, 17 of Weeksbury, to Mason Meade, 19, of Melvin

### Civil Suits Filed

Terri Turner vs. Floyd County Schools  
 Unifund vs. Judy C. Freels  
 Kentucky Petroleum Supply vs. Floyd Pike Resources, Inc.  
 Unifund vs. Jeremy May  
 Jason Caudill vs. Tony Hager  
 Citibank South Dakota vs. Lester Murphy, et al  
 Kentucky Petroleum Supply vs. Miracle Resources  
 Kimberly Jordan vs. James Jordan  
 Melinda Whitaker vs. Dujuan Taylor  
 Charles Halsey vs. Jerri Lee Halsey  
 Debra Robinette vs. Jeffery Robinette  
 Judith Slone vs. Michael Sizemore  
 Debra Robinette vs. Whitley Robinette  
 Denise Boisse vs. Jeffery A. Vierra  
 Connie Newsome vs. Lee Roy Newsome  
 April Vanderpool vs. Brandon Murphy  
 Barbara Norman vs. Jimmy Norman  
 Patricia Greene vs. Carol Greene  
 Sharleen Coy vs. Mark Yates  
 Darrell Crider vs. Angela Mae Crider  
 Sarah King, attorney in fact for Mary Anderson vs. Richard Anderson, et al  
 Christopher Hall, et al vs. Otis Clemons, et al  
 McDowell ARH vs. William D. Henegar, et al  
 Bobby Hackworth vs. Ollie Hackworth  
 Michael Crager vs. Joseph & Son Construction  
 John K. Endicott vs. KY Farm Bureau Insurance Co. and Delcie Endicott  
 Delcie Endicott vs. Affinity Benefits & Allstate Life Insurance  
 Deborah L. Mullins vs. James D. Mullins  
 Jamie Hill vs. Gary Hill  
 Shara Williams vs. Jerry Williams  
 Americredit Financial vs. Suzanne Spencer  
 Donna Ison vs. Reuben Ison Jr.  
 US Bank National Association vs. Unknown spouse of Jonah Isaacs, et al  
 Motorists Mutual Insurance Company vs. Luthor Johnson (aka Luther Johnson Jr.)  
 Christian L. Newsome vs. Jody Newsome  
 Harrison Cain vs. James M. Martin  
 Harvey Poston, et al vs. Tyler Hall  
 Willic Hall vs. Kenneth H. Gerken, et al

### Small Claims Filings

Capital One Bank vs. Dennis R. Tackett  
 Somerhill Capital vs. Mark

Blankenship II Church Housing Association vs. Krystal Castle Unifund CCR Partners vs. Brandy Everage Unifund CCR Partners vs. Shawn O. Bays  
 Capital One Bank vs. Kenneth Johnson  
 Midland Funding vs. Randi Boyd  
 Capital One Bank vs. Margaret Hall  
 RJM Acquisitions vs. Rebecca Moore  
 Floyd Service Project vs. Rhonda Moore  
 Judy Clark, et al vs. Charity Case, et al  
 RJM Acquisitions vs. Genia Crider  
 Asset Acceptance vs. David N. Plummer  
 Midland Funding vs. Melinda Mullins  
 Midland Funding vs. Lucille Johnson  
 Tabbatha Hill & Mason Meade, permission to marry  
 Betty Daniels vs. Christopher Daniels, et al  
 Columbia of Kentucky vs. Ray Lyon  
 Hospital of Louisa, Inc. vs. Randall Crum  
 Midland Funding vs. Stella Slone

### Charges Filed

Terry K. Runyon, 50, of Pikeville, no/expired registration plates; no KY motor fuel users license; no trailer plate; operate with inactive/canceled/revoked weight and distance tax license.  
 Mack Johnson, age not listed, of Prestonsburg, terroristic threatening (3 counts).  
 Anita Greathouse, 29, of Newton, West Virginia, alcohol intoxication, public place; disorderly conduct; resisting arrest; menacing.  
 Cory Thompson, 22, of Prestonsburg, criminal trespassing.  
 Eddie Dwayne Akers, 30, of Betsy Layne, speeding; possession marijuana; failure to maintain required insurance; driving on DUI/suspended license.  
 Gregory Johnson, 49, of Prestonsburg, assault.  
 Jacob Lee Tackett, 22, of Harold, alcohol intoxication,

public place.  
 Donald Gene Collins, 44, of Blue River, violation of KY EPO.  
 Blake Roberts, 26, of Harold, escape.  
 Melissa Ann Kelly, 31, of David, theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting.  
 Emery Slone, 23, of Teaberry, alcohol intoxication, public place.  
 Stanley Jervis, age not listed, of Prestonsburg, harassing communications.  
 Jamie W. Wicker, 33, of Martin, assault, child abuse.  
 Paul Rudolph Smith, 25, of Dwale, public intoxication, controlled substance; wanton endangerment (3 counts).  
 Frank Conley, 34, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place; resisting arrest.  
 Donald R. Hoyt, 49, of Cambridge, Ohio, alcohol intoxication, public place.  
 Dustin Spears, 24, of Wheelwright, alcohol intoxication, public place; disorderly conduct.  
 Billy J. Shepherd, 34, of Martin, alcohol intoxication, public place; fleeing/evading police (on foot).  
 Kimberly Harvey Brown, 41, of Garrett, terroristic threatening (3 counts); harassment.  
 Kimberly Michelle Collins,


31, of Hi Hat, terroristic threatening.  
 Billie Wells, 37, of Van Lear, alcohol intoxication, public place.  
 Richard Lee Adkins, 30, of Inez, possession marijuana.  
 Tonya Bartrum, 32, of Garrett, assault.  
 Amanda Lee Taylor, 26, of Printer, theft by unlawful taking.  
 Jimmy L. Roberts Jr., 53, of Harold, terroristic threatening.  
 Glen Isaac, 46, of Wheelwright, terroristic threatening; menacing.  
 Tony Newsome, 31, of Grethel, criminal trespass.  
 Jamie Newsome, 30, of Grethel, criminal trespass.  
 James Bryan Allen, 41, of Grethel, theft by deception/cold checks.  
 Thomas James Wallen, 32, of Garrett, menacing.  
 Jimmy L. Roberts, 53, of

Harold, terroristic threatening.  
 Sarah Harbin, 25, of Prestonsburg, assault.  
 Anita Greathouse, 29, of Newton, West Virginia, assault of police/probation officer.  
 James M. Mullins, 27, aggravated assault; criminal mischief; alcohol intoxication, public place; fleeing/evading police (on foot).  
 Jeff Chaffins, of Warfield, theft by failure to make required disposition of property, over \$300.  
 Linda Keathley, 48, of Van Lear, burglary.  
 Aarno J. Patton, 18, of Estill, promoting contraband; leaving scene of accident; operating on revoked/suspended license; reckless driving; possession marijuana.  
 Timothy Stanley, 47, of Bevinsville, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs; driving while

license suspended for DUI; failure to maintain required insurance.  
 Christopher M. Yates, 33, of Prestonsburg, operating on suspended/revoked license; possession marijuana; use/possession drug paraphernalia; possession controlled substance; failure to maintain required insurance.  
 Stephanie Keens, 28, of Grethel, theft by deception.  
 Steven D. Hall, 24, of Minnie, driving DUI on suspended license; failure to maintain required insurance; no tail lamps; no/expired registration plates; possession controlled substance/drug unspecified; promoting contraband.  
 Linda K. Adkins, 48, of East Point, theft by unlawful taking.

(See RECORD, page six)

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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

— Albert Einstein

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## Guest View

### Editorial roundup

*Naples (Fla.) Daily News, on the nation's deficit:*  
Everybody knows Uncle Sam is running in the red and has been for a long time. Still, it's a shock to learn how much in the red.  
The blandly titled "Financial Report of the United States Government" says that the gap between what the government promised under Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other social insurance programs and the money on hand to pay for it is \$45 trillion over the next 75 years. That's "T" for trillion. Throw in a few other commitments the government has to make good on and the shortfall is \$53 trillion. And the gap is growing rapidly, up over two-thirds in just four years. ...  
Some years back Congress required the government to calculate the deficit the way the private sector does by booking expenses when they are incurred rather than by the cash accounting method when they are paid. By the accrual method, the deficit for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 was \$275.5 billion instead of the relatively rosier \$162.8 billion reported under the cash method.  
The report is put out by the Treasury Department and the White House Office of Management and Budget, but the government's other financial watchdog, Congress' Government Accountability Office, refused to sign off on some of the numbers, like the Pentagon's, only our most costly Cabinet department, because the records were such a mess.  
Said GAO chief David Walker, "Our government has made a whole lot of promises in the long term that it cannot possibly keep."  
Tell us about it.

*The Lima (Ohio) News, on prayer in the public space:*  
It's a tired story, but again it is playing out in Ohio: Someone - an elected official on government property, no less - mentions God or Jesus, and the complaining starts.  
Washington, D.C.-based Americans United for Separation of Church and State last week told the Delaware County commissioners to eliminate the prayers they use to open their meetings. The Washington group contends all people would feel equal at commission meetings only if the commissioners eliminated prayers. ...  
Delaware County commissioners used to open meetings with a moment of silence. Board President Glenn Evans started the prayers, often concluding with a reference to Jesus Christ. If Evans wants to pray to Jesus, that's his business - and there's no reason he shouldn't be able to do so in a government office. Freedom of religion and speech means just that: A person, including an elected official in a government office, is free to express belief in a deity he worships. ...  
In trying to keep God completely out of the public space, these groups reinforce the other side's mind-set that, in terms of God and government, it has to be all or nothing. The proper medium - where everyone is free to express his own religious beliefs, but not to impose them on others - too often is getting lost.

*St. Louis Post-Dispatch, on health insurance:*  
President George W. Bush this week vetoed a bipartisan bill that would have extended and expanded the State Children's Health Insurance Program.  
Whatever the political consequences of cutting a popular health care program for kids less than two weeks before Christmas, vetoing the bill is reckless and ill-considered health policy. ...  
For nearly a decade, the percentage of businesses that offer health insurance to their workers has been slipping.  
Before 2005, however, the number of uninsured children had been falling. The credit goes to Medicaid and SCHIP, which covers children in families earning too much to qualify for Medicaid but too little to afford insurance.  
SCHIP was due to expire in October, but Congress passed a temporary extension. The bill vetoed this week would have revised and expanded the program.  
About 5.8 million children now insured would have been covered. Most, about 3.4 million, already are eligible, but their families don't know it. The bill would have provided money for advertising and outreach.  
Bush and some congressional Republicans have used specious arguments to attack SCHIP. The most outrageous, of course, is Bush's insistence that expanding health coverage for children is somehow the first step toward national health insurance - as if that were a bad thing. How can providing health care to more children be a bad thing? ...



## Guest column

### House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

We get a lot of "extra" mail this time of year.  
Most of us hope that the number of Christmas cards outweigh the bills, but both types of letters are in abundance. So is a third type: Requests from charities seeking donations as part of their Christmas campaigns.  
It is no wonder why charities rely on the holiday season for their fundraising drives. This is the season when our feelings of good will to others prompt us to give. We give gifts. We give our time by ringing The Salvation Army bell or organizing toy drives for underprivileged children. We give our money by donating to worthy causes. We give our talents by singing in a choir, decorating a community tree or playing Santa to wide-eyed youngsters.  
What prompts these feelings? The Reason for the Season, which is the birth of a Child who would eventually give His life for mankind. From Him we learn how to give selflessly and love more completely. And there

are few expressions of love more pure than volunteerism.  
Volunteerism is built on the idea of "peace and good will toward men" that we hear so much about this time of year. Few service organizations that I can think of could survive without dutiful volunteers. Think of disaster relief volunteers who help when a family loses their home to a fire. Or those volunteers who build homes for the poor or provide medical assistance to those without. Or all the schools that rely upon volunteers to organize school activities and trips through their PTOs and booster clubs.  
When you think about it, you realize how important volunteering is to our communities and our world.  
You can volunteer many places - at churches, schools, the local rest home, civic clubs, the list goes on and on. Below is a list of some other excellent organizations that always need volunteers. The important thing is that you do volunteer. What better New Year's Resolution than the resolve to help mankind?

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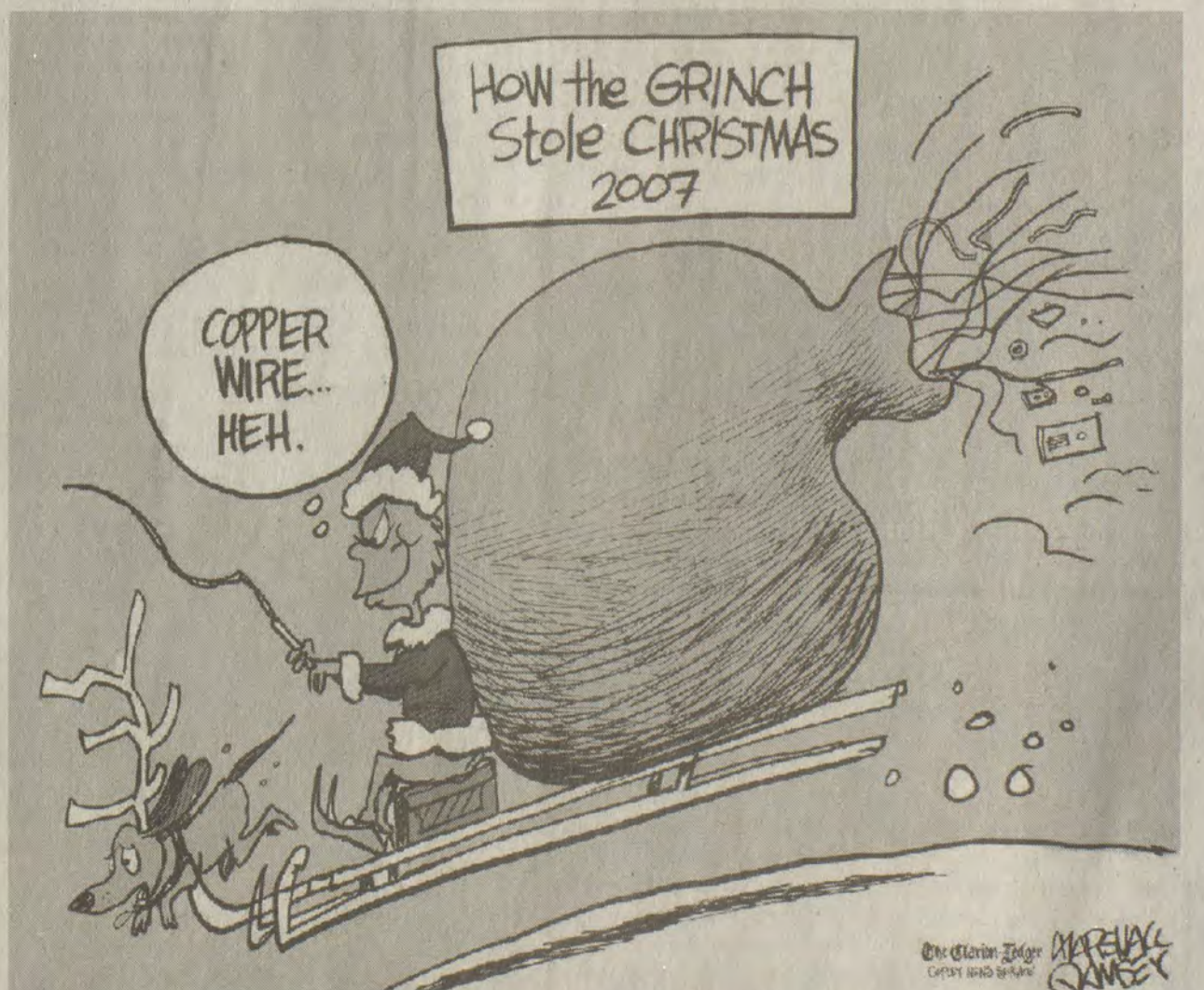
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My Christmas wish for you and your family this year is twofold: That you will have an enjoyable holiday and a healthy and prosperous new year, and that you will give back some of all you have been given. Volunteering allows you to give back. You might even change lives - including your own!  
Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.



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# Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Several surprises were in store for renters this week who wanted to try something different, while a reliable television show made for an entertaining film for a change.

■ **"The Simpsons Movie"** — Any show that lasts as long as this one deserves praise. The real trick is making the transition to the movies, and this effort doesn't disappoint. The plot is worthy of the best television episodes as the leader of the Simpson clan, Homer, does a big "Doh" when he accidentally poisons the town of Springfield's water supply. The EPA steps in and literally clamps a lid on the town, trapping Homer with some very unhappy neighbors. Lots of yuks ensue and fans of the show will not be disappointed.

■ **"Balls of Fury"** — Lowered expectations might help you enjoy this "Dodgeball"-type comedy that benefits from a bug-eyed performance by Dan Fogler. Critics should have laid off the Jack Black comparisons as Fogler's energy does a decent job of propelling this sophomore effort, which focuses on a ping-pong competition (much like the tournament in the classic "Enter the Dragon"). Fogler is recruited by the government to compete and get close to the tourney's vile host (Christopher Walken, as a goofy Fu-Manchu type). Lots of laughs follow. None of them are high brow, but so what?

■ **"Underdog"** — Fans of the classic 1960s cartoon won't recognize this version, which uses animatronics and CGI to make the costumed pooch an actual character in a live-action film. There are way too many stupid jokes here (even lowered expectations are

needed than for "Balls of Fury") but this film will entertain your 3-to-6-year-olds so well that you can get 90 minutes to yourself. Since that is the audience it appears aimed at, I am recommending this one for all parents who need to catch up on some quality time with each other.

■ **"Star Dust"** — An excellent fantasy film for everybody that should appeal to fans of "The Princess Bride." The story concerns a young man who pledges to catch a fallen star for the girl he's sweet on and his adventure in a fantasy world to catch the stellar object. This is light but fun stuff from the prolific Neil Gaiman, who also writes inspired books and graphic novels (his run on DC's "The Sandman" was unforgettable). The film also features cool turns by Robert DeNiro and especially Michelle Pfeiffer as a wicked witch.

■ **"Halloween"** — Rob Zombie's take on the John Carpenter classic might not thrill diehard fans of the series, but his work here is as good as it gets. Zombie opens up the film by not even getting to the original's plot until 45 minutes into the feature. Instead he turns his camera on the harsh childhood of Michael Myers and offers a glimpse into what kind of personal hell creates a serial killer. It's hard stuff and you'll probably wish he stayed on that route rather than ending the film with the traditional stalk-and-slash methods used in way too many 1980s flicks. All in all it's a keeper, with good work from Tyler Mane (as the hulking adult Myers) and Malcolm McDowell filling in as Michael's physician and nemesis, Dr. Loomis.

Next week look for David Cronenberg's "Eastern Promises" and Jackie Chan in "Rush Hour 3."

## 'Sweeney Todd' a perfect fit for Burton and Depp's dark sensibilities

by CHRISTY LEMIRE  
AP MOVIE CRITIC

"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" is the quintessential Tim Burton movie, even though it springs from somebody else's celebrated mind.

Everything about Stephen Sondheim's revered musical, which provided the inspiration for the film, seems tailor-made for the director's sensibilities. Truly, what other filmmaker could tell the story of a vengeful barber (Johnny Depp) who slits his customers' throats and the lovesick baker (Helena Bonham Carter) who grinds up the dead bodies for her meat pies?

It's strangely beautiful and beautifully strange, with horrific subject matter that produces plenty of wicked humor and characters who initially seem ghoulish but ultimately reveal themselves as sympathetic and deeply sad.

Burton fell in love with Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler's 1979 work when he saw it 20 years ago in London, and it shows.

The absurdity, loneliness and darkness that infuse the best of Burton's oeuvre — "Edward Scissorhands," "Ed Wood" and "Corpse Bride," all of which starred his longtime friend and collaborator Depp — seem heightened here. Burton's vision of 19th-century London, created with the help of cinematographer Dariusz Wolski and production designer Dante Ferretti, is



"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," a DreamWorks and Warner Bros. Pictures release, is rated R for graphic bloody violence. Running time: 117 minutes.

Three stars out of four.

vividly gritty, full of strikingly contrasting blacks and grays punctuated by dramatic splashes of red.

That would be the blood, of course.

It sprays like a fire hose from the necks of Sweeney's unsuspecting victims, who are then dumped down a chute and into Mrs. Lovett's meat grinder. Watching Sweeney do this over and over — passionately but methodically with the help of his "friends," his ornate silver razors — is at once harrowing and hilarious.

Sweeney, formerly known as Benjamin Barker, goes on his killing spree after spending 15 years in an Australian prison on false charges. The villainous Judge Turpin (Alan Rickman, always a subtly delicious bad guy) sent Sweeney away to steal his bride and baby girl. The wife has long since poisoned herself and young Johanna (Jayne Wisener), now Turpin's ward, is kept like a fragile bird in a cage in his elegant home.

Once he dispatches his first victim — the Italian huckster Pirelli, played by a scene-stealing Sacha Baron Cohen in tight

blue pants that leave nothing to the imagination — Sweeney doesn't know what to do with him and stuffs him in a trunk. But the ever-practical Mrs. Lovett, who famously makes "the worst pies in London," sees the body and instantly gets an idea of how to improve her product. (Her cheery line about how "everybody shaves, so there should be plenty of flavors" is a twisted classic.)

As the carnage piles up and their relationship evolves, it turns unexpectedly sweet. Sweeney and Mrs. Lovett fall into an easy rhythm, but he's too focused on his goal — slicing Turpin's throat — to realize she's in love with him and dreams of building a simple life with him and the orphaned Toby (Edward Sanders), who helps out around the shop. Bonham Carter is no Angela Lansbury, who originated the role on Broadway, or Patti LuPone, who took it over in a 2005 revival, but she absolutely has the right look for the part and a touching tinge of melancholy.

Depp, meanwhile, has been immersing himself in challenging roles like Sweeney Todd

his whole life, and is just as snug a fit for the material as Burton himself. With his shock of black-and-white hair and obsessed look in his darkened eyes, Depp's Todd could be a long-lost relative of Edward Scissorhands.

Perhaps some of the emotions have been lost in cutting a three-hour stage production down to a two-hour movie. When Sweeney's traveling companion Anthony (Jamie Campbell Bower) instantly falls for Johanna from afar and promises in song, "I'll steal you," it comes out of nowhere and rings hollow.

Ironically, these two young performers, who have some of the smallest amounts of screen time, are the only ones who impress with their voices. Depp and Bonham Carter aren't exactly musical theater

veterans — they're acting the music more than singing it a lot of the time, though that does make "Sweeney Todd" more raw.

But it's no small feat what Burton has accomplished in creating a captivating movie musical; making the transition from Broadway to the big screen has proven an iffy proposition in recent years. "Dreamgirls" dazzled and "Chicago" won the Oscar for best picture with big stars bursting from each, but they're the exceptions.

Everyone could sing — really, really sing — in Joel Schumacher's version of "The Phantom of the Opera" and in "Rent," which retained much of its original stage cast. And that didn't exactly make either of them a smashing success, now did it?

## 'Survivor: China' lunch lady apologizes for remarks on season finale

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A school lunch lady who gained fame as a contestant on CBS' reality show "Survivor: China" wasn't telling the truth when she claimed during Sunday's season finale that she'd been demoted to janitor, her boss says.

Denise Martin of Douglas, Mass., finished fourth in the competition, missing out on the \$1 million grand prize.

"They didn't give me my job back," Martin, 40, said during the live broadcast. "I'm a janitor now. I clean the toilets. I wash the floors in the bathrooms. I vacuum the kids' rugs."

Producer Mark Burnett surprised Martin with \$50,000 to help get her life back. But Martin may have some damage control to do when she returns to work.

In an interview Tuesday on CBS' "The Early Show,"

Douglas Schools Superintendent Nancy Lane said Martin had been promoted, at her own request, to custodian in late March, a job that came with more benefits and higher pay.

"We granted her a leave to go to participate in 'Survivor.' And did everything possible to support her," Lane said. "And when she returned, she of course returned to the position that she left. Which is the custodial position."

"That's perfectly accurate, yes," Martin said in response. Martin said she decided while she was taping "Survivor" that she wanted to go back to her lunch lady job. Lane said the job was no

longer available, but Martin could apply when there is an opening.

"It was not my intention to be misleading," Martin said. "I'm sorry and I apologize to everybody."

Will she accept the \$50,000 if it is still offered to her?

"I had no idea that I was going to be awarded that," she said. "I did not do this for myself, I've done this for my family, I've done this for my town."

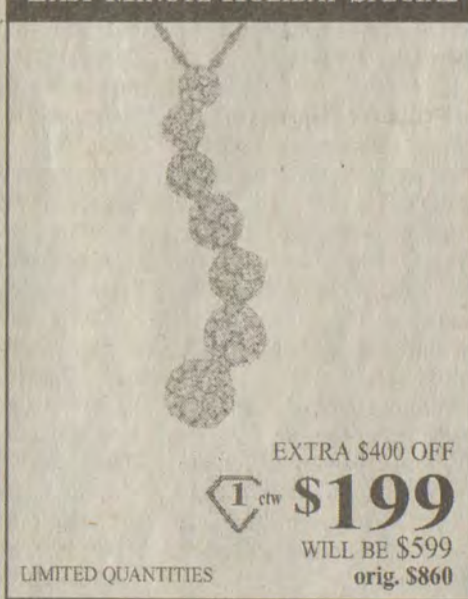
Margaret Reed, chairwoman of the School Committee, said she was puzzled by Martin's story.

"Everyone was cheering her on," Reed said. "And then we get this slap in the face."

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## Stumbo

the day before.

Stumbo, who vacated the house seat four years ago when he was elected attorney general said, "I would be honored to accept the nomination to run in the special election. I think I have a pretty good chance of winning that seat back."

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said, "Personally, I would be tickled to death to see Greg back in the legislature. He was as good or better than any representative in the state of Kentucky, and he

has that know-how to bring the money in."

Bartley, who serves as Floyd County Democratic Party chairman, said that once a writ declaring the seat vacant is issued by the governor, then the Floyd County Democratic and Republican Executive Committees will meet to determine their candidates in the special election.

Stumbo, whose term as attorney general ends on Jan. 7, said his primary focus if elected would be to finish the Route

680 connector between Minnie and Harold.

"Of all the projects I worked on while I worked in the House, that was the one that I never got finished," Stumbo said.

In the upcoming General Assembly, Stumbo says he expects there will be a lot of debate about retirement funds and casino gaming.

"If elected, I plan to devote full-time to the position," said Stumbo, before adding, "I also plan to follow-up on Spencer's

work, and re-file his bills."

Spencer's name appears on four bills for General Assembly. One of those bills, which was pre-filed four days before he resigned his House seat, would require that medical staff give preferential treatment to patients who arrive by ambulance, treating them before treating walk-ins or patients with appointments. The bill sponsored by Spencer, who is an executive for Trans-Star Ambulance Service, would make medical staff who violate the new requirements subject to fines up to \$15,000.

Stumbo's had previously commissioned an exploratory committee to weigh a potential run against longtime Republican incumbent U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell. Earlier this year, Stumbo suffered

defeat as Bruce Lunsford's running mate during the May primary election for governor.

"Not to take anything away from Spencer or Meade, but we could have really used Greg in the legislature during the last four years," Bartley said, adding that Floyd County felt Stumbo's absence from the legislature as well as his work as attorney general during the Fletcher administration.

Bartley said Floyd County was probably "punished by Fletcher as a result of Greg doing his job as Attorney General." Bartley said that last year's state road funds for Floyd County amounted to "zero dollars."

The news of Spencer's resignation and Stumbo's announcement that he would accept a nomination, comes one week after former seat

holder Charles "Chuck" Meade announced his decision to run against Spencer in the 2008 election.

Meade, who served from 2004 to 2006, lost in a narrow defeat to Spencer in the last election.

In a statement released to The Floyd County Times, Meade said, "I would like the people of Floyd County to know that Spencer and Stumbo's decisions have in no way affected my decisions to run for the office."

Meade says that he remains committed to run as planned for the May 2008 elections and, like Stumbo, he "would be glad to accept the nomination and candidacy as well."

Should Stumbo be nominated and win the special election bid, he would face Meade in the next primary.

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## Spencer

Spencer said that it was his hope that the governor would call a special election promptly, as it "will allow the people of our district to have representation during the bulk of the upcoming legislative session."

The General Assembly begins on Jan. 8.

According to state law, it is up to Beshear to set the date for a special election to fill the seat. Had the legislature been in session, the decision would have fallen into the hands of House Speaker Jody Richards.

As Spencer resigned, he made it clear, in a written statement, that he would throw his support behind former representative and Attorney General Greg Stumbo, of Prestonsburg.

"It is no secret that I have been and still remain a close political ally of our Attorney General Greg Stumbo,"

Spencer wrote.

Spencer said that Stumbo had pledged to support him in a reelection bid, adding that, "He had also assured me that if I vacated the office, he would seek this position and move forward as representative in pursuing legislation that best serves Floyd County."

"No fair minded citizen could deny that Floyd County reaped many benefits in the past from Greg's representation, especially as he served in a leadership position," Spencer said. "If it were not for his willingness to seek to regain a leadership role in the House of Representatives, I would not make this decision."

Spencer's reasons for resigning are, according to the release, largely a result of lack of time with his family.

"As a husband and a father

of three children, I have a God-given responsibility to serve their welfare as well," Spencer said.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said, "I believe that Brandon has learned what all politicians learn about this job and how it can keep you away from your family."

According to officials in Gov. Beshear's office, Spencer has not been given or promised a position in the administration, but his name has been forwarded along to the governor by supporters.

Spencer's resignation is the fourth vacancy in the House of Representatives. Two of those former representatives are now working in the Beshear administration.

Hazard native Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo's vacated Senate seat, District 30, will also be subject to special election.

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## Budget

commonwealth is put on a sound financial basis."

Fletcher had issued an executive order the day he left office to raise the pay for the seven parole board members by 20 to 27 percent. Under that order, annual income rose to \$81,000 a year for members and to \$82,000 for the chairman.

Parole Board Chairwoman Bridgett Skaggs Brown didn't immediately return a telephone call to her office in Frankfort.

Financial problems have been popping up in a variety of state agencies. Even before Fletcher left office, his administration had told the state's nursing home inspectors that a "budget crisis" prevented them

from being reimbursed for travel costs incurred on the job.

"It's exactly those kinds of things that continue to raise such great concerns in my mind and in this administration's mind about where we are and what we've inherited," Beshear said.

Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo said Thursday that the new administration hasn't yet been able to determine how large the budget shortfall will be. Earlier this month, state agencies had made \$166 million in requests for additional state money to cover shortfalls.

The largest part was \$112 million request from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for Medicaid, the

state program that provides health insurance for the poor and disabled. Janie Miller, the new appointee who has been an aide to a succession of Democratic governors, will be saddled with that issue.

"I am confident that her vast budget experience will be an asset to the citizens of the commonwealth," Beshear said.

Miller, who will be paid \$130,000 a year, has worked in state government for 31 years, including 17 years in the former Cabinet for Human Resources.

Beshear said he hasn't yet determined what actions he will take to ease the financial strain.

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Daniel Motherwell, 20, of Martin, theft by failure to make required disposition of property, over \$300.

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Tammy Hall to Stevie Williams; location undisclosed.

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David and Teresa Johnson,

Annette and Charles Mullins, Evetta Smallwood, Amanda and Joshua Sturgill, and Curtis, Debra, Phyllis, and Samuel Williams to Glenn and Vonda Moore; location undisclosed.

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David and Shonna Moore to Bernadine Stacy; location undisclosed.

Richard Mosley to Burley Modley and Lisa Tackett; Dwale.

Evelyn Mullins to Randy Mullins; location undisclosed.

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Geneva Newman to Jeffery Aldrich; location undisclosed.

Loretta Owens to Donnic and Loretta Owens; location undisclosed.

Shirley Parsons to Marjorie Lovely; location undisclosed.

Arbutus Powers to Joshua and Misti Bates; Steels Creek

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

Leo and Ywan Skaggs to James Porter; location undisclosed.

Barry and Janie Spurlock to Michael Goble and Patty Litchkowski; location undisclosed.

Cara and Julie Stewart to Susan Stewart; W.S Fraxier Subdivision of Frazier Hollow near Martin.

Bobby and Teresa Sweeny to Johnni Allen; Earl Brooks Subdivision.

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Richard Sturgill

At press time, police had not reported the number of suspects apprehended. Kentucky State Police is seeking any information from residents that can help in drug investigations. To report suspicious activity, contact KSP at (800) 222-5555 or (606) 433-7711.

## Safety

mable objects from around the fryer, the chief advised.

Dotson also said that people need to completely thaw out the turkey before attempting to deep fry it. Dropping a frozen turkey into a pot of boiling oil can lead to an explosion that could seriously injure people, or set a building on fire.

Sgt. Celina Thomas, a firefighter and dispatcher for the city, offered up several other tips for people to have a safe Yule season.

- Make certain not to use

extension cords that are spliced or frayed.

■ Don't plug one surge protector into another surge protector.

■ When decorating the lower branches of your Christmas tree, you should wrap the light strings around the branches in order to prevent children from getting the lights around their necks and choking.

■ Poinsettias are poisonous to dogs and cats, and should be kept in places where animals cannot get to them.

■ Glass jar candles should be discarded when there is less than one quarter inch of wax in the bottom. Otherwise, the glass could become too hot and explode.

■ Don't leave any candles burning unattended.

■ Keep live trees watered, and do not smoke around live trees.

■ Don't leave space heaters unattended.

■ If you do not use your fireplace regularly, or it has not been inspected, you should not burn wrapping paper in it.

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For Sale: 1987 Dodge ram B-250 Van. (Fair Condition) 1 owner. Can be used for passenger or cargo transport. \$1,295. Call 285-9112.

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### EMPLOYMENT

**Seeking Drivers** for 7 - passenger mini - vans in Martin. Drug screen, clean MVR & valid DL required. 1-800-471-2440 Reference # 26, EOE.

**Wanted** Experienced legal secretary for Pikeville office. Computer skills including Word and Outlook. Typing speed of at least 55 words per minute. Excellent salary and benefits. Send resumes to P.O. Box 390 Prestonsburg, Ky 41653.

**Local private child care office** is seeking a Case Manager. Requirements: Bachelor of social work, or closely related field, with two years experience working with families and children. To apply, please send resume to Spencer Wahl, Benchmark Family Services, 199 north Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653.12/14 1wk

**Seeking individual** to assist alert elderly lady with activities of daily living in the home. Duties would include assisting with mobility, preparing meals, light house keeping. If interested call 606-946-2072.

**Community Connections** is hiring for a

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**HR BLOCK** has immediate openings for experienced tax preparers! Sign on bonus for eligible applicants. Call 606-886-3685.

**Pediatric office** seeks RN / LPN for FT employment. Send resume to Pediatrics, PO Box 607, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653.

**Independent Sales Agent** wanted. Call 1-606-424-9593 or fax resume to 285-3272.

**Needed:** Human Resource Director - We are looking for the

**For Sale: Troy Burchett,** recently on WLJC, has his CD and book for sale at \$12 each. Available at SPREAD THE WORD & LIGHTHOUSE bookstores or by mail. Troy Burchett, 724 McNally Lane, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653. for concerts, call 886-8483. Watch Troy on WLJC on Saturdays at 4pm. Starting January 5th - June 21st.

### POSITION AVAILABLE

The Wheelwright Utility Commission will be taking applications for a part-time utility clerk on a temporary basis, approx. 20 to 30 hours per week. Some general office experience is required, and a knowledge of bookkeeping practices, and some basic computer skills. Applications will be taken from December 20th, until December 28th, 2007, anyone interested can pick up an application at the Utility Office in Wheelwright, between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. The phone number to call with any questions is (606) 452-4273.

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Graduate of accredited RN nursing program with current RN Kentucky license. Specialty certification and bachelor's degree preferred. Must have at least two years of charge nurse or equivalent experience with demonstrated ability to effectively communicate with medical staff and all levels of personnel. Must be able to stand or walk for long periods. Heavy lifting required. Maintain current BLS and ACLS provider status.

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Interested applicants may apply to the Human Resources Department, HRMC, 5000 Ky. Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653 (606) 886-7530 Fax: (606) 886-7534 E-mail: tclark@hrmc.org

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The successful candidate must possess the ability to communicate effectively, and have excellent planning and organization skills. Successful performance in the position requires a prior knowledge of income tax preparation and knowledge of preparation software or a strong computer background with appropriate education relating to same. This position will require paid travel in Magoffin, Johnson, Martin, Pike and Floyd Counties, service area.

Qualified applicants may submit a résumé and letter of application to Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, ATTN: Human Resources Manager, 230 Court Street, Paintsville, KY 41240. Closing date for applications is Friday, January 4, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. An equal opportunity employer.

**Prestonsburg In November.** Job Openings will include a Center Manager, Assistant Center Manager, Production clerks and a Baler/Material Handler. To apply for positions, mail or fax or email resumes to Karen Cogdill, Donated Goods Manager Goodwill Industries at 370 S Hwy 27 Suite 9-A Somerset, KY 42501. Fax # 606-678-4185 or e m a i l kcogdill@gwik.org Closing date when positions are filled. Goodwill Industries of Kentucky EOE

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Heavy Equipment

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**Steam Cleaning Company** needs employees. Must have valid drivers license and up to date surface mining papers. Mine Emergency Tech. is a plus. Call Mon. Thru Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (606) 886-1759 If no answer leave message.

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tion (A collaboration of Kim's Korner). Priority mail \$13.30, shipping UPS \$20.00, allow 2-4 weeks for delivery. To order send check or money order to Kim Frausre 955 Abbott Mountain Road Prestonsburg Ky 41653, or email kifrasure@bell-south.net

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Requirements: Bachelor's degree in a technology-related field or in Education. Proficiency in Macintosh computers. Must be able to present workshops/professional development using excellent communication skills. Must work well in a team environment. Experience conducting technology-related training workshops is preferred.

**For more information or to send application materials, please contact:**  
 College of Education  
 ATTN: Professional Development Consultant  
 Morehead State University  
 100 Ginger Hall  
 Morehead, KY 40351  
 (606) 783-2040

**www.moreheadstate.edu**



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20 or more acres in Floyd or Johnson Co. Prefer small hollow or land near old strip job. Call (606) 478-8139 or (606) 791-6571.

REAL ESTATE

Homes For Sale

2- 6 ft glass display cases for sale. Also 2- 5 ft wood cabinets for sale. Call 886-3142. 9am-5pm

For Sale Antiques: Antique John Deer Disc Harrow \$600. Antique G.E. Refrigerator \$350. Antique Horse Drawn Plows \$200. Antique Clawfoot Bathtubs \$125. Antique double Washtub with Wooden Ringer \$125. Call 874-2421.

House for sale: Located at 145 hibiscus Ct, Prestonsburg. First left past BSADD. Brick ranch style, 3br with garage and large covered patio. Private almost an acre lot. Newly remodeled throughout with new light fixtures. New floor coverings and new warrantied central heat and air. Beautiful and ready to move in as soon as we close. Come see for yourself at our open house Friday Dec 21st and Saturday Dec 22nd from 9am to 3pm. \$115,000 For more info call 886-8977.

For Sale: Beautiful Maggie SoHero wedding gown size 12 original cost \$1600, selling \$500. Call 606-886-9626. If interested please leave message and number.

3. Caret diamond bracelet for sale. \$250. Call 791-0107.

BOOK FOR SALE A book by Donald Crisp "Growing up on Bucks Branch". In Floyd county, on sale now!!!! \$12.50 plus shipping and handling. Contact Donald at 285-3385.

Animals

Christmas English Bulldog, AKC registered, Up-to-date shots. Health guaranteed, good with other animals. I am giving her to a lovely, and caring person / family this Christmas because she will be a wonderful Christmas gift and companion for your Family. Ready to go. Email: spencer-micheal\_1970@yahoo.com

Scarlet McCall \$500. Call 886-0622.

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Yard Sale

Indoor Yard sale: Friday Dec 21st and Sat Dec 22nd from 9pm to 3pm. During open house at 145 Hibiscus Ct, Cliff area of Prestonsburg. First left past BSADD. Household items, furniture, vintage china, cups and saucers, new purses with tags, new costume jewelry, air conditioner and much, much more. Many new and vintage gift items. come see our great prices. Shop inside where its warm.

RENTALS

APARTMENT

Brick & Stone House for Sale. Four bedrooms, two and a half baths. 2900 square feet. Desirable location in Trimble Branch. Reasonably priced. Call 886-2020

HOUSE FOR SALE Located on Front Street at Wayland. Third house above Castels store on right on Front Street. Central heat and air. 5 BR 2 bath LR 30X18 and dining room & sunroom. Huge cobbel stone chimney carport. 2 lots, fenced in. Asking \$65,000 call 606-358-4137 for appointment

For Sale: 35 acres of land, one story house with 1.600 sq.ft of living space, partial basement located at Hi Hat, Ky. Two acres of flat land with house, space for garden or two more residences. The home place of the late Cecil and Edna "Sweetie" Meade. Appraised value \$65,000. Price non-negotiable. Contact Mike Mullins at 606-785-5475 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m. weekdays) or 606-251-3414.

HOUSE FOR SALE Newly constructed house for sale located at Abbott Creek. Vaulted living room ceiling, 3 BR, bonus room, fireplace, with cherry hardwood floors and cabinets with spacious attached garage. Located 4 miles from us 23. Panoramic view located in new subdivisions. \$210,00 asking price Seller willing to help with closing costs! Call 606-285-0054 606-791-0719, evenings 606-377-6042

Sale or Lease

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Beauty shop for rent. Equipped with 3 stations and tanning bed. Would consider renting for

commercial use other than beauty shop. Rt. 122 1 mile South of Martin across from Garth Technical School. Must have references. 285-9112.

Commercial property 12 acres next to Walmart & McDonald's in Prestonsburg. 886-3023 after 5pm.

FOR SALE Property for sale between Prestonsburg and Painstville. Also, double wide for rent. \$500 plus deposit. Call 606-789-6721 or 792-792-6721. No pets.

FARM FOR SALE Floyd county 75 acres more or less, rt. 1100 off US 23 East Point Upper Little Paint. Lum Derossett Branch. Call 606-325-4430 or 606-325-2809. Level- Sloping and timber. HUNTERS PARADISE!! Could be made into a subdivision.

RENTALS

APARTMENT

Large Unicourt Apt for rent located at Stanville on US 23. 2br, 2 bath walk in closet. 1yr Lease. No pets. Please call 606-478-8100.

2br duplex for rent. Central heat and air. In excellent condition. 3 miles north of prestonsburg. Call 886-9007 or 889-9747.

3br apt for rent. 2 baths, parking for trucks. Will rent to contractors. Mt Parkway 6 miles from Prestonsburg.

Townhouse 2 BR 1 Bath w/d hookup 2 car garage \$575 per month plus utilities plus deposit. Call : 606-522-4122 or 606-477-2783

1Br furnished apartment located 3 miles from Prestonsburg. Call 358-9483 after 6:00 pm or 794-9484.

Apt. For rent: 1 and 2 BR apartments on Rt. 321 near Porter school. Central heat and air, washer and dryer hookup. \$375 per month plus references and deposit. Seniors welcomed! Call 789-5973.

Furnished 1 bed room Apt. Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

Houses

House For Rent - 3 BR, at Allen, Ky. \$800.00 per month + security deposit. Call 794-0249

For rent: 2 br House at Martin. Available immediately. Call 791-8560 or 478-8139 after 7pm. \$500 month & \$500. deposit.

3- Br house for rent. With attached garage on 1 acre flat lot, furnished kitchen, utility room, dinning room, living room w / fireplace two full baths. located on left fork Little Paint, off Rt 1100 off U.S. 23 four lane, near Highlands Regional Hospital. References required and possible back-ground check if desired. Prefer no pets - deposit of one months rent. \$550. monthly. Call 886-6626.

Mobile Homes

Rent to own 1999 3 br 16x80 Mobile home. Married couples preferred. 6 miles from Prestonsburg. Call 886-2842.

3 BR 2 bath MH for rent with large deck.. Located at 315 Adams Cemetery Road. Call 791-8617 or 791-4471. \$450 per month.

LOTS FOR RENT New mobile park lots, Allen Dwale area, Floyd County. Restrictions apply. Paved Streets, lighted area, parking

pads. All sizes call 606-377-2357

Small furnished mobile home for rent. Just off Mt Parkway on old 114. Call 886-8724.

Nice 2 Br mobile home for rent in Prestonsburg. Call 874-0875 or 226-3207

Mobile Home for rent: NO HUD. 1/2 mile north of Prestonsburg Spradlin Branch. Call 889-0363.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0349

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 295.0 acres and will underlie an additional 433.0 acres, located 1.8 mile southwest of Horn Grethel, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.8 mile west from Frasure Branch Road junction with KY Route 979, and located in Frasure Branch of Mud Creek. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour strip and high wall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by The Elk

Coal Company, Stelton & Eugenia Reynolds, Parson Heirs, Thomas Kiddy, Palmer Hamilton, Lewis Moore Heirs, Richard Moore, Miller Bros. Coal LLC, Greeley Newsome, and Miller Bros. Coal LLC, et al. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road, Frasure Branch County Road, but no closer than 0' of Frasure Branch County Road. The operation will not involve relocation or temporary closure of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources,

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December 14, 2007

Dr. Paul Fanning, Floyd County 106 North Front Avenue Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Re: 2007-2008 Tax Rate Approval

Dear Dr. Fanning

On Friday, December 7, 2007, the Kentucky Board of Education approved your district's 2007-2008 tax rates.

KRS 424.250 requires the information on the enclosed form to be published in a newspaper upon approval by the state board of education.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Rowe at 502/564-3846.

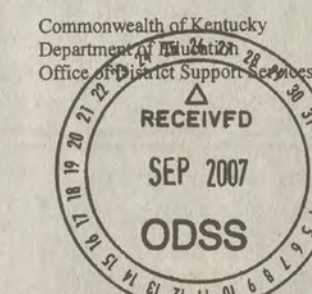
Sincerely, Michelle D. Sutton

Michelle Sutton, Director Division of Data Management

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Enclosure

C: 2007-08 Tax Rate Approval Rate



Tax Rates Levied For School Year 2007/2008

School District Floyd County Floyd

To the Kentucky Board of Education, Frankfort, KY:

In compliance with Kentucky Revised Statutes and the regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education, we, the board of education of the above named school district, hereby submit for your approval the following tax rates levied on (date) September 19, 2007

For rates that exceeded compensating and HB 940 tax rates, the notice and hearing requirements of KRS 160.470(7)(b) "...published at least twice for two (2) consecutive weeks, in the newspaper of largest circulation in the county...the public hearing which shall be held not less than seven (7) days nor more than ten (10) days after the day that the second advertisement is published;" have been met.

An advertisement was placed in the Floyd County Times newspaper on 09/02/07 (date of first advertisement) and 09/09/07 (date of second advertisement).

The public hearing was held on 09/17/07

For rates subject to recall, an additional advertisement was made on (date) within 7 days of the hearing as required by KRS 160.470 (8), and forty-five (45) days have passed since the rate was levied without a valid petition being presented.

If advertisement was required, the rates levied do not exceed the proposed rates advertised.

Rate Levied (Please circle type) Compensating Sub (1) 4% House Bill 940 Other

Please enter actual rate below with exoneration amount if applicable. For example if your rate was Compensating .45 and the exoneration was .5, in the columns below list .45, .45, and .5. Do not add the amounts together. If you did not levy exonerations, list .45 and .45 respectively, and leave the exoneration section blank.

Table with columns: Real Estate, Tangible\*, Exoneration, Portion Restricted for Building Fund. Includes values like 52.8, 52.8, 0.4 and a breakdown of building fund portions.

Motor Vehicle Tax Levy: 55.4 Occupational Tax (KRS 160.605) N/A Utility Tax (KRS 160.613) N/A Excise Tax (KRS 160.621) N/A

Does your Utility Gross Receipts License Tax apply to cable services? Yes No X

Table with columns: \*Tangible Property (See Instructions), Taxed, Exempted, N/A. Rows include Aircraft and Watercraft.

Ronald "Sonny" Fentum 9/24/07 Superintendent's Signature Date Board Chairperson's Signature Date

Tax Rates Levied approved by the Kentucky Board of Education on The Office of District Support Services will stamp the date on this form when the Kentucky Board of Education approves the tax rates.

SW 10/14



Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5508 Renewal**

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1.0 mile southwest of Blue Moon, in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 8.07 surface acres, and underlies 1,113.81 acres and the total area within the permit boundary is 1121.88 acres.

(2) The operation is approximately 1.1 mile southwest of Little Mud Creek Road's junction with the Morgan Fork Road, and located adjacent to and 0.50 mile north of Morgan Fork of Little Mud Creek. The Latitude is 37 degrees, 29 minutes, 28 seconds. The Longitude is 82 degrees, 42 minutes, 33 seconds.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation underlies land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Reevis Hamilton, Leon Greer, Charles McKinney, Vernedith Meade, William and Dorothy Martin, Roy Spurlock, Estill Mullins, David

Meade, Ella Martin, Clayborne Bailey, Ida Mae Newsome, et al., Sola Williams, Vannie Kidd, Charlie Elliot, Caner Hunter, John Hunter, Willie Lawson, Earl Watson, Roger Lee and Patricia Hunter, Earl Lee and Katherine Hall, and Ted Meade. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of Morgan Fork Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite No. 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that White/Reach, LLC, 201 W. Short Street, Suite 500, Lexington, KY 40507, has filed an application with the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet to construct a commercial retail building and associated parking lot and driveways on the property, located at the intersection of KY 122 and KY 1428, in Martin, Kentucky. The property is located adjacent to the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.3 mile southeast of Drift, in Floyd County.

The amendment will add 0 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 105 acres, making a total of 2204.90 acres within the amended permit 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 underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Jamie Ray & Lisa Powell, Edith Huff, Roland Moore, Lewis Jr. & Susie Knott, Charles & Carolyn Wallen, Rudolph Parsons, Vernon & Pamela Stumbo, Everett Gayheart, and Russell Shelton. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



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**NOTICE TO PATRICIA RISTER WARNING ORDER**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned attorney has been appointed to notify the Defendant, Patricia Rister, that a civil action has been filed against her in Floyd Circuit Court, Division I, as C.A. No. 07-CI-1250. Said Defendant must immediately file an Answer in the matter, otherwise, judgment may be entered against him. Said Defendant should contact the undersigned attorney immediately.

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First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.  
In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.

New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.  
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

**BAPTIST**  
Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.  
Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church, Mouser Ky; Worship Service, 9:30; Every third Sat. and Sun. of each month; Roger Hicks, Pastor; Ralph Howard, Asst. Pastor. Contact Kermit Newsome 606-377-6881 for more information.  
Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.  
Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.  
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.  
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.  
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner. Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.

Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.  
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Church every Sun. Morning 11:15 a.m.; Wed. evening Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Third Sun. evening Service, 6 p.m.; First Sat. evening Service, 7 p.m. Hobert Meek, Pastor, welcomes everyone.

Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bob Wireman.  
Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Egpt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Elder Donnie Patrick and Buddy Jones, Ministers.

First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.  
First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, Prestonsburg, 157 South Front Street; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Jerry C. Workman, minister.  
Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
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Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Brancham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Garrett Regular Baptist, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Willie Crace, pastor; Assist. Larry Patton. Phone 358-4275.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.  
Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Trusty.

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

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

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.  
Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.

McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.  
Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.

Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-3385  
Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

Pleasant Valley Old Regular Baptist Church, Tinker Fork; Meeting time 1st Saturday & Sunday of each month, 3rd Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.; Moderator, Gary Compton; Assist. Moderator, Jimmy Conley.  
Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist; Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.  
Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Jerry Manns, Pastor, Willie Crace Jr., Assistant Pastor.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Allen Chaffins, phone 946-2123.  
Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Stevens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stevens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.  
The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Phillip Ramey, Pastor.

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.  
Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.  
United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

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First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.  
Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.  
Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kidder, Ministers.

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

Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.  
Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley. Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.  
Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.  
**CHURCH OF GOD**  
Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.  
First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Family Training Hour - Thursday 7 p.m., Bill B. Tussey, Jr. Pastor  
Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.

Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.  
The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

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

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

**METHODIST**  
Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.  
Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.  
Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pascosolido, Minister.

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

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.  
Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Larry J. Panix, Minister.

Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.  
Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.  
Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.

Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.  
Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.  
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.  
Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Slone, Minister.  
Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.  
Free Pentecostal Church, Dwaile; Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

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## East Kentucky completes comeback, edges Patroons 111-110 in overtime

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — It's the holiday season and East Kentucky Miners fans had plenty to cheer about Wednesday night when the Albany Patroons visited the East Kentucky Expo Center for an American Conference game. After being outscored in each of the first two quarters, host East Kentucky finished strong. The two teams were deadlocked at the conclusion of each of the final two quarters before East Kentucky outscored Albany 12-11 and prevailed in the

extra session.

East Kentucky evened its record to 8-8 with the win.

The Miners faced more than one double-digit deficit as late as the fourth quarter. East Kentucky's Josh Pace converted a three-point play with 39.6 seconds remaining in regulation to tie the game at 99-99. The two conference squads remained tied 99-99 as the game was sent into overtime.

Pace scored the first two points of the overtime frame. The Syracuse product went 2-for-2 from the charity stripe with 25.4 seconds remaining

in overtime to set the final score.

Pace led East Kentucky with a game-high 35 points. The Georgia native also pulled down eight rebounds, dished off four assists and recorded two steals.

Jason McLeish, playing out of the starting point guard role for the Miners, added 21 points, nine assists and four steals.

Reo Logan added a double-double of 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Miners. Boo Jackson finished with 14 points and eight rebounds as East Kentucky claimed the

win.

Mike Crain netted nine points in East Kentucky's conference triumph.

East Kentucky forced Albany into committing an uncharacteristic 32 turnovers. The Miners also blocked four shots.

"Our guys went to work tonight," commented East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "We had several players step up and play key roles in this key conference game. Albany is a terrific basketball team and we knew we were in for a battle after the two games we played on

the road in New York."

Albany enjoyed an early advantage over the Miners, leading 27-23 at the end of the opening quarter. The Patroons packed a 53-48 lead into halftime.

East Kentucky earned its first quarter point in the third period, outscoring the Patroons 26-21. The Miners eventually took the quarter points 4.5-2.5.

Seven different Albany players reached double figures in the scoring column. Amal McCaskill led Albany with a double-double effort of 16 points and 13 rebounds.

Chad Timberlake also tossed in 16 points for the Albany team. Jamaal Miller was Albany's second-leading scorer, finishing with 14 points. Dajan Smith, Nat Burton and Lucious Jordan aided the Albany offensive attack with 12 points apiece. Will Bowers added 10 points for the Patroons.

Albany dropped to 6-4 after suffering the setback.

The Miners were hosting Albany Thursday night. Thursday's game ended too late to make this edition.

## Writing from the Bahamas

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

NASSAU, Bahamas — After karaoke on Monday night, the first night of our excursion aboard the Sovereign of the Seas, I ran to the elevator, down three floors and into the only bar on the ship that boasted of Monday Night Football.

I had a stake in the game, to some extent. After Sunday night's performance by Brandon Jacobs of the New York Football Giants, I had a 12-point lead in the semifinals of my fantasy football playoffs. I needed to see

if I'd hold on, which entailed holding the Adrian Peterson of the Minnesota Vikings to fewer than 12 points (don't ask).

Let's just say it didn't happen, and this week I'll be playing in the always interesting consolation round against fellow cruiser Meg Sidle. The best two teams in the league both got bounced in the opening round. Go figure.

It was the two-minute tease that really bothered me about Monday Night. In it, *SportsCenter* host Scott Van Pelt joked about not having highlights, and if they didn't show up before the game ends, he'd have to wing it for an hour.

So when the game ended and MNF play-by-play man Mike Terico tossed it to *SportsCenter*, I fully anticipated the lede to be the highlights of the game and thus Peterson's two-score night. Or maybe Van Pelt ad libbing for 60 minutes. Or maybe Van Pelt leading a debate to decide if I could possibly be disappointed with my elimination seeing as how I was cruising at the moment of said bouncing.

And then it happened: The lede turned out to be some guy named Kaka being named MVP in some sort of soccer league this season. I suddenly realized I was no longer in the United States. For the first time in my 40-plus years on earth, I would spend the night off American soil.

There would be no *SportsCenter*, or at least not one I was interested in. And to make matters worse, the ESPN board this ship isn't even Deportes, it's

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THE TOYOTA ARENACROSS SERIES will return the East Kentucky Expo Center in February 2008.

photo by Stephanie Stillner

## Blackburn among record group of ARCA testers

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — In preparation for the 45th annual ARCA 200 at Daytona, a record 79 drivers and 68 racecars participated in the three-day ARCA RE/MAX Series open test last weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Daytona International Speedway. Prestonsburg-based driver Steve Blackburn had the 13th- and 16th-fastest test speeds, respectively, during the testing. Blackburn is a former NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series regional champion.

Despite the record turnout and a healthy crop of development teams on the grounds, it was, in the end, ARCA RE/MAX Series regulars' Venturini Motorsports and Country Joe Racing that topped the speed charts.

Venturini Motorsports, renowned for their restrictor plate savvy, was quickest in single car runs with Canadian rookie Ryan Fischer in the driver's seat. Fischer circled the legendary 2.5-mile superspeedway in 49.558 seconds, an average speed of 181.605 mph.

Fischer, from the province of British Columbia, edged Roush Fenway Racing powerhouse teammates' Ricky Stenhouse, Jr. and Erik Darnell, who were second and third on the single car speed charts with speeds of 181.580 mph and 181.243 mph respectively. Stenhouse, from the open-wheel ranks, recently announced that he would be running the full 2008 ARCA RE/MAX Series schedule

under the Roush Fenway Racing banner. Darnell won two RE/MAX Series events in 2007 at Kentucky and Michigan.

Country Joe Racing's James Buescher was fourth quickest overall in single car runs ahead of Mario Gosselin (DGM Racing) and five-time and defending ARCA 200 at Daytona winner Bobby Gerhart (Bobby Gerhart Racing). The event marked Gerhart's return to the cockpit after recovering from injuries sustained in a crash at Pocono Raceway in July of 2007. Former series Rookie of the Year Chad Blount (Jones Group Racing), Dominick Casola (Country Joe Racing), Ed Kennedy (Ralph Solhem Racing) and Matt Carter completed the top-10 fastest drivers in single car runs.



Steve Blackburn

Carter, son of longtime NASCAR car owner Travis Carter, was aboard nine-time ARCA RE/MAX Series car owner champion Larry Clement's no. 46 Ford Taurus, the same ride recently vacated by Frank Kimmel.

Buescher, who became the youngest winner in ARCA RE/MAX Series history at 16 with his victory at USA International Speedway in March of 2007, was, however, quickest in the draft after series officials opened up the test to four and five car drafts late Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

Buescher, in the No. 9 Country Joe Racing Dodge Charger, topped the speed charts in drafting with a time of 49.191, an average speed of 182.960 mph. Donny Lia (HT Motorsports), John Townley (RAB Racing), Stenhouse, Jr., Darnell, Chase Austin (Rusty Wallace Inc.), Dexter Bean

(Spraker Racing Enterprises), JR Heffner (74 Operations, LLC), Tayler Malsam (Cunningham Motorsports) and Patrick Sheltra (Sheltra Motorsports) completed the top-five best speeds in the draft. Lia's effort (182.678 mph) was the best among the Toyota teams in attendance, which included the 2007 Talladega winner Michael Annett (Bill Davis Racing) and Eddie Sharp Racing's two car team with Formula 1 veteran Scott Speed and Ken Butler, III driving.

Nine-time ARCA RE/MAX Series champion Frank Kimmel tested a Dodge Charger for the first time under the Kimmel Racing/Cunningham Motorsports banner. Kimmel, who adorned the no. 44 — the same number his father Bill Kimmel, Sr. used during a portion of his career — was 18th fastest in the draft with a speed of 179.756 mph. In single car runs, Kimmel could do no better than 38th quickest at 177.880 mph.

Other notable drivers testing over the weekend included 2007 Indy 500 winner and IndyCar Series champion Dario Franchitti, who was 23rd fastest (178.384 mph) overall in single car runs in a Ganassi Racing Dodge, and Landon Cassill, who, in a Hendrick Motorsports Chevy, placed 16th fastest in the draft and 45th overall in single car runs. NASCAR veteran driver/champion David Green was on hand to assist Cassill.

The 45th annual ARCA 200 at Daytona will air live on SPEED at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008.

A feature story on Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn will appear in Sunday's edition.

## Miners in busy pre-holiday games stretch

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — East Kentucky professional basketball fans still have an opportunity to get an early dose of hardwood holiday cheer as the East Kentucky Miners get set to entertain CBA American Conference opponent Pittsburgh Sunday. In all, East Kentucky will have played four games in five days in two cities when Sunday's game tips off.

East Kentucky hosted the tradition-rich Albany Patroons in a pair of games Wednesday and Thursday. After traveling to Pittsburgh today for a road game tonight versus the Xplosion, East Kentucky will return home to host the same CBA foe Sunday at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

The storied Albany professional basketball franchise has produced NBA coaches Phil Jackson and George Karl.

Former NBA player Vincent Askew currently guides Albany as its head coach. Forward Amal McCaskill, another NBA veteran, ranks as one of Albany's top players. McCaskill (Marquette, '96) is averaging 20.7 points per game.

Earlier in the month, Albany claimed a pair of wins over the

(See MINERS, page two)

## Jenny Wiley tourney tips off in Prestonsburg

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The latest edition of the Jenny Wiley Invitational Tournament tipped off Thursday evening at the Prestonsburg High School Fieldhouse. Host Prestonsburg and seven other high school boys' basketball teams make up the field for this year's tournament. Joining Prestonsburg in this year's tournament are fellow Floyd County squad Allen Central, Breathitt County, Jackson City, Cordia, Harrison County, Lawrence County and Forest Park.

Opening round matchups Thursday were Breathitt County-Forest Park; Allen Central-Cordia; Prestonsburg-Jackson City and Harrison County-Lawrence County. Each of the four games played Thursday ended too late to make this edition.

Tournament host Prestonsburg gained some much-needed momentum Tuesday night when it posted a hard-fought 56-53 win over 58th District/Floyd County Conference rival Betsy Layne. The triumph gave Jackie Day Crisp-coached Prestonsburg its first win of the season.

The Blackcats (1-4) have dropped games to Pikeville, Allen Central and Shelby Valley — 15th Region Tournament semi-finalists from the 2006-07 season.

Allen Central brought a near-perfect 5-1 record into the Prestonsburg tournament. Betsy Layne handed the Rebels their only loss thus far in a district/conference matchup earlier in the season.

The tournament will continue today and conclude Saturday when a champion is crowned.

Sunday's edition will include coverage of the Jenny Wiley Invitational tournament.

## Betsy Layne slips past Lady Blackcats

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Reigning 58th District/Floyd County Conference champion Betsy Layne defended its home floor successfully Tuesday night. Another district/conference game involving Floyd County high school girls' basketball teams went down to the wire as Betsy Layne held off Prestonsburg late, defeating the Lady Blackcats 53-53.

Betsy Layne outscored Prestonsburg in both the second and third quarters before the Lady Blackcats mounted a late rally. The game was tied at 12-12 at the end of the opening quarter.

Kaitlin Lawson and Taylor Hott led a balanced Betsy Layne offen-

sive effort with 13 points apiece. Lawson and Hott each hit a three-point field goal in the win.

Krista Flannery and Megan Hamilton added seven points apiece for host Betsy Layne. Faith Reynolds added six points for the Ladycats.

Other scorers for host Betsy Layne included Amby Tackett (four points), Andie Meade (two) and Lindsay Martin (one).

Betsy Layne took a 32-20 lead into halftime. The Ladycats led 42-30 when the fourth quarter started.

Betsy Layne (4-3) hit 19 field goals en route to the hard-fought win.

Four players accounted for all of Prestonsburg's scoring. Linsey Fields scored a game-high 21 points for the Lady Blackcats. Julianne

Frye hit four three-point field goals and added 12 points for visiting Prestonsburg (2-6). Brittany Collins scored 11 points and Hannah Fitzpatrick added eight in Prestonsburg's setback.

Frye led Prestonsburg's late rally, hitting a pair of fourth quarter three-pointers.

In the Prestonsburg-Betsy Layne boys' game, the Blackcats upended the Bobcats 56-53.

**PRESTONSBURG LADY BLACKCATS UPCOMING GAMES**  
Jan. 3 at Paintsville  
Jan. 4 Lawrence County  
Jan. 7 at Pikeville  
Jan. 11 South Floyd  
Jan. 12 at Corbin Shootout



PIKEVILLE HOSTED BETSY LAYNE during a recent freshman game.

photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography



## National City Trophy Tour kicks off in Clay County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — For the fifth consecutive year, National City as title sponsor of the Boys' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament is again touring the championship trophy at selected games. The 2007-08 tour kicked off last weekend at the Bobby Keith/iHigh.com Classic.

On the tour, students are able to pick up scholarship application forms on each stop (forms may also be accessed through the KHSAA website). Again this year, 16 boys and 16 girls (one boy and one girl from each region) will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship courtesy of National City.

Scholarship recipients will be honored with a reception prior to the Championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16@ as well as being recognized on the floor during the contest. The scholarship application deadline is Friday, Feb. 22. For additional information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

Following is a list of trophy tour stops: Dec. 14—Bobby Keith/iHigh.com Classic at Clay County High School; Jan. 15—Covington Catholic at Holmes; Jan. 18—Greenwood at Bowling Green; Jan. 22—Owensboro at Apollo; Jan. 25—Tates Creek at Bryan Station; Feb. 1—Ballard at Eastern; Feb. 9—Danville at Boyle County; Feb. 11—Rose Hill at Ashland Blazer.

Back for a second year is the website (www.sweet-16.org) created around the Sweet 16. This site, aimed at reaching the high school market, allows students to post photos, videos, view past scholarship winners, download a scholarship application, check scores and will include student blogs during the Sweet 16.

**BASKETBALL STATS:** The KHSAA will begin its weekly basketball stats rankings on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008. Stats will be posted on the KHSAA website under the basketball sports link. Rankings will be compiled weekly throughout the remainder of the regular season. A final season ranking (including postseason games) will be conducted on April 15 following the postseason.

Individual school-by-school stats reports are posted on the Riherd's/KHSAA Scoreboard as they are received from member schools.

**BASKETBALL TICKETS:** Tickets to the 2008 National City/KHSAA Boys'

and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments continue to be on sale through the KHSAA office and online at khsaa.org. At this time, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are available. Lower arena seats are priced at \$116 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$66 each. Tickets will be on sale through the KHSAA until Feb. 22. Beginning March 2, tickets will only be available through the Rupp Arena (boys) and Diddle Arena (girls) box offices and/or the venue's respective online ticketing agent.

**U P C O M I N G E V E N T S / M E E T I N G S**—Jan. 9-10: KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, Lexington. Jan. 28-Feb. 2: Regional Swimming & Diving Meets. Feb. 1: Sweet 16 Draw Show, WKYT-TV Live, 1 p.m. (ET). Feb. 8-9: State Swimming & Diving Championships, UofL, Louisville. Feb. 8-9: Regional Wrestling Tournaments. Feb. 14-16: State Wrestling Championships.

## Crusaders KO Knott Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN — After falling to state power Lexington Catholic in the Bobby Keith Classic at Clay County, defending 14th Region champion June Buchanan worked its way back into the win column Tuesday. The Crusaders, playing on the road at county rival Knott County Central, built an early lead and won convincingly. June Buchanan outscored Knott Central in each of the first three quarters on its way to a 74-57 win.

Clark Stepp led June Buchanan with a game-high 29 points. Clint Stepp and Garrison Collins followed Stepp in the June Buchanan scoring column with 11 points apiece. Tate Cox narrowly missed double figures for June Buchanan, finishing with nine points.

The Crusaders doubled up Knott County Central in the first quarter, leading 18-19 at the end of the initial frame. June Buchanan carried a commanding 40-23 lead into halftime.

The Crusaders put the game out of Knott County Central's reach in the third quarter, outscoring the Patriots 18-10.

Sophomore Stuart Stamper paced Knott County Central with 20 points.

## Miners

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Miners. Albany defeated East Kentucky 125-120 in overtime in one of the two previous meetings. The Patroons owned a 2-0 record in games played against the Miners prior to this week.

"We have to come ready to play against Albany, one of the best teams in the league," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "The 125-120 overtime loss to Albany earlier in the season was one of our best games thus far."

The Miners have been hard at work in practice.

"Practice has went well," Keathley confided. "Our guys are ready to get back out on the floor."

East Kentucky had won two of its last four games heading into the week. The Miners defeated American Conference frontrunner Minot 101-98 Sunday.

Tickets for each of East Kentucky's upcoming home games remain available and may be obtained by calling the Miners ticket office at 606/437-9715.

## Former standout high school basketball player dies

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Mike Redd, a former Kentucky Mr. Basketball who led Seneca High School to a state championship in 1963, died at an Atlanta hospital. He was 63.

Redd died Saturday at Emory University Hospital of complications from bone cancer, said his daughter Mikela.

In leading Seneca to the state title, Redd averaged 26.5 points in the state tournament — scoring 41 against Maysville — to eclipse his teammate Wes Unseld, who became an NBA Hall of Famer.

After the season, Redd was named Mr. Basketball, over Clem Haskins of Taylor County.

Redd's high school coach, Bob Mulcahy, told The Courier-Journal of Louisville on Monday: "People ask me who are the best three players that I ever had a part in coaching. No. 1 is Mike Redd, No. 2 is Westley Unseld and No. 3 is Jo Jo White, when I was at Kansas (as an assistant coach)."

George Unseld, the Louisville councilman who played at Seneca in the same era, recalled: "Mike

was doing things then that Michael Jordan was doing in his career. The things he was doing then were considered outlandish."

Redd originally signed to play at Western Kentucky University in 1963. But in the summer he chose Kentucky Wesleyan because he could play varsity ball as a freshman. He averaged 20.7 points and 6.8 rebounds a game in his only season, then dropped out of school.

He then played a season at Sullivan Business College in Louisville.

In 1966, he joined the Marines, where he became a sergeant and tank commander, spending 13 months in Vietnam. But his main job, even in the Marines, was playing basketball. He toured the world with an all-service team.

Redd was in the restaurant business for about a dozen years, his daughter said. He had moved to Atlanta to start a catering and consulting company. He was inducted into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1999.

## Lady Rebs prevail in thriller over South Floyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — Allen Central and South Floyd girls' basketball programs hooked up in a hardwood battle Friday night at the J.E. Campbell Arena. The game, played as part of a girls-boys doubleheader, went into overtime after regulation couldn't decide a winner. In overtime, host Allen Central managed to prevail, edging the Lady Raiders 61-60.

The game was knotted at 55-55 at the end of regulation.

Amber Shepherd led Allen Central with a game-high 25 points. Shepherd hit four three-point field goals for her team. Sara Johnson scored 13 points and Jaimie Mullins added 11 for the Lady Rebels.

Kim Bilter and Brandi Brown scored five points apiece for the Lady Rebels. Megan Jones also got into the scoring column for Allen Central. Jones tossed in two points as the Lady Rebels pulled out the victory.

South Floyd owned a lead at the end of each of the first two quarters. The Lady Raiders were out in front 33-26 at halftime.

Allen Central turned the tide back in its favor in the third quarter, outscoring South Floyd 18-11.

Kayla Hall led South Floyd with a team-best 21 points. Chelsie Tuttle was South Floyd's second-leading scorer with 14 points. Nine different South Floyd players provided scoring. Kiana Hall scored five points as part of the balanced South Floyd scoring effort. Andrea Conn, Jessie Tackett, Trista Damron and Ashley Castle each had four points for the Lady Raiders. Faith Little and Danielle Tackett rounded out the South Floyd scoring with two points apiece.

South Floyd was 8-for-15 from the free throw line. The Lady Raiders hit 11 field goals and nine three-pointers.

## Rebels rout Raiders, 93-69

All five Allen Central starters reached double figures in the scoring column as the Rebels defeated visiting South Floyd 93-69 last Friday night in a 58th District/Floyd County Conference matchup.

Aaron Crum led Allen Central with 20 points. Josh Prater scored 16 points and Logan Crowder added 14 for the Rebels. Hunter Crowder tossed in 11 points and Alex Hammonds netted 10 for host Allen Central.

The Raiders hit a trio of three-point field goals in the opening quarter and took a slim 17-16 lead out of the first quarter.

Allen Central, however, owned the second quarter, and maintained a lead the rest of the game. The Rebels outscored South Floyd 37-12 in the second quarter and owned a 75-44 advantage at the end of the third period.

Clinton finished with nine points for the Rebels. Chris Stumbo and Robbie Cole rounded out the Allen Central scoring with seven and six points, respectively.

Wes Akers hit five three-point field goals and led South Floyd with a game-high 27 points. Akers was the only South Floyd player to reach double figures in the scoring column. The South Floyd guard went 10-for-10 from the free throw line.

Corey Paige and Shannon Turner added eight points apiece for the Raiders. Chris Gibson added five points for South Floyd in the setback. Kyle Howell and Matt Tackett scored four points apiece for the visiting Raiders.

## Appalachian Wireless Miners Minute airing on East Kentucky radio stations

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Appalachian Wireless Miners Minute currently airs on the various East Kentucky Broadcasting (EKB) radio stations. Hosted by EKB Sports Director Andrew Joyce, the Appalachian Wireless Miners Minute includes news on the East Kentucky professional basketball team as well as interview segments with Miners Coach

Kevin Keathley and players.

The schedule for the Appalachian Wireless Miners Minute is as follows: 6:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on 93.1FM WDHR, 900AM/960AM and 104.5FM TalkRadio; 6:20 a.m., 7:20 a.m. and 8:20 a.m. on 103.1FM WPKE, ZRoek 107.5FM and 96.5FM WXCC; 6:45 a.m., 7:45 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. on Oldies 1240AM WPKE and 1460AM WEKB.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Jordan Hall,  
Prestonsburg  
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Allen Central  
Girls' Basketball

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International; instead of getting winter-league baseball, we get nothing but soccer, first from this country, then that one.

So here's the extent of my knowledge of the sporting world this week: Minnesota eliminated half the NFC with its win over Chicago on Monday; Bill Parcells is apparently leaving ESPN again, this time for the Falcons of all teams; the late Sean Taylor was selected as a starter in the Pro Bowl; and apparently Kentucky couldn't even beat one of the C-USA teams that isn't Memphis.

I heard rumor about the last one on Wednesday morning and got confirmation at the sports-book table at the Atlantis Resort of all places. Apparently the Cats were a four-point favorite. Go figure.

So as you can see, I'm kind of out of the loop. I've been trying to do something incredibly difficult for me, and that is to relax. I'm in night three of the cruise as I type this, and I still have tension in my neck. It just doesn't seem to happen for me.

It's not that I haven't tried. In my new favorite place on Earth, the Bahamian isle of Coco Cay, I discovered the gorgeous pleasure of a hammock dangling between two palm trees. That's living right there.

So now I anticipate growing a couple of strategically placed palm trees on the Left Fork of Rockhouse. Anybody think I'll have any luck?

We've really had a blast. I can envision a cruise being a lot of fun at any time, but doing it with a crowd of about 50 is absolutely the way to go. Another group of more than 150 are here from some town in Florida called

Summerfield, I believe, and they're having the time of their lives as well.

Despite weather that Chandler Bing could only call perfection, this is apparently the final Friday before Christmas. I'd love to take this opportunity to wish every one of you a very Merry Christmas.

We tend to lose sight of the important things in this world, what with the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, but we do need to pause for a few minutes and thank God for those who are important in our lives.

So to my friends and family, I love you, I thank God for you and I wish you nothing but the absolute best this season. To those who I see at football stadiums and in gymnasiums, thank you for your kindness, your hospitality, your respect.

And to those of you who stop me in Wal Mart or Food City to ask how I like the new coach or my opinion on who'll win the region, thank you. You read, you follow our sports teams and you care enough to want to swap opinions with me. Sometimes I probably look like I'd rather be talking about anything else, but it's simply not the case.

I've made my living for nearly my entire adult life writing about sports. If you folks didn't take time to read and react, there'd be no need for me and my kind.

So have yourself a merry little Christmas. Meanwhile, I'm going to kick back under a palm tree for a while. Mon, Life should be enjoyed. This is a dazzling place to do it.

Merry Christmas, everybody. God bless you all.



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# Dowell scores 19 as Houston hands Kentucky its 4th straight loss

by CHRIS DUNCAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Billy Gillispie has accomplished something Rick Pitino also did in his first year at Kentucky. He's lost four games in a row.

Dion Dowell scored 19 points and Robert McIver added 18 as Houston matched its best start since the days of Phi Slama Jama with an 83-69 victory over Kentucky on Tuesday night.

Joe Crawford scored 28 points and Jodie Meeks had 21 in his return from an injury for the Wildcats (4-5), who have lost four straight for the first time since 1989-90 when Pitino's first Kentucky team dropped five in a row.

"We've got to figure out exactly what we are," said Gillispie, coaching in his home state for the first time since leaving Texas A&M last April. "We're caught in between offensively, we're caught in between defensively.

"Maybe, in some people's minds, we want to outscore everyone," he said. "At the biggest times in games, you have to get stops. We haven't gotten a stop all year when we've really needed to, I think."

The offense looked better than it has most of the season, with the sharp-shooting Meeks back after missing the last six games with a stress fracture in his pelvic area. But just as he got healthy, the Cats lost leading rebounder Patrick Patterson to an ankle injury.

Gillispie said Patterson twisted his ankle on Monday and said he was ready to play until moments before tipoff.

"I said, 'Can you play?' He said, 'Yeah, I can play,'" Gillispie said. "I said, 'Do you think it's best that you play?' He said, 'No.' Obviously, he's a tough guy. Obviously, he was hurting more than he was letting on."

Gillispie said he sensed his players' morale sag when he told them Patterson was out.

"It takes you aback when it happens when it happened tonight," Gillispie said. "You just have to figure out what you're going to try to do. Not that we're totally dependent on Patrick, but he's played well for us. He's a major part of our deal."

The Wildcats next play on Saturday, against Tennessee Tech.

Tafari Toney had nine points and eight rebounds and Lanny Smith had

eight assists for the Cougars (10-1), who are off to their best start since the 1983-84 team won 10 of its first 11. That team, led by Hakeem Olajuwon, lost to Georgetown in the NCAA championship game.

The Cougars outrebounded Kentucky 38-33 and forced 18 turnovers to overcome 36 percent shooting.

Houston led 45-33 at halftime, then pulled away with defense and rebounding.

The Wildcats went the final 6:21 of the first half without a field goal, missing four shots and committing four turnovers. Michael Porter hit a 3-point shot from the corner 17 seconds into the second half to snap Kentucky's field goal drought.

But the Cougars went back to the smothering zone defense they used in the first half, and the Wildcats promptly committed two turnovers and lost their shooting touch again.

Toney hit a free throw and McIver made a 3-point shot from the wing to start a decisive 16-5 run. Toney scored twice on putbacks to extend the lead to 53-37.

"Tafari Toney, one of the keys to the

game, was his play," Houston coach Tom Penders said. "He was a presence inside. He was really attacking the glass."

Crawford picked off a steal, drove for a layup and converted a three-point play with 14:36 left. But the 6-foot-8 Toney turned another offensive rebound into a three-point play at the other end.

Houston's lead went over 20 and the Wildcats' frustration boiled over not long after that, when Crawford wrapped up Marcus Malone and was called for an intentional foul. The two faced off briefly before a referee stepped between them.

Kentucky made a mild run too late. Crawford converted a three-point play with 2:52 left to cut Houston's lead to 74-64. The Cougars broke the Wildcats' full-court press and Kelvin Lewis finished the fast break with an alley-oop pass to Dowell for a dunk.

"I told our guys, 'They're going to make a run. Don't panic. It just happens,'" Penders said. "Just don't lose your poise."

Meeks carried Kentucky's offense in the first half, scoring 17 points.

The Cougars came in averaging

more than 10 3-pointers per game, but they missed nine of their first 14 attempts. Brockeith Pane and Dowell both hit one as Houston finished the half with a 10-0 run.

Houston retired Michael Young's No. 42 jersey at halftime. Young was a starter on the Cougars' Phi Slama Jama teams that reached three Final Fours between 1982-84.

**eRUPtion Zone tickets available to public:** A limited number of eRUPtion Zone tickets will be available to the general public for the next three men's basketball home games (Tennessee Tech-Dec. 22, San Diego-Dec. 29 and Florida International-Dec. 31).

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the Rupp Arena box office beginning one and a half hours prior to tip-off of each game. The box office will accept cash only for these tickets and there's a limit of one per person.

The eRUPtion Zone is the student section in the endzone closest to UK's bench. It is a standing-room only section. — Times Staff Report

# Pitino collects 500th win as Cards beat Marshall, 85-75

by WILL GRAVES  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The ingredients were there, as they have been throughout Rick Pitino's hugely successful coaching career.

Playing with Pitino's signature style — a little full-court pressure, some timely 3-point shooting, high energy at both ends of the court — Louisville made Pitino the 17th active Division I coach with 500 career wins in an 85-75 victory over Marshall on Tuesday night.

Though Pitino received a rousing ovation at the final buzzer, he called the milestone "insignificant" and was more pleased with his team's performance as the Cardinals (6-3) snapped a two-game losing streak.

"We tried to suffocate them

with our defense," Pitino said. "We were very active."

Perhaps just as important to Pitino, the Cardinals were unselfish.

After watching his team play recklessly in recent weeks, Pitino decided to change the usual pregame introduction in an effort to get their attention.

Rather than the jubilant bouncing and chest-thumping that accompanies the player introductions, the team huddled quietly in front of the bench with the starters simply raising a hand as their names were called.

It worked, eventually. After letting the Thundering Herd (5-3) stick around for the first half, Louisville took control thanks to an energetic press and some nifty passing in the open court.

"We couldn't get the ball past halfcourt for a while," Marshall coach Donnie Jones

said. "We just weren't getting the shots up."

The Cardinals forced 17 turnovers and shared the ball at the other end. Louisville finished with 19 assists, their highest total since a season-opening rout of Hartford. The Cardinals also had a season-high 13 blocks, five by Terrance Farley.

Earl Clark scored a career-high 23 points and Derrick Character had 18 points and eight rebounds in his return from a one-game suspension.

Pitino suspended Character indefinitely last week for a curfew violation, but lifted it on Monday saying Character met his obligations. The decision to reinstate Character, who has had several run-ins with Pitino over the last year, raised some eyebrows. Pitino defended his actions, saying he hasn't gone soft on his players.

"Let me tell you, I'm not sticking up for DC," Pitino said. "Just so you know, he's not getting off easy. What we're doing is 10 times what I've ever done to a basketball player. ... He has no life."

Character said he made a mistake and is trying to change his ways.

"I've really had to prove myself to my teammates," said Character, who had four blocks and two rare assists in 23 minutes. "I had a lot of bad habits. ... I want to show everybody I belong here."

Markel Humphrey had 24 points and Mark Dorris added 21 for Marshall, but the Thundering Herd went cold in the second half and withered in the face of Louisville's press.

"We knew we could turn them over with our pressure," Louisville's Jerry Smith said. "We didn't contain them in the

first half, they were hot. We did a much better job in the second half."

Louisville held the Thundering Herd without a field goal for nearly seven minutes during a 20-3 run in the second half as the Cardinals broke open a close game by taking a 66-49 lead.

"We dug down deep, got out on the press and that allowed us to get some easy baskets," Clark said.

Marshall, however, didn't go away easily. The Thundering Herd closed to 66-59, and nearly cut it to four, but Humphrey's wide-open 3-pointer from the top of the key rolled out.

Character took over from there, scoring six straight points as the Cardinals put together their most complete game in a month.

The victory upped Pitino's

career record to 500-185, but after disappointing performances in losses to Dayton and Purdue, he was simply looking for his team to play like the one that began the season ranked in the Top 10.

"Your confidence is lacking when you lose two games in a row," Pitino said. "We needed this victory tonight badly."

Humphrey kept the Thundering Herd in it in the first half. He hit all four of his 3-point attempts as Jones, a former assistant under Pitino protege Billy Donovan, employed the same up-tempo, shooter-friendly system that Pitino perfected early in his career.

Character checked in with 14:35 remaining in the first half, but he did little to help the Cardinals compete on the glass against the smaller Thundering Herd.

# Wildcats get back outside for practice

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — After three days of indoor practice, the University of Kentucky football team got back outside for a two-hour workout Tuesday afternoon at the Nutter Training Center.

"We got outside today, but it was not a particularly good practice," Coach Rich Brooks said Tuesday. "We had some full-speed contact today, but it didn't look like we were ready to play a real game, so we have some work to do."

"We have to practice fast.

We have to turn the dial up because we're playing a very fast football team (in Florida State)."

Kentucky is preparing to take on Florida State in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl on Dec. 31 in Nashville. The Wildcats will practice each day through Saturday before taking off for Christmas.

Ticket office hours for next week: For fans planning to pick up their tickets to the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl in advance, here is the schedule for the UK Athletics

Ticket Office at the Joe Craft Center for the week of Dec. 24-28. Monday, Dec. 24 — Closed. Tuesday, Dec. 25 — Closed. Wednesday, Dec. 26 — Open 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27 — Open 9 a.m. — 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28 — Open 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Lewis, Little named game captains: Kentucky senior defensive end Dominic Lewis and senior tailback Rafael Little will be the game captains for the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl, Brooks has announced.

Lewis (Radcliff) has made

35 tackles this season, including 6.5 tackles for loss and three quarterback sacks. He also has caused two fumbles and has three pass breakups. Little (Anderson, S. C.) has rushed for 861 yards and three touchdowns this season, the third consecutive year that he has led the team in rushing yardage. He also has caught 34 passes for 297 yards and is the team's primary punt returner.

Lewis and Little will join permanent captains André Woodson and Wesley Woodyard at the pregame coin toss.

# Louisville adds eight juco players

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Second-year University of Louisville head football coach Steve Kragthorpe announced the addition of eight junior-college student-athletes to the Cardinal football program on Wednesday.

Due to severe depth programs within the program, Kragthorpe needed to add a number of junior-college prospects to the program.

"We needed to add immediate depth to our program because of our lack of numbers," said Kragthorpe. "I am excited that these players will be here to participate in spring practice."

The Cardinals signed four offensive players and four defensive student-athletes to this year's class.

Kragthorpe needed help on the offensive line, and signed two solid offensive line recruits in C.J.

Millenbah from Grossmont College and Byron Stingily from Joliet Community College. Millenbah is a three-star prospect on the offensive line. At 6-3, 300 pounds, Millenbah is an athletic nasty lineman who can help the Cardinals immediately. He was a two-time Offensive Linemen of the Year within his league. Stingily is considered another athletic offensive lineman who adds a lot of depth to that spot. He started 13 games at tackle and earned first team All-Conference accolades.

U of L lost its two starting tight ends in Gary Barnidge and Scott Kuhn and Kragthorpe landed Rock Keys from Jones County Junior College to help fill the void. Keys, a second team All-American a year ago, was used mainly as a blocker, but caught nine passes for 119 yards.

The wide receiver position also lost three solid players in Harry Douglas and Patrick Carter to graduation and Mario Urrutia left early to the NFL. Wide receiver Maurice Clark from Saddleback College is expected to come in immediately and battle for playing time. Clark is a speedy wide receiver who All-Conference honors after catching a team-high 43 passes for 628 yards and eight touchdowns.

Defensively, the Cardinals are extremely thin at linebacker and filled a void with the addition of Chris Campa from Butler Community College. Campa led Butler to a national title after leading the team in tackles with 104.

Tyler Jessen, a teammate of Campa at Butler, was brought in to help out on the defensive line. Jessen was the team's third-leading

tackler with 88 tackles and three sacks. Butler, who ranked fifth nationally against the run, held opponents to just 204 yards of total offense and 9.1 points per game.

The secondary also suffered a couple of losses and Kragthorpe addressed that need by landing two solid safety signees in Justin Mathews of Jones County Junior College and Josh Wiley of Pearl River Community College.

Mathews final season in junior college was halted after breaking his leg six games into the season. Projected as a preseason All-American, Mathews finished with 31 tackles. Wiley is probably one of the top recruits in the group. He's rated as the 18th-best junior college player in the country, including the second-best defensive back among junior-college players.

# EKU rolls to 70-51 win over Tennessee-Martin

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — The Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team shot 54.9 percent (28-of-51) from the floor and cruised to a 70-51 win over Tennessee-Martin Wednesday night in McBrayer Arena. The Colonels (6-5, 3-0 OVC) remain perfect in conference play while the Skyhawks (5-6, 1-2) dropped their second consecutive OVC tilt.

UT Martin entered the contest averaging a league-high

81.3 points per game, but the Eastern Kentucky defense held UTM to its lowest point total of the season. Skyhawk guard Lester Hudson, who was ranked among the top five scorers nationally at 27.4 ppg, was held scoreless in the first half as the Colonels raced out to a 36-14 lead.

Junior Ryan Wiersma sparked the Colonels' stellar play in the first half as the forward came off the bench to lead all players with eight points and seven rebounds. Wiersma finished with contest

with season highs in points (eight), rebounds (eight), steals (two) and blocks (two).

The Skyhawks never seriously threatened the Colonels in the second half allowing EKU to tally its seventh win in the last eight meetings against UT Martin in McBrayer Arena.

Junior Mike Rose was the only Eastern Kentucky player to finish in double figures with 18 points. Freshman Justin Stommes equaled his season high with nine points while Leonard set a career best with eight assists. As a team, the

Colonels recorded a season-best 24 assists.

Hudson came to life in the second half for Tennessee-Martin as the guard piled up 20 points. Djero Riedewald added 10 points on 71.4 percent (5-of-7) shooting from the floor.

Eastern Kentucky is 3-0 in OVC competition for the first time since 1991-92. The Colonels have not begun 4-0 in league play since 1978-79.

EKU is back in action Saturday at pre-season OVC favorite Austin Peay. Game time is set for 8 p.m.



DEFENDING CHAMPION SHELBY VALLEY remains the frontrunner in the 15th Region boys' basketball race. Paintsville joins Shelby Valley as a leading contender for the regional title.

# Eagles edge EIU, 80-75

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Maze Stallworth scored a career-high 34 points to lead Morehead State University to an 80-75 Ohio Valley Conference win over Eastern Illinois University Wednesday evening in Johnson Arena. The sophomore forward from Elizabethtown, hit nine-of-11 from the field, including eight-of-10 three-pointers, and eight-of-10 from the free throw line.

MSU, now 4-6 overall and 2-2 in the OVC, also got 14 points from Jamyron Steward and 12 points from Leon Buchanan. Nikola Stojakovic handed out a game-high 11 assists.

EIU lost its 10th game in a row and is 1-10 overall, 0-4 in the conference. The Panthers got 29 points from Romain Martin and 10 points from Laser Tyler. Martin hit 11-of-16 from the field, including seven-of-nine three-pointers.

"I'm proud of my crew," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "Down the stretch, we found a way to get a few big defensive stops, and again, we made our free throws late. After Maze Stallworth got it going, we ran some sets for him and he kept it going. He was very efficient with his shots, he took only 11, and he got to the free throw line and converted."

"I don't care what their record is. That Eastern Illinois team is a quality club. They played extremely hard."

Both teams shot well from the field. After EIU hit 60 percent and MSU 52.2 percent in the first half, the two teams combined to make their first 14 second-half field goal attempts. MSU finished the game hitting 55 percent (22-of-40) from the field, including 70.6 percent (12-of-17) from three-point range, and made 24-of-34 free throw attempts. EIU shot even better, 59.6 percent (28-of-47). The Panthers won the rebound battle, 28-18. But, MSU forced 17 EIU turnovers while committing only nine.

Eastern Illinois led by as many as eight points in the first half and took a 39-35 lead to the locker room at halftime. But, MSU began the second half with a 28-to-13 run to take a 63-52 lead with 10:11 left in the game. The Panthers battled back to reclaim the lead briefly late in the contest. After the ninth and final tie of the game, 68-68, at the 2:20 mark, the Eagles scored eight straight points to go up 76-68, and EIU could get no closer than the five-point final margin in the final seconds.

Next up for Morehead State is a trip to Freedom Hall in Louisville to take on Rick Pitino's Cardinals Dec. 26. The Cardinals are fresh off of a win over Marshall, another area college team. Game time for the Morehead State-Louisville matchup is set for 7 p.m.



# For Bengals, rematch with Browns a haunting reminder

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Two days after another meltdown resigned them to a losing season, Cincinnati Bengals players met at Paul Brown Stadium on Monday, then burrowed into their heavy coats and headed out into the wintery afternoon.

No need to bring up painful memories. Those could wait for a couple more days.

Starting Wednesday, the Bengals (5-9) will spend a lot of hours revisiting the week that started their downfall. A 51-45 loss at Cleveland in the second week of the season set both teams on course for their current destination.

The snow-caked Browns (9-5) can clinch a playoff spot by winning Sunday in Cincinnati, something no one expected when the two teams met for the first time on Sept. 16. By contrast, the Bengals have watched

their aspirations unravel week by week.

That wild afternoon in Cleveland three months ago amounted to a fork in the road.

"There has been a lot of football, so it's hard to put it on one game," coach Marvin Lewis said Monday. "But we lost the football game up there. We had the opportunity to put them away, and we didn't."

It changed everything.

The Bengals were 1-0 and had a chance to deliver a potentially season-scuttling blow to the Browns, who were in disarray. They traded quarterback Charlie Frye to the Seattle Seahawks two days after their opening loss to Pittsburgh, giving the job to Derek Anderson on what appeared to be a temporary basis.

Long-suffering Browns fans were calling for rookie Brady Quinn to get a chance. More than a few of them also were calling for coach

Romeo Crennel to get fired if the next few games went poorly as well.

The Bengals headed into that game expecting to contend for the AFC North title. Instead, the Browns are the ones with everything at stake when they get together again.

"They flipped it on us," Lewis said.

The question this week is whether the Bengals can flip back into focus for the last game on their schedule that will mean anything. They finish the season against the 1-13 Dolphins.

A 20-13 loss in San Francisco on Saturday night resigned them to their first losing season in Lewis' five years, a major step back for a franchise that seems to be on the decline again. The defense is still a problem, and the offense that scored all those points in Cleveland is a shell of its former self.

Cincinnati hasn't scored 20 points in any of its last three games.

Receivers Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh have raged at the officiating and the play calling, and quarterback Carson Palmer has grown tired of week-to-week sloppiness.

"It's been a long, frustrating season," Palmer said.

Their last stirring moments will come Sunday, when thousands of Browns fans likely will fill Paul Brown Stadium hoping to see a playoff berth clinched. Teams hate to watch a rival clinch on their home field, which should be an added motivation for the Bengals.

"You have to be motivated to win the football game," Lewis said. "The things they (the Browns) have going on is their deal. The big thing is just that we want to win the football game."

Although the Bengals had extra time to prepare because they played in San Francisco on Saturday night, they hadn't yet taken a look at video

from the first Cleveland game on Monday afternoon. Lewis kept them on schedule as if they'd played on Sunday.

Besides, why bring back those bad memories before it's absolutely necessary?

"It's a lot more disappointing because we've underachieved so much," guard Bobbie Williams said. "It's not like us, but that's what we keep putting on film. The only fix is to do something about it."

"To know that you can't finish off at a .500 level, it hurts. We've got to put it behind us and think about Cleveland. We've got to have something for them."

UPCOMING NFL GAMES: Saturday-Dallas at Carolina, 8:15 p.m.; Sunday-Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.; Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.; Kansas City at Detroit, 1 p.m.; Houston at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.; N.Y. Giants at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

## 2 Browns, 1 Bengal picked for Pro Bowl

by JOE MILICIA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — Wide receiver Braylon Edwards and returner Josh Cribbs were named to the Pro Bowl on Tuesday, more proof of the Cleveland Browns' return to prominence.

They are the first Browns players to receive the honor in six seasons — only linebacker Jamir Miller has played in Honolulu since the team's rebirth in 1999.

The Cincinnati Bengals were represented on the list by seventh-year wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh, who leads the NFL this year in receptions.

Should Houshmandzadeh keep the lead, he would become the first Bengals player in the team's 40-year history to have the most receptions in the league.

The Browns (9-5) are on the cusp of earning their first playoff spot since 2002 mostly because of their play on offense and special teams.

"I've dreamed about this my whole life, prayed for it," Edwards said. "I'm just happy we could do this. I'm really going as a representative of what we've done this year."

Edwards has become the playmaker that the Browns envisioned when they selected him with the No. 3 overall pick in the 2005 draft.

His 1,170 yards receiving ranks fifth in the NFL and his 13 touchdowns tied the franchise record set by Gary Collins in 1963. Edwards has 69 receptions and his 17 yards per catch average is fourth among players with at least 50 catches.

Edwards said he's looking forward to the Feb. 10 Pro Bowl but has more pressing

matters to focus on.

"I'm worried about scouting Cincinnati," Edwards said of the Browns' upcoming opponent. A victory Sunday would clinch a playoff spot for Cleveland.

Cribbs leads the league in kickoff return average (30.9 yards) and has taken two kicks back for touchdowns. Cribbs, a former Kent State quarterback who signed with the Browns in 2005 as an undrafted free agent, also is tied for the team lead in special teams tackles (18).

While Edwards was expected to make a Pro Bowl roster someday, Cribbs defied the odds to get there.

"I have a story to tell. Not being drafted, switching positions, having to learn something I've never done before and then doing it at such a high level in the NFL — it just means a lot to me," said

Cribbs, seated with wife, Maria, and daughter, Kimorah, 4.

And he's not the only Pro Bowler starter from Kent State — San Diego Chargers tight end Antonio Gates and Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison also were named to the AFC team. Gates and Harrison also started out as rookie free agents.

"You don't have to go to a big school to become something special in the NFL," Cribbs said.

Houshmandzadeh was the lone representative for the Bengals (5-9). His 101st reception Saturday night broke Carl Pickens' single-season Bengals team record of 100 set in 1996.

Houshmandzadeh and Edwards made the AFC team behind starters Randy Moss and Reggie Wayne.

Four Browns players were

named as first alternates: quarterback Derek Anderson, guard Eric Steinbach, tackle Joe Thomas and tight end Kellen Winslow. Fullback Lawrence Vickers was named second alternate and kicker Phil Dawson was named third alternate.

"Winning brings attention and it's great to be on the plus side of the ledger so far this season," Browns general manager Phil Savage said in a statement.

Receiver Chad Johnson was one of four Bengals players to be named as alternates. Johnson and kicker Shayne Graham are first alternates, while left tackle Levi Jones and quarterback Carson Palmer were named third alternates.

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### EAST KENTUCKY MINERS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

#### DECEMBER

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.

Jan. 18 at Rio Grande Valley, 7:05 p.m.

Jan. 19 at Rio Grande Valley, 7:05 p.m.

Jan. 22 CBA All-Star Game, 7:35 p.m.

Jan. 25 at Yakama, 7:05 p.m.

Jan. 26 at Yakama, 7:05 p.m.

## Widow takes husband's ashes to NFL game

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Richard Desrosiers never made it to Heinz Field to watch his beloved Steelers play football, but his widow helped him fulfill his dream in death.

Thanks to some help from sympathetic donors, Kathleen Desrosiers attended Sunday's game, bringing an urn with some of her late husband's ashes, as well as his ring and two pictures of him. He had died in March of a brain tumor.

"I couldn't take the tumor away. I couldn't take the pain away. I couldn't make him better. But I can do this," Kathleen Desrosiers, 60, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Though he lived in Exeter, N.H., Richard Desrosiers adopted the Steelers at an early age and followed them closely. He named his dog Steeler and his wardrobe, by his widow's estimate, was 95 percent Steelers gear.

Braving the biting cold and the

Steelers' disappointing 29-22 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars, Desrosiers waved her new Terrible Towel, showed off her painted face and warmed her head with a Steelers hat.

She called it "an overwhelming experience."

"It's sad to think that he got here in death," she added. "But this is where he wanted to be. It was what he asked me to do. I got to be with him one last time while he did something he wanted more than anything else in the whole wide world."

Amy Litterini, a western Pennsylvania native who now lives in New Hampshire, was the couple's counselor during Desrosiers' yearlong battle with cancer. She arranged for the purchase of the two tickets to Sunday's game and raised money for Kathleen Desrosiers and one of her sons to spend a night in a Pittsburgh hotel.

Desrosiers was covered with a Steelers blanket when he died, and at his funeral, his two stepsons honored his memory by donning Steelers jerseys.

## Kentucky Speedway single-event tickets set to go on sale

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — Kentucky Speedway will place its single event tickets on sale Monday, Jan. 7 at 9 a.m. Single event tickets will range from \$20 to \$80 depending on event and seat location.

Season ticket plans the six-weekend 2008 season are on sale now and range from \$165 to \$255.

The 66,089-seat venue will entertain its guests with 10 events in 2008 that will include with high-impact NASCAR Nationwide Series, NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, IndyCar Series, Indy Pro Series, ARCA RE/MAX Series, street stock and bigger-than-life Major League of Monster Trucks action.

The ARCA RE/MAX Series will open the speedway's ninth season that begins May 10 and concludes Sept. 20 with the second MLMT event in track history. The Drive Smart Buckle-Up Kentucky 150 will take to the track first in 2008 and will be followed by grassroots street stock racing May 24 during the Frank Kimmel Enduro Nationals II Presented by Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati and Thoroughbred Harley-Davidson of Florence. Last season, Roush Racing product Erik Darnell scored his first ARCA RE/MAX Kentucky Speedway win and more than 150 cars registered for the 150-mile endurance event that featured a 69-car starting grid. Chuck Barnes, Sr., of Louisville, emerged from the fray with a \$10,000 Frank Kimmel Enduro Nationals grand prize.

NASCAR Nationwide Series Fanfest will give fans a unique, close-up look at series drivers and their machines with on-track practice and a garage-area autograph session

June 13 before the track takes aim at attracting its eighth consecutive capacity crowd for the June 14 Meijer 300. NASCAR's top developmental series has entertained an average crowd of 70,962 during its seven previous visits to the 66,089-seat complex and has crowned first-time victors Stephen Leicht and David Gilliland during its 2007 and 2006 Kentucky Speedway visits.

The NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series will occupy the speedway spotlight during the July 11-12 weekend when it displays its full-contact brand of racing during the "Built Ford Tough 225 Presented by the Greater Cincinnati Ford Dealers. The ARCA RE/MAX Series will open the third event weekend with a 150-mile battle. Veteran Mike Skinner took the 2006 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Kentucky title and 2007 ARCA RE/MAX Series Rookie-of-the-Year Michael McDowell nailed down a July 150-mile race win.

Fans will be treated to precision passing and race speeds of more than 200 mph Aug. 8-9 when IndyCar and Indy Pro Series competitors scorch the speedway 1.5-mile paved trioval during the Meijer Indy 300 and Kentucky Indy Pro 100. The IndyCar Series will appear at night for the second time in track history. Andreotti Green Racing driver Tony Kanaan delivered his first Kentucky Speedway IndyCar Series win in 2006 and Hideki Mutoh blazed a path to Victory Lane in the 100-mile Indy Pro Series event. The weekend will get kick started with the second Fanfest event of the season.

The 2008 campaign will come to a thunderous close Sept. 20 when Bigfoot and its fellow Major League of

Monster Trucks competitors race side-by-side at more than 70 mph on a winding, obstacle-filled, custom-designed dirt track that will span across the infield quarter-mile track. The event also will include earth-scattering freestyle monster truck and motocross competitions.

The speedway will once again add value to its entertainment experience by presenting a concert prior to each feature event. The artist lineup for the new season will be announced in the coming weeks.

Season ticket plans are on sale now and range in price from \$165 to \$255 depending on seat location. Plans are loaded with special benefits such as a VIP Rewards program membership that will help fans earn points toward a discount off their 2009 plan renewal by simply making speedway purchases, VIP Parking, reserved seats for each feature event, cold pit and Fanfest passes, the option to purchase admission to June 14, July 12 and August 9 Outback Steakhouse tailgate parties for a combined total of \$60 as well as the option to purchase additional event tickets at a discount. The Outback Steakhouse Tailgate tent will be located in the infield. Party goers will enjoy Outback Steakhouse fare, games and music along with visits by event celebrities throughout the season.

Season ticket plans can be reserved online through the tickets pages of this Web site, by dialing 859-578-2300 and pressing "2" or at track ticket offices at 400 Buttermilk Pike, Suite 100, in Ft. Mitchell, near Montgomery Inn and the Sparta, Fan Center located off of I-71 Exit 57 and Ky. Hwy. 35 N.

Single-event tickets also

can be reserved online, at the Kentucky Speedway administrative office and Fan Center as well as through all Meijer stores beginning Jan. 7. Tickets also can be reserved online through the tickets pages of this Web site and by phone at 888-652-RACE.

The full 2008 schedule and single-event ticket prices follow. Event times are pending.

May 10: ARCA RE/MAX Series Drive Smart Buckle-Up Kentucky 150—2007 Winner: Erik Darnell (Roush Racing). All tickets are general admission and \$35; May 24: Frank Kimmel Enduro Nationals II Presented by Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati and Thoroughbred Harley-Davidson of Florence, 2007 Winner: Chuck Barnes, Sr. (Louisville). All tickets are general admission and \$20; June 13: NASCAR Nationwide Series Fanfest. (Garage-area autograph session and series practice). All tickets general admission and \$20; June 14: NASCAR Nationwide Series Meijer 300, 2007 Winner: Stephen Leicht (Robert Yates Racing). Tickets: \$50, \$60, \$70 and \$80; July 11: ARCA RE/MAX Series Kentucky 150, 2007 Winner: Michael McDowell (Eddie Sharp Racing). All tickets General Admission and \$20; July 12: NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Built Ford Tough 225 Presented by the Greater Cincinnati Ford Dealers, 2007 Winner: Mike Skinner (Bill Davis Racing). Tickets: \$40, \$50, \$60 and \$70; Aug. 8: IndyCar and Indy Pro Series Fanfest (Garage-area autograph session and series practice). All tickets general admission and \$20; Aug. 9 IndyCar Series Meijer Indy 300, 2007 Winner: Tony Kanaan (Andreotti Green Racing).

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL Mangino named AP Coach of the Year

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Mark Mangino, who coached Kansas to an 11-1 record, was selected as The Associated Press Coach of the Year.

In his sixth season with Kansas, Mangino has gotten an exceptional effort from the Jayhawks. Long-woeful Kansas won a school-record 11 games, had two All-Americans and earned a spot in the Bowl Championship Series for the first time. On Jan. 3 in Miami, the Jayhawks will play Virginia Tech in their first major bowl since 1969.

In voting by AP college football poll voters, Mangino received 28 of a possible 58 votes, easily outdistancing Missouri's Gary Pinkel, who had 11. Hawaii's June Jones was third (seven votes) and Illinois coach Ron Zook fourth (five votes).

Mangino is the first Kansas coach to win the award since the AP started handing it out in 1998. — The Associated Press



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne/East Kentucky Miners  
EAST KENTUCKY MINERS GUARD Jason McLeish brought the basketball up the floor during Wednesday's game versus the visiting Albany Patroons. McLeish starts at the point guard position for the Miners. Last night's East Kentucky-Albany game ended too late to make this edition.



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### THROUGH MY EYES

## The best Santa ever

A freckle-faced, "talkative" Chatty Cathy doll; an accomplished Baby First Step doll which was able to not only walk across the hardwood floors of my parent's home, but roller skate as well; a tiny, "new-born" Baby Thumbelina that rolled its fragile head oh, so delicately from side to side as the "mommy" in me watched in utter amazement; a birthstone ring and a shiny watch of my very own - these are a few of the childhood Christmas gifts which stand out most in my mind.



Kathy Prater  
Lifestyles editor

My parents, living on the sole income of my father while my mother spent busy days as a homemaker, had little to spare while attempting to meet the needs of four children, but they always managed, one way or the other, to make Christmastime a special

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Santa and Mrs. Claus also stopped by to share Christmas secrets and to present each child with a fun-filled gift bag.

photos by Kathy J. Prater

### DINNER DIVA

## Make a list; check it twice

by LEANNE ELY

The other day on our radio show, we had a call from a woman who wanted to make some changes in her life with regard to the food she was eating. She said she knew she was out of control and things had to change. She felt bad, she had no energy, and she wanted to find a better way.



Leanne Ely

Does that describe you? You know things aren't right in your pantry—you know you could do better in your fridge, too. Dinner is a wait-and-see proposition; sometimes you have time to make it, but most times you drive thru or order pizza. There is no semblance of order to the food in your life and the concern for nutrition is secondary and only comes in pangs of guilt, not from planning.

It doesn't have to be like this. Taking care of the food in your family's life doesn't have to be hard, massively time consuming, or brain numbing. You just have to

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## 'Shop with a Cop' event makes Christmas dreams come true for area children

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Toys, candy canes, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, gifts galore and a bicycle for everyone - Christmas dreams came true in abundance this past weekend at the Mountain Arts Center when the Prestonsburg Police Department hosted their annual "Shop with a Cop" event.

Children selected to participate in the program arrived at the arts center with their families in tow as all were treated to a pizza party, visits with Santa, and presented with enough Christmas gifts to make any child dizzy with delight. And not only the selected children were treated, but each of their siblings, as well.

Each child present and participating received new coats, hats, gloves and scarves, new shoes, socks and underwear, three outfits of new clothing, toys, new sleeping bags, a CD player and CD's, and a brand new bicycle. The bicycles, save for two from Pro-Fitness Center who were donated by an anonymous donor, were presented courtesy of Allen, Sheila and Christy Rose, of Prestonsburg. The Rose family, who had watched a taping of the Shop with a Cop event from an earlier year

when children put their names in a hat in hopes of winning a bike, said they felt the disappointment of one child whose name was not drawn that year. "Oh, no, that's not happening," I said to myself," said Allen Rose. "Then I got on the phone and placed a call to Steve Little and told him that I wanted to buy bicycles for all the children who didn't get one that day. Some people think we're crazy, but my wife and daughter and I want to do this. It makes our Christmas," he said.

"We have lots of wonderful, warm hearted, generous people in this community," said Det. Steve Little. "Allen (Rose) and his family, and many, many more who help us make this program a success. We appreciate each and every one of them..."

"The reason we do this is because we want kids to know that cops are good...we're here to help them. So many times, the only contact some of these kids have with policemen are when someone they know gets in trouble. We want to give them a positive contact to remember, and, hopefully, someday, they will help other kids in the future," he said.

This year, 18 families and approximately 53 children were granted a

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Children participating in the "Shop with a Cop" program were treated to a pizza party with their families before all the real excitement got underway.

### FLY LADY

## The most precious gift

by MARLA CILLEY

We have spent all our lives putting out fires. Fires that were started by our perfectionism and our procrastination. Along with panic caused by these fires came the many squeals of martyrdom and yells of dissatisfaction. We have all done this and it is our family members who have had to listen to it.

Why do we torture our family with hurtful words? I can tell you why! We are so stressed out and feeling like martyrs! This has got to stop! I can help

you get rid of the stress, but it is up to you to curb those angry words. The first few steps are to follow our directions to establish your routines, which includes getting dressed to shoes, hair and face each morning. It is up to you to change your attitude toward your family! Once you change your martyred outlook to one of blessing your family and giving teaching moments, you will see a change in them. I know that you don't believe me, but you can only change yourself. It is by your example that your family

will begin to help and support your efforts to secure a peaceful home. What does your wicked tongue do to your children, your husband and most of all to you? It doesn't tell them you love them. It makes them feel less than; it hurts their self-worth. They feel that they have no say in things. It makes your husband feel that he is married to his mother! I don't even want to go there. They feel like servants, instead of family members. Those harsh words are worse than a whipping. You cut your family out of the conversational loop. Family members can't even say what is on their minds because they are afraid of you. Home life is based on a fear of not

making mother mad. Your family members hide from you. They become afraid to tell you when something happens.

After those words have come from your lips, just how do you feel then? Do you feel laden with guilt or do you even realize you are barking nasty remarks their way? You may have become oblivious to the torture you have inflicted upon your loved ones. There is absolutely no excuse for this. I don't want to hear "this is the only way I can get my family to do anything"! This is the lie that you tell yourself so as not to feel guilty. It is time to forgive

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# Family Medicine

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## Is it a cold or the flu? When in doubt, call your doctor

**Q** Can you refresh my memory on the differences and similarities between the common cold and the flu? Every year when people in my family get sick, we are never sure if we need to go to the doctor or not. We all got our flu shots this year, so hopefully no one will get sick.

**A** This is a great question as flu season commonly starts in January. If you haven't gotten a flu shot yet, it is not too late and there is still plenty of vaccine available. Influenza, or flu as it is more commonly called, usually is worse than just a cold.

The difference in symptoms can be somewhat subtle with a good deal of overlap. I can, though, give you

some general guidelines to help distinguish between the two ailments. First let's look at the similarities. Both a cold and the flu can produce a sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose and a cough. Influenza, on the other hand, often adds to the misery with additional symptoms such as fever, headache, fatigue and general body aches. And, the cough associated with the flu is more likely to be a dry rather than a mucous-producing cough. Your doctor will probably refer to the latter as simply a "productive cough."

Colds do not usually lead to serious complications such as bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, and sinus infections. They also do not, as a rule,

make common medical conditions like asthma, diabetes and heart failure worse. People with colds typically do not have to be hospitalized. By contrast, in the United States more than 200,000 people are hospitalized annually with the flu. And yes, people can die from flu and its complications — about 36,000 each year.

The American Academy of Family Physicians' website has a neat little chart to help you distinguish a cold from the flu: [familydoctor.org/online/famdocen/home/tools/symptom/517.html](http://familydoctor.org/online/famdocen/home/tools/symptom/517.html).

If you are not sure what is going on, you should be in contact with your physician. Many times questions can be answered over the phone. If you are elderly, have ongoing medical conditions, or are caring for a young child, I recommend that you be more aggressive in seeking medical care. That means going to see a doctor sooner rather than later

— even if you think you just have a cold.

Generally with either a cold or the flu, treating the symptoms such as fever, runny nose and cough with over-the-counter remedies can help the ill person to rest and eat better during the illness. Staying well hydrated is important when managing almost any illness. There are antiviral medications that can be of help with the flu, but can only be obtained by prescription and my not be the right thing to do in every case.

As with most diseases, prevention is usually the best medicine. However, even if you get a flu shot you can still get the flu - but it will probably be a milder case.

If you come down with the flu or a cold, regular and thorough hand-washing can help to minimize the spread of the illness. Don't forget to wipe down common surfaces at home as well as objects like the phone and

the remote control. Unfortunately with influenza, you are generally contagious one day before you get any symptoms. But if you practice good handwashing hygiene as a regular habit, you will be adding yet another layer to your preventative medical armor.

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## School Happenings

### Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

•Lending Library available for student/parent use. Pamphlets, videos, books and more on a variety of topics available.

•A nurse from the FCHD is currently available at the school to provide services including: School physicals, immunizations, WIC, well-child exams, etc. Call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment. Child does not have to be a student at AMS to receive services. HPV vaccines and flu shots currently available.

•The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Services offered to students and families regardless of income. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297.

### Allen Central High School

•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

\*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.

### 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, coordinator.

### May Valley Elementary

\*May Valley is currently accepting applications for the May Valley Elementary Early Childhood Program (3-4 year olds). Fee for services is \$18/per day. Services available Mon. thru Fri. Contact school at

285-0883 for more information. Slots will be filled on first-come, first-serve basis. Remaining applicants will be placed on waiting list.

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

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

### McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

•Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!

•Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

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

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

### Mountain Christian Academy

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

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

•MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

### Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

•After-School Child Care: 3-6 p.m.

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

### South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

•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 students.

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

### Wesley Christian School

•Dec. 27 - Circuit Riders vs.

Adams, 6 p.m.; home game.

•Jan. 3 - Classes resume.

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

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

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

Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Martin Comm. Ctr.

1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright Baptist Church.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.

9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. - David Craft Center.

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

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.; Martin Community Ctr.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Wecksbury CC.

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

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

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

Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397

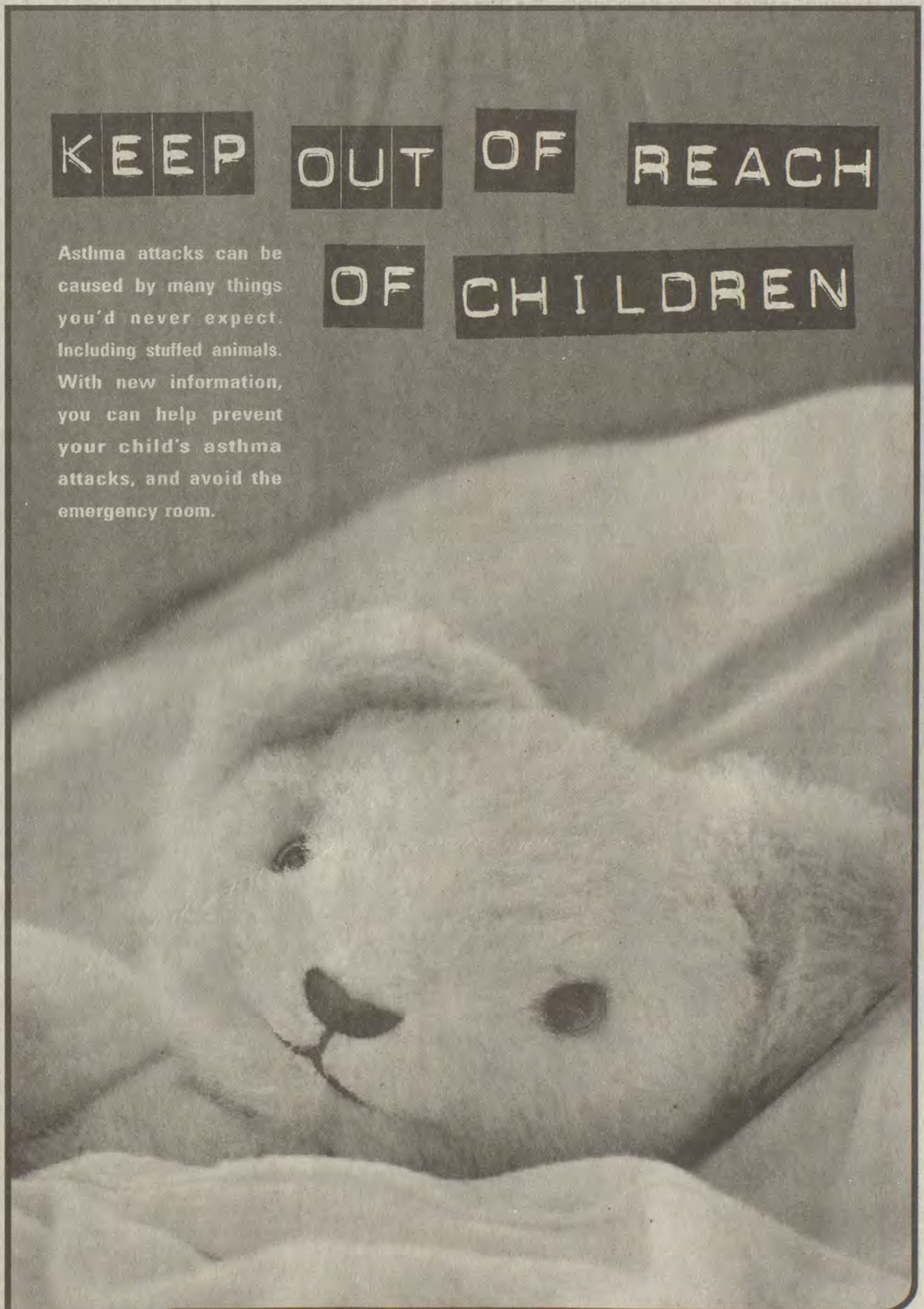
Ron Johnson, Stephanina Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

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

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## Christmas

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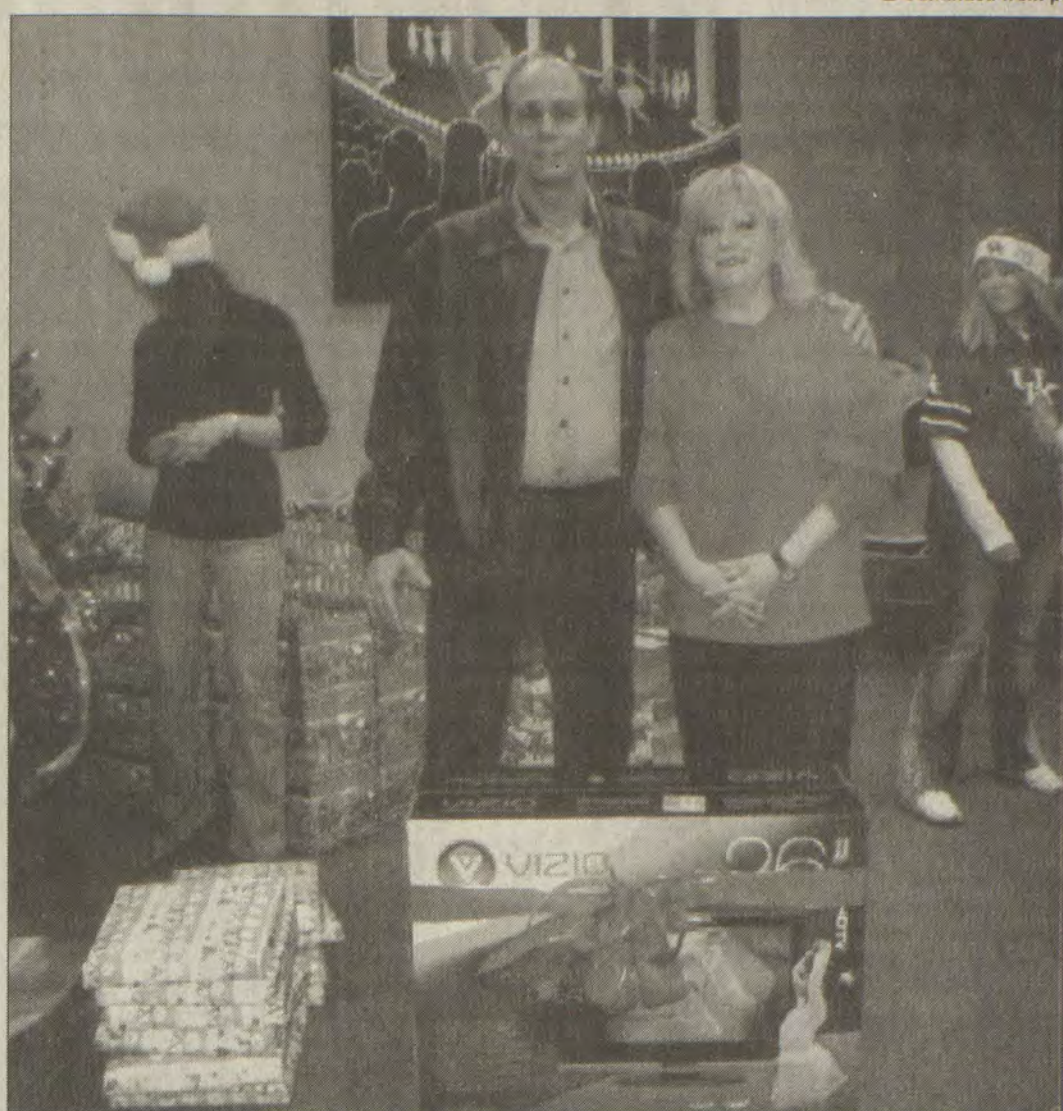
Christmas dream come true through the Shop with a Cop program, now in its ninth year. In addition to the gifts received by the children, each family was presented with large plastic containers filled with everything they need for a Christmas dinner and snacks throughout the holidays. Foodland of Prestonsburg helped make this aspect of the program possible by granting the police department "a significant discount," according to Det. Little.

Additionally, each child was also treated to an afternoon at Wal-Mart accompanied by a member of the police force who helped them spend \$100 each; with the siblings of each child being allowed to spend \$50 each.

"We spoil these kids, we know we do," Det. Little said. "And we have a great time doing it."

At this year's event, the Shop with a Cop program was presented with donations of \$500 each from the Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club, Zebulon Lodge #273 F&AM, and the Olcika Shriners. Also, Wal-Mart of Prestonsburg donated a flat screen, color television to be given away as a door prize. Winner of the television was Bucky Collins, of Prestonsburg.

Additional sponsors of the 2007 "Shop with a Cop" event include: John and Pam Blackburn, Judge Johnny Ray Harris, Judge Danny and Iris Caudill, Circuit Court Clerk Douglas Ray Hall, the law firm of Vanover, Hall & Bartley, Judge Eric and Cara Hall, Howard Bacori, S-Curve Auto, Judge John D. and Karen Caudill, L.C. Setser, Carla Hughes, Wendy's Restaurant, Little Caesar's Pizza, Papa John's Pizza, Foodland, Giovanni's Pizza,



Wal-Mart of Prestonsburg has generously donated a color television to the Christmas program each year. Pictured here are this year's winners: Bucky Collins and wife, Dee, of Prestonsburg.

Dale Morton, Coca-Cola, Pizza Hut, Hobert's Pizza, Carolyn Ford and Winn, Dwight and Karen Stone, Bryan A. Griffith, DMD, William and Clara Garrett, Calhoun's Garage, Dr. Blake R. Burchett, State Wide Press, Bill Jack Compton, Robert Herrick, DMD, Earl Castle Jewelry, Big Sandy Heating & Cooling, Judge James and Rita Allen, Mayor Jerry Fannin, Phillip Chaffins, Bob Carpenter, Waggs & Whiskers, Zak's Snacks, Carter Funeral

Home, Porter Tool World, Gold Stone Garage, Trends & Traditions, Christina's Flowers, Earl M. McGuire, PSC, Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh, Allen, Sheila and Christy Rose, Tran-Star Ambulance, KY Farm Bureau and Floyd Green, Respond Ambulance Service, Chris Slone, ACG Enterprise, Action Petroleum, Rodney Nelson, All Family Health Care, Kyle and Jennifer Salyer, First Commonwealth Bank, Bobby Rowe Law Office, Bonnie J.

Bradley, Abbott Engineering, Home Furniture, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Mountain Metal, Hall Clark Insurance, ABCO Security, Cooley Apothecary, Kirk Law Firm, Guyan Equipment, First Guaranty Bank, First Choice Auto Sales, Williams Tax, and Community Trust Bank.

"Munroe," of the KY Opry and Jesse Osborne, of the KY Opry Junior Pros, each also performed for the children and their families during the special event.



## Halls to celebrate 50th anniversary

A cordial invitation is extended to all to join Bill and Sissy Hall as they celebrate the anniversary of 50 years of marriage. Their children, Jeff, Debbie, and Lori will honor their parents with a reception to be held on Saturday, December 22, 2007, at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, at 2 p.m. Please join us as we fellowship with friends and family.



## 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Marianna (Martin) Scott will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month with a reception that will be held on Saturday, December 29, 2007, from 2-4 p.m., at the Human Resource Center, in Hindman. The resource center is located beside the Hindman Settlement School. All friends and family are cordially invited to attend.

## Church to hold candlelight service

The First Presbyterian Church of Prestonsburg will host a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Monday, December 24, 2007, at 7 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and

join our choir and congregation as we share the "Light of the Christmas Season" - the birthday of Jesus Christ. The church is located between Jerry's Restaurant and Dairy Chccr.

## Diva

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spend a small amount of time on planning and it will pay you back in dividends—I promise!

Here are 5 simple rules of thumb to keep in mind next time you're in the grocery store. This will help you get the food that will make you feel good, not guilty:

1) Buy stuff that is grown in the ground and easily recognizable. Also known as fruit and vegetables, most of these items won't come in boxes with colorful labels.

2) With few exceptions, most food purchased with a coupon is really pseudo-food that you're not going to want to put in your body. Even if you can double a coupon and buy Hot Pockets, Bagel Bites or something else equally unworthy for less than a dollar, do you still REALLY think this is such a good deal when you consider the negative nutrition you're really going to consume?

3) Read what's in the food you are considering purchasing. If you can't pronounce it, don't buy it. Further, if you don't know what some of the ingredients on the list are, don't buy it, either.

4) Make sure you are buying food without dyes. Did you know that the pink coloring of Good and Plenty candy comes from cochineal beetles and their eggs? Pink yogurts also have this coloring and yes, it also comes from dead bugs

and their offspring. Sounds yummy, doesn't it?

5) Use a list!! For goodness sake, you can't make magical menus appear off the top of your head, shopping in the grocery store without a list. It takes planning, a menu, a little creativity and yes, a grocery list! I have a bunch of sample menus (with the grocery list) for you to use if you want to give them a try—you know where the Dinner Diva lives...

We have enough on our plates (bad pun, sorry) without having the food in our house be an issue. Don't you agree? Then hop on the band wagon and let's get the food in our households under control so that it is helping us to be the best we can be, not weighing us down and making us feel guilty.

Life is too short for crummy nutrition. Do like Santa—make a list and check it twice. You really do need to know what foods are naughty and which ones are nice.

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

## Fly Lady

yourself, and then ask your family to forgive you.

Many times in our lives we are faced with things that are difficult. As sidetracked people, we allow our perfectionism to hurt us and our children. We are just not aware that this is what is causing us to be raving banshees.

Now you have a chance to change by taking actions. You may not have known how to change in the past but you are learning. Take these words into your heart and forgive yourself. You know the things you have said. This can be the beginning of a new relationship with your family.

I would like to suggest that

you start writing your feelings down, too. Not just the pain you are feeling but ways in how you can change. First, you have to forgive yourself.

You are just learning these things; the more you write, the more you will discover about yourself. You are not expected to be perfect. Love yourself enough to take these words and go forward from here.

This is not the end, but the beginning of a new life. After you forgive yourself and get in touch with your own feelings; then you can ask for forgiveness. My heart goes out to you! My prayers are with you and your entire family.

You can do this. You found

us because you were looking for a change in your life. You are willing to make changes, aren't you?

Your tongue can criticize or it can encourage. The choice is all yours. If you have not changed your attitude, then how can you expect to see a change in your family? And changes have to come from the heart. If not, they will see right through you. They may not even believe it at first, because you will not be sounding like the mother they have been used to all their lives. Your children may think aliens have taken their real mother away! Prove to them, and to their father, that you have changed.

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Sprinkle words of love, encouragement and teaching, all over your home. Apologize for your tongue. Don't play the martyr game anymore. No one loves a martyr. Not even you! It is time to FLY without the Guilt — forgive yourself!

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

## Eyes

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time in our household.

The year I asked Santa, for instance, for a blonde-haired, walking, skating Baby First Step doll, my parents had trouble finding one. Apparently, this doll was a hot item that year and must have been flying off the shelves at the local Ben Franklin, Hobb's and Arrowood's Hardware stores - the only stores I can think of that sold toys at that time in our little town.

As the weeks went by, my mother asked me a few times, "What if Santa Claus can't bring a Baby First Step? What other dollie would you like him to leave?"

"I don't want any other one," I stubbornly replied. "Only Baby First Step, she's the only one."

Looking back, I realize now that I shouldn't have been so selfish, but selfishness and childhood tend to go hand in hand. Wanting only to make my Christmas dreams come true, my father made arrangements to have a Baby First Step doll waiting for him somewhere in Huntington, West Virginia, and, after a long day at work, drove there to pick up my Christmas dream doll on a dark winter evening. And that was long before the nice, new Route 23 of today existed, which means my dad traveled a winding country road all the way there and back, in the cold and the dark - just to make sure Santa didn't disappoint his little girl.

But a Christmas memory that most touches my heart is the year I spied a pink and white stuffed poodle hanging from the ceiling at the old Hobb's Five & Dime. To this day, I'm still not sure why I wanted that stuffed poodle so badly. I guess it was just pretty.

Anyway, I can remember begging my dad to take me to the store so that I could show him the stuffed animal. Once inside the store, I remember waiting on pins and needles while my father purchased some warm nuts from the counter near the front

of the store. It seemed like half an eternity passed before those nuts were packaged and presented and paid for.

Finally, though, I was able to grab my dad's hand and lead him along the creaking floorboards of the old store, weaving in and out between aisles of bolted fabrics and sewing sundries. "Would it even still be there," I wondered to myself. "What if some other lucky little girl had already got it and taken it home with her?"

Turning a corner, however, my eyes soon landed on the poodle. There it was, among a multitude of other colorful poodles, the only pink and white one in the bunch. "That?," my dad teased. "You want that old stuffed animal? Why do you want that?"

"Because!," I answered. "Because, why?," Daddy continued to tease. "What about that pretty blue one? Or the purple one? And aren't you a little old for a stuffed animal, anyway?"

Disappointed, I told my dad that maybe I was a little old for a stuffed animal but I wanted it, anyway, and...wanted only the pink and white one. I also pointed out that of the entire menagerie, there was only one pink and white one.

"Well, we'll see," is all he said as he took my hand and led me out of the store.

Convinced that I was not getting the stuffed poodle, I just knew that my Christmas that year wasn't going to work out the way I had planned. The other item on my wish list happened to be a Barbie doll and since I had never been allowed to have a Barbie doll (my mother didn't approve of Barbie dolls - they were "too developed"), I figured I might as well prepare myself. I'd probably get another Skipper (Barbie's "little sister," for those of you who aren't aware - I was allowed to play with the flat-chested little sis who came with a wardrobe of pedal pushers and other such modest teen clothing) and who knew what else. I might as well just

make the best of it.

But, lo and behold, that Christmas morning, there was a grown-up, "developed" Barbie doll under the tree, complete with a few sets of glamorous outfits (guess my mom figured I was growing up and she might as well let Barbie help me prepare for it).

I think I also received the obligatory flannel pajamas and new house shoes, with some new underwear and a new outfit for school. But what kid enjoys opening gifts of new underwear and school clothing? I recall that they didn't impress me so much, but, hey, a milestone had occurred. I had, after literal years of begging, been given a Barbie doll.

"I'm sorry, tyke," my dad said. "I went back to get the poodle dog, but it was gone. Only the purple one was left and you told me you didn't like purple."

Saddened, but not wanting to disappoint my father, I replied, "That's okay, Daddy."

"I might as well be happy," I told myself as I thanked my parents for my gifts and headed down the hallway to my bedroom to sulk and make myself miserable with thoughts of the lucky little girl who was, undoubtedly, hugging that beautiful pink and white poodle at that very moment.

"Whatcha doin,' babe," my dad asked as he peeked into my bedroom.

"Nuthin,'" I replied.

"Well, can this little doggie do 'nuthin' with you," he asked as he dangled a pink and white stuffed poodle in the air above my head.

I guess the smile that lit my face as I jumped up amid squeals of delight and reached to hug his neck probably made my dad's Christmas that year.

And, today, years later, I cherish the many Christmases my parents made for me.



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# FLOYD COUNTY Around Our Schools



## Santa visits David

Santa made an early stop in David last Saturday as Saint Francis in the Fields from Louisville, a service group who has a longstanding relationship with the David School, brought tons of Christmas cheer to area children.

While the David School hosted the visit and provided the location for the yearly event, Saint Francis mission leaders and groups members led several activities which included crafts, cookie decorating, drama, and lots of running and jumping around for the little ones in the gym area. Approximately 30 area

children attended the event, which ended with a surprise visit from Santa as he rode in on a fire truck, courtesy of the David Area Volunteer Fire Department. Each child was given the opportunity to tell Santa what they wished to get for Christmas and afterwards were treated to lunch and received a gift bag full of goodies.

The David School would like to thank Saint Francis and the David Area Volunteer Fire Department for helping us to provide pleasurable Christmas memories for all of the children who attended this year.



## SFMS Football Homecoming

2007-2008 Football Homecoming festivities were held on September 18, 2007 at South Floyd Middle School.

The 7th Grade Attendants were: Miss Diamond Hall, the 12 year old daughter of Debbie and John Hall, of Wheelwright. Miss Hall was escorted by Dakota Meade, the son of Angela and Clark Meade, of Weeksbury; Miss Savannah Huff, the 12 year old daughter of Leigh Ann Fraley, of McDowell, and Charles Johnson, of Wheelwright. Miss Johnson was escorted by Tyler Moore, the son of Vonda and Glenn Moore, of Bevinville; Miss Sadie Slone, the 12 year old daughter of Sheila and William Slone, of Ligon. Miss Slone was escorted by Trent Blevins, the son of Sherry and Doug Blevins, of Bypro.

The 8th Grade Attendants were: Miss Sara Akers, the 13 year old daughter of Jacquiline and Ricky Akers, of McDowell. Miss Akers was escorted by Zackary Hall, the son of Teresa and Tim Little, of Wheelwright; Miss Gabrielle Bailey, the 13 year old daughter of Jill Little Hall, of Wheelwright, and Layne Bailey, of Weeksbury. Miss Bailey was escorted by Brandon Marson, the son of Tracy and Joe Marson, of Hi Hat; Miss Kelsey Dye, the 13 year old daughter of Stoney and Chrisie Dye, of McDowell. Miss Dye was escorted by Dustin Tackett, the son of Michelle and Clinton Springer, of Hi Hat, and Dale and Amanda Tackett, of Cumberland; Miss Heather Hall, the 13 year old daughter of Michelle and Jarrad Hall, of Hi Hat. Miss Hall was escorted by Ricky Stegall, the son of Renee and Rick Stegall, of Hi Hat; Miss Helen Chantelle Hamilton, the 13 year old daughter of John Hamilton, of Drift, and April Stewart, of Grayson. Miss Hamilton was escorted by Gordon Hall, the son of Tammy and Kenneth Hall, of Weeksbury; Miss Kelsie Little, the 13 year old daughter of Stacy Bryant, of Bevinville, and Marty Little, of Melvin. Miss Little was escorted by Byron Johnson, the son of Rhonda Johnson, of McDowell, and Dennis Johnson, of Buckingham.

After the attendants were announced, the 2006-2007 Homecoming Queen Meshana Ray crowned Miss Gabrielle Bailey as the 2007-2008 Football Homecoming Queen. Congratulations to All!



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# Last Minute Buying Guide



## Guide to office gift giving

Fewer things are harder come the holiday season than shopping for the perfect gift. Whether you're shopping for your spouse, child, or distant cousin, chances are you want to get a thoughtful gift that expresses your love and appreciation.

While shopping for relatives is challenging, things may seem a bit tougher when shopping for coworkers or colleagues. If you happen to be friends with a coworker or colleague, finding a gift may

be easier. But if you want to do something thoughtful for those you simply work with, the following guidelines should help you keep things pleasant and professional.

■ **Consider religion:** There's a good chance your office includes people from diverse backgrounds. Certain gifts are taboo in some cultures, but perfectly acceptable as gifts in others. If there's any doubt as to a coworker's religion or other preferences, steer clear of gifts that might

raise an eyebrow or possibly be seen as offensive. In addition, if you're unsure whether a client or colleague drinks alcohol, avoid giving a bottle of wine or champagne as a gift.

■ **Give a gift that's office ready:** If you're really stuck, give a gift that can help brighten a coworker's office or cubicle. For example, give a plant, a small radio, or something to make them more comfortable, such as a seat cushion or padded mouse pad.

Avoid wall hangings, as there's no accounting for another person's taste, and you don't want to put a coworker in the position of having to hang something on their wall that they don't like simply because they feel obligated.

■ **Go the gift certificate route:** To some, gift certificates might seem to indicate little effort on your part. To others, they're the perfect gift and one they're sure to use. Don't worry about which group a coworker falls into. If

you really can't find a gift, a gift certificate is perfectly acceptable. If you're unaware of a coworker or colleague's interests, give a mall gift card that's accepted by many of the stores in the mall. Chances are, they'll find at least one store that matches an interest.

■ **Don't give items emblazoned with the company name:** Nothing will make you look cheaper or more indifferent than giving a company sweatshirt or memo pad to a colleague for the holidays.

Such items are probably available for free throughout the year anyway, so giving them during the holidays is inappropriate. These items are meant for marketing campaigns, not as holiday gifts for employees, colleagues, or clients.

■ **Let common sense be your guide:** If you're unsure about a certain gift, follow the rule of common sense. A general rule of thumb is to not give anything too personal to coworkers or colleagues.

## The perfect gift for technology lovers

For the person on your shopping list that loves technology, there's no better gift to give than the latest high tech gadget. Smartphones like the BlackBerry Pearl make perfect gifts, and now they're smaller and more powerful than ever before.

The BlackBerry Pearl is the must-have smartphone of the year — it's the smallest and lightest BlackBerry, and combines a top of the line mobile phone, Web browsing and impressive multimedia capabilities along with the industry's leading mobile e-mail and messaging capabilities. Weighing only 3.1 ounces and less than two inches wide, the BlackBerry Pearl is powerful on communications and entertainment, all packaged in a compact, ultra-sleek design and available in a multitude of exciting colors.

Although the same size as a standard mobile phone, the BlackBerry Pearl has a QWERTY keyboard that makes typing messages and emails fast and easy.

But the BlackBerry Pearl offers more than just messaging, it's also a multimedia powerhouse. With a camera, 5x zoom and built-in flash, snapping high quality photos is a breeze. And with a couple of clicks, you can send photos to straight to friends and family.

This smartphone also features an advanced media player for listening to music, watching videos and viewing pictures. Songs can be sorted by artist, title or genre, and videos can be played in full screen mode. The BlackBerry Pearl even has a microSD memory card slot, so you can expand the storage and have plenty of room for all your favorite music, pictures

and videos.

To keep your media files organized and synchronized between the smartphone and your PC, the BlackBerry Pearl comes with media management software for your PC, which is quick and easy to use. You can use the software to create play lists, convert songs and videos for optimal playback, and even edit photos.

In addition to world-class mobile messaging, Web browsing and multimedia capabilities, the BlackBerry Pearl is an excellent mobile phone — audio enhancements include noise cancellation technology that offsets background noise, voice activated dialing, and a built-in speakerphone.

For more information on BlackBerry smartphones visit: [www.blackberry.com](http://www.blackberry.com).



## Jewelry gifts for every budget

It's fun to give jewelry - one of the season's hot holiday gifts - but not if it puts you in the red. Sure you want to shoot for the stars, but throwing caution to the wind isn't always so friendly to the wallet.

For those who have to reign in the budget just a bit, jewelry purchases can still top your list

of beautiful picks in holiday gifts, provided you follow these suggestions for making the most of your money.

### Explore alternative metals

While gold and platinum are certainly favorites, there are other choices if you have champagne taste but not the budget. For the look of gold without a

high price tag, think about gold-plated jewelry. And always consider sterling silver, a versatile and affordable metal that can be crafted into looks for dressing up ... or down.

### Think whimsy

If you don't know what sort of jewelry to give that special person in your life, than you

can't go wrong with a whimsical artistic piece. Jewelry doesn't have to be uber-expensive to make a statement and be noticed. Consider interesting pieces that will spark conversation, like those offered by RedStart. RedStart was founded by three West-Coast women: Amanda Knox, Sara

Shaughnessy and Kim Hoffmann. The designers' engineering backgrounds have provided the foundation for an innovative and successful jewelry-making business to produce jewelry that's modern and fun.

Now that it's time to celebrate, what better way to express festivity than with

RedStart's sterling silver Bubbles Collection, which includes earrings, pendants and pins? These pieces reflect light off of the many round surfaces and add just the right touch of spirit this time of year - or all year long. Learn more by visiting [www.redstartdesign.com](http://www.redstartdesign.com), or call 1-877-822-7RED

## Ratings help guide video game purchases

Video games remain one of the most popular gift items for children and adults alike. A strong majority of families have indicated in various studies that video games are a big part of their family dynamic. Parents often find that regular video game play with their children is a rewarding social activity.

With holiday shopping right around the corner, and video games topping your gift list, it's important to choose games that are age-appropriate for players. This means consulting the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) rating that appears on each and every game. According to a national survey released by Activision, Inc. conducted by The Harrison Group, as part of Activision's "Ratings are Not a Game" education initiative, the ESRB rating system is a highly effective and influential tool for determining what video games are appropriate. Most parents (84 percent) have indicated that they are very familiar with the ESRB system and nearly 80 percent revealed that they pay close attention to the ratings on games when selecting options for children ages 8 to 12. In fact, according to the Activision study, 56 percent of parents cited a game's ESRB rating as their top purchase influencer - more than any other factor.

The ESRB rating system has two parts - rating symbols, which are prominently displayed on the front of game packages, and content descriptors, which are found on the back next to the rating symbol.

Six main rating categories are used to recommend age appropriateness for a game. Plus there are more than 30 content descriptors that refer to different types of content (violence, sex, humor, language, use of controlled substances) that may have either contributed to the rating, or may just be of interest or concern to consumers. In assigning ratings, the ESRB also takes into consideration how frequently, intensely, and in what context elements are depicted in games. Other factors such as interactive elements, player control and reward systems are also taken into account.

When shopping for video games this season, Activision suggests the following:

■ **Check out the ESRB rating on the front of the box and don't forget to flip the package over to read the content descriptors on the back.** Both parts are equally helpful in allowing you to decide if a game is right for your family.

■ **For more information on a particular game, visit the ESRB Web site at [www.esrb.org](http://www.esrb.org).** The more information you have, the more equipped you will be to make an informed decision about the game's value.

■ **Check online resources such as video game reviews, demos and trailers for more insight about game content, as well as best and worst video game reports from watchdog sites.** The ESRB has a list of helpful sites on its Parent Resources page.

■ **Be consistent on the ratings you'll allow so children don't try to push the boundaries.**

■ **Make sure relatives and other gift purchasers are familiar with the ratings system as well to avoid the possibility that they'll purchase games for your children that you might deem inappropriate.** If they are not familiar with the ratings, inform them which ratings you consider appropriate for your

children, such as "EC (Early Childhood 3+)," "E (Everyone 6+)," "E10+ (Everyone Ten and Older)," "T (Teen 13+)," or "M (Mature 17+)."

■ **If you see an advertisement for a game with an "RP" rating, which refers to "Rating Pending" check the ESRB Web site at [www.esrb.org](http://www.esrb.org) for updated rating information before you go shopping.**

"Activision strongly supports the ESRB rating system, which we believe is one of the most effective tool parents can use to determine which games are appropriate for their children," says Robin Kaminsky, EVP of Publishing for Activision. "Looking ahead, these results will help strengthen our efforts to raise greater awareness among parents and young people."

To learn more about ESRB ratings, visit [www.esrb.org](http://www.esrb.org). For more information on Activision and other video game titles, visit [www.activision.com](http://www.activision.com).

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