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## 3 arrested in disappearance

### Murder charge filed, but police still looking for body

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

area near the Magoffin and Breathitt county line.

SALYERSVILLE — The search for a missing Salyersville woman has now turned into a murder investigation after police Wednesday arrested three people in connection with her death.

Brandi Rowe, 28, of Salyersville, was last seen by friends Dec. 23 as she left a Magoffin County residence on Lakeview Road to go riding with some of her acquaintances. The area she was reportedly en route to is a very remote

On New Year's Day, the Magoffin County Sheriff's office received a report from an acquaintance of Rowe, stating that Rowe had in fact been shot and her body had been dumped near the secluded site where she was en route to on Dec. 23. After investigation into the call, police were led to three individuals who have now been charged in connection with her death.

Don Reed, 62, of Salyersville, is the only individual who has been



Don Reed



Linda Arnett



Paul Douglas Arnett

charged with murder. Paul Douglas Arnett, 41, and Linda Arnett, 40, both also of Salyersville, are charged with criminal facilitation to commit murder.

Each of the three have also been charged with tampering with physical

evidence since the body of Rowe has not yet been found.

Kentucky State Police say although they have been successful in making the arrests on Wednesday, they are con-

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### briefs

### Pike crash kills woman

by ALEX SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A vehicle that drove off a 10-foot embankment on Wolfpit Branch Road in Pike County resulted in the death of a 67-year-old woman Tuesday.

Letha G. Rasnick, of Marrowbone, was killed when a 1995 Buick Regal driven by 62-year-old Anna J. Justus went off the road approximately two miles up the road and landed on the passenger side at the bottom of a creek. The accident occurred shortly after noon and Pikeville Post 9 received a call concerning the accident shortly thereafter.

Rasnick was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Coroner Russell Roberts. Justus was taken to Pikeville Medical Center and treated for multiple injuries.

Both women were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash. The investigation of the accident is being conducted by Trooper Jason Merlo.

### BABY NEW YEAR



Highlands Regional Medical Center welcomed the first baby of 2007, at one minute after midnight on New Year's Day. Jessie Morgan Chaney arrived weighing 6 pounds and 13 ounces and measuring 18.5 inches long. Jessie's proud parents are Danny Chaney and Jillian Marie Jones, of Minnie. Jessie's parents received a MaggiB Diaper Bag filled with baby clothing, stuffed animals and a Johnson & Johnson Starter Kit. The family will also receive a \$500 savings bond from Highlands Regional Medical Center.

## Officials survey oil field residents as part of radiation study

by SAMIRA JAFARI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARTHA — State health officials are surveying residents for health problems around an Eastern Kentucky oil field, where dozens of families claim radiation from a former oil company's activities has harmed their community.

The state Department of Public Health this week is mailing out about 1,025 health surveys to Lawrence and Johnson county residents with land near the Martha oil field.

"They have some concerns about their health," said Clyde Bolton, director of the Division of Public Health Protection and Safety, on Tuesday. "We want to listen to what they have to say."

People around this Appalachian community have attended quarterly meetings with state officials for the past year to discuss their concerns

about naturally occurring low-level radiation from the oil field.

About 100 residents have filed lawsuits against Ashland Inc., which used to operate the oil field, seeking compensation for alleged health and property damages.

Ashland concedes that some naturally occurring radioactive material was carried to the surface when wells in the Martha oil field were injected with pressurized water to force out crude. However, Ashland says the danger of the actual radiation levels have been exaggerated by locals.

In response to possible health concerns, state officials launched a two-part study comparing the incidence of illnesses around the Martha oil field to other parts of eastern Kentucky that do not have radiation contamination.

The first part of the study

looked at regional databases from hospitals to determine whether there was a significant presence of diseases linked to radiation or petroleum production.

"We didn't find anything extraordinary, just a chronic lack of medical care in general," Bolton said.

Bolton said the second part of the study is based on responses to the survey: "We don't have any indication that there's anything up there, but it would be naive of us not to ask the individuals that question."

Ashland spokesman Jim Vitak said the company, now a diversified chemical corporation, had no objection to the surveys, as long as state officials "pursue it with a good scientific approach."

Bolton said the results of the study would be evaluated by a review board before they are published.

## Mine deaths raise call for safety

by ALEX SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — With the number of coal mining fatalities in the United States this year reaching a level unseen in more than a decade, it is not surprising that the number of organizations and lawmakers studying current safety measures and working to pass new legislation statewide is on the rise.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration reported 47 coal miner accident deaths in 2006, matching the deadliest year for coal miners since 1995, when 47 miners were killed. The state of Kentucky recorded 16 coal mine deaths in 2006, nearly matching the number of miners killed across the entire country in 2005 (22). Five of the 16 fatalities occurred at coal mining companies in Pike County. Only West Virginia had

more coal miner fatalities than Kentucky, with 24.

New emergency mine evacuation rules were enacted Dec. 8 by the MSHA, requiring mine operators to provide more safety measures and training for miners in an effort to provide them with a greater chance of survival in emergency situations. The new rules require mine operators to increase the availability of emergency breathing devices and enhanced training of their proper usage, and several other safety checks, including improved emergency evacuation and drill training and a new direct MSHA emergency phone number which must be contacted within 15 minutes of any accident. According to Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health, the new requirements will provide better guidance for

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## Republican files for Stumbo's job

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A western Kentucky prosecutor is the first person to enter this year's race for attorney general.

Timothy Coleman, 48, a Republican from Morgantown, filed his candidacy papers with the secretary of state's office on Thursday.

Coleman, who has served since 2001 as commonwealth's attorney in Butler, Edmonson, Hancock and Ohio coun-

ties, is making his first bid for statewide office.

He served on the Fayette County Republican Executive Committee from 1994 to 1997 while working in private practice in Lexington with the firm of Jackson and Kelly. He opened his own office in Morgantown in 1997 and served as Butler County attorney from 1999 to 2000.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo, a Democrat, hasn't said yet whether he will seek re-election to the job or run for governor.

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# For the Record

### Marriage Licenses

Crystal Lea Terry, 23, of Martin, to Bobby Curtis Akers II, 37, of Dana.  
 Charlene Kiser, 46, of Ivel, to Tracy Burchett, 40, of Ivel.  
 Lisa Michelle Jackson, 22, of Paintsville, to Brandon Joseph Arnold, 22, of Paintsville.  
 Lisa Marie Compton, 29, of Hi Hat, to Lonzie Edmond Isaac, 24, of Hi Hat.

### Civil Suits Filed

Marlene and Denzil Hall vs. Mitzi Johnson; eviction  
 Lowell Branham vs. Minerva Branham; motion to transfer to Floyd County Court

Palisades Collection vs. William and Matilda Hinchman; to collect debt

Autovest vs. Joey D. Hamilton; to collect debt

Joseph Plankus vs. Danielle and Danny Bates; petition for custody, name change and visitation

Darrell Crider Jr. vs. Angela Mae Crider; dissolution of marriage

Arron L. Tucker vs. Samantha Nicole Tucker; dissolution of marriage

Emily Honeycutt vs. Aaron Honeycutt; dissolution of marriage

### Small Claims Filings

Rose Mary Reid vs. Jeff Titlow; to collect debt

### Charges Filed

James Israel, 46; second-degree assault

Dwayne Thacker, 37; two counts theft by unlawful taking

Glenn C. Brooks, 41; possession of marijuana, receiving stolen property, use/possession drug paraphernalia

Anthony Collett, 20; speeding 26 MPH over speed limit, first-degree fleeing or evading police in a motor vehicle, first-degree fleeing or evading police on foot, endangering the welfare of a minor

### Property Transfers

Jaime Caudill to Jaime and John J. Caudill, property location undisclosed.

John J. Caudill to Jaime and John J. Caudill, property location undisclosed.

Merlene Dingus to Merlene Dingus, property located at Beaver Creek.

Bernice Fannin to Peggy Rife and Ollie Jason Whitt, property location undisclosed.

Charles Fannin to Peggy Rife and Ollie Jason Whitt, property location undisclosed.

Tanya Harris to Sharon Harris, property location undisclosed.

Brenda J. Little to Consolidated Health Systems Inc., property located at Auxier.

Linda D. Little to Consolidated Health Systems Inc., property located

at Auxier.  
 Frank Martin to Merlene Dingus, property located at Beaver Creek.

Peggy Rife to Mary Noakes, property location undisclosed.

Donna Turner to Teddy Shannon and Belinda Stumbo, property located at Beaver Creek.

Jimmy Turner to Teddy Shannon and Belinda Stumbo, property located at Beaver Creek.

John Wallen to Floyd County, property located at Little Paint Creek.

Lorena G. Wallen to Floyd County, property located at Little Paint Creek.

Ollie Jason Whitt to Mary Noakes, property location undisclosed.

## Obituaries

### Dareld Smith

Dareld Smith, age 72, of 1879 Ixora Drive Melbourne, Florida, died Tuesday, January 2, 2007, at 12:00 a.m., at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne.

He was born on July 12, 1934 in Floyd County, the son of the late Virgil and Rena (Slone) Smith.

On October 2, 1964, he married Billie Marie Freeman and she survives. Also surviving are: his mother, of Allen; and three daughters: Dani Smith of Lexington; Damita "Mimi" (Donald) Wright of Melbourne, Florida; Debra Hughes of Findlay, Ohio; and four brothers: Doug and Dingsu Smith both of Allen; David Smith of Maytown; Donald Smith of St. Mary's, Ohio; one sister, Delores (Delano) Conn of Allen.

Dareld was anticipating his first grandchild to be born in February. A brother, Daniel preceded him in death.

Dareld was a former disc jockey at WPRT radio station in Prestonsburg. He graduated from the University of Findlay with a bachelor's degree in computer science. He retired from Triplett Corporation in Bluffton as the Manager of Engineering in 1996. Dareld was a ham radio operator with call letters W8JIQ and as a hobby, he enjoyed woodworking, making furniture and building room additions.

Services will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at

Coldren-Crates Funeral Home, Findlay, with Pastor Ken Willis officiating.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Findlay, OH. Visitation will be from 2-4 and

6-8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to [www.coldrenbrates.com](http://www.coldrenbrates.com).

(Paid obituary)

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### Cecelia L. Parks

Cecelia L. Parks, age 55, of Prestonsburg, wife of Darrel Parks, passed away Wednesday, January 3, 2007, at her residence.

She was born August 7, 1951, in Pikeville, the daughter of Rosemary Kendrick Hall of Louisville, and the late Glennis I. Hall.

She was a Securities Broker, employed by Calton and Associates, Inc.

Survivors, in addition to her mother and husband, include a brother, Glenn Robert Hall of Louisville; four sisters: Debra Lynn Engle of Richmond, Laura Nelson of Concord, New Hampshire, Lisa Hansen of Amherst, New Hampshire, and Beth Kludt of Miamisburg, Ohio; and five nieces, and five nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 6, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Karl Hanson officiating.

Burial will follow in the Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Glenn Robert Hall, Adrian Engle, Bill Kludt, Kennie Carpenter, Eric Hall, and Jack Kendrick Jr.

Honorary: Ron Cooley, Buzz Allen, Kenny Hall, and Lowell (Buddy) Hall.

(Paid obituary)

## Library hosts a Mother Goose Christmas

PRESTONSBURG — When you think about Christmas the library usually isn't the first thing that comes to mind. But, that's only if you aren't involved in the Floyd County Library's Story Hour Program.

On Thursday, Dec. 21, children from all over the area gathered at the Floyd County Library to celebrate Christmas with a few very special guests.

The celebration began with a stack of pizzas and a table full of goodies brought in by parents. After the guests finished eating the group was moved out front where the children gathered around Father Bear as he read Clement Moore's "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

The day was ended with a visit from Santa Claus as he distributed gifts to each of the children in attendance and took some time for pictures with the families and library staff.

Mothers in the group surprised Emma Shepherd, the Story Hour Director, with a gift of her own presenting her with a T-shirt and declaring her to be the "Real Life Mother



Santa put smiles on several faces during the Floyd County Library's Christmas program.

Goose."

"This is a project that is at the heart and soul of the library," said Shepherd. "We strive to promote literacy in the area and there is no better way

than by encouraging families to come to the library together. These kids are very special to me, and I love them every one."

The Story Hour Program

will begin again Jan. 18 for its spring session. Meetings will be held every Thursday at 1 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome to contact Shepherd at the library at 886-2981 ext 15.

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# Traffic fatalities at 5-year low

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Deaths on Kentucky's highways reached a five-year low last year, according to preliminary figures from state government, and officials are hoping for even better results in 2007.

The 907 deaths for 2006 was 78 fewer than 2005, an improvement officials say is due to stronger laws, education and smarter enforcement.

Maj. Lisa Rudzinski, a Kentucky State Police spokeswoman, said the agency is "cautiously optimistic" that the number of roadway deaths will drop even more this year.

For one thing, the state primary seat-belt law went into effect July 12, and 2007 figures will reflect a full year of

enforcing it. Police previously could only cite people for not wearing seat belts if they were stopped for other offenses. Now officers are now able to stop motorists solely for not putting their seat belts on.

Rudzinski believes an educational campaign about the new primary seat-belt law caused an increase in seat-belt usage, leading to a decrease in fatalities.

Officials will be able to get a better idea of how the new law is working in May when an annual observation survey is done, she said.

Nearly two-thirds of the people who died in automobile crashes in Kentucky last year weren't wearing seat belts, according to the statistics.

Last year's survey, done

before Kentucky's new seat belt law went into effect, showed that the state had the fifth-lowest safety belt usage in the nation. The national seat belt usage rate was 82 percent, while Kentucky's was 67 percent, Rudzinski said.

Various law enforcement agencies in the state joined in a coordinated effort to reduce traffic fatalities in 2006, Rudzinski said.

"We also reviewed historical trends where crashes were occurring to ensure that we had enforcement officers in the right places attempting to reduce the driving behavior that can lead to crashes," she said.

The decline in fatalities in 2006 was the first year-to-year drop since 1999.

# Barber to join Kirk Law Firm

PRESTONSBURG — David A. Barber, whose seven-year tenure as judge on Kentucky's Court of Appeals ended last week, will resume his legal career as an associate attorney with Kirk Law Firm, according to a joint announcement from Barber and John Kirk, senior partner at the firm.

"Judge Barber has distinguished himself in our profession, first as an attorney, later as an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Workers' Claims, again as an attorney in one of Kentucky's leading law firms and, more recently, as an appellate judge," Kirk said. "We are honored to have him join our firm and we look forward to working with him."

Barber, his wife Margo, their son Ryan, a student at Prestonsburg High School, and their daughter Betty Megan, a law student in Florida, live in Prestonsburg.

Barber has served as Floyd County Attorney and, from 1990 to 1992, as an administrative law judge at the Office

of Workers' Claims, Kentucky Department of Labor. After his tenure as a Workers' Compensation ALJ, Barber and current Attorney General Gregory Stumbo joined as partners in a law practice known as Stumbo & Barber, a law firm with offices in Prestonsburg and Hazard.

Within three years, Stumbo & Barber became one of Kentucky's leading law firms and eventually merged with Bowling Law Firm of Manchester to become Stumbo, Bowling & Barber. In 1999, Barber was elected to the Court of Appeals.

"Although I enjoyed my work as an appellate judge on the Kentucky Court of Appeals, I always missed my first love — representing people," Barber said. "I am very



David A. Barber

pleased to get back into practice with such fine attorneys as John Kirk and his team at Kirk Law Firm. I know we will be able to provide the very best legal representation for our clients."

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Paula Goble

# Judge Barber Joins Kirk Firm

David A. Barber, recently a Judge, Kentucky Court of Appeals, is now a member of Kirk Law Firm, a firm with offices at two Floyd County locations: Prestonsburg and McDowell. Immediately prior to his Term on the Appellate Court, David was a partner with Attorney General Greg Stumbo (STUMBO & BARBER). Prior to formation of STUMBO & BARBER, David served as a Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge. Before that, he was elected and served as Floyd County Attorney.

David invites his friends, former clients and others in Floyd County and elsewhere to contact him with their various legal needs. At Kirk, David will engage primarily in Civil Litigation and Workers' Compensation. "I have been honored to serve as your Judge, Kentucky Court of Appeals," David said. "At the same time, I eagerly look forward to working with John Kirk and all the others at Kirk Law Firm. I have long admired what this firm has done and feel that we will work well together."

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## A Message From John Kirk

Judge Barber was an excellent Judge at the Workers' Compensation Board. After serving there, it was very impressive the way he and Greg Stumbo established and built one of Kentucky's leading law firms. I admired that David left that thriving firm to serve Kentucky at the Court of Appeals, where he served honorably and admirably.

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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

*South Bend (Ind.) Tribune, on death of former President Ford:*

Of the many contributions that President Gerald R. Ford made to his country, one especially stands out: He was the embodiment of this nation's constitutional provision for the peaceful transfer of power during troubled times.

Ford was the successor first to a disgraced vice president and then to a disgraced president. He assumed those responsibilities with the humility of a public servant who understood that duty matters more than the man chosen to perform it.

Ford was president for two difficult years in this country's history. Americans watched the fall of Saigon on their televisions in 1975. The economy sputtered. Energy shortages were a national preoccupation. Although Ford had many friends in Congress, on the heels of a 1974 Democratic landslide he didn't have a lot of allies. A pattern of presidential vetoes followed by votes to override was well established during the Ford presidency.

Prepared and able though he was, Ford had little control over many events that transpired in the last few years of his long public service. But to say that his presidency wasn't important in American history would be to miss the point.

In October 1973, Ford became the first person nominated for the office of vice president under the 25th Amendment. When he took the oath of the presidency on Aug. 9, 1974, he showed again what it means to be a nation of laws, not of men.

*Naples (Fla.) Daily News, on ethics and integrity needed among the new Democratic congressional majority:*

After the House Republicans miserable record on ethics - and having four members resign in disgrace within a year qualifies as miserable - the new Democratic majority is promising a program of major ethics reform.

However, the new leadership should look with great skepticism on one proposal being mulled over by new House Speaker Nancy Pelosi - creation of an independent outside office of public integrity, which would be staffed by nonpartisan professionals to investigate charges of ethical misconduct.

Presumably, that body would replace the much-abused House ethics committee, which has been missing from action most of the last two years. Even though that committee is not a popular assignment and many members don't want to serve on it, the committee, when allowed to do its job, has operated acceptably.

In fact, in the opinion of the Republican leadership, the committee was doing its job too well in admonishing one of their number. Majority Leader Tom DeLay, three times, and set out to gut the committee by rewriting its rules and packing it with DeLay loyalists. It was an ethical blunder that led, along with much else, to the unraveling of the Republican majority. The point here is that the committee can work.

Congressional members accused of crimes are subject to federal and state prosecution, and indeed some are in jail or headed there. The Constitution gives them some protections against libel and slander charges and arrest while doing congressional business with the pretty broad exception of "Treason, Felony and Breach of the Peace."

If the House must create an independent investigatory body, it should be mindful of the government's experience with special prosecutors whose investigations tend to grow all out of proportion to the original allegation. ...

*Daily Record, Parsippany, N.J., on paying more attention to government in the new year:*

If you're still looking to make a New Year's resolution, how about resolving this year to pay more attention?

We kid you not. News programs are on television 24 hours a day, and virtually every newspaper in the world is a click away on your computer. Still, many people don't vote, and many are unaware of relatively major issues. There also is great confusion among the populace, for instance, on where the differing responsibilities of local, state and federal governments begin and end.

This is no way to run a democracy.

Not paying attention can have consequences far greater than not understanding the machinery of government. It can produce crooks in government. ...

Curiously, one reason many people say they don't vote is because "all politicians are crooks." Cynicism is good, but, quite candidly, being overly cynical is foolish. All politicians are not crooks. In fact, most of them aren't. Those who drop out of the system on a belief that all politicians are bums make it more likely that bums will be elected. That's because they're not around to vote against them. ...



## Guest Column

### Louis Coleman and the media show Allen Central prejudice

by DON SHELTON

Take the case of an unpopular lame-duck school board member who attempts a parting shot at infamy by daring to impugn the Confederate symbolism of a local Eastern Kentucky high school, then add a Minnesota-raised journalist with a penchant for sometimes creating stories of particular interest to those on the left and politically correct side of polity, and her need to create some byline buzz to kick-start a fledgling career that has so far landed her in the backwaters of Kentucky Appalachia, and what do you have? Nothing, actually. But there are those among us, the media at the forefront, who benefit from the creation of apparent somethings from actual nothings.

Samira Jafari isn't going to win a Pulitzer with the typical news stories that arise in her district, though, and media liberals higher up the chain need stories that can be framed to suit their agendas, so this non-story was shot across the AP wires about a board member suggesting Allen Central abandon its "evil" mascot (a soldier) and flag. The story conveniently ignored that the reaction to this suggestion was the sound of chirping crickets. In all probability, there are innumerable suggestions made by the singular school board members across the country that die similar unsupported deaths with nary a glance by the media, but for some reason they aren't "news." As non-stories parading as news usually do,

this one garnered little real reaction, but it provided the opportunity to create even more of the apparent somethings from actual nothings which are craved by a few; predictable editorials appeared in the Louisville and Lexington papers, comparing the ignorant hillbillies and their mascots and flags to Nazis, the editorials only slightly disguising their hateful disgust with a veneer of pseudo-intellectual hubris.

At this point, enter Louisville civil rights gadfly Louis Coleman - who seemingly will show up to protest just about anything anywhere it will get him some media face time (yet never seems to have any real number of followers to justify his "leadership") - to "educate" the poor ignorant Floyd Countians as to their "bigotry" and the fact that in the "real world" Confederate symbols have been eradicated. Of course, Coleman is wrong - thankfully symbols of honor like the Confederate battle flag are far from eliminated - and Coleman knows that if it were he and others of his ilk like Morris Dees, who have shamefully transformed "civil rights" into a multimillion dollar business, would lose a lucrative fund-raising bogeyman.

Now we are witness to an exercise of just how far the liberal elite can create apparent something from actual nothing, but don't be fooled good people of Floyd County - it's the media (and darlings the media favors like Coleman) simply talking back and forth to themselves, in ever increasing rounds of crescendo, in the hopes that they can create some kind of whirlwind that pressures you into acceding to their political correctness. Don't fall for it.

There is a story here, though, and it is - indeed - a story about hatred, bigotry, and a lack of education. It is a story about hatred of Southerners, a story about bigotry towards Eastern Kentuckians, and story about a lack

of education by the politically correct concerning Americans with Confederate heritage. The insidiousness of this bigotry is that it seeks to disguise itself within the folds of self-righteous finger pointing at others. Those who now so vehemently vilify Southerners and Eastern Kentuckians rationalize their hatred by pretending to oppose bigotry in others, but that makes no less real, and makes them no less culpable for being bigots themselves. The real story here is the need for them to realize others are guilty of "hatred" simply because they don't wish to be unjustly sacrificed on an altar of the politically correct agenda, and it is not "hatred" simply preferring to practice the honoring of ones' own cultural heritage rather than the dictates of the cosmopolitan media.

Hopefully someday we'll see those practicing this real bigotry realize the admirable goals of diversity and tolerance that they pretend to worship are merely a lie until they stop using them as a cover to attack groups like Southerners, Eastern Kentuckians, Christians, et al.

Until then, just do what you've had to do many times before, and tell the flat-landers to mind their own business. Eventually they'll take the hint and find someone else to bother.

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Don Shelton, of Nicholasville, is self-employed and is a writer and editor for "The Lost Cause," the journal of the Kentucky Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Shelton has served as a division commander for the Kentucky SVC, and is currently chief of staff for the national organization. His parents moved from Eastern Kentucky to Central Kentucky shortly before he was born, but he still knows where "home" is and just how much unsolicited outside demands are "appreciated" in the mountains.

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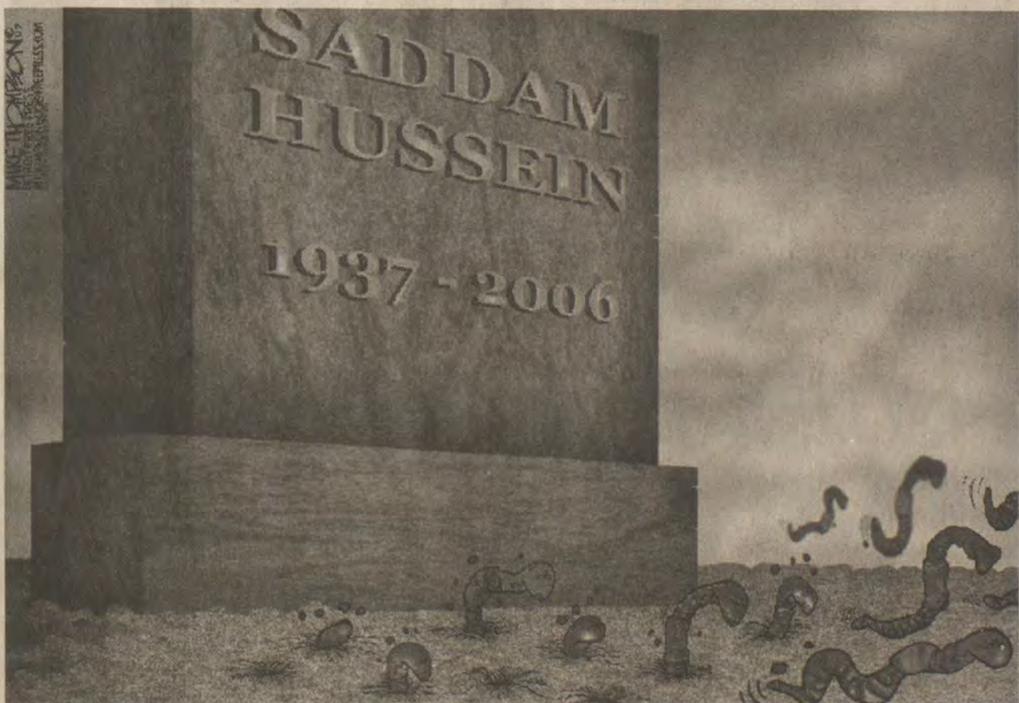
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# New 'Rocky' film starring a 60-year-old Stallone fights to be taken seriously

by JAKE COYLE  
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NEW YORK — We've all experienced this during the coming attractions: Hollywood puts forth a dramatic, inspiring pitch for an upcoming production — and everybody laughs.

That's happened with the trailer for "Rocky Balboa," the sixth installment in the franchise after a 16-year absence. And the film has been battered with derision and peppered with punch lines even before it hits theaters.

That hasn't blindsided the film's 60-year-old star, however.

"I understand, I do. I totally get it. They're going to have that polarization," Sylvester Stallone told The Associated Press when asked about audience reactions. "My hope is that people that have screened it have enjoyed it and say, 'You know what? It's not as bad as you think.'"

Stallone's comeback bid is part of a larger trend of aging stars revisiting dormant franchises. Sharon Stone, 48, earlier this year again crossed her legs for "Basic Instinct 2," 14 years after the original. Harrison Ford, 64, wants to make another "Indiana Jones" (which last was in theaters in 1989) and more than a decade later, Bruce Willis, 51, thinks he can "Die Hard" again.

Back in 1983, Sean Connery had moderate success returning to 007 in "Never Say Never Again," an encore to his James Bond run which had ended in 1971 with "Diamonds Are Forever."

But Stallone — who's also hoping to revive "Rambo" —



"Rocky Balboa" is rated PG for boxing violence and some language. Running time: 1 hour, 42 minutes.

is playing a role particularly revealing of the aging process. Even in 1990's much-disliked "Rocky V," the fighter was presented as over-the-hill.

It is, though, a story often replayed in the boxing ring; George Foreman's multitude of comeback attempts extended even until 2004 (when Foreman was 55), but that attempt didn't make it past training.

In "Rocky Balboa" (which carefully avoids the roman numeral "VI" since marketing research suggests moviegoers prefer original titles for sequels) Rocky comes out of retirement after a televised virtual simulation shows he could beat the current champ, Mason "The Line" Dixon (Antonio Tarver).

"It sounds like something somebody said as a joke at a pitch meeting and people wrote it down," said Mark Lisanti, editor of the L.A. gossip blog Defamer.com. The site has repeatedly poked fun at the new "Rocky" film — as have a number of late night talk show hosts and comedians.

"It's hard for it not to look desperate," Lisanti added.

Stallone, who also wrote and directed the film, has repeatedly said he wanted to make "Rocky Balboa" to erase

the bad taste left by the dark "Rocky V" and conclude the franchise on his terms.

Stallone's comeback clearly mirrors the underdog story of an aged Rocky.

"There are a lot examples of life imitating art and vice versa in this project," said Perry Stahman, president of domestic theatrical marketing for MGM. "The one thing we didn't want to do was we didn't want to run away from it. He's very aware of what people are saying and thinking."

"Now more than ever, this is truly an underdog story," Stahman added.

Any cynical response to the prospect of Rocky's return to the ring has been combated with a robust marketing campaign by MGM, which is trying to regain its distribution and marketing footing after being acquired by Sony last year.

The trailer for "Rocky Balboa" addresses some of the movie's real-life circumstances.

"People are going to think you're going crazy," Rocky's son (Milo Ventimiglia) says.

"What's crazy about standing toe and toe and saying, 'I am'?" replies Rocky.

Posted by MGM on

YouTube, the trailer has been viewed by more than 1.7 million people and received a rating of four stars out of five. Such a reaction hints at high anticipation for "Rocky Balboa" — even if a good helping of the comments posted on the Web site demean it. ("Rocky Balboa's next opponent ... erectile dysfunction and memory loss.")

MGM also has aggressively marketed the film through sports outlets like ESPN and Web sites such as eBay. But has the studio convinced people that the new "Rocky" isn't laughable?

David Poland, who runs the movie industry blog MovieCityNews.com, doesn't expect it to reach \$30 million on the opening weekend.

But a box-office take even approaching that figure would probably please MGM (since the movie's budget has been estimated at just \$25 million).

"I think between what will be not very good reviews, a skeptical crowd with a lot of movies they can go see in December, teenagers who have no idea what Rocky is — it's going to be very hard to get this one rolling with any kind of velocity," Poland said.

Releasing "Rocky Balboa" amidst the Oscar-bait season could seem like a punch-drunk decision. But Stahman believes the PG-rated film makes for good holiday viewing, and imagines fathers will take their sons to see it.

The original reaped three Academy Awards including best picture — beating an elite group of nominees that included "All the President's Men," "Network" and "Taxi Driver."

This time around, modest box-office success just might be all the moral victory that the iconic pugilist from Philly needs.

After all, Rocky has always been more about perseverance — going the distance — than fame or fortune.

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**Rental Central**

BY TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

The new year got off to a sluggish start for renters with only four films, of varying quality, hitting the racks this week.

"Snakes on a Plane" — Despite a poor box office return, this thriller is poised to make a mint on video. How can you go wrong with a title that delivers on its promise of serpent inspired mayhem on a passenger flight? The bare bones story is just enough to set up the titular situation, which finds a law man escorting the sole witness to a mob murder on his way to testify in open court. The mobsters stock said plane with all manner of poisonous ropes, which then wreak havoc on the flight. The snakes are put at a huge disadvantage by being cast against Samuel L. Jackson as the hero. This is the ultimate popcorn movie and should please horror, thriller and Jackson fans alike.

"Darkroom" — This horror effort is in another league from the previous outing and is only marginally entertaining. A teenage boy befriends an

escapee from a mental institution and the two must soon team up when dark forces strike. An interesting cast helps out a little here and includes Reed Diamond ("Homicide: Life on the Street") and Lucy Lawless ("Xena: Warrior Princess").

"This Revolution" — The presence of Rosario Dawson is not enough to recommend this weak political satire, which was filmed around the Republican National Convention in New York City. The back story here is even better, with Dawson getting arrested while filming the story when she was mistaken for an actual protester.

"The Covenant" — Four college students band together

to fight evil in this lame PG-13 thriller. Turns out these boys are descended from four 17th century families who vowed to totally annihilate a fifth clan, which they thought they had accomplished in the 1600s. It appears they were mistaken and their modern day descendants take up the fight. This is another R-rated movie that was toned down to receive a more viewer friendly rating but retained its adult themes. In other words, it's a lame thriller made for adults but marketed at eighth-graders. Avoid it and send a message.

Next week keep an eye out for the high-octane thriller "Crank" and "The Night Listener" with Robin Williams.

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## Fighting drug use at ACHS

Students from Mrs. Fultz's Health classes at Allen Central High School have participated in a drug curriculum program, "Here's Looking at You." The objective of the program is to reduce the risk of drug use. Students pictured are reinforcing the information learned in class by playing a board game called "Drug Line."



Chef Mike, from Sullivan's culinary arts program, engaged Betsy Layne students with his skilled handiwork.



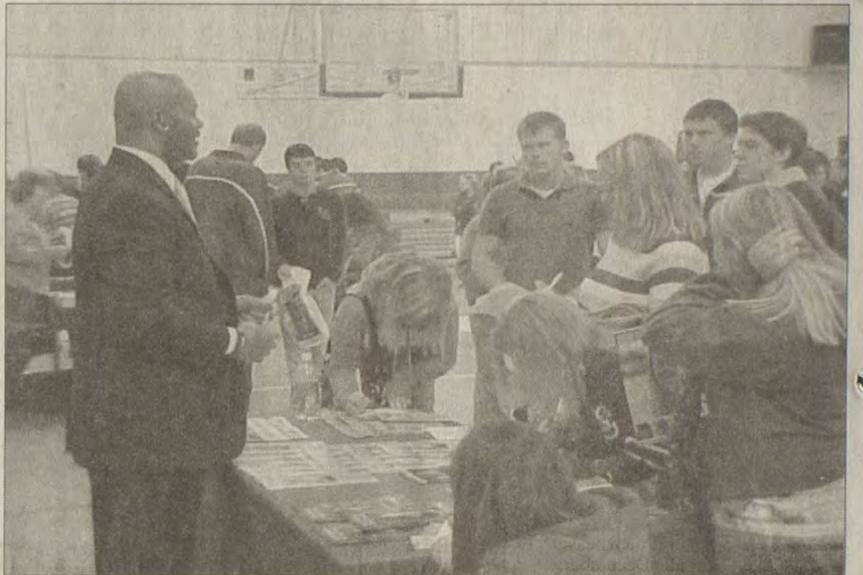
Elizabeth Hughes



Evan Lawson

## ACHS HOBY participants

HOBY, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference is a very prestigious program which gives one sophomore from each high school the opportunity to grow in their leadership abilities so that they can become better leaders in their community. Elizabeth Hughes of Allen Central High School was chosen to take part in the HOBY conference this summer at Transylvania University. During the conference she will be given the opportunity to hear leaders from all across Kentucky speak about how they got to where they are and she will be encouraged to take part in community service projects. Evan Lawson was chosen to be HOBY Alternate for Allen Central High School. Congratulations to both of you!

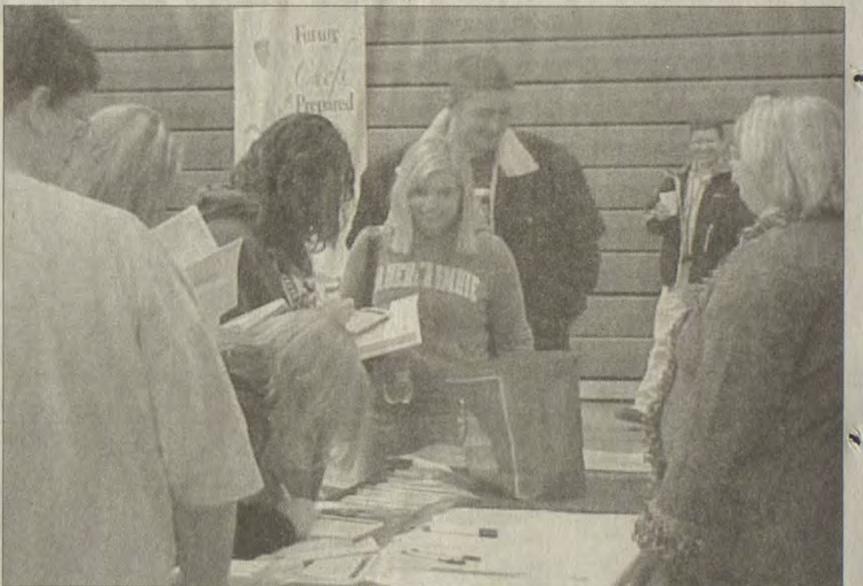


Representatives from a vast number of Kentucky colleges visited the Betsy Layne High School campus in early December.



## Honoring veterans

Stumbo Elementary 5th grade students honored Veterans by hosting a "Lunch with a Veteran" event. Two gentlemen; Gretho Hamilton and Delmar Frasure visited with our fifth graders and discussed their careers in the military. Mr. Hamilton, a Vietnam Veteran discussed his experience during the war. Students enjoyed getting to eat lunch with these two gentlemen and having the opportunity to ask more questions and listen to accounts of their careers. Students now have a more open idea of what military life is like. Students performed interviews of veterans and people who are in the service and presented their reports on Monday, November 6th. We greatly appreciate the time and effort put forth by everyone involved and would like to thank all veteran's and people currently serving in the military going the extra mile to ensure freedom for all of us.



The college fair was made readily accessible to Betsy Layne students by being set up in the BLHS gymnasium.

## BLHS Juniors and Seniors prepare for future!

By: Kayla Case

Betsy Layne High School juniors and seniors were treated on Friday, December 8, with a college fair!

Located in the gymnasium, representatives from many colleges were in attendance to help these young college hopefuls gather information and insight about their futures with a post-secondary education. Colleges handed out information booklets, pens, highlighters, and even applications to try and give the students a better understanding of their college that they represented.

Chef Mike (a representative from the Culinary Arts program at Sullivan University) indulged students as he carved birds from apples, created mice from radishes, and constructed a penguin out of an eggplant. At the same time he spoke to the group about how important a college education is and explained the many ways a person can go about paying for college.

After his presentation was finished, students were given the chance to come forward and try their hand at becoming a food artist.

Junior Tara Case was elated with her carved bird adding, "This is my favorite college that I have visited, and I will definitely get more information from Sullivan."

When asked about the exciting day, senior Kayla Kidd responded, "I thought it was a great opportunity for all of us to see the varieties of colleges that are out there for all of us to attend."

Senior Kristen Hall had this to say about the experience, "I am very excited that these colleges came to visit. It gave me the chance to become educated about colleges I was interested in, instead of waiting until the last minute to gather all of my information."

These representatives were greatly appreciated and we would like to thank: Luke Hodson-Berea College, Kelli Kerbawy-Marshall University, Keith Prater-Morehead, Jonathan S. Blazejewski-University of Kentucky, Mindy Fleming/Della Abshire-Pikeville College, L. Dennis Robison "Coach D"-Spencerian College, Chef Mike Simpson-Sullivan University, Shelia Wallen-Lindsay Wilson College, Melissa Johnson-Hazard Community & Technical College, Brian Swafford-Alice Lloyd, and Chris Hoover-University of the Cumberland.

Betsy Layne High School appreciates every representative that came to the fair and hopes that many of our students will see you on campus soon!



## Dining with friends

The Head Start classes at John M. Stumbo Elementary School recently celebrated Thanksgiving by dressing in costume and sharing a "Friendship Salad" together. The students contributed and prepared the food.

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## HAP LL to hold meeting

Harold-Allen-Prater Little League will hold an organizational meeting to elect new board members Sunday, Jan. 7 at 3 p.m. at the Betsy Layne Elementary School library. The meeting is also for new coaches.

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# Knights down rival David

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN - The Piarist School-David School basketball rivalry resumed Tuesday. Playing at home, Piarist welcomed in the Falcons for a regular-season non-district game. Looking to return to the win column for the first time since Dec. 1, Piarist used a strong fourth quarter effort to get past the Falcons. Piarist pulled away late, beating David 65-40.

Piarist's biggest lead at the end of every quarter before the final buzzer

sounded was 10 points.

Piarist led 10-7 at the end of the opening quarter. The Knights were out in front 24-16 at the half.

Josh Ousley paced Piarist with a game-high 28 points. Ousley netted 18 points in the second half, scoring 10 in the final quarter.

The only Piarist player to reach double figures scoring, Ousley was far from being the only Knight to make a strong contribution in the win. Matt Doyle narrowly missed double figures for Piarist, finishing with nine points. Caleb Hoskins

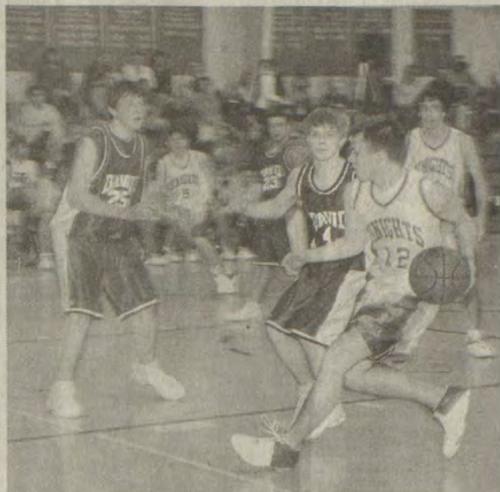
scored seven points and James Warrix added six for the Knights.

The Knights added to their lead in the third quarter and toted the 10-point lead into the final eight-minute fame.

Piarist got five points from Jordan Friend and four apiece from Jake Moak and Chris Baker. Matt Hicks rounded out the Piarist scoring, adding two points.

The 23-point fourth quarter was Piarist's top offensive quarter of the season. The 65 points is a single-

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Piarist's Josh Ousley worked against a David defender Tuesday night when the Knights hosted the Falcons.

# Counting down from a great week

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

SAVANNAH, Ga. - Ten things I believe on this beautiful Friday morning:

1. Some bowl game should step up to the plate and hook up Notre Dame and Michigan next year. That way one of these teams could get a postseason win.

The Wolverines had a whole lot of us pleading their case all December, but repaid us by becoming, well, Michigan again on New Year's Day when they laid a big ol' egg in a 32-18 loss to USC. That was the fourth straight bowl defeat for the maize and blue.

And Wednesday night in what's left of The Big Easy, Notre Dame looked very mediocre in its 41-14 loss to LSU. The Irish haven't won a bowl game since 1994, a run of nine straight which now stands as the longest losing streak in bowl history.

To put that streak in perspective, their last bowl win - 24-21 over Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl - featured the vaunted Kevin McDougal at quarterback (who threw for 105 yards in the win) and the MVP was somebody named Lee Becton who gained 138 yards on 26 carries.

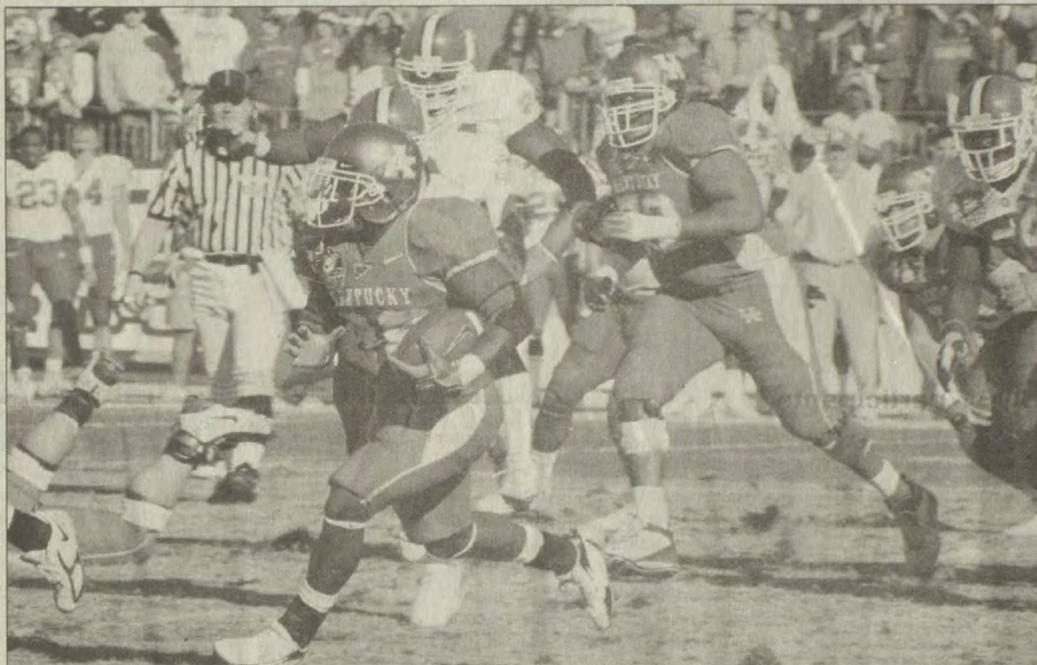
In other words, it's been a while.

2. The best thing about the UK stat line from Wednesday night's 77-70 win over Houston came from Randolph Morris, and it wasn't his 20 points or his 10 rebounds.

Morris played 34 minutes because he had no - as in zero, zilch - fouls. Normally that would imply he didn't play a whole lot of defense, but on Wednesday he

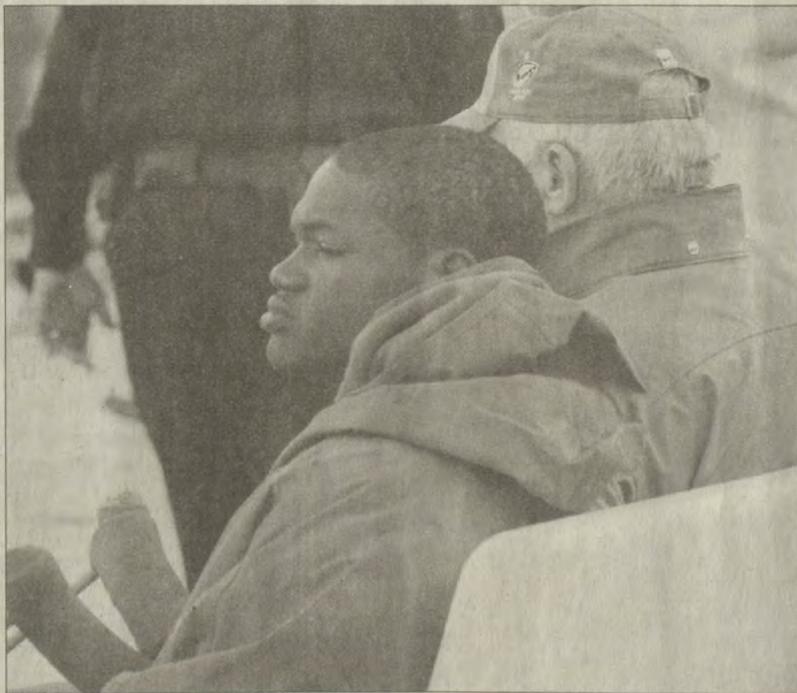
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# A FULL BOWL



Kentucky posted a 28-20 win over Clemson last Friday in the Music City Bowl. The Wildcat offense had success both running and passing the football. Former Belfry standout David Jones (left) was injured and unable to play for the Wildcats. Kentucky finished the season 8-5. Wildcat quarterback Andre Woodson threw for three touchdowns and 299 yards as Kentucky pulled off the upset win over the Tigers. Woodson completed 20 of 28 passes, finishing the season with 31 touchdowns. He and former Wildcat QB Tim Couch are the only University of Kentucky signal-callers to pass for 30 or more touchdowns in a single season.

photos by Jamie Howell



# Rebs rout Lawrence in tourney opener

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK - Allen Central set the tone of the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic opener early on Tuesday night. The Rebels led Lawrence County 38-11 at the half and eventually beat the Bulldogs 75-55.

Allen Central entered the second quarter ahead 20-4.

Veteran Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin again saw his team turn up defensive pressure on an opponent.

"I thought our press really got to them in the first half," said Martin. "We got to them early and were able to get the big lead."

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# Pike Central outlasts Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK - Prestonsburg eased out of the first quarter with an 11-10 lead over tournament host Pike County Central Wednesday night in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic. But the Blackcats couldn't close the game on a successful note. The Hawks outscored Prestonsburg in the second and third quarters and held on late, beating the Blackcats 63-57.

Balanced scoring helped to carry Pike County Central to the win. David Hess tossed in a game-high 16 points for the Hawks. Hess was one of four Pike County Central players with

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# Betsy Layne-South Floyd doubleheader set for tonight

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Tonight's Betsy Layne-South Floyd girls' basketball game will offer up an all-important conference/district victory to the winner.

Betsy Layne went 3-1 last week in the First Priority Tri-State Basketball Classic in Middlesboro. The Ladycats defeated Bell County, Cawood and

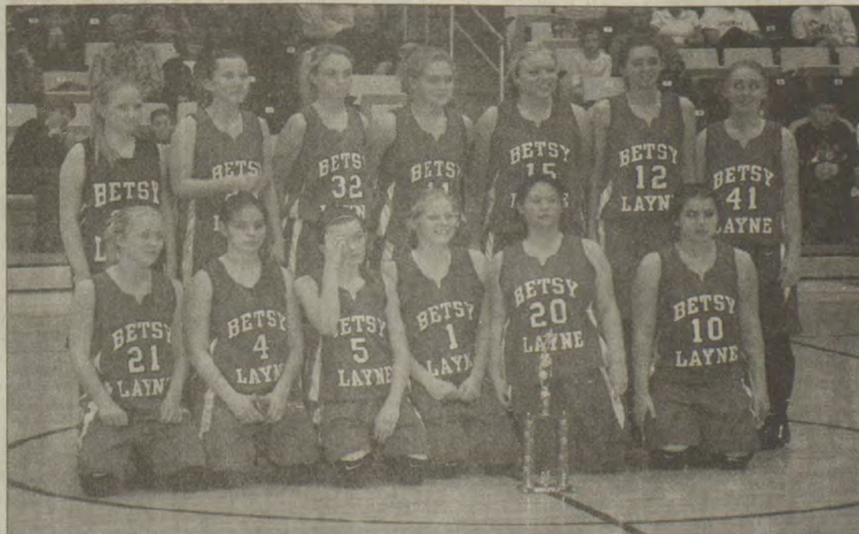
North Laurel before falling to Claiborne, Tenn., in the championship game. On its way to the runner-up finish, Betsy Layne faced tough competition.

"We played three of the best defensive teams we've played in the tournament last week," said Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers. "It was the first time we had played in that tournament."

The Ladycats were in action at press time Thursday night on the road against Shelby Valley. Tonight, Akers will have her team focused on the South Floyd Lady Raiders in a key Floyd County Conference/58th District matchup.

"Of this week's games, South Floyd is the most important," Akers said Thursday morning. "We were able to get two conference road wins

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The Betsy Layne Ladycats finished runner-up last week in the First Priority Tri-State Basketball Classic in Middlesboro. The Ladycats will host county rival South Floyd tonight.

**Bentley**

blocked three shots and had eight rebounds off the defensive glass.

3. Another impressive stat is that Kentucky had 16 offensive rebounds while Houston had only 25 defensive boards. That translates to Kentucky rebounding a little better than 39 percent of the shots it missed.

By comparison, Houston claimed 28.6 percent of its misses.

4. And finally, that win over the Cougars will send the Cats into Saturday night's SEC opener winners of seven straight and at 11-3 on the season.

Yes, I know there have been some ringers in there, and I also know it's not the most exciting brand of basketball on the planet, but they did beat

Indiana and Louisville as well as Santa Clara (10-5 now) and a UMass team that had just beaten UofL as well.

They're not great, but they're getting better.

5. That hook and ladder Monday night in the Fiesta Bowl? I'm saying it's the greatest play in bowl history, bar none.

6. Actually, let me be clear here: Boise State head coach Chris Petersen made four of the most stupid calls I've ever seen in the closing seconds of that game. Had any of them failed, he'd look like an idiot.

But all of them - the hook and ladder, taking the quarterback completely out of the fourth-down play that

resulted in a touchdown in overtime and the statue of liberty call on the conversion - worked, so now he's a genius.

Yes, I know, that's only three stupid calls. The fourth? Clearly, rolling the dice and going for two in the first place, when anybody who's ever coached football would tell you the smart thing to do is kick the PAT and get ready for the second overtime.

Still, it was a classic. I didn't see a lot of that game due to traveling on Monday, but what I did see was college football at its absolute best.

7. OK, I want to say this in print so everybody who so chooses can read it: About the Kentucky football team? I was wrong.

I'd said the team was set up for easy success this year, with three absolute guarantee wins among the non-conference games. I'd said they were absolutely unprepared to play in both the biggest game on their schedule (that'd be the season-opening Louisville fiasco) and at LSU. And I'd said they had three other pretty easy ones among the SEC opponents in the Mississippi schools and Vandy.

And I was right on all three accounts.

But the team that showed up last Friday and knocked off Clemson was fantastic. Quarterback Andre Woodson was spectacular, throwing for 299 yards and three scores. I was absolutely impressed by the Cats and

hope they can keep Woodson and the rest of this core together for next year.

8. In watching that game, I thought Kentucky absolutely dominated Clemson at every turn. But the stats show that Kentucky won the total yardage battle by only seven yards, 409-402.

9. By the way, Woodson finished the season with 31 touchdowns and only seven interceptions. A ratio of 2:1 is pretty good. Four-and-a-half to one is simply sensational.

10. All that said, was I the only longtime Kentucky football follower who was sweating bullets when Clemson cut it to eight with 44 seconds left?

I didn't think so.

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**Pike**

10 or more points. Gordon Varney added 13 points, Joe Nichols netted 12 and Colby Slone scored 10 for the Hawks. Tyler Hamilton narrowly missed double figures for Pike County Central (7-6), finishing with nine points.

Pike County Central led Prestonsburg 35-31 at the half. The Hawks carried a 53-46 lead out of the

third quarter.

"We played hard and the effort was there," said Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp. "Our offense just hasn't been there."

Jordan Hall was the only Prestonsburg player to reach double figures. Hall tossed in 16 points for the Blackcats, sharing game-high scoring honors with Pike County

Central's Hess.

Bobby Hughes, Trevor Patton and Chayse Martin each had eight points for the Blackcats. Nathaniel Stephens added five points for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg (0-8) was back in action in the Pike County Central tournament Thursday night, taking on 14th Region member Leslie County. Results from the Prestonsburg-Leslie

County game were unavailable at press time.

Coca-Cola Hoops Classic at Pike County Central  
**PRESTONSBURG (0-8)** - Hall 16, Hughes 8, Patton 8, Stephens 5, Martin 8, Clark 2, Vance 3, Burchett 2, Rodebaugh 1, Hernandez 2.  
**PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL (7-6)** -

Hess 16, Varney 13, Hamilton 9, Nichols 12, Slone 10, Adkins 4, Prestonsburg...11 20 15 11-57  
 Pike Central...10 25 18 10-63

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**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**



Amby Tackett, Betsy Layne Basketball



Ryan Collins, Allen Central Basketball

**AC**

Lawrence County played real well in the second half."

A trio of seniors reached double figures scoring for the Rebels. Ryan Collins tossed in a game-high 22 points for Allen Central. Tyler Slone followed Collins in the Rebel scoring column, pushing in 20 points.

Center Josh Martin turned in another solid performance for the Rebels, scoring 17 points.

Allen Central (7-2) got seven points from Alex Hammonds and five from Josh Prater. Clinton Turner and JR Robinson rounded out the

Allen Central scoring with two points apiece.

Tyler Brewer led Lawrence County with a team-best 20 points. Chandler Thompson followed with 17 points for the Bulldogs (5-5). Lewis Michael added 12 points for Lawrence County.

Lawrence County was able to outscore Allen Central 26-19 in the third quarter, but couldn't make up for the slow start. The loss was Lawrence County's second straight. The Bulldogs suffered their third setback in four games.

The win was Allen Central's seventh in eight

games. Allen Central put together a 1-1 record last week in the Bobby Keith Classic at Clay County. The Rebels, facing two teams from two states, fell to Sevier County, Tenn., while defeating Shroder Paideia, Ohio. Sevier County defeated the Rebels 72-67. Allen Central beat its Ohio opponent 70-65.

The loss to Sevier County was extremely tough on the Rebels. Allen Central guard Farley Joseph chipped a bone in one of his elbows during the tournament setback.

Allen Central is due back in action tonight in the Coca-

Cola Hoops Classic versus Cordia.

Coca-Cola Hoops Classic at Pike County Central  
**ALLEN CENTRAL 75**, Lawrence County 55  
**LAWRENCE COUNTY** - Thompson 17, Brewer 20, Michael 12, Pelfry 3, Lester 2, Baldwin 1.  
**ALLEN CENTRAL** - Martin 17, Collins 22, Slone 20, Hammonds 7, Prater 5, Turner 2, Robinson 2.  
 Lawrence Co....4 7 26 18-55  
 Allen Cent.....20 18 19 18-75

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**Knights**

game season-high for the Knights.

Joe Tiller was David's leading scorer, netting a team-high 14 points. David only featured two different double digit scorers. Blake Stumbo followed with 12 points for the Falcons. Stumbo connected on four three-pointers for his dozen points. Kasey Ousley tossed in eight points and Justin Bryant chipped in with six points for the Falcons.

David finished seven-for-11 from the

free throw line. Also enjoying shooting success from beyond the three-point line, David canned seven three-point field goals.

When Piarist hosted David Nov. 30, 2006 in the Three Rivers Conference Tournament, the Knights pulled out a 74-61 win.

Piarist (3-12) is due back in competition tonight on the road at Red Bird. David (0-11) is scheduled to visit

Pikeville Saturday, for a 59th District matchup against the host Panthers.

**PIARIST** - Moak 4, Baker 4, Doyle 9, Hoskins 7, Hicks 2, Friend 5, Warrix 6, Ousley 28.  
**DAVID** - Stumbo 12, Bryant 6, Ousley 8, Tiller 14.  
 Piarist....10 14 18 23-65  
 David.....7 9 16 8-40

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**Doubleheader**

on the road and are ready to play at home."

The Ladycats, already owning a district win apiece over Allen Central and Prestonsburg, took a 7-5 record on the road last night to Shelby Valley.

The South Lady Raiders were on the losing end of a 65-51 final score Tuesday night at home against Pikeville. Following the loss, South Floyd's girls fell to 3-6.

Tip-off for tonight's Betsy Layne-South Floyd girls' basketball game is set for 6 p.m.

On the boys' side, Betsy Layne (1-1 in the district/conference) will host South Floyd (0-1 in the district). The Raiders dropped their district/conference opener versus Allen Central. The Bobcats also lost to Allen Central, but have defeated Prestonsburg.

The Betsy Layne and South Floyd boys' basketball teams

were each in tournament play last week. The Bobcats posted a 1-3 record at the First National Bank Holiday Classic in Bracken County. The Raiders went 1-2 at the Whitaker Bank Cougar Classic in Letcher County.

Tip-off for the Betsy Layne-South Floyd boys' basketball game will be 20 minutes after the conclusion of the girls' game.

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**DRIBBLING OUT OF TROUBLE:** Piarist's Zach Parsons worked against the David defense earlier in the week.

**PIARIST BASKETBALL**  
 UPCOMING GAMES

Today at Red Bird, 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 9 at Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 11 at OBI, 7:30 PM  
 Jan. 12 at Pike County Central, 6 p.m.  
 Jan. 13 Burgin, 4 p.m.  
 Jan. 19 at Phelps, 6 p.m.  
 Jan. 20 at Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.

# Garrett Christian wins 2 of 3 in Bluegrass Christian tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The Garrett Christian Warriors were in Fayette County this past weekend to play in the Bluegrass Christian Tournament. In their final game, the Warriors took on the Trinity Titans. The Warriors hit the floor running, and thanks to the hot-shooting hand of Kyle Green, outscored the Titans 19-13 in the first quarter. In the end, however, Trinity managed to pull away, beating the Warriors 79-69.

Garrett Christian took a 33-25 lead over Trinity Christian into the half.

Trinity Christian managed to battle back in the third quarter, outscoring the Warriors 25-9.

Green paced Garrett with a game-high 30 points. Matthew Potter, Green's partner in the Garrett backcourt, was the only other Warrior player to each double figures, finishing with 11 points. Andrew Zabo added eight points, Travis Scott scored seven, Wes Prater had six points, Jan Hicks netted four and Bobby Prater contributed three for the Warriors.

Garrett defeated Micah and Carrollton. More on those games follows.

Garrett 65, Micah 51: Senior guard Matthew Potter scored his 1,000th point as the Warriors defeated the Lions. Potter led the way for Garrett, scoring 19 points. Andrew Zabo followed with 11 points for the Warriors. Wes Prater was also in double figures for Garrett, finishing with 10 points.

Travis Scott narrowly missed double figures for Garrett, ending the game with nine points. Jan Hicks scored seven points and Steve Johnson tossed in four as the Warriors prevailed. In other Garrett scoring, Bobby Prater and Shane Prater added three and two points, respectively.

Garrett 49, Carrollton 39: In its third and final tournament game, Garrett pulled out a 10-point win over Carrollton. Kyle Green led Garrett with 20 points. Travis Scott was also productive for Garrett in the win over Carrollton, tossing in 12 points. Matthew Potter gave Garrett a third player in double figures scoring, finishing with 10 points. Steve Johnson, a player who has worked his way into a solid contributing role for the Warriors, added three points. Wes Prater and Jan Hicks rounded out the Garrett scoring with two points apiece.

# Area teams headed to weekend shootouts

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Girls' high school basketball will take center stage Saturday in both Louisville and Ashland. At Bellarmine University, Blue Chip's Shooting for the Cure will feature eight games, one of which will include defending 15th Region cham-

pion Magoffin County. At Ashland High School, teams from the 14th, 15th and 16th regions will take to the hardwood during the Ashland Kitten Shootout. The Ashland event will feature 15th Region members Pike County Central, Lawrence County, Allen Central and Pikeville. Schedules for both events follow.

Blue Chip's Shooting for the Cure

at Bellarmine University: 9:30 a.m. – Louisville Ballard-Bullitt East; 11 a.m. – Mason County-Central Hardin; 12:30 p.m. – Magoffin County-Louisville Butler; 2 p.m. – Christian County-Assumption; 3:30 p.m. – Boone County-Iroquois; 5 p.m. – Manual-Nelson County; 6:30 p.m. – Scott County-Mercy; 8 p.m. – Shelby County-Rose Hill Academy.

Ashland Kitten Shootout at Ashland High School: Noon – East Carter vs. Pike County Central; 1:45 p.m. – Raceland-Perry County Central; 3:30 p.m. – Fleming County-Lawrence County; 5:15 p.m. – Russell-Allen Central; 7 p.m. – Ashland-Pikeville.

# Shelby Valley Girls edges Letcher Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WHITESBURG – The Shelby Valley Wildcats continue to take on the look of a legitimate 15th Region title contender. Shelby Valley was on the road Tuesday night, playing at Letcher County Central against the defending 14th Region champion. The Lady Wildcats outscored Letcher County Central in the first and third quarters en route to a close 61-59 win.

Laura Perkins led Shelby Valley

with a team-best 23 points, Esther Fleming joined Perkins in double figures for Valley, ending the contest with 19 points. Fleming recorded a double-double, also pulling down 10 rebounds. Kayla Cantrell and Courtney Smallwood each had six points for the Lady Wildcats.

Shelby Valley took a 18-15 lead out of the first quarter before falling behind in the second half. Letcher County Central went ahead in the second quarter and took a slim 32-30 lead

into the break.

Visiting Shelby Valley was able to outscore Letcher County Central 20-14 in the third quarter.

For Letcher County Central, Sharaye Baker pushed in a game-high 26 points. Ashley Sexton scored 13 points and Tierra Baker tossed in 10 for the Lady Cougars.

Shelby Valley was back in action Thursday night, hosting Betsy Layne. Results from the Shelby Valley-Betsy Layne game were unavailable at press

time.

Shelby Valley 61, Letcher Co. Central 59

SHELBY VALLEY – Cantrell 6, C. Smallwood 6, Perkins 23, Roberts 4, Fleming 19, K. Smallwood 3.

LETCHER CO. CENTRAL – Kincer 26, Baker 10, Sexton 13, Brashear 1, Myncer 5, Meade 2.

Shelby Valley.....18 12 20 11-61  
Letcher Central.....15 17 14 13-59

# Phelps turns back Lady Rebs

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PHELPS – Phelps defended its homecourt in convincing fashion Tuesday night, turning back visiting Allen Central in a girls' basketball game between two 15th Region counterparts. The Lady Hornets had three players reach double figures scoring and defeated the visiting Lady Rebels 62-43.

Jasmine Hall paced Phelps with a team-high 18 points. Kayla Johnson scored 16 points and Taylor Keene added 15 for the Lady Hornets.

Phelps didn't exactly get started too well. The Lady Hornets only led Allen Central 22-17 at the half. When the first quarter drew to a close, the two teams were knotted at 5-5.

Phelps, under the guidance of head coach Denise Campbell, broke the game open in the second half, scoring 20 points in each of the last

two quarters.

Six different players scored for each team.

Sophomore center Gena McGuire added four points for the Lady Hornets. Chasity Wolford and Kayla McCarty added four points apiece for Phelps.

Sara Johnson paced Allen Central with a game-high 19 points. Jessica Toole was another player in double figures for the Lady Rebels, adding 12 points. Liz Dings contributed four points to the AC scoring effort.

The loss was the third straight for Allen Central (1-7). Phelps, following the win, improved to 2-6.

Phelps 62, Allen Central 43  
Allen Central.....5 12 10 17-43  
Phelps.....5 17 20 20-62

Scoring:  
ALLEN CENTRAL - Dings 4, Johnson 19, Brown 1, J. Toole 12, Mullins 2, Shepherd 2.  
PHELPS - Johnson 16, Keene 15, Hall 18, McGuire 5, McCarty 4, Wolford 4.



HARDWOOD ROYALTY: Senior Whitney Howell, accompanied by her father, Jeff Howell, was crowned 2007 Piarist School Homecoming Queen prior to the Piarist-David game Tuesday. Other senior representatives on the court were Alyssa Reed, on the left, accompanied by her father, Estill Reed, and Hannah Blackburn, accompanied by her father Lance Blackburn.

# 15TH REGION BASKETBALL

## GIRLS

Team	Overall Record
Magoffin County	12-2
Shelby Valley	10-1
Belfry	10-2
Pike County Central	8-6
Lawrence County	7-4
Betsy Layne	7-5
Sheldon Clark	7-6
Johnson Central	6-5
Pikeville	5-5
Paintsville	5-5
Prestonsburg	5-9
South Floyd	3-6
East Ridge	3-8
Phelps	2-6
Allen Central	1-7

## BOYS

Team	Overall Record
Shelby Valley	11-0
Belfry	10-4
Allen Central	7-2
Phelps	7-2
Paintsville	7-4
Pike County Central	7-6
Magoffin County	6-9
Pikeville	5-2
Lawrence County	5-5
East Ridge	5-6
Johnson Central	4-8
Betsy Layne	3-7
Sheldon Clark	3-9
Piarist School	3-12
South Floyd	2-8
Prestonsburg	0-8
David School	0-11

(Thursday's games not included.)

# High School Boys' Basketball

## Wednesday's scores

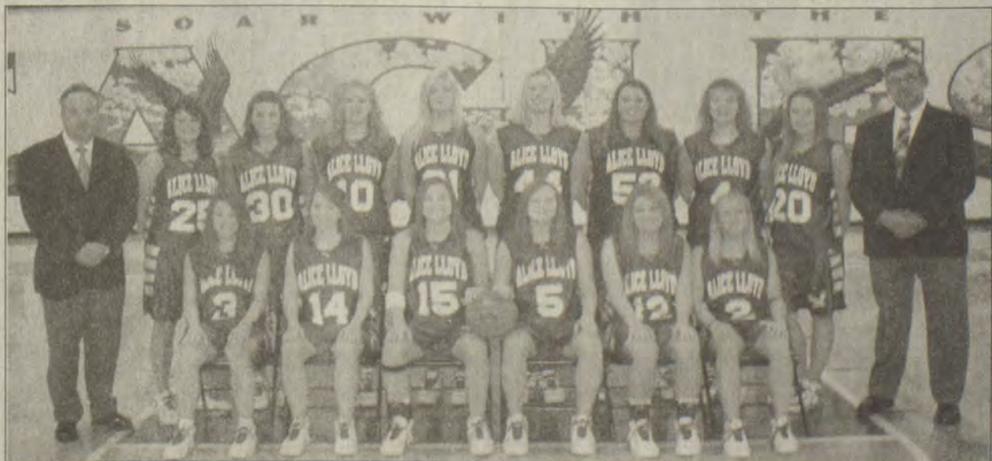
Cov. Catholic 73, Beechwood 38  
Bryan Station 70, Lex. Sayre 51  
Butler 48, Lou. St. Xavier 45  
Eastern 92, Country Day 37  
Fairdale 70, Lou. Western 53  
Seneca 69, Lou. Southern 63  
Trinity 51, Meade Co. 46  
Phelps 68, Hurlley, Va. 49  
Pike Co. Central 63, Prestonsburg 57  
Mason County Tournament  
Mason Co. 83, Bracken Co. 39  
Pendleton Co. 45, Harrison Co. 44

## Tuesday's Scores

Allen Central 75, Lawrence Co. 55  
Bell Co. 57, Cumberland 42  
Elliott Co. 76, East Carter 55  
Estill Co. 71, Jackson Co. 67  
Hazard 73, Knott Central 57  
Mercer Co. 72, Frankfort 59  
Middlesboro 84, Evarts 43  
Perry Co. Central 68, Buckhorn 58  
Piarist 65, David School 40  
Rose Hill Christian 59, Fairview 54  
Rowan Co. 77, Menifee Co. 56  
Russell 58, Raceland 48  
Russell Co. 60, Metcalfe Co. 47  
West Carter 68, Lewis Co. 55



HONORED: Betsy Layne's Megan Hamilton and Kaitlin Lawson were named to the all-tournament team last week in Middlesboro. The two Ladycats are pictured with a pair of players from Claiborne, Tenn., the tournament winner. Betsy Layne finished runner-up in the girls' basketball tournament.



BACK FROM HOLIDAY BREAK: The Alice College women's basketball is in Lake Wales, Fla., playing in the Hampton Inn Tip Off Tournament.

photo courtesy of ALC

# BluegrassPreps.Com Boys' Basketball Poll

1. Scott County
2. Male
3. Ballard
4. Warren Central
5. Pleasure Ridge Park
6. Jeffersontown
7. Tates Creek
8. Bryan Station
9. Lexington Catholic
10. Clark County
11. Mason County
12. South Laurel
13. Madison Central
14. Covington Catholic
15. Henry Clay
16. Trinity
17. Doss
18. Holmes
19. Shelby County
20. Bishop Brossart

# BluegrassPreps.Com Girls' Basketball Poll

1. Lexington Catholic
2. Scott County
3. North Hardin
4. Franklin-Simpson
5. Henry Clay
6. Iroquois
7. Sacred Heart Academy
8. Butler
9. Central Hardin
10. Lexington Christian Academy
11. Elizabethtown
12. Paul Dunbar
13. DuPont Manual
14. Nelson County
15. Clay County
16. Boone County
17. Russell
18. Perry County Central
19. Christian Academy-Louisville
20. Marshall County

# Lady Bears come up short against Milligan

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE – The new year did not get off to such a good start for the Pikeville College women's basketball team.

The Lady Bears returned to Pikeville to start a five-game homestand, beginning with the Lady Buffalos of Milligan (Tenn.) College. Pikeville battled but fell short, as Milligan used a strong second half to pull away and pick up the 77-69 victory over the Lady Bears at the Pikeville College Gym on Tuesday night.

The Lady Bears trailed for much of the first half but managed to pull

ahead of the Lady Buffs when a jumper by senior Tonya Amburgey (Pinetop) gave the Lady Bears a 15-14 lead. Milligan would not go away, however, as they pulled even with the Lady Bears at 30 on a layup from Rikki Baughman. Still, a jumper from sophomore Alice Daniel (Meally) gave Pikeville a 34-33 lead just before the buzzer sounded for halftime.

"We felt good at the half," said Pikeville coach Bill Watson. "Things were clicking, but the start of the second half killed us."

Watson was right. Though the Lady Bears hit some shots to start the half, Milligan had an answer at every

turn. A small run took the Lady Buffs from being one point down at the half, to holding a four-point lead at the 13:00 mark.

The turning point, for Watson, however, was a simple defensive error that turned out to be quite costly. With 6:18 to go and trailing by one, the Lady Bears double-teamed on the post, allowing the Lady Buffs to dish the ball to the corner and get a wide open three from Kara Monk.

"It was 59-58 at that point, and that three just broke our back," said Watson. "That's a mistake we never should have made."

Pikeville would not get any closer from that point. Trailing late in the

game, the Lady Bears were forced to foul. Milligan hit its free-throws, and the game slowly slipped out of the Lady Bears' grasp.

"We simply did not show up in the second half," added Watson. "The game was sort of indicative of our season; we got behind, and we simply have not been able to compete and win when we're behind."

The Lady Bears got 21 points and seven rebounds out of Amburgey, while Daniel added 14 points, and junior Beth Patterson (Middleburg) provided 10 points. Senior Jessica

Lovell (Turkey Creek) pitched in a game-high four assists in the loss.



Jessica Lovell

Milligan (5-6) was led by 13 points from Kacie Letterman and a game-high 17 rebounds from Baughman. Two other Lady Buffs also scored in double figures in the win.

The Lady Bears, who have dropped seven of their last eight games, fall to 4-11 on the season. They will continue their homestand on Saturday, Jan. 6 when they host Spalding University. Tip-off is scheduled for 2 p.m.

# Bears play well in loss to SoCon member Georgia Southern

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

STATESBORO, Ga. – Georgia Southern University did what it was supposed to do when a Southern Conference team plays an NIAA foe, rolling to an 89-68 win over Pikeville College on Tuesday night.

But Kelly Wells' Bears did several things they can be proud of as well, playing a game which will count as an exhibition and not interrupt the five-game win streak that has brought them to 8-8 on the season.



Kelly Wells

Runs in both halves insured the Eagles were going to get the win, but the Bears had stretches of their own where they controlled the action to keep the score respectable.

Georgia Southern is led by Pikeville College graduate Jeff Price. The 1981 graduate is in his ninth season as head coach of the Eagles after beginning his coaching career under Eugene Lyons at Pikeville during the 1981-82 season.

The Eagles led 16-9 in the first half before the Bears got back in the

game. A 7-2 run over 1:57, led by senior Will Holloman's five points, made it 18-16 with 13:23 remaining in the first half.

But after the teams traded baskets, the Eagles soared. Over a 4:32 stretch, they scored 18 of the game's 20 points. Getting eight from senior Donte Gennie and six from junior forward Louis Graham, the lead ballooned to 38-20 with 7:47 remaining in the first half. The Bears never got back within 13 the rest of the half and led 52-34 at the break.

The Eagles led 58-41 before going on another run, this one 19-4, getting six from Graham to stretch

the lead to its biggest, 77-45 with 11:29 remaining.

But the Bears didn't fold their tent, outscoring the Eagles 18-6 over the next 7:51 thanks to nine more from Harris to cut the lead to 83-63 with 2:15 remaining.

Harris led all scorers with 27 points and pulled down 11 rebounds for the Bears. Holloman tossed in 17 and handed out a team-high four assists, while freshman Brad Lowe knocked down four three-pointers to finish with 12.

GSU (7-6, 0-2 in the Southern Conference) got 25 from Gennie, leaving him 12 shy of joining the

1,000-point club. Graham had 22 and six rebounds, while Jimmy Tobias and Anthony Marshall tossed in 10 apiece.

Point guard Dwayne Foreman had two points and three boards but matched his career high with 13 assists.

Pikeville will be back in action on Saturday when it visits Savannah College of Art & Design. Coached by the legendary basketball star Cazzie Russell, the Bees will entertain the Bears at 4 p.m. The teams met on Dec. 11 in Pikeville with the Bears pulling out a 94-89 win in double-overtime.

# Kentucky Wildcats 77, Houston Cougars 70

by JEFFREY McMURRAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON – The shots were ugly. The game was close. The tune-up for conference play simply turned up more problems for Kentucky.

But guard Ramel Bradley figures Wednesday was the perfect time for the Wildcats to stink up Rupp Arena

in their 77-70 victory over Houston.

"I'd prefer we win every game by 50 points, but this prepares us for game situations," Bradley said.

Kentucky shot just 39 percent from the field – its worst of the season – and missed 22 of its season-high 30 3-point attempts.

But somehow, for some reason, Kentucky is headed into the Southeastern Conference play on a seven-game winning streak.

"Not as clean and crisp as we wanted, but at this point, a win is a win," center Randolph Morris said.

Morris, once again, was a bright spot. He had 20 points – half of them from the free-throw line – and 10 rebounds for his fourth double-double in six games.

"When we get him the ball, good

things happen," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said.

The Wildcats (11-3) never trailed but couldn't pull away from the Cougars despite an early 10-0 lead. Their previous worst shooting effort of 41 percent came last month in a much more comfortable victory over Santa Clara.

A 3-point play by Oliver Lafayette with less than three minutes to go tied the game at 68, but Morris hit a turnaround jumper to give the Wildcats the lead for good.

Freshman guard Derrick Jasper had 12 points to match a career high.

"It's like one of those games we had to grind out," Jasper said.

The Cougars (5-7), who lost three in a row prior to their visit to Rupp Arena, kept making clutch 3-pointers

to keep it close. Lafayette led all Cougars scorers with 19 points.

"When you force the zone, you've got to shoot 3s," Houston coach Tom Penders said.

Although Houston outscored Kentucky in the paint 30-26, Kentucky was able to hold on largely because Morris stayed out of foul trouble and the Cougars didn't. The Wildcats made 24 trips to the line and connected on 17 of the shots, compared with five for Houston.

Shooting from the field was another story for the Wildcats. Kentucky made its first five shots in the first three minutes but connected on barely one-third of them – 21 of 61 – after that.

Despite woeful early shooting by the Cougars, offensive rebounds –

including three on one possession – kept the game from getting too far out of hand.

The Cougars tied the game at 44 when Jahmar Thorpe scored on a layup and drew a foul from Jasper. But Thorpe missed the free throw and Sheray Thomas hit a 3-pointer the next trip down to give Kentucky more breathing room.

Thomas later committed what appeared to be a critical foul when Dion Dowell was attempting a 3-point shot, but he missed all three free throws.

"I lucked out," Thomas said. Houston tied the game anyway a minute later on a 3-pointer by Lafayette.

Kentucky begins SEC play Saturday at Mississippi.

# Notre Dame hoopsters come through before bowl loss

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two big games, one win for the Gipper. Notre Dame had a much better night on the basketball court than at the Sugar Bowl.

Russell Carter scored 19 points, Luke Harangody added 15 and the Fighting Irish beat Louisville 78-62 on Wednesday in the Big East opener for both teams.

Freshman point guard Tory Jackson added 14 points, five rebounds and four assists in his second start for No. 17 Notre Dame (13-1), which has won 12 straight for the first time in nearly 33 years.

"I'm surprised they're not ranked higher because of the way they execute and shoot the basketball," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said. "They're a legitimate contender. They're very good."

The Irish had little luck on the football field, though. They were blown out 41-14 by LSU at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, their ninth straight bowl loss – more than any

other school.

Back on campus in South Bend, Ind., the basketball game was moved up to 6 p.m. EST to accommodate fans who wanted to watch the Sugar Bowl at 8 p.m. The Joyce Center, nearly filled at the start, was half empty at the final buzzer thanks to Notre Dame's large lead.

"This wasn't a crowd that was going to scare the hell out of you," Pitino said. "It was more Notre Dame's talent and ability to execute than it was being away from home. It's just their team – they're very, very good. Some places you go, they're hanging from the rafters and every play is difficult. That would be the case if they didn't have a football game."

In other games involving ranked teams, it was: No. 2 North Carolina 102, Pennsylvania 64; No. 20 Air Force 81, Colorado St. 75; No. 23 Clemson 68, Florida St 66; and No. 25 West Virginia 67, Villanova 56.

Jackson was thrown into the starting lineup after Kyle McAlarney was arrested on a marijuana possession charge last week and suspended indefinitely.

"What can we say about the young point guard we rushed in there?" Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "He's a warrior, and I'm proud of him. This is a big maturing process for him."

Rob Kurz added 10 points, nine

rebounds and six assists as the Irish improved to 11-0 at home.

Terrence Williams led the Cardinals (10-5) with 18 points. It was Louisville's worst loss of the season and it snapped a five-game winning streak.

No. 2 North Carolina 102, Pennsylvania 64; At Chapel Hill, N.C., Tyler Hansbrough and Reyshawn Terry scored 19 points apiece, and North Carolina won its 10th straight.

Wayne Ellington scored 17 points and fellow freshman Brandan Wright added 12 for North Carolina (13-1), which fell behind by 10 early but used a 27-4 run late in the first half to take command against the Quakers (6-6).

The Tar Heels remained perfect since Gonzaga handed them their only loss on Nov. 22 in the semifinals of the NIT Season Tip-Off.

Ibrahim Jaaber scored 21 points for Penn, which has lost four of six.

No. 25 West Virginia 67, Villanova 56

Frank Young set career highs with 25 points and eight 3-pointers for host West Virginia. Joe Alexander scored 16 points and Alex Ruoff added 11 for the Mountaineers (12-1, 2-0 Big East).

Curtis Sumpter, the Big East's second-leading scorer, led the Wildcats (10-3, 0-1) with 21 points. Villanova has dropped three straight to West Virginia.

25-21 at the break.

Morehead State scored the first six points in the final 20 minute-period, and that set the tone as they moved ahead 31-21. The Tigers cut the lead to eight, at 31-23, but MSU continued to pad its advantage, leading by as much as 17 (54-37 and 56-39) on two occasions.

Morehead State also got great production off its bench, outscoring the TSU bench, 27-1. The Eagles won the battle on the boards, 49-39, holding Tennessee State to five fewer rebounds than its season average.

For the game, the Eagles shot 37 percent (25-of-68), while the Tigers hit 43 percent (23-of-54).

MSU will battle Tennessee Tech (2-11) Saturday (Jan. 6) at Johnson Arena at 2 p.m.

# Green, Combs lead MSU women past Tenn. State

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

MOREHEAD – Host Morehead State University got seasons highs of 14 points from freshman Amanda Green and junior Tarah Combs and cashed in 28 points off 29 Tennessee State University turnovers to defeat the Tigers, 68-55, Tuesday (Jan. 2) at Johnson Arena. With the win, the Eagles' second straight, MSU moved to 4-9 overall and 3-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference, while TSU fell to 3-8 and 1-2 in the conference.

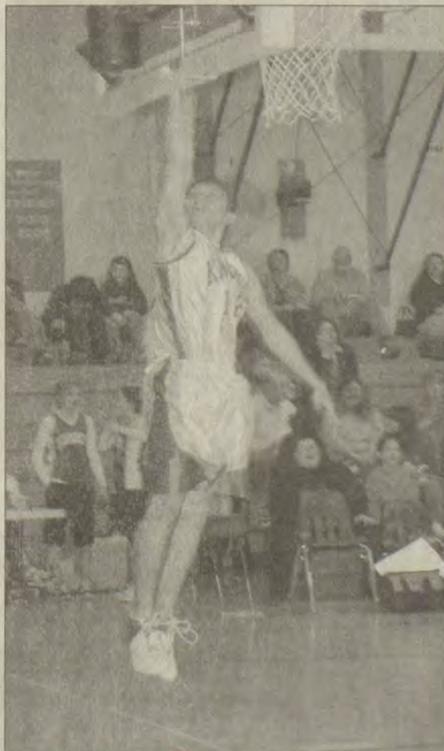
Green and Combs both equaled their season highs with the 14 points. Combs dropped in a trio of three-

pointers in 22 minutes on the floor, while Green scored in double figures for the third consecutive game. The Eagles also got a third straight double-double from senior LaKrisha Brown with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Freshman Brandi came off the bench in the second half and scored nine points and added a career high 11 rebounds, including eight on the offensive glass. Junior guard Stacey Strayer dished out a career high eight assists.

Tennessee State got a game high 18 points from Meesha Jackson, while Nikki Rumph had 13 and Oby Okafor added 12. LaDonna Pierce paced TSU with five assists.

The Eagles got off to a slow start, trailing 16-13 with 6:05 left in the first half, but the Eagles went on a 12-2 run – capped by a three-pointer by senior Jessie Plante – to lead 25-18 with 56 seconds left. MSU led

# PIARIST-DAVID



**KNIGHTS ON:** The Piariest School Knights defended their home floor well earlier in the week, beating visiting David School. Jake Moak (30) and Josh Ousley (12), each pictured shooting, helped the Knights to the win. Piariest and David have a heated hardwood rivalry.

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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Somewhere surprises

by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR



Kathy Prater  
Lifestyles editor

The holiday fun is now past and things are much slower now around our office. There are a few weeks there between the holidays being over and the springtime thaw that

gives us reporters and editors a little time to chill (no pun intended).

That's a good thing, because who can't use a little downtime to rest up after all the holiday madness. But, on the other hand, it can sure make filling the pages of our little publication a tad bit harder, too.

So, I figure I'm going to be on the lookout for a few interesting feature stories in the weeks to come. If you have any ideas for me, give me a call here at the

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### DINNER DIVA

## Body Clutter Assessment

by Leanne Ely



Leanne Ely

The end of the year is an excellent time to make an assessment of how you've done with your goals.

For me, keeping the body clutter off that I lost in 2005 was one of my goals (okay, truth be told, I wanted to take a little bit more off—isn't that typical?). Anyway, I didn't accomplish that goal. I've noticed that I am (unfortunately) one of those people who has to regularly attend the School of Hard Knocks. I think I'm earning my doctorate, to be honest.

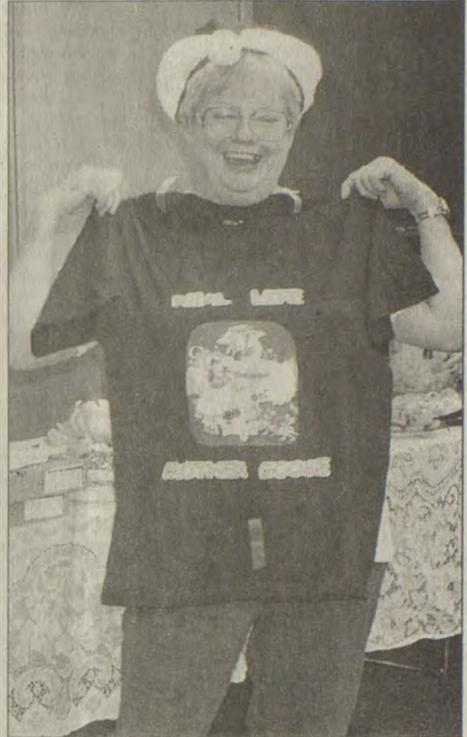
You see, I've gained a little of my body clutter back. The reason? I got lazy and let go of some of my previous "rules" for myself. I know my body, I know what I can and cannot do, so why do I think I can somehow fool myself?

So here it is, the top 10 lessons

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Santa Claus paid a very special visit to the Floyd County Library this past December 21, by way of special invitation from Story Hour Director Emma Shepherd.



The "real" Mother Goose works at the Floyd County Library!

## Story Hour Program presents... A Mother Goose Christmas

Submitted

When you think about Christmas, the local library usually isn't the first thing that comes to mind. But, that's only if you aren't involved in the Floyd County Library's Story Hour Program.

On Thursday, December 21, children from all over the area gathered at the Floyd County Library to celebrate Christmas with a few very special guests.

The celebration began with a stack of pizzas and a table full of goodies brought in by parents. After the guests finished eating, the group moved out front to the sitting area where the children gathered around Father Bear as he read Clement Moore's "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

The day of fun ended with a visit from Santa Claus as he distributed gifts to each of the children in atten-

dance and took some time to pose for pictures with the families and library staff.

Mothers in the group surprised Emma Shepherd, the Story Hour Director, with a gift of her own, presenting her with a T-shirt and declaring her to be the "Real Life Mother Goose."

"This is a project that is at the heart and soul of the library," said Shepherd. "We strive to promote literacy in our area and there is no better way than by encouraging families to come to the library together. These kids are very special to me, and I love them every one."

The Story Hour Program will begin again January 18 for its spring session. Meetings will be held every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome to contact Shepherd at the library at 886-2981 ext 15.



Wee ones gathered 'round Father Bear as he read "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

## George Green honored for gift to HCTC

George F. Green, of Hazard, was recently honored by Hazard Community and Technical College and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System for making one of the largest individual gifts to the college in the college's history. Green was one of two named by the college as Benefactor of the Year for 2006. Accepting on behalf of his father was Gordon Green. In March 2006, Hazard Community and Technical College received its largest gift from an individual in the history of the College. George F. Green, who had been planning a gift for some time, made a sizeable commitment during the College's Fulfilling the Promise Campaign. The gift is for

scholarships to students who have been accepted into one of HCTC's allied health programs. When asked about his gift, Mr. Green replied, "Hazard Community and Technical College is one of the best things that ever happened to Hazard; I am a firm believer in education, and HCTC has done an excellent job of providing services for the people of eastern Kentucky to be able to get an education." The only other benefactor honored was Judge Lewis Warrick and the Breathitt Fiscal Court for their \$1 million gift.



Pictured, from left, are: HCTC President Jay Box; Gordon Green, son of honoree George F. Green, Hazard; and KCTCS President Michael B. McCall.

## Progress, NOT perfection

by Marla Cilley

Here we are, again embarking on a brand new year with all the joys and anticipation that it brings. In 1999, I woke up on New Year's Day determined to get organized. That determination is what made it happen! And the reasons behind that purpose had more to do with fear that people would find out my dirty little secret than anything

else. Now I share my shortcomings with the world because if I am having a problem then many of you are, too. I am not ashamed of who I am or how I got here. Every bad thing that has ever happened to me has made me who I am today! I am very proud of how I have taken those things from my childhood and not continued to abuse myself with those thoughts and actions. I can't change those years of growing up; but I can see when I allow that shame to enter back into my life and then delete it.

I use every thing that happens these days to help teach me a lesson to help others. I look at the situation and ask

myself, "What am I supposed to learn from this?" and usually an essay comes from it and maybe even the theme of a new book! Life is too short to just go skating from one problem to the next and not use those lessons to teach ourselves how to not repeat them and how to help others.

Skating is what we do best. Do you remember when you were in school and you did just enough to get by? Instead of reading a chapter that was our homework assignment and answering the questions at the end; we would skip the reading part and go straight to the questions. And there we went — learning to skate at an early age. We were proud of ourselves for finding a

shortcut to getting our homework finished. We were just too stubborn to understand that we were really making more work for ourselves in the long run.

If we had read the chapter, processed the words in a quiet environment and listened in class instead of day dreaming; we could have answered those questions easily. Instead, we picked and skimmed the reading looking for the answer. This kind of piecemeal learning robbed us of our education. Did you ever think this is why you can't remember anything from high school? You were skating to just get by,



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## family OHIO UNIVERSITY Medicine

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**Q**uestion: I was diagnosed with a strep throat last week. I didn't think I could get this as I am 52 years old and had my tonsils out when I was a kid. Can I give this to my grandchildren? Is my doctor right, do I really have strep? My wife says I should get a new toothbrush. Is she right?

**A**nswer: While streptococcal pharyngitis — strep throat — is fairly common in children, it can occur at any age. Also, you do not need tonsils to get this bacterial infection in your throat. Strep throat is common in the late fall and has its peak incidence in the winter.

This infection is spread by direct person-to-person contact via nasal secretions and saliva. In crowded settings, like many schools, it spreads more easily. Other crowded settings are shopping malls, grocery stores and movie theaters. Yes, you could give it to your grandchildren.

The incubation period for this infection is relatively short at two to five days after exposure. Frequently, sufferers experience a sudden onset with sore throat, fever, headache, nausea or stomachache. The person may also have trouble swallowing and have tender, swollen lymph glands on the side of the neck. Sometimes, though,

# Strep must be diagnosed with lab tests, treated with antibiotics

the only symptoms are a relatively mild sore throat and a slightly "out of sorts" feeling.

The most accurate way to diagnose strep throat is to do a throat culture and wait a few days for the results. Most doctors' offices, urgent care facilities and hospital emergency departments also have the newer rapid strep tests. These take about 10 minutes to run. If the results are positive, the doctor can be quite confident in the diagnosis of strep. However, if the rapid test comes back negative, the doctor's interpretation must be more guarded. A negative result means the patient probably doesn't have strep, though a false negative result is possible since the rapid test can miss about 20 percent of cases where strep is actually present. That is why a negative rapid test is usually followed with a throat culture that is sent to a laboratory.

Since your diagnosis was strep throat, I'm sure your doctor prescribed

antibiotics. One of the reasons that it's so important to treat strep with antibiotics is to prevent serious complications. Rheumatic fever, for example, sometimes develops within weeks of a strep throat and can cause permanent damage to the heart. Other complications of untreated strep can include pneumonia, tonsil infection, meningitis, middle ear infection, kidney damage and scarlet fever.

As with any antibiotic, make sure you take all of the medication that's prescribed. Also, limit your close contacts with others for a few days after starting treatment. Good hand washing is always helpful.

It's important that everyone keep a couple of things in mind. No one can diagnose this infection by physical exam. A mildly inflamed throat can be strep and a severely inflamed throat may not be strep. The tests I mentioned are necessary for a diagnosis. Most sore throats are caused by viruses and these do not need antibiotics.

Viral sore throats can sometimes take a bit longer to get better than strep after treatment.

As for the toothbrush, your wife has a point — it can harbor bacteria. Get a new toothbrush a few days after starting your antibiotic but before the medicine is completed. Also, drink plenty of fluids, gargle with warm salt water and use over-the-counter medications for temperature and body aches.

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## School Happenings

### Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

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

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

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

### Allen Central High School

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

### Allen Central Middle School

**\*\*Collect Food City receipts and "Box Tops for Education" and turn them in to homeroom teachers!\*\***

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

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

### Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

### Betsy Layne Elementary

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

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

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

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

### Clark Elementary

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

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

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

■ Lost and Found located in Resource Center.

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

### Duff Elementary

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

■ Yearbooks on sale - \$22.  
■ FRC is also in need of clothing, sizes 3T thru adult, for emergency clothing use and burnouts. If you have clothing to donate, please call the FRC.

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

are in need of any of these services.

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

### May Valley Elementary

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

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

### McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

### Mountain Christian Academy

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

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

### Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

### South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Feb. 1 - Open House. Food will be served. Teacher and parent visits. Date subject to change. Watch school marquee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

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

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

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

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

### Wesley Christian School

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

### BSCTC Adult Education & GED

■ Mondays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Ctr., Auxier Learning Ctr., and BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House, BSCTC; 4:30-9 p.m., Auxier Learning Ctr.

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

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

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

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

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

## Fly Lady

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not feeding your hungry brain the knowledge it was starving for. Then came test time and you had to cram instead of using the babysteps of your homework to be able to pass! And we thought we were so smart.

This happens today in our lives, as well. And we are good at hiding it from others. We skate at home and in our work life. At work when you skate, you run the risk of eventually being found out and your job is at stake. You don't have that problem at home, though, or do you? You really know the truth and that truth makes you feel guilty. The guilt manifests itself in many ways; weight gain, financial problems, clutter taking over and relationship problems. When we are confronted with our skating; we deflect the attention on us to the problems around us. It doesn't work; you are found out!

When we skate through life we have our heads down and we don't see what is going on around us. We are skating as fast as we can and as a result we go round and round in circles; doomed to repeat the mistakes and stay stuck in our ruts. How do we stop this vicious circle that we have created for ourselves?

You join FlyLady to try to get your house in order but you start skating all over again. You just want to jump to the end of the chapter and start answering questions without allowing the process of FLYing to help you find the peace I have promised you. There are no short cuts.

When ever someone complains that FlyLady is not working for them, we ask "Have you started to declutter your home? Are you getting dressed to lace up shoes? Have you shined your sink?" You see, you just can't skip to the end without going through the babysteps that help you get there.

Don't make it harder than it really is! Take your babysteps and enjoy the process!

Progress NOT Perfection in 2007! Let's get out of our ruts, raise our heads and open up our eyes to focus on the prize of peace in our lives!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out Marla'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 book, *Body Clutter* published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Marla Cilley. Used by permission in this publication.

## Diva

I learned in the food department of life that I hope you'll just take my word on without having to go through them yourself!

1—Everything counts. Yes, even a bite. Our bodies run on simple math—too much will show up on your body.

2—Everything counts, number 2. Standing over a sink eating, eating in the car, eating in front of an open refrigerator, all adds up when it comes time to a morning of reckoning on the scale.

3—"Just this once" or other such similar phrase usually means I am setting myself up for a downward spiral in eating and it will take a few pounds gained before I address it to knock some sense into me.

4—"Good for me" food doesn't mean it's a free for all. Portions matter and I don't need as much as I think.

5—Being "good" in a restaurant means not finishing everything on my plate. I still think "office plate" and I don't need to do that! Restaurants typically give you

enough to feed 3-4 people—bag it up and take it home!

6—The only "free" food is water. Everything else has something in it and will ultimately count when I step on the scale, including a glass of wine or a nip of eggnog!

7—The scale is my friend. If the numbers have gone up, it's a wake up call to fix whatever it is that I am doing to cause them to go up. Getting on it every morning keeps me honest.

8—Movement is not optional. If I don't exercise, the numbers go up—even if I eat like a bird. I have a thyroid issue. The only way to keep it in check for me is to exercise daily, eat small meals and take my medication everyday.

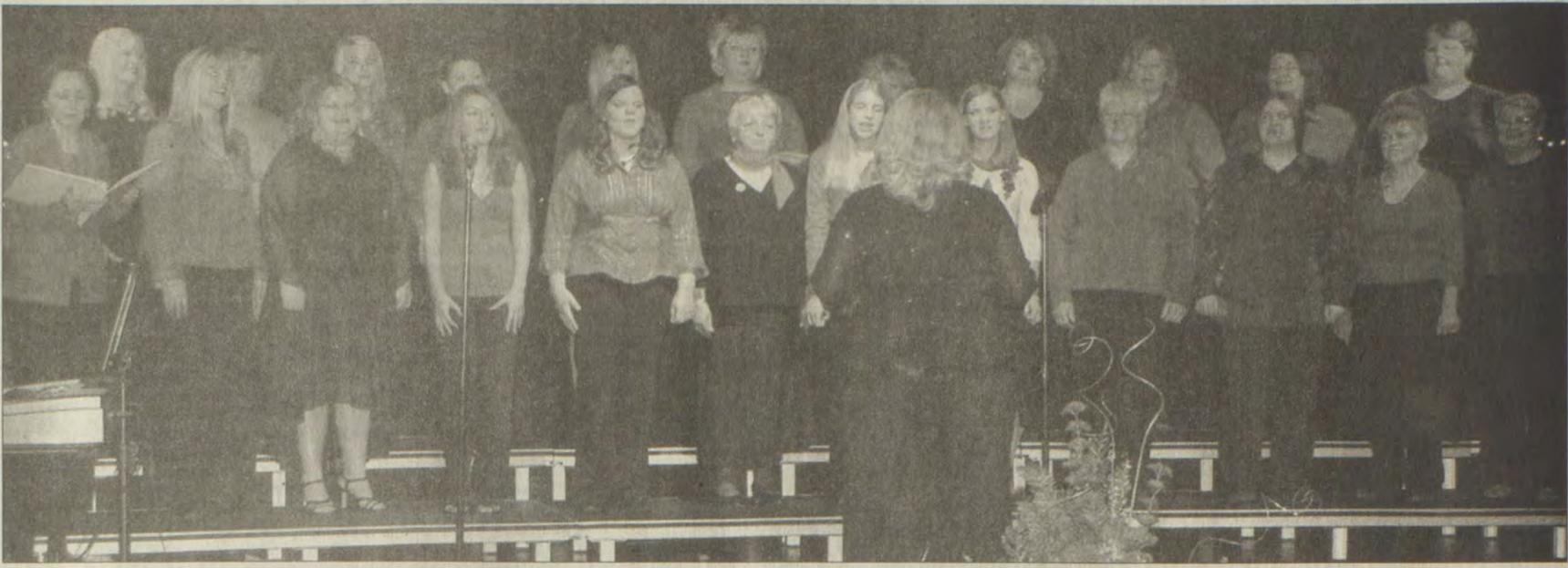
9—It's okay to be hungry. I've been so paranoid about being hungry (that's when I overeat) that I've taken to eating too many times a day and inadvertently, putting on a few pounds because of not being aware. Becoming friends with hunger keeps my food in check—a little bit hungry is okay.

10. A food diary is essential! It's way too easy to get lax, forget and eat unconsciously. Food is an issue for me—I need to stay aware by making sure what I write down is the same thing that has gone in my mouth!

Our Body Clutter (Fireside) book is the beginning of my journey and FlyLady's. We have discovered one year later that understanding and dealing with one's body clutter is a never-ending process. Vigilance and perseverance is the key!

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

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InHarmony, an all-female community-based choir from BSCTC, performed for the public on December 16 in Gearheart Auditorium.

## BSCTC presents annual Christmas concert, celebrates release of new album

Big Sandy Community and Technical College presented their annual "Evening of Christmas" concert on Saturday, December 16, 2006 in the Gearheart Auditorium on the Prestonsburg Campus of BSCTC. The first show sold out within two hours of tickets going on sale so a second show was added to accommodate those who wanted to hear InHarmony, Serenade, and The Big Sandy Singers perform.

InHarmony, the all-female community-based choir from Big Sandy Community and Technical

College was formed in September of this year and the concert was the group's first full performance. "The women's voices were lovely," said director Laura Ford Hall. "InHarmony is such a beautiful sound and I am so proud of each of the ladies for their dedication and talent."

The group sang a variety of Christmas selections including "Little Drummer Boy" and "Breath of Heaven." InHarmony also performed a short presentation for the BSCTC annual Christmas Dinner at Mayo Auditorium in

Paintsville on December 1 and lead Christmas caroling at the Mountain Home Place on December 9.

The ladies of InHarmony shared the stage with Serenade, an auditioned community-based, all female performance ensemble and the Big Sandy Singers, the elite, auditioned student-singing group. In addition to the concert performance, The Big Sandy Singers also formally released their second album, "Going Home," during the show, which featured the Singer's

new signature song "A Father Who Can." In addition, LouAnna Calhoun, one of the members of the Big Sandy Singers released her newest CD "Held" that evening. Both CDs are now available to the public for a \$10 donation each. You can get your copies by contacting Laura Hall at the college or go to the website at [www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu](http://www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu) and select Performing Arts from the menu.

For more information call or email Laura Ford Hall at (606) 889-4764; [laura.hall@kctcs.edu](mailto:laura.hall@kctcs.edu).



### HCTC honors Christy Shepherd

Christy Shepherd, of Hyden, (left) recently received the Maggie Dixon Honeycutt Clinical Award, presented by Charlotte Hayes, Director of Nursing at the Hazard Nursing Home, during a celebration of those completing the Practical Nursing program at Hazard Community & Technical College on Dec. 13. A total of 19 practical nursing students at the Technical Campus and 33 registered nursing students at the Hazard Campus were honored at the event, recognizing their completion of training.



### HCTC honors Karen Nantz

Karen Nantz, of Chappell, (right) recently received the Academic Achievement Award for having the highest scholastic standing in the Practical Nursing program at Hazard Community & Technical College. She was honored by nursing faculty member Fran Francis, left, during the HCTC Pinning Ceremony, held on Dec. 13. A total of 19 practical nursing students at the Technical Campus and 33 registered nursing students at the Hazard Campus participated in the event, recognizing their completion of training.

## AARP Tax-Aide program celebrates 38th year, seeks area volunteers

Originated in 1968, the AARP Tax-Aide program continues to grow. It is the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service for low- and moderate-income individuals, with special attention to those age 60 and older. In 2006, more than 2 million taxpayers were assisted by Tax-Aide volunteers during the Feb. 1-April 15 tax season. Tax-Aide volunteers e-filed nearly 73 percent of prepared

returns, enabling people to get speedier refunds. More than \$146 million in earned income tax credits were paid to taxpayers nationwide.

Volunteers in our area are currently needed to assist in the 2007 tax season. A training program for those interested in volunteering will be held at the Floyd County Library on January 16 and 17, beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until 3

p.m. Please consider volunteering your time to this very worthy effort. Volunteers will begin preparing taxes on February 6 and will continue to work each Tuesday until April 15. Workdays will consist of the hours between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please plan to come to the Floyd County Library on January 16.

## Box named new KCTCS vice-president

VERSAILLES - Dr. Jay K. Box, president and CEO of Hazard Community and Technical College (HCTC) will become Vice-President at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) beginning January 16, KCTCS President Michael B. McCall announced today.

Dr. Box will replace Dr. Jon Hesseldenz as one of four Vice-Presidents assisting President McCall with the operation of the KCTCS System Office in Versailles and the 16 community and technical colleges - including Hazard - located on 65 campuses across the state. Dr. Hesseldenz retired from his post in late June, 2006.

Dr. Box served as Vice-President of Instruction at McLennan Community College in Waco, Texas, before assuming the top post at HCTC in July, 2002. Dr. R. Kathy Smoot, provost and Vice-President of Academics at HCTC, will serve as interim president while a nationwide search is conducted for Dr. Box's successor, McCall said.

"I am delighted that Dr. Box has accepted my offer to become a part of the President's Cabinet as we work to take KCTCS to the next level," McCall said. "He has guided Hazard Community and Technical College through a period of remarkable growth and advancement, and I know his hands-on leadership style will prove to be a valuable asset as we continue our efforts to make KCTCS the nation's best community and technical

college system."

Dr. Box said he was looking forward to his new leadership role, which includes providing oversight of technological advancements for KCTCS. During his tenure, Dr. Box led HCTC through a period of technological expansion, including the installation of wireless technology on all campuses and the implementation of video streaming and web conferencing technology. He also encouraged the expansion of distance learning with a special emphasis on web-based and web-enhanced classes.

"This is an opportunity for me to advance in the System and assist KCTCS in achieving its long-term goals," Dr. Box said. "While I am excited about this new challenge, I am also saddened to be leaving Hazard, where I have had the privilege of working with a first-rate leadership team, a top-notch staff, and faculty members that are truly dedicated to their work. I'm especially appreciative of the opportunities I've had to get to know our students and watch their lives progress because of the education they receive at our college."

Fred Brashear, chair of the HCTC Board of Directors and a member of the Hazard Independent College Foundation, said he was thankful for the vision Dr. Box pursued while presiding at HCTC, including the creation of the college's new Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Professional Music that will begin offering classes in the fall, 2007.

Brashear said Dr. Box also effectively and efficiently managed the college's fiscal resources during a two-year period that saw three state-mandated budget cuts.

"We're going to miss Dr. Box and we wish him the best in his new role," Brashear said. "His departure comes at a time when Hazard Community & Technical College is in especially great shape. It will be a very attractive job for someone who wants to be president of a college which has just raised \$4.6 million, had a fine report from its accrediting organization, has new programs beginning, and is a leader in the communities it serves."

While at HCTC, Dr. Box assisted with the creation of the University Center for the Mountains, a central hub for providing access to four-year educational opportunities in southeast Kentucky. Additionally, he was successful in obtaining funding for the Kentucky School of Craft in Hindman and led efforts to create the HCTC Student Leadership Institute, which partners with local, state and national organizations to provide co-curricular opportunities that develop leadership skills. Dr. Box also provided leadership in the selection of the college's five campus locations and served as co-chair of the Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky.

Dr. Box earned a bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State University, a master's degree from Texas Tech University, and a doctorate degree from Baylor University. He and his wife, Gayle, have one son, Jason.

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## Eyes

office, or email me at [features@floyd-countytimes.com](mailto:features@floyd-countytimes.com).

Next on the agenda, I guess, is Valentine's Day. Heaven help us all.

I received a most wonderful surprise in the mail this morning here at the office. A thank you card from the Big Sandy Singers detailed with a beautiful photograph of the group taken, it appears, at the Mountain Home Place, in Paintsville, and a copy of the group's newest CD, "Going Home." Gee, guys, you really didn't haveta, but I'm sure glad you did.

Taking a quick listen, I've already enjoyed Tim Cooley's "Long Black Train," the group's "Boondocks," and Susan Scott's "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." I haven't had time yet to listen to more, but I'm sure each selection is just as awesome as the other. Such a talented, talented group. And even more impressive, a group comprised of such strong individuals and role models.

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow" has been a favorite of mine since I was a small

girl. Yes, my fascination with the song began with Judy Garland crooning over that hog pen in the Wizard of Oz, I mean, what young girl wouldn't be drawn to that scene? But, through the years as I grew and became an adult, a love for that song managed to remain in my heart. I have listened to other versions, but none could ever compare to Garland's original. None, I say, until I heard Susan Scott sing it on the "Going Home" album this very morning.

I have known Susan for several years now and I'm not kidding her when I tell her that I am one of her biggest fans. Not only is Susan an amazing singer, she is a wonderful and awesome spirit as well.

Susan and I are members of the same church and it is always a blessing any time she graces our services with song. I could, literally, listen to her sing for hours on end. Thanks, Susan, for giving me a version of a favored classic that I can, for once, finally say is better than the original. I'm proud to be your sister.

And, thanks to Laura Ford Hall and all

the rest of the Singers for giving our community so much to be proud of. You guys are awesome.

If you don't have the CD, get yourself a copy quick as you can

'Till next week....



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## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**First Assembly of God, Martin;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.

**In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg;** Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.

**New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

**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.

**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.; Nathon Lafferty, Minister.

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

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

**Endicot 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. Stuart E. Swanberg.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham'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, Bevinville;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Truist.

**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.; Jim Price, Minister.

**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 Woship, 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.

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**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.

**Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch;** Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

**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.

## CATHOLIC

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

## CHRISTIAN

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

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

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

**Harold Church of Christ, Harold;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, 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.

Return to your Bible

Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other.

Deuteronomy 3:39

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**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 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## EPISCOPAL

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

## LUTHERAN

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

## METHODIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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. Penix, 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, Weeksbury;** 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.; Malcom 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 School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

**Free Pentecostal Church, Dwalie;** Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

## PRESBYTERIAN

**Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift;** Worship Service, 11 a.m. **First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive;** Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Rev. Vicki Poole, pastor.

## SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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

## THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints;** Sacrament Mtg., 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:20 a.m.; Relief Society/Preisthood/Primary, 12:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; Ken Carriere, Bishop.

## OTHER

**Pastor Atha Johnson** welcomes everyone to attend services at the **CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY.** Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. .

**Drift Independent, Drift;** Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

**Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg,**(next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

**Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg;** Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.

**Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister.

**Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville;** Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

**Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 pm.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

**Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.;** Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

**Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge;** Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

**Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.;** Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

**Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin;** Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

**Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

**Town Branch Church;** Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month.; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

**The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

**The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator,** 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken.

**Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright;** Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

**Zion Deliverance, Wayland;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Darlene W. Arnette, Pastor

**Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428.** Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

**International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin;** Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

**Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.;** Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.

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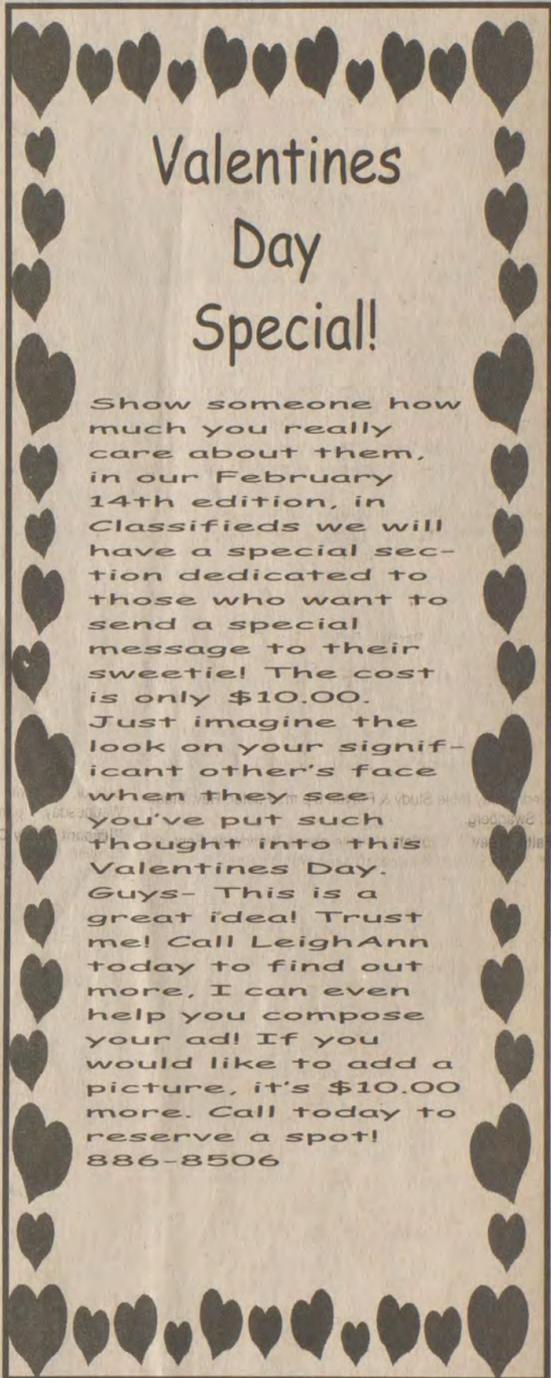
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The Joint Application of Sandy Valley Water District, Southern Water and Sewer District, and the City of Pikeville, for Approval of the Transfer of Facilities and for the Assumption of Debt.

The meeting will be held on January 11, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., eastern time, at Betsy Layne Elementary School, 256 School Street, Betsy Layne, Kentucky.

**NOTICE OF PERMIT CONFERENCE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0330 AM #2**

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that a permit conference is scheduled for January 23, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Prestonsburg Regional Office for the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, concerning the above application filed by Wolverine Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Ky. 41642 (606) 889-8440. The proposed operation has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.0 miles southwest of Brainard, Kentucky



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# Odds & Ends

CHICAGO — Putting in grueling hours of couch-potato training just to win a TV sports-viewing marathon is inadvisable, according to Jason Pisarik, who should know.

"My wife would kill me if I did," the Lombard, Ill., accountant said Monday from a recliner chair in front of a 15-foot screen tuned to a college football bowl game.

Pisarik was back at the ESPN Zone sports bar to defend his title in the fifth annual Ultimate Couch Potato Contest. He endured 30 consecutive hours of TV sports a year ago.

The winner gets a prize package valued at almost \$5,000, including a 42-inch high-definition television, gift certificates and a trophy featuring a live spud. Every competitor making it past the 12-hour mark receives a leather recliner.

"I couldn't think of anything better than to sit and watch a bunch of games and get served food and drink all day," said Pisarik, wearing a Mike Ditka jersey.

The going only gets tough, he said, when the restaurant closes for the night and the 13 TV screens in front of the four contestants show mostly ESPN SportsCenter over and over.

Stacy Gleason, a mother of three

and the only woman in the competition, struggled to banish thoughts of all the laundry, cleaning and other household chores she could be doing.

"I don't know how guys do it," said a smiling Gleason, 39, a paralegal from Lowell, Ind. "I'm doing this for girls everywhere who don't get to do this while their husbands morph into the furniture watching sports on TV."

Contestants, selected on the basis of their 200-word essays, are allowed a five-minute break every hour and a 15-minute break every eight hours but must otherwise be looking constantly at the screen.

NEW YORK — A few hundred people splashed into the cold Atlantic waters to start the new year Monday, though foul weather apparently kept the numbers of brave bathers down.

About 200 people joined 90 members of the Coney Island Polar Bear Club to take the annual plunge into the 48-degree waters, club spokesman Louie Scarcella said.

The annual event raised \$25,000 for Camp Sunshine, a retreat providing relief to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

The club had hoped to raise more than \$50,000, although its take was well in excess of the \$6,000 or so

raised last year, Scarcella noted.

The Coney Island Polar Bear Club is the oldest winter bathing organization in the United States, according to its Web site. Its members swim in the Atlantic at Coney Island every Sunday from October through April.

About 500 people participated in last year's New Year's Day swim, which benefited a different charity, and Scarcella blamed bad weather for the poorer turnout this year.

"It's psychological, I think," he said. "Some people don't like the rain."

AKRON, Ohio — Students in a Hebrew class are hoping to collect 13 million pennies — one for each person killed in the Holocaust.

Laura Hood, who teaches the class at Temple Israel, said the project will help students grasp the scope of the tragedy. The 14 students have collected 65,000 pennies so far and are seeking donations from residents citywide.

"I want anyone who donates to hold a handful of pennies and imagine that they are holding the terrified hands of the humans who were marched into the gas chambers," Hood said.

Money raised in the effort will be donated to Temple Israel, the United

States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, and Yad Vashem, a memorial in Jerusalem.

Temple Israel student Kyle Gersman, 11, said it's important for his generation to learn about the Holocaust.

"It was a bad time. A lot of people died for no reason," he said. "We need to know about what happened so we can prevent something like that from happening again."

The project was inspired by Whitwell Middle School in east Tennessee, which set out in 1998 to collect 6 million paper clips — representing each Jew who died in the Holocaust — and received several times that number.

The Tennessee students decided to collect paper clips because they discovered that paper clips were invented by Norwegians and that Norwegians wore them on their lapels as a silent protest against Nazi occupation during the war.

HUNTINGTON, Ark. — The burglars made off with a protective vest and a radio charger. The victims: the Huntington Police Department and City Hall.

The theft was reported to Mayor Craig Cotner, who also serves as acting police chief in the town of 688

people.

Cotner said an officer first noticed the break-in at the police department. When Cotner looked around the police office, he noticed that City Hall had also been burglarized.

A couple of file drawers were dumped and files were scattered, Cotner said. The evidence room was broken into as well. But the only items that Cotner said were missing were the vest and the charger, valued in total at \$1,500.

"It looked like they got in every office up here," Cotner said. "They pried every door in the house, I guess. They couldn't get into the recorder treasurer's office. We got everything in a safe and everything else is not worth anything."

Two computers, a new phone system and a police radio were left untouched, he said.

Cotner said Thursday that new locks will be installed and he joked that he would keep a dog in the offices overnight.

Sebastian County sheriff's deputies are assisting in the investigation.

The break-in occurred when City Hall was closed for the holidays.

## Mining

both miners and mine operators in the event of an emergency.

"The new rule adds additional protections for miners and provides them with more tools to survive a mining accident should one occur," Stickler said.

Additional requirements of the new rule include providing more self-contained self-rescue (SCSR) devices in underground coal mines in areas where workers might need them, increased training programs for how to use the SCSR's, the installation of lifelines (which are used to help guide miners in poor visibility conditions find their way to evacuation areas), improved mine evacuation training

including live drills, and the addition of more gas detectors.

Wes Addington, an attorney for the Appalachian Citizens Law Center in Prestonsburg and director of the Mine Safety Project, believes the new rules are a step in the right direction, but stops short of fully endorsing the path taken by legislators and safety organizations to bring real change. He said laws need to be set in place before they happen, not in response to them.

"Usually it's a reactive approach more so than a proactive approach," Addington said after referring to the old coal miner saying that any new law for miner safety is written with the blood of coal miners. "It's almost

like 'Here's what went wrong, here's what we need to do.'"

The ACLC is a nonprofit law firm which represents coal miners who have suffered workplace discrimination after filing complaints about unsafe work conditions, miners seeking federal black lung benefits, and also fights for better mine safety laws. One of the goals of the firm is to make current laws unambiguous and to enforce existing laws. Much of this work is done through the Mine Safety Project, an advocacy group that is part of the ACLC which is composed of current and former coal miners and the widows of miners who have died in mining accidents. The group has a long list of changes they would like to see

signed into law in 2007, including more stringent fine-collection laws, ventilation laws including safer belt-line entry air rules, and an increase in the number of safety inspections and Mine Emergency Technicians on site.

Addington said he believes the new regulations are a positive step and will help bring real change, but he said that is all they are, a step in the right direction. If mine operators were subjected to more inspections each year, such as his wish of six per year instead of the current minimum of three, they would be alerted more often to potential hazards and in turn forced to comply with safety regulations, Addington said.

The Kentucky General Assembly met Jan. 2 for their first session in 2007 and Addington said he expects some form of new legislation to be introduced in the upcoming weeks. He spent some time in Frankfort a few weeks ago to discuss potential legislation being introduced this year, and with the amount of new legislation enacted during the second half of 2006, he expects more changes this year.

"Last year Brent Yonts (D-Greenville) was very helpful in pushing for mining legislation, and I'm hopeful him or another representative that's looking after the rights of miners will introduce legislation this year," Addington said.

## Murder

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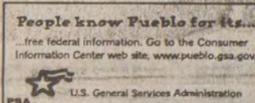
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tinuing with their efforts to locate Rowe's body. Troopers and K-9 units are being used to search the area where they believe the body was dumped.

All three suspects are lodged without bond at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center, in Paintsville.

KSP was assisted with the arrests and investigation by the Magoffin County Sheriff's Department.

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