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briefs

Paintsville Lake area to close for winter

PAINTSVILLE — The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will close the Paintsville Lake Downstream Area to vehicular traffic effective Dec. 12, for the remaining days of 2008, and through January, February and March of 2009.

The entrance gates and restrooms will be closed, however foot traffic is still permitted for fishing and walking activities.

The area will re-open April 1, to normal recreational activities and trout stocking for that area will also resume in April.

For additional information, contact the Resource Manager at Paintsville Lake, 807 Ky Rt 2275, Staffordsville, KY 41256-9035.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 36 • Low: 19

Tomorrow



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

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PUTTING UP THE TREE



Workers with Prestonsburg's landscaping department braved the cold temperatures and chilly precipitation to put up the city's Christmas tree on Thursday.

photos by Jarrid Deaton

Prestonsburg gets in Christmas spirit

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The cold temperatures and freezing rain didn't stop employees of Prestonsburg's landscaping department from putting up the city's Christmas tree on Thursday in preparation for the parade and tree lighting ceremony scheduled for this weekend.

"It should be great," said Brent Graden, director of economic development for Prestonsburg. "This is a really nice tree and we made sure to have a heavy base for it after the wind blew the tree over last year."

Workers also used the trimmings from the tree to create holiday wreaths to use as decorations for the city.

The Holiday Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

"This parade should be bigger and better than last year's,"

(See CHRISTMAS, page two)



David Crisp, manager of landscaping department for Prestonsburg, made wreaths out of the trimmings from the city's Christmas tree on Thursday.

Caudill declines to rule in murder case

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Circuit Judge John David Caudill has declined to rule on a motion that would see a special judge preside over an evidentiary hearing in Floyd County.

The Kentucky Supreme Court has called for an evidentiary hearing focused on Caudill from a 1994 murder case against Perry County resident Donald Herb Johnson.

Johnson pleaded guilty in 1994 to charges of first-degree murder, first-degree burglary and two counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

The case, which was first presented in Perry County court in Hazard, was heard by Caudill after being moved from that county.

The Supreme Court ruled against appeals from Johnson challenging the decision in his case, which saw him convicted and given the death penalty, in every aspect except that Johnson had been induced into pleading guilty in closed doors meetings to avoid the death penalty for a life sentence in return.

Caudill has refused to rule on the motion that he be replaced with a special judge for the hearing, saying that since he is now a witness in the case, he feels he can't be involved in the process from this point forward.

Caudill has had added this is the sole reason for his steadfast position on the request and understands why there is the desire for a special judge to be

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Man charged with endangerment

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A complaint from a Prestonsburg woman has led to two felony charges against a man she says drove on the wrong side of the road toward her and her children.

Police charged Jackie Todd Crabtree, 33, of Auxier, with two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment following a criminal summons issued after a complaint from Sarah McCoy.

McCoy states in her notarized complaint that Crabtree "drove straight toward" her on the wrong side of the road.

The statement further alleges that McCoy "had her children" in the vehicle with her, but Crabtree

(See CHARGES, page two)

Rescue squad receives donation from CSX

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Members of the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad were nearly speechless with emotion Wednesday afternoon, as Captain Tim Cooley accepted a \$15,000 check from CSX for the purchase of two all-terrain vehicles for the squad.

"It may be that \$15,000 is a small amount for CSX, but for us, it's like gold," Cooley said.

There's a good reason for that. The squad, which was born from the 1958 Floyd County school bus accident that claimed the lives of 26 students and the bus driver, has not received a corporate

donation since a small group of dedicated individuals officially started the operation following the tragedy.

"It's been hard," said Cooley. "No one took the time to approach people before now. Many people thought they were paying local taxes to support us. But now we've made Frankfort and even Washington aware of the fact that we can use and appreciate funding."

In the past, Cooley said the squad raised money through its annual radio auction and also received some donations from the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

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photo by Sheldon Compton

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad received the first corporate donation in the squad's 50-year history Wednesday. CSX gave \$15,000 for the purchase of two all-terrain vehicles for the station. Pictures from left to right are Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, CSX Public Affairs Officer David Hall, Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall and Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad Captain Tim Cooley.

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Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians supports statewide cigarette tax increase

The Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians (KAFFP) a statewide organization representing 1,200 family physicians and medical students announced their support of a statewide increase on cigarette tax.

The KAFFP is calling for an increase on cigarette tax as both a means of curbing cigarette consumption and to help meet the Commonwealth's projected financial deficit of nearly \$450 million.

"Family physicians are often on the front lines in seeing the effects of cigarette use on families and society," said Dr. Brent Wright, President of KAFFP. "In supporting this increase we are supporting long-term health and economic benefits for our communities."

Kentucky currently leads the nation in adult smoking, but taxes cigarettes at one of the lowest rates, 30 cents a pack.

The state has the nation's highest rate of lung-cancer deaths and some of the highest rates of stroke, heart disease, and premature births.

Estimates are that the state spends about \$1,700 per year per smoker. Smoking costs the state's Medicaid program \$500 million a year.

"Legislation to increase the cigarette tax could have a significant long-term effect on the health of Kentucky citizens," Wright said. "In reduc-

ing cigarette smoking, we would see significant health-care savings."

It is estimated that for every 10 percent cigarette price increase, youth smoking rates are reduced by 6.5 percent, adult rates by 2 percent, and total cigarette consumption rates are reduced by 4 percent,

according to statistics from the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

Kentucky spends about \$3.8 million a year on stop-smoking programs. Its Medicaid program doesn't cover smoking cessation, except counseling for pregnant women.

"The health of the citizens of Kentucky is the priority of KAFFP and all family physicians," said Dr. Wright. "In this issue, we have both an economic and a health crisis. We urge our lawmakers to make this a priority in acting for the best interests of the Commonwealth."

Donation

For CSX representatives, the decision to provide the money was an easy one, said David Hall, the company's public affairs officer.

"Safety is a way of life for us. It's our top priority," said Hall. "Our way to do that is to identify those organizations that can benefit from this. We're fortunate we can help them do the jobs they do so well."

On hand for the donation were several local officials, including Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner.

"We've got out and asked for help because of the great need. If you don't ask, you don't get," Marshall said.

"This squad was founded on a tragedy and the people have responded in the last year."

Marshall — who was scheduled to be on the fatal school bus trip as a student in 1958 but missed the stop — and Cooley said the recent 50th anniversary of the nationally known bus accident might have had a lot to do with making people aware of the squad and its volunteer efforts without very much help in corporate funding.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin said the rescue squad is an important part of the county and also for the city, working, at times, hand and hand with members of the city's public safety department.

"We're excited at the city that this is happening for the

rescue squad," said Fannin. "We all work together, and this is a great group to work with. It's just a whole lot of help for everybody."

And will the new equipment help the members of the squad better do their jobs? Many would say the men and women working there could hardly do more to serve their community than they've already proven, but Cooley reminded those in attendance for the donation ceremony of something that has become something of an unwritten mission statement.

"You can rest assured, if you ever need us, we will be there," Cooley said.

The all-terrain vehicles will help members of the squad better reach those incidents

that occur in places such as ATV trails and horse trails, places Cooley said were difficult to get to before.

The two vehicles replace older, outdated vehicles that have been part of the squad's fleet for several years.

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Christmas

Graden said. "By starting earlier, we believe that this will still give everyone enough time to set up and enough time so the kids don't get so sleepy at night."

The parade will be followed by the tree lighting ceremony.

The parade route is the same as last year, with floats and vehicles traveling from Prestonsburg High School down through town to the S-curve, and Graden recom-

mends that the floats be parked at the Sally Gate and Richmond parking lots in order for those involved to be able to attend the tree lighting ceremony.

"We are going to put a big star on the top of the tree for the Star City of Kentucky," Graden said.

For more information on Prestonsburg's Christmas plans, contact Brent Graden at (606) 886-235.

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Charges

now faces only the two first-degree wanton endangerment charges.

The incident allegedly took place on Oct. 18, but no specific location has been stated in court records. Police have also not said anything further that might answer questions as to why Crabtree might have been driving on the wrong side

of the wrong, according to McCoy's criminal complaint, which was sworn on Nov. 19.

There is no indication, according to the police citation, that alcohol or drugs were involved, and the same is not mentioned in McCoy's complaint.

Crabtree was served with the criminal summons the day

following McCoy's statements and the charges were filed in Floyd County Circuit Court on Dec. 3.

Crabtree is now scheduled to appear before District Judge Eric D. Hall, who issued the criminal summons, on Dec. 17 for arraignment on the charges.

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Judge

appointed.

In November 1989, Johnson was said to have entered Bright and Clean Laundry in Hazard where he was met with Helen Madden, a 61-year-old woman who reportedly refused to allow Johnson to use the telephone in the establishment.

What ensued, and was brought out in the trail against Johnson, was that he then stabbed Madden more than 20 times, bit and beat her and then disemboweled the elderly woman. It was also brought out in trail that Johnson sexually abused Madden during the course of the attack.

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In Loving Memory of Our Brother ALEX VERNON BRANHAM (Boogie)



Alex Vernon "Boogie" Branham, age 56, of Weaverville, N.C., formerly of Floyd County, passed away Tuesday, November 18, 2008. Alex was born April 7, 1952, in Martin, Ky. He resided in North Carolina for 25 years, and worked most of his life as a welder and pipefitter. He was Pentecostal and of the Church of God denomination.

He was preceded in death by his father, Sol Branham in 1958, and mother, Dockie Robinson Branham in 1987, and a sister, Christine Branham Rambo in 2007.

Alex is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Karen L. Somerton Branham; two daughters: Jennifer Byers of Weaverville, N.C., and Crystal Branham of Hot Springs, N.C. He is also survived by six sisters: Wanda Compton of Auxier, Ky., Judith Isaac and Jackie Hall of Wheelwright, Ky., Shiriline Stienback of Mayfield, Ky., Helen Branham Johnson of Prestonsburg, Ky., and Brenda King of McDowell, Ky.; two brothers: Burnis Branham of Weaverville, and Johnny Branham of Harold, Ky.; two grandchildren, Samuel and Emma Byers; 13 nephews and 10 nieces.

Special thanks to those who helped Alex during his time of need and sickness.

Alex will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Roy Prichard Stratton

Roy Prichard Stratton, 75, of Woodbury, Tennessee, passed away Sunday, November 30, 2008, following a brief illness. A native of Betsy Layne, he was the son of the late Sparrell and Flora Wright Stratton.

He was a member of the Church of Christ; he served in the Army in the Korean War; and was a retired high school teacher.

He is survived by his children: Paula Simmons of Middletown, Ohio, Flora Lynn (Kerry) Mayo of Woodbury, Tennessee, and Ted Stratton of Fairfield, Ohio; his sisters: Betty Flanery of Langely, Josephine Inmon of Prestonsburg, Rosemary Meade of Stanville, and Edith Steele of Harold; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren, also survive.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Roy Stratton II; and his brothers: Henry, Russell, Dee, Paul and Ted Stratton; and his sisters: Ann Cooley and Virginia Harris.

Graveside services will be held at Thyatira Cemetery, Woodbury, Tennessee, at 2 p.m., Friday, with visitation from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m., Friday, December 5, at Woodbury Funeral Home, Woodbury, Tennessee.

Not only did Mr. Stratton love his family, he loved helping other people and organizations as well.

All arrangements, under the direction of Woodbury Funeral Home.

Online tributes can be made at www.woodburyfuneralhome.net

(Paid obituary)

Teddy Ray Vanover

Teddy Ray Vanover, age 57, of Prestonsburg, passed away Thursday, December 4, 2008, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He was born February 17, 1951, in Martin, the son of the late Clark H. Vanover and Sarah Estep Vanover.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, George Vanover.

Survivors include three brothers: Clark Howard (Kay) Vanover, Dutton, Alabama, Jack (Janet) Vanover and Larry Vanover, both of Martin; eight sisters: Lutie (Mike) Kocik, Lady Lake, Florida, Bertha Griffith, Gayle Vanover, Mary (Joe) Gearheart, and Deborah Rice, all of Prestonsburg, Barbara

(Bob) Giuliani of Brooklyn, Michigan, Wanda (Don) Winters of Chelias, Washington, and Louise Williamson, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 7, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin.

Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home. Visitation is after 5:00 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Christopher Judd, George Clayton Vanover, Jonathan Rice, Justin Rice, Jack Bradley Vanover, Larry Vanover, Steven Vanover, and James Griffith.

Honorary: Justin Salisbury and Eddie Shelton. (Paid obituary)

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The family of Ruby Ousley would like to express our appreciation to the Riverview Health Care Center for the care they gave our mother and grandmother. We especially want to give special thanks to the Jehovah's Witnesses for their kindness, and Hall Funeral Home for their professional service. We would like to thank everyone who brought flowers, food, or said a kind word, and showed their support in our time of grief.

THE OUSLEY FAMILY

For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Brittany Renee Crum, 18, of Prestonsburg, to Dallas Lee Music, Jr., 20, of Prestonsburg.
Lori Ann Carty, 28, of Salyersville, to Chris Carty, 38, of Salyersville.
Michelle Renee Castle, 39, of Martin, to Keith David Stumbo, 38, of Martin.
Dannis Lynn Brown, 45, of Prestonsburg, to Chadwick Troy Cornett, 39, of Prestonsburg.
Sarah Jane Bolen, 18, of Langley, to Joshua Frank Rudder, 18, of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Belinda Shelton vs. Russell Shelton; petition for healthcare insurance.
Ashley Gregory vs. Eddie Ramey; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.
Tina Reynolds vs. John Reynolds; petition for healthcare insurance.
Ademco Distribution Inc. vs. Wes Hamilton; complaint.
Discover Bank vs. Mark E. Calhoun; complaint.
Community Trust Bank vs. Bobby M. Comstock; complaint.
Malen Mitchell vs. Olivia Mitchell; divorce.
Roxanne Smith vs. Rodney Bruce Smith; divorce.
Marda Bailey vs. Chasity Bailey; petition for healthcare insurance.
Kimberly G. Little vs. Kendra L. Little; petition for healthcare insurance.
US Bank vs. Jessica L. Pitts; complaint.
DH Capital Management Inc. vs. Stephanie L. Patton; complaint.
US Bank vs. Mary A. Bradford; complaint.
Department for Income Support vs. Brian Burke; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.
Foster Care vs. Tonia L. Burke; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.
Ford Motor Credit Company vs. Vickey J. Hinton; complaint.
Consolidated Pipe and Supply Company Inc. vs. Southern Water and Sewer District; complaint.
Department for Income Support vs. Nathan C. Ousley; petition for healthcare insurance.
Jackie L. Terry vs. James Crabtree; petition for healthcare insurance.
Stephanie Fraley vs. Amanda K. Evans; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.
Department for Income Support vs. Tanya Goble; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

Charges Filed

Claudetta Lovins, 26, Vest;

criminal mischief.
Cecil Marcum, 58, McDowell; theft by deception.
Jackie Todd Crabtree, 33, Auxier; two counts first-degree wanton endangerment.
Tommy Brown III, 60, Langley; criminal trespassing.
Brandly D. Moore, 23, McDowell; public intoxication.
Michael Dale Hagans, 26, Langley; fourth-degree assault.
Alisha R. Stanley, 29, Hueysville; harassing communications.
Tommy Brown III, 60, Langley; fourth-degree assault.
Clyde Perry, 71, Prestonsburg; criminal mischief, criminal trespassing.
Justin Shepherd, 23, Hueysville; criminal trespassing.
Melissa Weaver, 27, Garrett; three counts of parent or custodian send child to school.
William Douglas Shell, 29, Prestonsburg; three counts unlawful transaction with a minor.
Donald Stambaugh, 34, Prestonsburg; illegal take or pursue of deer or wild turkey.
Herbert Lewis Smith, 30, Teaberry; two counts illegal take or pursue of deer or wild turkey.
Luther R. Meade, 39, Printer; illegal take or pursue of deer or wild turkey.
Bradley Scott Meade, 27, Grethel; illegal take or pursue of deer or wild turkey.
Robert C. Tackett, 39, Stanville; illegal take or pursue of deer or wild turkey.
Billy Gene Osborne Jr., 32, Banner; two counts of illegal take or pursue of deer or wild turkey.
Brett Morse, 45, Eastern; disorderly conduct.
Michelle D. Ramey, 35, Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking.
Chester Hunter, 23, Melvin; possession of marijuana, fleeing or evading police, resisting arrest.
Tiesha M. Hamilton, 29, Teaberry; terroristic threatening.
Christopher Patton, 32,

Langley; theft by deception.
Kermit Murphy Jr., 42, McDowell; alcohol intoxication, criminal trespassing, prescription in improper container.
Brandon F. Biliter, 26, East Point; alcohol intoxication.
Elizabeth A. Baruzza, 39, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.
James Timothy Akers, 40, Pikeville; criminal trespassing.
Justin R. Mudge, 20, McDowell; terroristic threatening.
Inspections
South Floyd High School, Hi Hat, regular inspection. Violations noted: food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, floors not in good repair. Score: 97.
Compton's Quik Stop, Wecksbury, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, non food contact surfaces not properly constructed, non food contact surfaces not properly maintained, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, floors not in good repair, toxic items not properly stored. Score: 89.
Prestonsburg High School, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of effective hair restraints, dishwashing facility not properly constructed, dishwashing facility not properly maintained, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Score: 95.
Wheelwright Senior Citizens, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: non food contact surfaces not properly constructed, non food contact surfaces not properly maintained, toilet room door not self-closing, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or handwashing sink, floors not in good repair, walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair. Score: 95.
May Valley Elementary, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, garbage and refuse

containers not covered as required. Score: 97.
Property Transfers
Harold Auxier to Jaime Auxier Sergeant, property located at Johns Creek.
Jessica Brown Auxier to Harold K. Auxier and Tanya Jean Auxier, property located at Johns Creek.
Tanya Auxier to Jaime Auxier Sergeant, property located at Johns Creek.
Alberta Bolding to Glenna Faye Slone, property not listed.
Melissa Lynn Clark to Robert T. Lee, property not listed.
Janita Renee Cochran to Minerva Ruth Meade, property located at Left Beaver Creek.
Nathan Cochran to Minerva Ruth Meade, property located at Left Beaver Creek.
Connie Cole to Connie Cole and Troy A. Cole, property located at Tram.
Mike Conn to Anthony Swiger, property located at Stanley River.
Sally Conn to Anthony Swiger, property located at Stanley River.
Stacey L. Cornette to Jody D. Cornette, property located at Village Estates.
Louise Justice Eghert to Johnny W. Rice and Rachel Rice, property located at Middle Creek.
Anna Rae Hall to Isaac Combs and Mary Y. Combs, property located at Left Beaver Creek.
Vernon Hall to Isaac Combs and Mary Y. Combs, property located at Left Beaver Creek.
Candice Jarrell to Gary B. Jarrell, property located at Prater Creek.
Lowana Jarrell to Gary B. Jarrell, property located at Prater Creek.
Cindy Jervis to Darrell Jervis, property located at Cow Creek.

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Cinema 2—Held Over
AUSTRALIA (PG-13), Mon.-Sun. 8:00; Fri. (4:45) 8:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:30-4:45) 8:00.
Cinema 3—Held Over
TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13), Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.
Cinema 4—Held Over
MADAGASCAR 2 (PG), Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:10; Fri. (4:10) 7:10-9:10; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:10) 7:10-9:10.
Cinema 5—Held Over
ROLE MODELS (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:05-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:30) 7:05-9:30.
Cinema 6—Held Over
BOLT (PG), Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:10; Fri. (4:10) 7:00-9:10; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:10) 7:00-9:10.
Cinema 7—Held Over
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13), Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.
Cinema 8—Held Over
TWILIGHT (PG-13), Mon.-Sun. 6:55-9:25; Fri. (4:15) 6:55-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:15) 6:55-9:25.
Cinema 9—Starts Friday, Dec. 5
PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.
Cinema 10—Held Over
FIREPROOF (PG), Mon.-Sun. 6:45; Fri. 6:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:55) 6:45.
Cinema 10—Held Over
THE CHANGELING (R), Mon.-Sun. 9:00; Fri. (4:10) 9:00; Sat.-Sun. (4:10) 9:00.

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Guest View

A reasonable stimulus

Congress seems intent on siphoning billions of dollars from the federal well in hopes of priming the nation's economic pump. A stimulus bill likely will cost \$500 billion, says Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Given the gravity of the economic distress, Congress should act. But it should target projects that offer the promise of real results. The keys: helping poor and middle-income earners and ensuring more than a short-term payoff.

The spending envisioned easily could deliver meager results. The government has poured billions of dollars into the economy in recent months, but it still runs as slow as a creek in August. Credit markets remain tight, industrial production is sluggish, the number of delinquent mortgages is expected to double by the end of next year and the outlook for retailers, even on Black Friday, was more bleak than black.

The National Bureau of Economic Research, which monitors such things, says that a recession began in the United States in December 2007, and this one could be the deepest trough since the early 1980s.

Democratic governors want federal help to shore up Medicaid and kick-start transportation and public works projects. Giving Medicaid a booster shot is probably good medicine. Road and bridge projects may be, too, but even if a project is ready to roll, the economic impact might not be felt for a few months.

The government should extend unemployment benefits in states such as Wisconsin, which didn't qualify for the longer extension recently signed into law by President George W. Bush. The government also should create some sort of grant program to retrain displaced workers. It should extend food stamp aid.

The government also should make major investments in the state university and technical school systems, which remain the envy of the world. These key institutions must not be allowed to founder during a downturn. Funneling additional money to them could keep more kids in school and help the schools adjust as more kids and adults seek training and retraining. Additional federal spending in key research areas, such as alternative energy, would have both short- and long-term benefits.

A thoughtful stimulus package — even the Hoover Dam-sized one envisioned by Reid — could do some good. But Congress mustn't waste money on projects that offer little real economic gain.

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— The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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Guest column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Much has been done at the state level since 2007, especially, to promote safety in Kentucky's mines after 16 miners died in our mines in 2006.

In 2007, you will recall the Kentucky General Assembly passed House Bill 207, a bill that proved to grieving families of those fallen miners that state lawmakers could and would do more to protect their loved ones. HB 207 has greatly improved mine safety by requiring mine gas detectors for those underground, three additional yearly underground mine inspections (including two electrical inspections) and trained medics at mine sites. Background checks for inspectors, the hiring of a full-time safety liaison to work with mine families and certification of mine seals to ensure that they can properly contain explosive underground gases, also part of the law, have also improved life in the mines.

Other improvements made by state lawmakers the previous year set the stage for the major reforms of 2007. One law passed in 2006 requires wireline telephone and other two-way communication equipment in mines and requires mine operators

to implement emergency plans and regular evacuation training. New drug and alcohol testing requirements were also passed that year, along with incentives for mining companies to develop and enforce drug-free workplaces.

The passage of these laws, or the attention they brought to mine safety, made an immediate difference. 2007 was a banner year, since it was the first time since 1890 that no underground coal mine fatalities were reported in the state and only two surface mine fatalities were reported. That's quite an improvement over much earlier mining decades like 1920 to 1929, when there was an average of 161 annual coal mine fatalities in the Commonwealth.

I wish I could report that we have gotten through most of 2008 without any fatalities but that is not the case. In fact, surface mine fatalities are double what they were in 2007 and one underground mine fatality has occurred.

Having zero fatalities might be an unreasonable goal considering that coal mining involves serious risks, but the industry says that is its intent. The way to achieve that goal, the industry says, is for Kentucky to focus more on training and education and forego what it says is duplication of federal government mine safety enforcement.

Industry officials cite statistics that show mine fatalities have

decreased by 82 percent since 1970, statistics they say show coal mining is "one of the safest workplaces in America." Add to that industry stats that show miners have a lower rate of injuries and illness than those working in other major trades and, well, it would seem like more mine safety regulation at the state level could be unnecessary.

The unfortunate reality, however, is that Kentucky can't force the federal government to do its job. We can only police our own laws, which make increased state mine safety enforcement a good thing for those working in mines that fly under the fed's radar.

That does not mean that I don't agree with the industry that more needs to be done with training and education. Some of that was addressed in the legislation we passed in 2007 and 2006, and more could be done. And I agree that duplicating efforts is not always helpful. What is helpful? For everyone involved in the mining industry—from state and federal government officials to the mine companies and operators to the miners themselves—to take more responsibility for ensuring no one dies needlessly in a mine accident.

Once we accomplish that, then we all can say with confidence that coal miners indeed work in the safest environment possible for their trade.



"He's picked a lot of people without any major blowups so far. Sure puts Palin into perspective."

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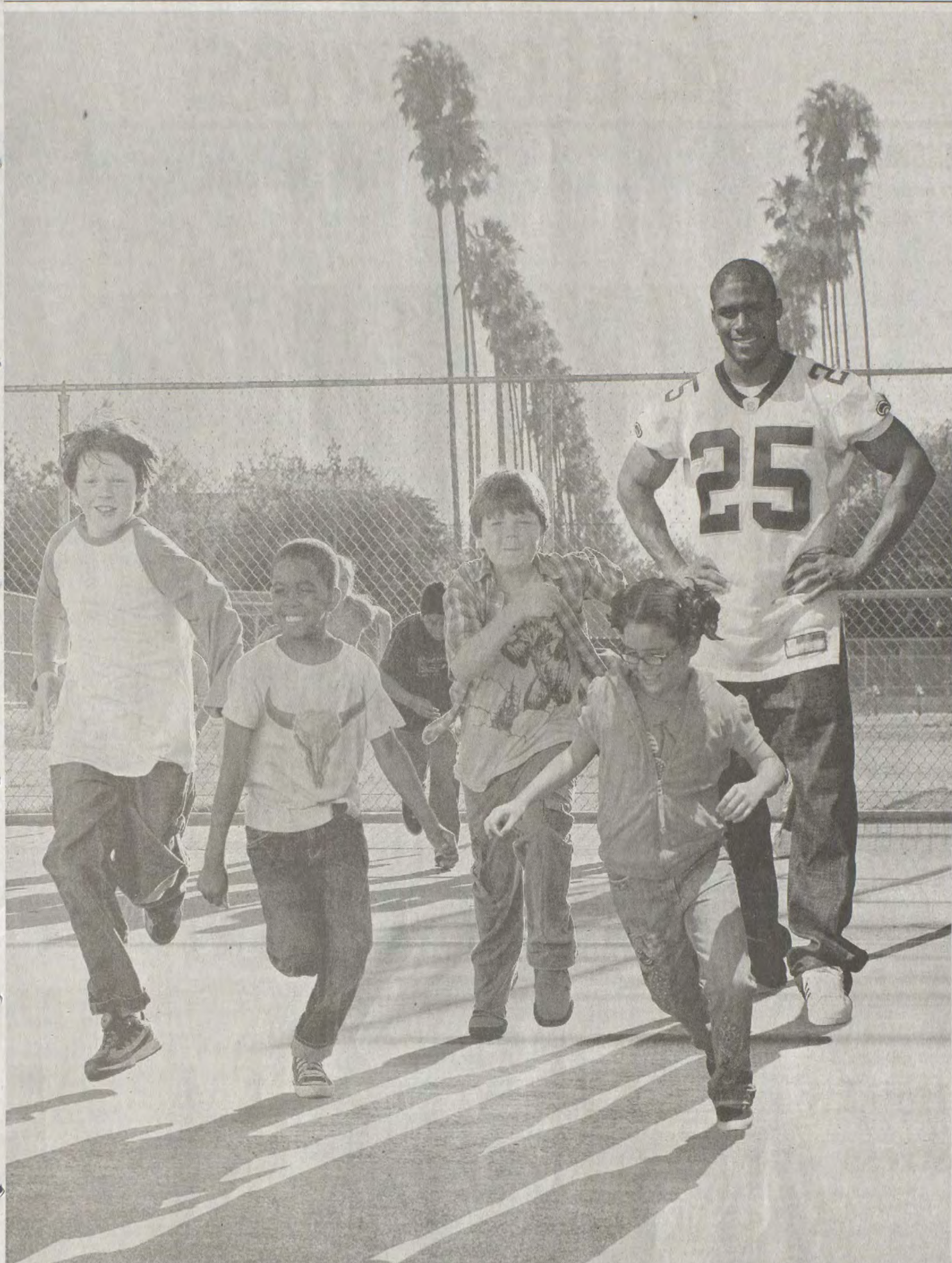
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WELLNESS Q&A

Making a difference

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A couple of weeks ago, many of the managers at HRMC volunteered to take part in a program in which we, basically, adopt a patient room. Each work day, each participant goes to his adopted room, and attempts to assist the patients there in whatever way possible.



Ernest Brewer
Helping you find the answers to your health concerns

This may entail as little as welcoming them to our hospital and offering them a business card with contact information if a need should arise, or the participant may offer some fresh water or a blanket. For the most part, the primary purposes are to offer our customers an additional outlet for voicing concerns, complaints or needs, and to better offer our customers the level of service they deserve.

I've been participating in this program for the past couple of weeks, and, honestly, I've enjoyed it. It is nice going into a patient's room with no agenda other than, "What can I do to help you today?" However, something happened today that was different. It

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DINNER DIVA

Holiday stress

The holidays can be a stressful time for a lot of people, especially this year when it seems there is nothing but doom and gloom in the economic forecast. But folks who have lived through such times as this in the past, know a thing or two about not only getting by, but actually thriving. I think now is a good time to look at that.



Leanne Ely

The first thing to look at is expectations. We all have these Norman Rockwell-sized expectations that are out of whack with reality. We have to fix our own mentalities before we can get to the more practical side of things. Bring down the expectations (and guest list, if need be) and take a look at a simpler way. There's nothing wrong with having a potluck instead of putting on a lavish spread all by yourself. People love to show off their best dishes so this year, do the main course and divvy up the side dishes and dessert. How easy (and less expensive) is that?

Use this principle with your Christmas cookies too. Instead of killing yourself baking eighteen different types of Christmas cookies, invite some friends over (and their kids) to share the workload and the cost. Have everyone bring a batch of sugar cookie dough; some sprinkles and other decorative doodads, then bake 'em all up

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Amanda Jude's hair was over 12 inches long when she decided to get it cut for Locks of Love at Shear Power in Betsy Layne.



LOCKS OF LOVE

Local girl has shorter hair, but no shortage of heart

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Amanda Jude's hair was over 12 inches long and a source of great pride for the youngster from Inez, but the 9-year-old decided to give it up in order to help those who have lost their hair due to a disease or treatment.

"She hadn't had her hair cut since she was a baby," said Lynn Justice, Jude's aunt. "She was at my house swimming one day and her hair got tangled up, so she decided to get it trimmed. I mentioned Locks of Love to her and she thought it would be a good thing to do."

Jude went to Shear Power in Betsy Layne where Valerie Clark cut over 10 inches from her hair.

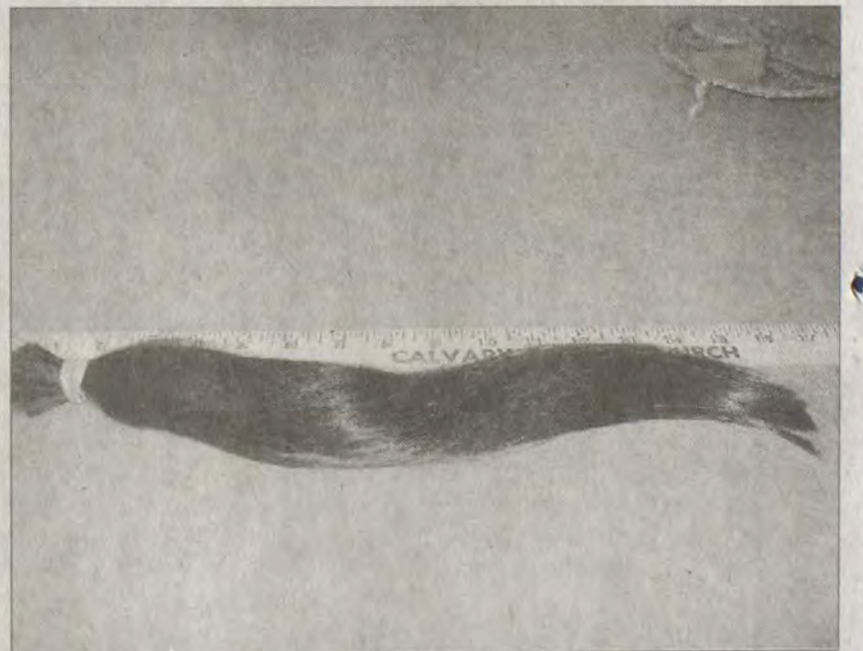
"She was so happy and excited to

get the chance to help someone else," Justice said. "She told me that she hopes that other kids will do the same thing."

Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 that suffer from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

The organization, which began in 1998, provides its recipients with a custom, vacuum-fitted hairpiece made entirely from donated human hair. According to information provided by Locks of Love, the vacuum fit is designed for children who have experienced a total loss of scalp hair and does not require the use of tape or glue. Most of the applicants suffer

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FLY LADY

woman begging a man to stay. "Don't I give you what you need!" in the end she realized she doesn't need him. Carrie Underwood sang her new song too. Those lyrics were stuck in Michele's head. "Just a dream!" When we are babies we dream of having the perfect love story, we just want to be loved. Then we wake up one day and we can't believe our love story is a bad dream. We have the power to wake up from that bad dream and change! I am not talking about divorce either. We can be loved and the first step comes from loving you. Because when we are FLYing we rescue ourselves. Loving yourself is like shining your sink. Are you giving yourself what you need?

We have the ability to change the way we talk to ourselves. We can use music to do this! Music has the power to build us up! It can evoke a good memory or it can make a new one. The tunes can get your feet moving or they can calm you! You are in charge of your playlist!

I have songs that bring a smile to my face when I hear them. With iTunes we can build our own playlists

for all types of moods. I love mood music! You don't have to have an iPod to use iTunes to manage your music.

I have built playlists for all types of moods. This is one of the reasons that we have produced music for you! Our first CD FLY was composed by Amy Lacey. The songs are peppy and give you hope! Isn't that all that any of us need to keep us going! Hope for a better day!

For our second CD, we wanted to help you give your children the tools that they would need to FLY! We wanted them to grow up with routines. The beauty of these songs is that they help us replace those negative words with lyrics that pick you up and fill your heart with love for you! At the same time they get you doing things! The songs give you direction as well as give your children fun ways to get their routines done without you nagging!

Music is a tool to reach the other side of your brain. It helps to replace the negativity floating around in the thinking part of your head. Music FLYs right into mind in a fun way to empower you! You don't even realize it is happening. What have you got to lose? Why Not Today! As I typed those words my iPod roulette played this song. I think that is a God Breeze for you and me that I am on the right track with my essay! Why Not Today!



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Family Medicine

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Question: My husband always seems to get feeling blue during the holiday season. He says that this is because his father was always cranky around Christmas, and those memories make him feel sad. But, I have trouble understanding why he's often not "in the spirit" at this happy time of the year.

Answer: Your husband is not alone in experiencing some level of sadness during the winter holidays. These "Holiday Blues" can start as early as Thanksgiving and continue through Christmas and New Year's. They can be due to a number of factors.

Sad memories from the past, like in your husband's case, can trigger melancholy feelings in some people. You may find the extra things necessary to get ready for the holiday season invigorating, but to others this added pressure is overwhelming and can lead to feelings of sadness. Family expectations to travel and be together for the holidays adds stress as well.

It's not unusual for people to feel sad because they "wish they had more" to share with others. Given current economic conditions, this

Reasons for 'holiday blues' differ, common sense tips can help

cause of holiday sadness may be more widespread than usual this year.

As you can see, the way we deal with the pressure and the hustle and bustle of the holiday season varies greatly from person to person. Nonetheless, there are a few common sense strategies for coping with the Holiday Blues that our reader's husband and many others should find helpful. Take a look at each of these tips and see what might work for you:

* **Pace yourself.** One person can only do so much. Decide what is best for you and your family and don't overextend yourself!

* **Be Realistic.** You only have so much money and so much time. Set reasonable expectations for gift giving and partying.

* **Allow yourself some time to "be sad" and to reflect on the past.** The holidays are time when we miss loved ones who are no longer here on earth or who are in far away places.

Think about these loved ones, carry them in your heart, and enjoy your time with the people who are actually in your presence.

* **Volunteer your time.** Help collect or deliver gifts for needy families. Or offer to work in a soup kitchen and help serve the holiday meal.

* **Spend time with positive people.** Seek out your friends who are upbeat and have the ability to make you laugh. This may give you the opportunity to contact old friends and catch up with what's happening in their lives.

* **Take care of yourself.** Remember to do some things just for you. Go look at the holiday lights in a favorite neighborhood. Engage in your favorite hobby. Give yourself time to relax and enjoy the holidays.

Keep in mind that not everyone who feels sad in the winter has the Holiday Blues. Some people become

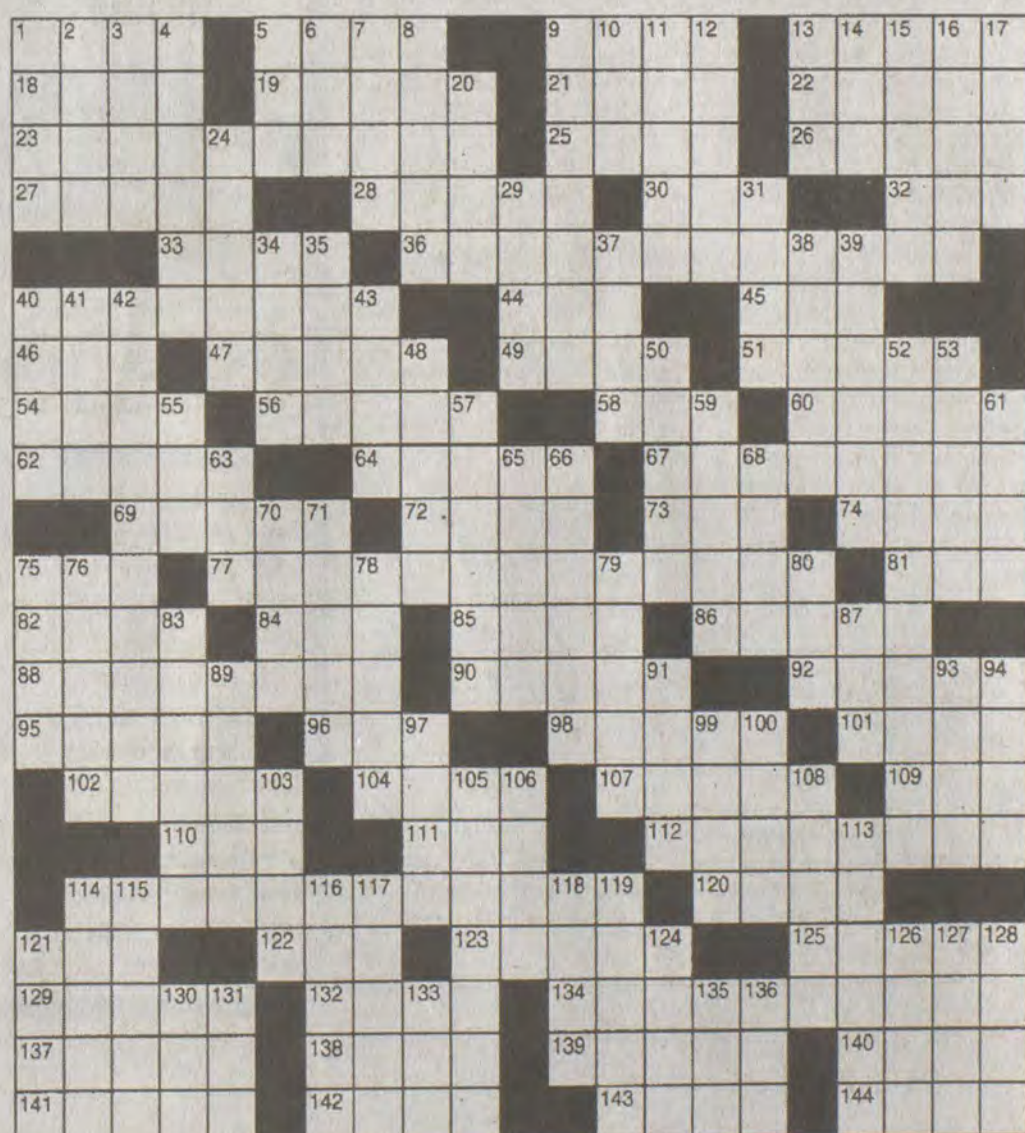
depressed because of the decrease in sunlight hours. If your sad feeling persists into Valentine's Day, you should contact your family doctor and ask him or her if you might have a condition called "Seasonal Affective Disorder," or SAD. Fortunately, there are very good treatments for this and other more serious forms of depression.

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Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 54 Enormous pockets | 101 Stromboli spew | DOWN | 37 Singer Redding | 89 Chocolate substitute |
| 1 Not quite closed | 56 Mideastern pockets | 102 Gown part | 1 Jessica of "Dark Angel" | 38 Donates | 91 Damon and Pythias |
| 5 "Song of the South" title | 58 Sea plea | 104 Temporary calm | 2 "The Grapes of Wrath" surname | 39 Legendary Colt Johnny | 93 Wicked |
| 9 Perched on | 60 Cultural character | 107 Girl George? | 3 Snowballs, sometimes | 40 Callas or Caballe | 94 Use the VCR |
| 13 Tom of "Baretta" | 62 Composer Bruckner | 109 Tuck's mate | 4 Wander | 41 Actor McGregor | 97 Darkness |
| 18 — Linda, CA | 64 Lloyd Webber musical | 110 Dovecote sound | 5 A/C measure | 42 Olympic skater? | 99 Talbot or Naldi |
| 19 Snorkel and straw | 67 Leslie Charteris creation | 111 "— Rita" ('42 film) | 6 Massage | 43 Act like grandma | 100 Ripped |
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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A quartet of comedies hit the shelves this week and shared the unfortunate quality of being aggressively mediocre.

■ **"Space Chimps"** — At least the kids will enjoy this animated tale of a third generation NASA monkey who is drafted to partake on a deep space mission with two other simians. Their adventure gets cosmic when the trio comes to the aid of an alien race being pushed around by an intergalactic empire. Put it on for the young ones and feel free to get that laundry folded.

■ **" Hancock"** — The super-

hero genre could have done without this low-key effort that follows a socially challenged hero on a quest to increase his popularity. Will Smith phones it in as the hero, though Jason Bateman has a few moments as his publicist. A creaky subplot involving infidelity is shoehorned into the action, which only makes the whole thing drag on longer.

■ **"Fred Claus"** — Every family has a black sheep and Santa's no exception, as this film reveals when we meet his brother Fred. A criminal career has not worked for the guy and the film chronicles his efforts to go straight while toiling away in his brother's toy factory. Vince Vaughn continues

to backslide as Fred, though Paul Giamatti manages a few scene-stealing moments as the jolly one.

■ **"Meet Dave"** — No pallet of bad comedies would be complete without an entry by Eddie Murphy (who seems to make one good flick for every three bad ones). Here Murphy only essays two roles, which include an alien space captain and the ship he pilots (a human-sized Eddie Murphy robot). About as good as it sounds.

Next week there is at least some variety with the debut of the hyper-violent "Wanted" alongside the latest Narnia adventure "Prince Caspian."

Wellness

shook me up a little, but in a good way.

I'm responsible for two rooms, and this morning, I set out to spend about 10 minutes and visit my two rooms. Without going into all the details, due to an odd chain of events, I ended up spending over 45 minutes and visited with six patients. Each room presented a very common theme — patients having pain and fear.

Now, being a physical therapist, I see people who are afraid and in pain everyday. That's not shocking. What shook me today was my response. I hope that I can explain.

My dad passed away about 13 years ago. At the time, I had been working in a hospital setting for several years, and had experienced Code Blues and the death of patients on numerous occasions. The week after I returned from his funeral, I was seeing a patient in intensive care, when a patient in an adjacent room suffered a heart attack. Code Blue was called. The team responded, but the patient passed away. I remember vividly experiencing that Code in a way I had never done before. Today was similar.

When you work in any setting, you can become accustomed to the surroundings. Whether you are a coal miner, lion tamer, soldier, septic cleaner, mother of small children or race car driver, with time you adapt to your environment and are able to block out the fears, discomforts, smells and other stimuli to focus on the task at hand.

This happens with health care workers, too. It does not take long to adapt your emotional sensitivity in a way that enables you to tone down your emotional responses so that you can accomplish the task of caring for a patient.

Today, as I encountered each of the patients, I wasn't there as a therapist. I was there as a friend, and in that role, my emotional sensitivity was different. As I was leaving the floor, I recall feeling somewhat overwhelmed by the suffering, fear and grief being experienced by others.

However, I think it was not

just what these six were experiencing. I think, at that moment, I realized how emotionally desensitized I can be on a daily basis. I also realized that, in that state of increased emotional sensitivity, if I were to go into 200 more rooms, I would likely encounter equal amounts of pain and fear in a very high percentage of the rooms. There's no denying, this world has plenty of pain and fear to dish out.

Going forward, I hope that this experience transforms me a bit when I am functioning as a therapist. I hope that it helps transform me in my non-work life, too. I believe that the experience that I had following my dad's death changed me, at least for a while.

As far as how this applies to your health and wellness ... I guess that's really up to you. What I take from it all is this. It would appear to me, that people, on the whole, have become desensitized to so much. One cause of this is that there is a wealth of pain, fear and hopelessness that surrounds us today. If you were to spend 10 minutes worrying about each sad story around you, you would accomplish nothing each day, and be an emotional wreck. Based upon today's experiences, there are some positive things that you can do to make a difference, however.

My response to each of the six patients' needs was not earth shattering by any means. I merely offered my time to each of them. I sat with them. I listened. I held their hand. I got them some fresh water. I got them a Kleenex. I accepted invi-

tations to pray for them. I informed nursing of their needs. I found out about their interests. I sought ways to be useful to them. I allowed myself to be human. I clearly recognized them, in my heart and mind, as human.

Making a positive difference in the lives around you can be amazingly simple. First, find a way to look around you with a fresh perspective, and be sensitive to the needs and concerns of others from their point of view instead of your own. Second, offer a little of your time. You don't have to do anything spectacular. Maybe just listening could make all the difference in the world. Lastly, allow yourself to be a human connecting with other humans. It could make a difference.

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Diva

at your house. Decorate them together, take pictures of the fun then make some hot cocoa, sit down and enjoy your company and cookies.

You've just made a terrific memory! The burden of the cost of making all those cookies has been effectively spread out; everyone had a good dose of holiday cheer and got to take home a souvenir, too!

Speaking of sugar cookies. Here are the ones I make every year. Enjoy!

Sugar Cookies

Makes about 3 dozen cookies, depending on the size of your cookie cutters

2 sticks unsalted butter (room temperature)

2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
4 1/2 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Add eggs and mix again. Now add milk and vanilla, mixing one more time.

In another bowl, sift together the dry ingredients. Add this to the wet ingredients 1 cup at a time, mixing well after each addition. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and chill for at least an hour.

When it's baking time, pre-

heat oven to 375 degrees. Divide dough into fourths, and work with one piece at a time. Roll out dough onto a floured countertop and cut out with

your favorite cookie cutters. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, cool on racks before decorating.

Sugar Cookie Icing

1 cup confectioners sugar

1 egg white

Mix sugar and egg white together to make a stiff icing. If you prefer, you may use powdered egg white instead;

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read directions on the label to reconstitute and use in lieu of the egg white. Add food coloring to create as many colors as you want!



After having over 10 inches cut from her hair, Amanda Jude brought the bountiful braid to the post office to be mailed to Locks of Love.

Locks

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from an auto-immune condition called alopecia areata, for which there is no known cause or cure. Others have suffered severe burns, or endured radiation treatment to the brain stem, in addition to many other dermatologic conditions that result in permanent hair loss.

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son from Locks of Love, thousands of bundles of donated hair arrive as a result of the internet and word of mouth, as well as publicity from newspapers, magazines, and television programs.

For more information on Locks of Love and how to donate hair, visit <http://www.locksoflove.com>.

Goodwill Industries of Ky. no longer accepting donations of used TVs, computers

LOUISVILLE — Goodwill Industries of Kentucky has identified alternate locations for donors who wish to recycle used televisions and computer equipment.

Accepting televisions and computers has become cost-prohibitive for Goodwill, and therefore, effective this week, the agency will no longer accept these items.

Goodwill collects and then sells donated items to provide employment and job training for people with disabilities or other disadvantages. When Goodwill cannot resell items, it must recycle or dispose of them in an environmentally-responsible way, a task that has grown increasingly expensive.

"As much as Goodwill

would like to accept every item our donors want to give, we have found that there is little demand for used computer equipment and television sets," said Roland R. Blahnik, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Kentucky. "It costs Goodwill more to dispose of computers and televisions than can be generated by selling them, thus draining valuable resources from our mission to help people with disabilities or other disadvantages gain jobs and a better quality of life."

Donors seeking alternate recycling sites can visit Goodwill Industries of Kentucky's website at www.goodwillky.org or www.earth911.org to find a location near them.

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Bentley provides spark for Centre

Floyd native finishes with 11 points, four rebounds, three assists in win over Berea

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DANVILLE – Playing for the first time in over a week, the Centre College men's basketball team allowed a season-low 22.1-percent opponent shooting percentage in a 74-44 win over Berea College Monday in Alumni Gymnasium.

With the win, Centre remains unbeaten against Berea during the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) era at 10-0 and improves to 3-1 overall this season. The loss dropped the Mountaineers to 4-3.

The two teams exchanged a pair of three-pointers each for a 6-6 score, but three-pointers by seniors Kris Bentley (Pikeville) and Ryan Crowdis (Louisville) gave Centre a 12-6 lead it would not relinquish. Bentley, a Floyd County native, came to Centre College from Shelby Valley High School.

The Colonels pushed the lead to 11 points (25-14) and then to 14

points (30-16) before Berea cut the lead to nine points (34-25) at the half.

Centre opened the second half with a 19-5 run to take a 22-point lead and would extend the lead to as many as 35 points (72-37) before finishing with the 30-point victory.

The Colonels shot 44.1-percent (26-59) on the evening while limiting Berea to only 15 of 68 from the floor, including only 5-29 (17.2-percent) from beyond the three-point arc.

Senior guard T.C. Thomason (Russellville) led all scorers with 14 points. He also had four

rebounds and three assists. Crowdis finished with 12 points and four assists, while Bentley added 11 points, four rebounds and three assists in the win.

Cody Hornsby led the Mountaineers with eight points and five rebounds. Charles Wandera scored six points and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds in a losing effort.

Centre will return to action tonight with its first SCAC contest against Sewanee-University of the South. The game will be played as part of a men's/women's double-header and is set to start at 6 p.m. CST in Sewanee, Tenn.



MINERS OPEN TRAINING CAMP
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Belfry-Breathitt: Mountain football at its very best

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Tonight on Pond Creek, the renewal of one of the mountain's best rivalries will be held as Breathitt County visits Belfry. Trust me when I tell you, there's not a whole lot of love

lost between those fan bases.

Anytime the subject of Breathitt football comes up it always

brings to mind my late friend Brad Lockard. Brad was from Jackson, but to my knowledge, no one who ever met him held it against him.

Brad was a football guy through and through, and had a passion for Breathitt football. With that comes a fair amount of hatred for the color red, particularly the Angry Red of Belfry. So imagine how he felt when he was hired as a sportswriter at Belfry's hometown newspaper, the Appalachian News-Express.

The thing about Brad – should I say, one of the many things about Brad – was that he was nothing if not open minded. He could see the view from both sides clearly, even if he was certain upon which side he stood.

Brad was hired, if memory serves, either at the beginning or in the midst of football season, and if you write sports around here, it won't take you long during football season to find your way to Pond Creek. At the time, that meant a journey into Death Valley, venerable old Vipperman Stadium.

That hallowed ground was named for Al "Bearmeat" Vipperman, the legendary coach of the Pirates. I was never fortunate enough to meet Coach Vipperman, and barely knew the man who followed him, Dick Roddy.

But I can say honestly that I know pretty well Philip Haywood, the current legend of a coach at Belfry, and before long, so did Brad.

It's always dangerous to speak for everyone, so I'll stop shy of that. But let me say I don't know anyone who doesn't hold Haywood in a high regard. Most who know him love him, and soon, the same was true for a certain sportswriter from Jackson.

Brad and I had many long, intimate conversations in the short time we knew each other. We also had many useless ones, or at least ones most people would see as a waste of time. There were times that he and I would have email threads that lasted more than a week that contained nothing but back-and-

(See FOOTBALL, page two)

RAIDER BALL RETURNS



photos by Greg Moore
SOUTH FLOYD broke the century mark Monday in a big win over Riverside Christian. The Raiders will play on the road tonight at Johnson Central. Above: Senior forward Chris Gibson (34) went up for a shot. Right: Brandon Marson (23) lofted a field goal attempt. A schedule of the upcoming games for the South Floyd boys' basketball team follows.

SOUTH FLOYD RAIDERS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Dec. 5 at Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6 at Knott County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9 at Jackson City, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 12 Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16 at Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19 Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.



photo by Jamie Howell
ALLEN CENTRAL AND WESLEY CHRISTIAN met earlier in the week in the Shag Campbell Tournament at Allen. More on the latest Shag Campbell Tournament will appear in Sunday's edition.



Rebels start slow, fall to Pike County Central in opener

Logan Crowder nets 21 in Allen Central setback

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK – Michael Thompson scored 21 points and Cory Tackett added 14 to lead host

Pike County Central past Allen Central 80-55 Tuesday night in a season-opener for both teams.

Pike County Central catapulted out in front and never looked back en route to the convincing victory.

Logan Crowder scored 21 points and led Allen Central. His twin brother, Hunter Crowder, scored 11 points in the loss. Josh Prater scored seven points and Chris Stumbo chipped in five. Seven different Allen Central players scored.

"We are still just trying to figure

out our identity while we try to mix in some young inexperienced players with the ones that have been down the regular season road," said first-year Allen Central Coach Mark Martin. "Getting down early put us in a tough situation and no doubt their pressure hurt us. It's evident that as of now we are lacking a floor leader. Again, with a new system and inexperience at the guard positions we are going to struggle early

on."

An Allen Central alumnus, Martin took over the Rebels basketball program following the departure of legendary head coach Johnny Martin. Mark Martin is the former Allen Central girls' basketball coach.

Allen Central (0-1) was minus some key players during the preseason following a postseason run from the AC football team.

Bobcats defend Dome floor, defeat Magoffin

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE – The Betsy Layne Bobcats opened the season victorious Tuesday night in a non-district matchup versus Magoffin County. Junior Newsome was not to be denied a win in his first game of a second stint as Betsy Layne boys' basketball coach.

The Bobcats scored 23 points in the fourth quarter en route to a 66-59 win.

Jordan Newman and Nathan Martin paced Betsy Layne in the scoring column with 17 points apiece. Nine different Betsy Layne players scored in the opening game triumph.

Early on, Betsy Layne was able to stay out in front of the Hornets. The Bobcats led 14-10 when the first quarter closed. Despite owning a 10-point lead (34-24) at the intermission, Betsy Layne had to battle to prevail in the second half.

Magoffin County owned the third quarter, outscoring Betsy Layne 19-9. But the Bobcats saved their best offensive output for last. Betsy Layne outscored Magoffin County 23-16 in the final quarter.

Senior forward Steven Lemaster led Magoffin County. Lemaster, a player who first emerged for the Magoffin County varsity team as a sophomore, netted a game-high 23 points in his senior debut. Senior guard Zach Sparks followed with 14 points. Sparks, one of four returning starters for the Hornets, pushed in 14 points. Ryan Hall had 12 points as the Hornets stumbled in the season opener. Jon Shepherd scored eight points for Magoffin County, concluding the contest one field goal shy of double figures. Travis Carty finished with two points in the first Magoffin County boys' basketball game of the 2008-09 season.

Cordia turns back Raiders

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CORDIA – Senior forward Tyler Slone scored 18 points Tuesday night as host Cordia handled South Floyd. The Lions, facing South Floyd in their season-opener, won 64-53.

Nathaniel Everage netted 14 points and Roscoe Montgomery added 11. Martin Combs tossed in nine points to help Cordia claim the win.

The Lions were out in front 14-4 at the end of the opening quarter. Cordia built on a 26-22 halftime lead throughout the second half and eventually pulled out in front for good.

For a second straight game, Shannon Turner led the Raiders in scoring. Turner finished with a game-high 20 points. Tommy Joe Hall scored nine points and Dylan Langdon dumped in seven for the Raiders. Corey Paige and Brandon Marson scored six points apiece for the visiting South Floyd team. Dakota Hall and Matt Tackett aided the South Floyd scoring effort with three and two points, respectively.

**HIGH SCHOOL
BASKETBALL POLLS**

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High School Football Schedule

Tonight's Games

Class A State Semifinals
Crittenden County at Beechwood, 7:30 p.m.
Lexington Christian at Hazard, 7:30 p.m.

Class 2A State Semifinals
Newport Central Catholic at Corbin, 7:30 p.m.
Fort Campbell at Monroe County, 7:30 p.m.

Class 3A State Semifinals
Breathitt County at Belfry, 7:30 p.m.
Union County at Central, 7:30 p.m.

Class 4A State Semifinals
Boyle County at Bell County, 7:30 p.m.
Calloway County at Bullitt East, 7:30 p.m.

Class 5A State Semifinals
Christian County at John Hardin, 7:30 p.m.
Highlands at Whitley County, 7:30 p.m.

Class 6A State Semifinals
Simon Kenton at Male, 7:30 p.m.
Trinity (Louisville) at St. Xavier, 7:30 p.m.

High School Basketball

Bluegrasspreps.com Boys' Basketball Poll

1. Scott County
2. Holmes
3. Jeffersontown
4. Elliott County
5. Ballard
6. Dupont Manual
7. Paul Dunbar
8. Corbin
9. George Rogers Clark
10. Hazard
11. Christian County
12. Lexington Catholic
13. Warren Central
14. Shelby Valley
15. Fairdale
16. North Hardin
17. Mason County
18. Owensboro
19. Bryan Station
20. Male

Bluegrasspreps.com Girls' Basketball Poll

1. Iroquois
2. Dupont Manual
3. Butler
4. Elizabethtown
5. Franklin-Simpson
6. Paul Dunbar
7. North Hardin
8. Montgomery County
9. Southwestern
10. Henderson County
11. Lexington Christian
12. Ohio County
13. Lexington Catholic
14. Johnson Central
15. Highlands
16. Breathitt County
17. Mercy
18. Rockcastle County
19. Marshall County
20. Nelson County

Football

forth quotes from our favorite movie, "O Brother, Where Art Thou."

Let's just say we knew each other and we loved each other.

And it wasn't long before he told me that while many people he knew didn't understand it - some even considering him a traitor - he too had seen the glory that is Belfry football. He grew passionate about it and came to cherish those Friday nights on the hard ground of Vipperman Stadium.

I'll also tell you there was one meeting of the Bobcats and Pirates in Jackson that saw a controversial call go the way of the home team in the waning seconds. In our next conversation, both Brad and the guy he called Cousin David - former News-

Express Editor David Gross - told me the play happened directly in front of them, and let's just say they saw things a little differently than the officials who worked the game.

Brad and I bonded over many things. We loved the Cats, the Atlanta Braves and Pikeville College. Brad was the sportswriter who covered our marvelous run to the national semifinals in 2001. Another thing we loved to talk about was the brilliance of Coach Haywood's running attack and all things Belfry football.

Tonight, the Bobcats and Bucs will meet again, once again with a trip to the state finals on the line. There'll be no crying about field conditions this time, as it will be played on the green-and-red turf of CAM Stadium, about a

mile down the road from darkened Vipperman.

I don't know if I've ever written this, but with no disrespect meant to the beautiful new complex and its naming-rights sponsor, I've never driven past Vipperman en route to CAM that I didn't get a lump in my throat. I loved that sorry old place, loved being there and hearing the roar that bounded down from those concrete bleachers every time the brilliant Steve Phillips proudly announced, "First-down ... PIRATES!" or "Another ... Pirate ... TOUCHDOWN!"

Anyway, they'll pack into CAM tonight to see which team will represent the mountains in the Triple-A title game. It'll either be the resurgent Bobcats or the experienced Pirates, and either way,

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we'll be well represented.

And somewhere beyond the Pearly Gates tonight, coaches Vipperman and Roddy and Steve Phillips will be ready to watch the game from on high. Right about kickoff, they'll hear a younger fellow clear his throat, and politely ask, "Um, fellas, care if I join you?"

And the Jackson native who came to adore Belfry football will sit with the coaches and their favorite PA announcer to enjoy a night of smash mouth football, played the way God meant it to.

While I love my life here and am in no rush to see it end, I don't mind telling you I'd like to join that foursome for a few hours tonight.

It, just like the game they'll watch, will be a site to behold.

Shepherd joins Wazoo Sports team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LONDON - Wazoo Sports, Inc. has announced one of their newest team members, former University of Kentucky Basketball Player and 1998 NCAA Final Four MVP, Jeff Sheppard. Sheppard will serve as Director of Sales and will be networking with businesses regionally establishing advertising partnerships and relationships.

"As a boy, I always dreamed about playing basketball for the University of Kentucky," said Sheppard. "Wazoo Sports will give the

high school student athlete the ability to turn their dreams into reality through state, regional and national exposure."

Sheppard is the founder and operator of a private label apparel company, 15inc in London, Kentucky. He is well known in Kentucky as a former member of the University of Kentucky Basketball Team from 1994 and 1998. As a Wildcat, Sheppard won two NCAA National championships in 1996 and 1998 as well as being named Most Valuable Player in 1998 during the Final Four. After his career at the University of Kentucky

Sheppard played professionally in the NBA for the Atlanta Hawks in 1999 and later played three seasons in Italy.

"We are pleased to have Jeff join the Wazoo Sports team," said Carlos 'Doc' Carpenter, President and Chief Executive Operator of Wazoo Sports. "Jeff is a well known figure in Kentucky and will be instrumental in helping us establish the Wazoo brand."

Wazoo Sports aired 120 basketball games during the 2007-2008 basketball seasons and broadcast approximately 50 high school football games during the 2008 football sea-

son. Wazoo Sports also provides unlimited ON DEMAND viewing of all their content. Using the latest in streaming and broadcast technology, Wazoo Sports delivers video content to the user over the Internet on its website at www.wazoosports.com.

Wazoo Sports, Inc is a High School Sports Broadcast Network with offices in London, Benton and Knoxville.

Online: www.wazoosports.com

CBA: Scruggs re-signs with Minot Skyrockets

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MINOT, ND - The Minot Skyrockets professional basketball organization has announced that Lee Scruggs will return for another season with the Skyrockets. Scruggs, a 6-11, 250-pound forward played with the Skyrockets last season, averaging 8.4

points, 4.8 rebounds and nearly two blocks, playing less than 20 minutes per game.

Scruggs has played well at many levels over his career. While playing his college basketball at Georgetown, Scruggs was named to the Big East All-Tournament Team. From Georgetown, he went on to two seasons in the D-

League, where he averaged 10.4 points, 5.7 rebounds, and 1.7 blocks while playing with the Asheville Altitude. Scruggs 174 blocks is the fourth most all-time in the D-League. Asheville's assistant coach at the time was current Skyrockets head coach Michael Sanders.

Scruggs left the D-League

after the 2003 season, and since then he has played everywhere from Venezuela to Finland to China, and he even made a brief stop up in Canada after the Skyrockets lost in the championship game last season. While Scruggs was with the Edmonton Chill in the IBL, he averaged 17.6 points and 9.7 rebounds.

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ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (MCA) were two of the participating teams in this year's Shag Campbell Tournament.



photo by Greg Moore/South Floyd

South Floyd dominated Riverside Christian Monday night in a season-opener.



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EK Miners season tickets still available

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — East Kentucky Miners fans still have an opportunity to secure their tickets for the 2008-09 campaign. Miners season tickets remain on sale. Tickets for the 2008-09 season went on sale Saturday, Oct. 18. East Kentucky will play 16 home games inside the state-of-the-art East Kentucky Expo Center as part of a 32-game schedule during the 2008-09 season. There's a season ticket package suitable for all fans. Four different seating levels — Courtside (\$384

Season Ticket), Sections 103-106, 118-121 (\$256 Season Ticket), Sections 101-102, 122-123, 111-113, (\$192 Season Ticket); and All Upper Arena Seats (\$105 Season Ticket) — are available. East Kentucky Miners season tickets are available through the team's office, the East Kentucky Expo Center and TicketMaster.

Fans who visited the East

Kentucky Expo Center for a Miners game during the 2007-08 season were treated to an exciting brand of basketball second to none in the Bluegrass State. The Miners led the CBA in scoring with a 111 points per game scoring average.

The Continental Basketball Association (CBA) recently announced the schedule for its 63rd season. The CBA's 63rd season is scheduled to tip off on Friday, Dec. 12. Four games are scheduled for the season's opening weekend.

The Miners will face CBA foes Albany, Lawton-Fort Sill, Minot and Pittsburgh during the upcoming season in the five-team league. The 14-week CBA season is scheduled to conclude Sunday, March 15.

The CBA Playoffs are slated to start Wednesday, March 18. East Kentucky will host Minot in its home opener Sunday, Dec. 14. The Miners will travel to rival Pittsburgh for a season opener Friday, Dec. 12.

Much excitement surrounds the 2008-09 version of the East Kentucky Miners. East Kentucky recently signed University of Kentucky legend Wayne Turner. One of the top UK players of all-time, Turner holds the NCAA record for most games played. The former Wildcat played in the NBA for the Boston Celtics — the league's most storied franchise.

East Kentucky veterans Jason McLeish and Mike Crain

and former NBA D-League player Jermaine Blackburn have also signed with the Miners. East Kentucky ended the 2007-08 regular-season 26-22. The Miners reached the playoffs in their debut season. For more information on Miners season tickets, call 606-437-9715.

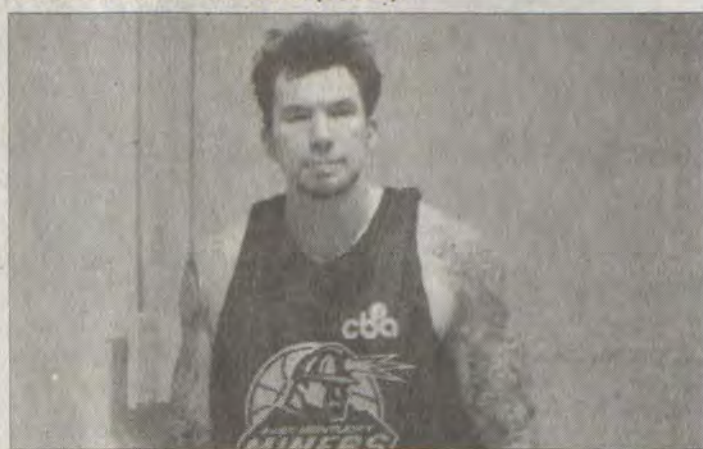
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PICTURED: Point guard Jason McLeish has made his return to Pikeville and the East Kentucky Miners organization.



photos courtesy of East Kentucky Miners
EAST KENTUCKY MINERS training camp got underway Wednesday in Pikeville. Among the new additions to the Miners roster is Joe Buck (below).



Miners open second training camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Training Camp 2008 got underway Wednesday morning for the East Kentucky Miners professional basketball team. East Kentucky, under the guidance of head coach Kevin Keathley, conducted a pair of practices on the first day of the franchise's second-ever training camp. The Miners organization is heading into its second season in the CBA (Continental Basketball Association). East Kentucky posted a 26-22 regular-season record during its debut campaign. The Miners also reached the CBA Playoffs. East Kentucky spent the off-season preparing for what promises to be an exciting 2008-09 season. Eleven players were in the Miners training camp when the second of two practices finished Wednesday night at Pikeville College.

"Overall, the first day of training camp went well," Keathley commented. "Two guys that we had planned to bring in signed overseas, so we

don't have as many in camp that we had hoped to have at this point. We still want to shore up the post. We'll be ready Dec. 14 when Minot comes to town."

The following players are in the Miners training camp: Wayne Turner, Jason McLeish, Mike Crain, Mike Dean, Galen Young, Jermaine Blackburn, Alonzo Hird, Emmanuel Little, Joe Buck, Will Holloman and Justin Taylor.

East Kentucky will host Minot in a home game Dec. 14 at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Tip-off for the East Kentucky-Minot game is slated for 4:05 p.m. Tickets for the game remain available. For more information on tickets, call the Miners office at 606/437-9715.

Attention fans: Visit the East Kentucky Miners online at www.ekminers.com.

UK freshman QB Cobb undergoes successful surgery

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky freshman quarterback/wide receiver

Randall Cobb had successful arthroscopic surgery on his left knee on

Tuesday, Coach Rich Brooks has announced.

"This will take a little longer rehabilitation than some of the cartilage repairs we've had in the past," Brooks said. "He won't practice for two-to-three weeks. I wouldn't rule him out, but he looks to be doubtful to play in the bowl game."

Cobb, who sustained the injury during Saturday's game at Tennessee, has started the

last four games at quarterback. For the season, he has completed 52 of 99 passes (52.5 percent) for 542 yards and five touchdowns. He has rushed for 316 yards and seven touchdowns. At wide receiver, he has caught 21 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns. He also is returning punts, averaging 8.4 yards per return.

Sophomore Mike Hartline is expected to return to the No. 1 quarterback position in Cobb's absence. Hartline started the first eight games of the season. He has completed 54.6 percent of his passes for 1,462 yards and eight touchdowns this year.

Horsemen to conduct tryouts Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Horsemen arenafootball2 team will be holding open tryouts on Sunday at Heritage Hall (Rupp Arena).

Tryouts will take place on a turf field; metal cleats and track spikes are prohibited, and will consist of a 40-yard dash, 20-yard shuttle, broad jump, individual position drills and one on ones. All participants should come prepared with proper attire and turf shoes. No outdoor cleats will be permitted. Camp shirts will be provided. Registration at the door will begin at 8:30 for Linemen, Fullbacks, and Mac Linebackers; which will be followed by tryouts are from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Registration for Quarterbacks, Receivers (including Tight-ends), Jack Linebackers, DBs and Safeties' will begin at 12:30 p.m. followed by tryouts beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Kicker tryouts are available only on an individual tryout basis. Kickers are not required to complete the physical tests, but will be assessed in the following: kickoffs, PAT's, field goals and onside kicks.

Registration at the door on the day of tryouts will be \$60 and must be paid for with cash, check or money order only.

For more information, directions, or to pre-register, call the Horsemen front office at 859-422-PASS, e-mail bryan@horsemenfootball.com or visit the Horsemen website at www.horsemenfootball.com.

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BAPTIST
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Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church, Mousey Ky; Worship Service, 9:30; Every third Sat. and Sun. of each month; Roger Hicks, Pastor; Ralph Howard, Asst. Pastor. Contact Kermit Newsome 606-377-6881 for more information.

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

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Church every Sun. Morning 11:00 a.m.; Wed. evening Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; First Sat. evening Service, All Welcome 7 p.m. Pastor Mark Hunt, 606-478-2698

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

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

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

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

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

Left Beaver Regular Baptist Church across from Garth School; 4th Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am, Odd Saturday 6:00 pm.; Gary Compton, Pastor.

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.

Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, (Indian Bottom Association) Services: 1st Saturday & Sunday of every month 9:30 a.m., 3rd Sunday 9:30 a.m., Odd Sunday 9:30 a.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.

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

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

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

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

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Huesville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

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

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

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

Huesville 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.; Lorie Meade, Minister.

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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.

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

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

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Family Training Hour - Thursday 7 p.m., Bill B. Tussey, Jr, Pastor

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

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

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

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Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLV (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, 147 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.; Glen "Sandy" Douglass, Rev.

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; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m.; Youth Service 6 p.m.; Rev Jim Adams, 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.

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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, 8:30 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 Santan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-8262.

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, Dwale; 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.

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

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Faith 2 Faith, Harkins Ave., West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m. Randy Hagans, Minister. 886-9460.

Faith Fellowship, Allen, Ky. Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6 p.m.; Wed, 7 p.m., Carl & Missy Woods, Pastors.

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.; Lavonna 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. 886-1



Faith and Family



Christmas in the Mountains slated for Dec. 12, 13

MOREHEAD — A warm and cozy holiday remembrance, highlighting traditional Appalachian and Celtic customs, music and dance along with regional literary works will be presented this season as the kick-off event of the

Highlands Light Opera Heritage Series. "Christmas in the Mountains" is slated for Friday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. at the McNabb Middle School theatre in Mt. Sterling and Saturday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. at the Morehead Conference

Center.

The White Horse String Band, a popular local ensemble, will be featured in the program. They will perform solo numbers and provide accompaniment for the traditional songs and dances. Familiar songs, such as Kentucky Wassail, The Cherry Tree Carol, What Wondrous Love Is This, and Brightest and Best, will be performed by the soloists and chorus of the Highlands Light Opera, directed by founder Dr. Roma Prindle.

Less familiar tunes brought

to the mountains by African-American railroad workers and mining immigrants from Italy, Germany and Yugoslavia, also will be presented. The audience will have a chance to join in a carol sing.

Several personalities will read excerpts from works focused on the region, including those of Jean Ritchie, Wendell Berry, Truman Capote and Richard Chase.

At the center of the evening will be a short mummer's play, a vestige of British heritage, practiced at one time in certain

mountain areas. It is the hope of Dr. Prindle that "Christmas in the Mountains" will become a part of the annual holiday festivities for local families.

"It will evolve from year to year, always bringing nearly forgotten family and regional customs, songs and stories to our audiences," she said.

The soloists and chorus for the program include Mallory Draughn, of Pikeville; Hillary Keese, of Belfry; Stacey Kennard, of Chillicothe, Ohio; Will Murphy, of Hawesville; Lori Patterson, of Harrodsburg; Holly Forbes, of

Greenup; Melanie Everman, of Lexington; and Emma Trick and Blake Huffaker, of Troy, Ohio;

Amy Estes, Brittany Stevens and Drake Gillaspie of Mt. Sterling; along with Rachael Fannin, Dr. Mark Minor, Amy Painter, Cameron Painter, Dr. John Secor, Steven Adams and Dustin Stevens, all of Morehead.

Admission is \$5. Tickets for the shows will be available at the door. Reservations are not necessary. More information is available by calling (606) 783-2481.

KIM'S KORNER

John 3:16

The following story has been around for quite some time now. Though the author is unknown, it sure touches and warms the heart. May it touch and warm you as well.

"A little boy was selling newspapers on the corner, the people were in and out of the cold. The little boy was so cold that he wasn't trying to sell many papers.



Kim Little Frasure

"He walked up to a policeman and said, 'Mister, you wouldn't happen to know where a poor boy could find a warm place to sleep tonight would you? You see, I sleep in a box up around the corner and down the alley and it is awful cold in there for tonight. Sure would be nice to have a warm place to stay?'"

"The policeman looked down at the little boy and said, 'You go down the street to that big white house and you knock on the door. When they come out the door you just say "John 3:16" and they will let you in.'

"So he did. He walked up the steps and knocked on the door, and a lady answered. He looked up and said, 'John 3:16.' The lady said, 'Come on in, son.'

"She took him in and she sat him down in a split bottom rocker in front of a great big old fireplace, and she went off. The boy sat there for awhile and thought to himself, 'John 3:16 ... I don't understand it, but it sure makes a cold boy warm.'

"Later she came back and asked him 'Are you hungry?' He said, 'Well, just a little. I haven't eaten in a couple of days, and I guess I could stand a little bit of food.'

"The lady took him in the kitchen and sat him down to a table full of wonderful food. He ate and ate until he couldn't eat any more.

"Then he thought to himself, 'John 3:16 ... Boy, I sure don't understand it, but it sure makes a hungry boy full.'

"She took him upstairs to a bathroom to a huge bathtub filled with warm water, and he sat there and soaked for a while.

"You know, I've not had a bath, a real bath, in my whole

life. The only bath I ever had was when I stood in front of that big old fire hydrant as they flushed it out.' As he soaked, he thought to himself, 'John 3:16 ... I sure don't understand it, but it sure makes a dirty boy clean.'

"The lady came in and got him. She took him to a room, tucked him into a big old feather bed, pulled the covers up around his neck, kissed him good night and turned out the lights. As he lay in the darkness and looked out the window at the snow coming down on that cold night, he thought to himself, 'John 3:16 ... I don't understand it, but it sure makes a

tired boy rested.'

"The next morning the lady came back up and took him down again to that same big table full of food. After he ate, she took him back to that same big old split bottom rocker in front of the fireplace and picked up a big old Bible. She sat down in front of him and looked into his young face.

"Do you understand John 3:16?" she asked gently.

"He replied, 'No, ma'am, I don't. The first time I ever heard it was last night when the policeman told me to use it.'

"She opened the Bible to John 3:16 and began to explain to him about Jesus. Right there, in front of that big old fireplace, he gave his heart and life to Jesus.

"He sat there and thought, 'John 3:16, I don't understand it, but it sure makes a lost boy feel safe.'

"You know, I have to confess I don't understand it either, how God was willing to send His Son to die for me, and how Jesus would agree to do such a thing. I don't understand the agony of the Father and every angel in heaven as they watched Jesus suffer and die. I don't understand the intense love for ME that kept Jesus on the cross till the end. I don't understand it, but it sure does make life worth living.

"John 3:16 — 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life'"

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Documentary on porn addiction among Christians premieres on ION

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — "Somebody's Daughter: A Journey to Freedom from Pornography" (www.somebodysdaughter.org) will air on the ION Television Network (formerly PAX TV) Dec. 7.

The documentary details the lives of three men and one married couple active in Christian ministry who struggled with and overcame addiction to pornography.

According to recent surveys, nearly 60 percent of Christian men and 37 percent of pastors admit to struggling with pornography. No longer just a problem for men, 35 percent of women also admit to the addiction. "Somebody's Daughter" was produced to shed light on how the \$13.3 billion pornography industry is plaguing those who profess Christianity, and to promote healing and deliverance from

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"Somebody's Daughter" was produced by Music for the Soul (musicforthesoul.org) as a DVD-CD multimedia compilation to promote healing among those struggling with pornography addiction. In addition to the television documentary, the DVD-CD includes 18 music and spoken word tracks and four music videos.

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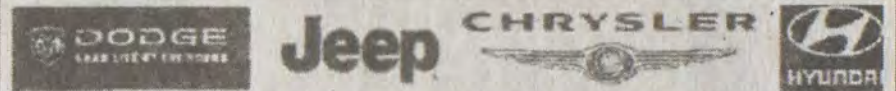
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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 350.093 notice is hereby given that AEP KENTUCKY COAL, L.L.C., 251B Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky, 41501, has applied for Phase III release on Permit Number 836-5433, which was last issued on 12/2/02. The application covers an area of approximately 4 acres, located 1 mile south of Estill, in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 0.5 mile northwest from Rt. 7 junction with KY Rt. 1086, and located 0.2 mile southwest of Right Fork of Beaver Creek.

The remaining bond in effect for 836-5433 is \$2,800. The remaining bond is being requested in the release. Reclamation work performed includes, grading and seeding, completed on 1/22/03.

Written comments, objections and requests for public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 14, 2009.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m., January 15, 2009. The Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Floyd County Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 14, 2009.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0342 NW

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560, (304) 204-1455 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.7 miles northeast of Hippo, Kentucky in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 373.34 surface acres and will underlie 4.92 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 378.31 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.8 miles south from KY 1210 junction with Alum Lick Road and located 0.2 miles southwest of Caney Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the mountaintop removal and auger methods of

surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by George Thornsby, et al, Evie Thornsby, et al, Shade and Patricia K. Pitts, Lou Ellen Pitts, et al., Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, Chris Damron, Danny Ousley, Rosie Reffitt, Craig Ousley, et al, Betty Litsey, Charles Litsey, Gordon Ousley, Donald and Brenda Ousley, Adrian Bradley, James and Rose Marie Bradley, Ronald and Jackie Bradley, Sally R. Kessie, Charles E. Bradley, Amy Bradley, Abby Bradley, Adam Bradley, Johanna L. Silveus, Kenneth Silveus, Earl and Peggy Stephens and Sianna Risner, Mont Ousley Heirs, Edward L. and Sadie Shepherd, J.T. and Anna Lea Thornsby, Phyllis Reffett, Glen Hurd-Estate, Curt and Anna Howard and Harrison D. Reffet. The operation will underlie land owned by Shade and Patricia K. Pitts, Lou Ellen Pitts, et al., Big Branch Holding Company, LLC and

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This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE

Application No. 836-0326 NW
In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120, Section 3, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, (304) 743-8617, proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 75.41 acres, located 2.5 miles northwest of Minnie, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation is located approximately 1.70 mile southwest of State Route 80's intersection with State Route 680, and is within the Turkey Creek watershed. The mine site is located at Latitude 37°29'08" and Longitude 82°47'37". Detona-

tions of explosives are proposed to occur Sunday through Saturday, sunrise to sunset, from December 15, 2008, to December 15, 2009.

Control of the blasting area will be maintained by blocking the access roads to the area at least ten (10) minutes prior to the blast. Traffic on all public roads within 800 feet of the blast site will be controlled at least ten (10) minutes prior to the blast to prevent any vehicles from entering the blasting area. Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. An authorized company representative (flagman) will check the area for unauthorized persons or property and prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons at least ten minutes prior to each detonation. The pre-detonation warning signal shall consist of one (1) minute series of long siren blasts five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal. The blast signal shall consist of a series of short siren blasts one (1) minute prior to the shot. The all-clear signal shall consist of a prolonged siren blast, following the inspection of the blast site. All roads leading to or near the blast site will remain closed until the all-clear signal is given. The warning and all-clear signal will be audible within one-half (1/2) mile from the blast point. Signs will be posted and maintained which outline the blasting schedule and the meaning of the blast warning signals.

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Roasted Turkey and Pan Gravy

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Prep: 15 minutes
Cook: 3 hours, 30 minutes
Makes: 6 servings

- 1 12- to 14-pound turkey
- 1 3/4 cups *Swanson* Chicken Stock
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1. Remove package of giblets and neck from turkey cavity. Rinse turkey with cold water and pat dry with a paper towel. Tie ends of drumsticks together.

2. Place turkey, breast side-up, on a rack in shallow roasting pan. Brush turkey with stock. Insert meat thermometer into thickest part of the meat, making sure thermometer is not touching bone.
3. Roast at 325°F for 3 to 3 1/2 hours or until thermometer reads 180°F and drumstick moves easily, basting occasionally with stock. Begin checking for doneness after 2 1/2 hours of cooking time. Let stand for 10 minutes.
4. Remove turkey from roasting pan. Pour off any fat. Stir stock and flour in a small bowl until mixture is smooth. Stir stock mixture in pan. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture boils and thickens. Season to taste. Serve with the turkey.

Moist and Savory Stuffing

Prep: 20 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes
Makes: 11 servings

- 2 1/2 cups *Swanson* Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)
- 2 stalks celery, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 package (16 ounces) *Pepperidge Farm* Herb Seasoned Stuffing

1. Heat broth, celery and onion in 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add stuffing and mix lightly.
2. Spoon stuffing mixture into greased 3-quart casserole dish. Cover and bake at 350°F for 30 minutes or until hot.

For crunchier stuffing, bake the casserole uncovered.

Green Bean Casserole

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Prep: 10 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes
Makes: 12 servings

- 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) *Campbell's* Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or 25% Less Sodium)
- 1 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 bags (about 16 ounces each) frozen cut green beans, cooked and drained
- 1 can (6 ounces) french fried onions (2 2/3 cups)

1. Stir soup, milk, soy sauce, pepper, beans and 1 1/3 cups onions in a 3-quart casserole.
2. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until the bean mixture is hot and bubbling. Stir bean mixture and top with remaining onions.
3. Bake for 5 minutes or until the onions are golden brown.

Moist and Savory Stuffing

Creamy Corn Pudding

Prep: 10 minutes
Bake: 35 minutes
Makes: 6 servings

- Butter
- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) *Campbell's* Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup (Regular or 98% Fat Free)
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 can (16 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
- 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives

1. Heat the oven to 350°F. Grease 1 1/2-quart casserole with butter.
2. Beat soup, milk and eggs with a whisk or fork in medium bowl. Stir in corn, cornmeal, cheese and chives. Pour soup mixture into prepared casserole.
3. Bake for 35 minutes or until puffed and golden brown.

Chocolate Pirouette Crusted Cake

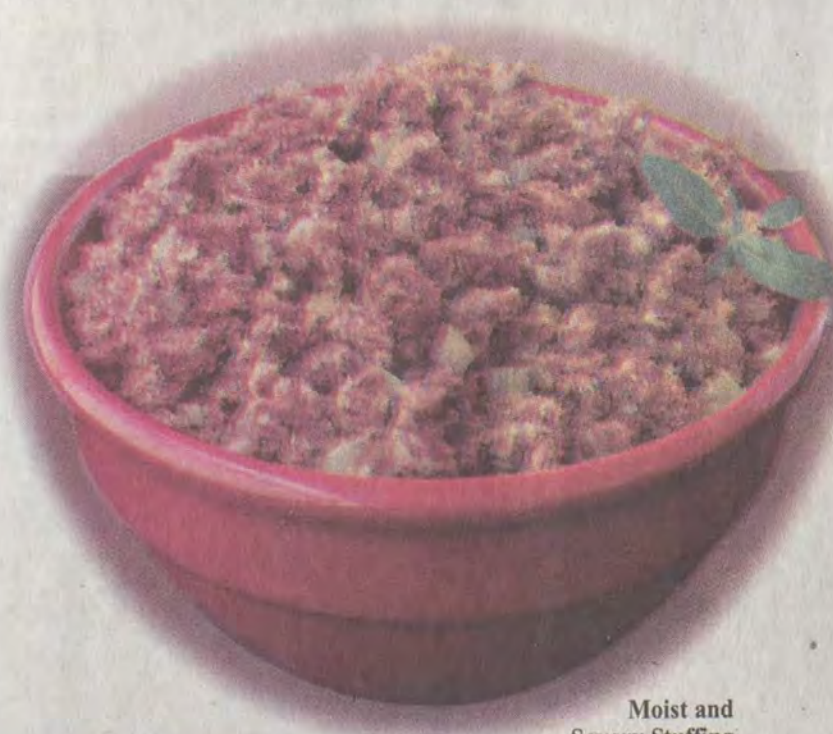
Prep: 10 minutes
Thaw: 2 hours
Makes: 8 servings

- 1 box (19.6 ounces) *Pepperidge Farm* Chocolate Fudge 3 Layer Cake
- 1/2 of a 13.5 ounce canister *Pepperidge Farm* Chocolate Hazelnut Crème-filled Pirouettes (about 18)

1. Thaw cake according to package directions. Place on a serving dish.
2. Cut cookies into 2 1/2-inch-long pieces. Place cookies upright, side-by-side, all around edge of cake, pressing gently into the frosting. Place any remaining cookies on top of cake. Serve immediately.

Tip: This cake can be prepared up to 2 days ahead and stored in the refrigerator.

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TOMORROW'S LEADERS

DECEMBER 2008



The Times

'No Excuses — Go to School' poster contest winners announced

Three Floyd county students have been declared winners of the Floyd County Public School's No Excuses-Go to School district poster contest. The goal of the poster contest is to raise awareness and promote student attendance as students participate in the creation of student-designed

posters that focus on attendance using the No Excuses — Go to School theme. Students from elementary, middle and high schools participated in the contest. Each participating school selected one school winner that was sent to the central office for judging. The winners from each

division are:

- Elementary - Cheyenne Taylor, 4th Grade, Duff Elementary
 - Middle - Randi Holbrook, 7th Grade, South Floyd Middle School
 - High - Cody Gross, 11th Grade, Betsy Layne High School
- Additionally, the winning poster

drawings/artwork will be used for the attendance campaign in district communications and events. The student winners will have the honor of their artwork representing the district's attendance campaign for all students. Large posters of the winning artwork will be placed on display at area

schools. The three selected district winners will be recognized at the Dec. 15 Floyd County Board meeting and presented with a \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Card donated by Walmart. The District level runners-up will receive a certificate of commendation from the Superintendent.

DUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Duff Elementary honor roll

Mrs. Martin's 4th Grade
4.0
Hannah Halbert
Alexis Hall
Cheyenne Taylor

3.0-3.99
Taylor Castle
Sam Conley
Tylen Conley
Leanna Martin
Katleyn Poston
Carina Robinson
Erick Robinson
Ashley Salisbury
Thomas Salisbury

Brodey Smith
Karissa Wallen
Matthew Wright

Mrs. Ratliff's 4th Grade
4.0
Kaley Bates
Jackson Dye

3.0-3.99
Jesse Brown
Kelsey Chaffins
Alicia Conley
Daniel Conley
Byron Cox
Morgan Dekok

Hope Dye
Amy Howell
Jordan Hughes
Mashayla Jackson
Jakob Kendrick
Aaron Martin
Matthew Patton
Eric Shepherd
Bailey Slone
Robert Slone
Sammy Slone
Tabitha Collins

Mrs. Case's 5th Grade
4.0
Matthew Combs

Sarah Grindrod

3.0-3.99
Ethan Caudill
Briana Conley
Joshua Grindrod
Austin Howell
J.T. Layne
Chase Martin
Faith Mitchell
Adam Nalle
Devin Patton
Whitney Shepherd
Kane Taylor
Layton Terry

Mrs. Gibson's 5th Grade
3.0-3.99

Alex Allen
Rachael Bailey
Trent Boling
Cheyenne Combs
Logan Conley
Emily Dalton
Rico Dominguez
Monica Duff
Shawna Dye
Ashley Hall
Courtney Henson
Trevor Varney
R.J. Wallen

MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



MCA receives new flags from American Legion Post 0283 of Martin

American Legion Post 0283 in Martin, Kentucky has provided new American flags for the Mountain Christian Academy classrooms and the administration office. Madison Martin (left), Post Commander and Robert L. Salisbury (right), 10th District Commander presented the flags to Sister Judy Yunker (center), Associate Dean of Mountain Christian Academy, on Nov. 4.

Mountain Christian Academy thanks the American Legion Post 0283 for their gift of the American flags. The flags will be used to educate students about the proper care and respect for an American flag.

To learn more about Mountain Christian Academy's unique mission "to provide quality education in a Christian environment" contact, David Aker, Dean or Judy Yunker, Associate Dean at (606) 285-5141.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



John M. Stumbo Elementary hosted a "Get Ready To Read!" night for Head Start students currently 4 years old. "Get Ready To Read!" is a national initiative to build the early literacy skills of preschool-age children. Stumbo parents and students spent the evening exploring skill building activities and resources. GRTR's program vision is that all preschool children will have the skills they need to learn to read when they enter school. For more information visit the website www.getreadytoread.org.



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FILLING A NEED

Opportunities Unlimited held its annual blood drive on Monday, Oct. 20. The event was scheduled by teacher Debbie Kidd with the Kentucky Blood Center. The drive collected 28 units of blood, which can help save 84 lives. Thanks to all the staff, students, and community members who participated.



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