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Tuttle indicted for murder of brother

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

According to police Terry Tuttle became upset when his brother borrowed his truck without permission. The argument escalated and David Tuttle was shot in the head with a pistol.

PRESTONSBURG — A McDowell man arrested on an assault charge following the fatal shooting of his brother in late November was indicted on one count of murder by a Floyd County grand jury Thursday.

The single-count indictment was returned following a presentation from Pike County Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley. Bartley was appointed as special prosecutor in the case by the state after Floyd County

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner cited a conflict of interest in the case.

"The grand jury returned the indictment to (Floyd County Circuit) Judge John David Caudill late yesterday charging Terry Tuttle with murder in relation to the death of his brother,"

Bartley said Friday.

Tuttle was originally charged with first-degree assault, but after his brother, 43-year-old David Tuttle, later died of a gunshot wound to the head, Bartley said the murder charge then became a possibility.

In addition to Bartley's presentation

to the grand jury Thursday, others were present to offer testimony in the case. Among those offering testimony were Kentucky State Police Det. B.J. Caudill, who led the initial investigation that started in November, and also from Karen Tuttle, David Tuttle's widow.

The events leading up to Tuttle's indictment began with an argument between the two brothers at their mother's apartment at Hope Hills, a housing unit for the elderly located near McDowell.

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In brief
Man refuse remove scuffle follows

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The alleged refusal of an East Point man to remove his hat at the Heritage House led to a scuffle with security and a Prestonsburg police officer over the weekend.

Roger George, 47, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place, third-degree criminal trespassing, second-degree disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

According to the police report, George was at the Heritage House in Prestonsburg when he was asked by security to remove his hat. George allegedly cursed security, prompting them to contact a police officer in an attempt to get the situation under control.

After refusing to remove his hat a second time, the officer asked George to step out in the lobby or outside of the facility and speak with him. According to the report, George told the officer that he "wasn't going anywhere" and reportedly became combative and started fighting with the officer, with both of them falling to the floor.

During the confrontation, George was allegedly screaming and cursing repeatedly while threatening to sue the officer.

George was reportedly asked to leave the bar several times by security and at least four times by the officer before he was placed under arrest.

Wintery weather weekend



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Winter weather blanketed the mountains of Floyd County with snow on Friday and caused treacherous driving conditions in the early morning hours. Temperatures are expected to rise by Monday and rain is predicted for most of the week, with a high of 54 degrees on Wednesday.



Drug court funding gets OK

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Since working diligently to see a drug court established in Floyd County four years ago, Floyd County District Court Judge Eric D. Hall has graduated class after class and continues the work started at that time.

However, the drug court has, like many organizations, been battling for funding and have now received the promise of help from county officials for that need.

Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court have approved \$50,000 in funding to the local drug court from coal severance tax money, stipulating that the money will be in hand to be provided as funds become available.

In the meantime, District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens has in the past several meetings of the court discussed with fellow county officials a plan to somehow find the means to provide the court with smaller stipends when possible to curb costs until the \$50,000 arrives.

"I just wanted to mention again about maybe getting them some money of some kind while they're waiting on this," said Owens, who has advocated the measure often over the course of the last few months.

Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall and others on the fiscal court have agreed with Owens, saying there have been discussions with Hall to find ways of perhaps helping during the wait for coal severance money.

"We may help with emergency funds in small amounts in the meantime," Marshall said. "We just can't say when the money will be here from Frankfort."

The funding would be focused on drug rehabilitation projects with the drug court, according to a resolution presented by the fiscal court.

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Alleged murderers plead not guilty

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

HINDMAN — The three Hueysville residents charged in connection with the death of Gregory Allen "Google" Shepherd last month pleaded not guilty to complicity to commit murder in Knott Circuit Court on Thursday.

Tommy A. Crum, 20, Susan L. Morgan, 41, and Tina L. Adkins, 33, all of Hueysville, were arrested after police interviewed them as part of the missing person investigation involving Shepherd. The three sus-



Crum



Morgan



Adkins

pects allegedly agreed to give the location of the body, and led officers to Shepherd's body in the Elk View Point area of Knott County.

Shepherd, 38, was reported missing by his family last

month after he returned home from a hunting trip and got in an argument before leaving again.

Police officers located Shepherd's body in Knott County on an ATV trail five days later.

According to police, Shepherd's body showed multiple signs of trauma and possible stab wounds.

Crum, Morgan, and Adkins were indicted in Knott County on the charges of conspiracy to commit murder on Nov. 24 and were transferred to the Perry County Detention Center with bonds being set at \$1 million for each.

A motion to lower the bond for Tommy Crum on Thursday was denied.

The three alleged murder conspirators are scheduled to return to court on Feb. 20.

School district, health department make flu shots available to students

FOR THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES

Superintendent Henry Webb is pleased to announce that Floyd County School District in cooperation with the Floyd County Health Department is making available an opportunity for students to receive flu shots at their local schools. The week of Dec. 8 to 14 marks the third annual National Influenza Vaccination Week that takes place nationwide. The purpose

is to remind those who have not been vaccinated that there is still time to do so and that vaccine is still available.

This year Floyd County School District will be supporting this opportunity for student vaccinations with flu shot clinics, made available by the Floyd County Health Department, which will be offered in each school during the period of December 15-17, 2008.

The Floyd County Health

Department will bill Medicaid; all other students will be asked to pay \$10 for the cost of the immunization. No child will be denied a flu shot because of payment. Children under 35 months of age cannot get a shot at school. It is recommended that children 3 years to 8 years of age take another shot in 4-6 weeks if they did not take a flu shot last year. The schedule is:

* Monday Dec. 15 from 8:30-11 a.m. at Allen

Elementary, Adams Middle School, Betsy Layne Elementary, Duff/Allen Central Middle and Prestonsburg Elementary.

* Monday Dec. 15 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Betsy Layne HS. Prestonsburg HS.

* Tuesday Dec. 16 from 8:30-11 am May Valley Elementary, Osborne Elementary

* Tuesday Dec. 16 from 1:30-3:30 Allen Central HS, South

Floyd Middle and High School

* Wednesday Dec. 17 from 8:30-11:00 a.m. McDowell Elementary, Opportunities Unlimited and Stumbo Elementary

Parents must be present and sign a consent form before the shot will be given and should call the school to make an appointment. For more information, contact the Floyd County Health Department at 886-2788.

FORECAST

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Ida Rogers Akers, 94, of Toler Creek, Harold, died Monday, December 8, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sylvia Bon Cooley, 82, of Jonesboro, Arkansas and formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, December 9, at the Craighead County Nursing Center in Jonesboro. Graveside funeral services were held Saturday, December 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

John Coleman Jr., 52, of Wecksbury, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the McDowell Hospital. He is survived by his wife Betty Hughes Coleman. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Dec. 9, under the direction of the Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

Darrell Scott Damron II, 20, of McDowell, died Thursday, December 4, in Richmond Hill, Georgia. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Marion Cecil Goble, 89, of Mansfield, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, November 22, at his home in Mansfield, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Lena (Harless) Goble. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 25, under the direction of Barkdull Funeral Home, Shelby.

Edna Hammons, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, December 8, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ernest (Ernie) Johnson, 47, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, December 10, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 13, under the direc-

tion of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ethel Marshall Lovely, 94, of Hucysville, died Monday, November 24. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Edith Mae Miller, 92, a Floyd County native, formerly of Claypool, Indiana, died Tuesday, December 9, at the Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 11, under the direction of DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, Indiana.

Robert Steven Miller, 45, of Martin, died Wednesday, December 10, in Martin. He is survived by his wife, Debra Bailey Miller. Funeral services will be held Sunday, December 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Larry Lawrence Mitchell, 65, of Bartlett, Illinois, a McDowell native, died Monday, December 1, at St. Alexius Medical Center, Hoffman Estates, Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Margie Isaac Mitchell. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Vernon Patton, 52, of Lawrenceburg, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, December 5, in Woodford County, from injuries received in an auto accident on I-64. He is survived by his wife, Blanche Clay Patton. Services were held Tuesday, December 9, under the direction of Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home.

Paul David Shepherd, 44, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, December 7, at Bad Cannstaff, Germany. He is survived by his wife, Jessica Holbrook Shepherd. Funeral services will be held Friday, December

12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruth Slone, 66, of McDowell, died Wednesday, December 10, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services will be held Sunday, December 14, at 11 a.m., at Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, in Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John Samuel (Dick) Wohlford, 81, of Martin, died Friday, December 5, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Rosa Patton Wohlford. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Beau Zachariah Caudill, 6, son of Christian Caudill and Toni Holland Caudill, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, December 10, in Pikeville, the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 13, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Ernest "Ernie" Johnson, 47, of Pikeville, a native of Martin, died Wednesday, December 10, at Pikeville Medical Center, the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

William Henry Matthew, M.D., 65, of Pikeville, died Thursday, December 11, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. He is survived by his wife, Clyda Everman Matthew. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 13, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Randy Lee "Pugs" Sparks, 42, of Rockhouse, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Dec. 7, under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home.

Willard Trilby Tackett, 74, of Virgie, died Thursday, December 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Maxie Tackett. Funeral services will be held Sunday, December 14, at 1 p.m., under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Martha Taylor, 76, of Sidney, died Wednesday, December 10, at Signature Health Care Center, Pikeville. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 13, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Lora Varney, 91, formerly of Stone, died Thursday, Dec. 4, in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 6, under the direction of the Thacker Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Elijah Collins, 73, of Pilgrim, died Wednesday, November 26. He is survived by his wife, Madgie Jude Collins. Funeral services were held Friday, November 28, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

James Everett Hale, 69, of Pilgrim, died Friday, November 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 2, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Mitchell Horn Jr., 57, of Tomahawk, died Wednesday, December 10. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Fraley Horn. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 13, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Jewell Howell, 65, of Lovely, died Sunday, November 30, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 2, under the direction of Richmond-

Callahan Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Ballard Blake Rathiff, 77, of Van Lear, died Thursday, December 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 7, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Donnal Ray Tackett, 64, of Paintsville, died Friday, December 5, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 7, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

Dicie VanHoose, 76, of Denver, died Thursday, December 4, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 7, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Halcy Penix Crum, 97, died Wednesday, November 26. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home, Louisa.

Richard Lee "Ricky" McKenzie, 57, of Louisa, died Monday, December 8, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Roberta Spence McKenzie. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Charlotte Spradlin, 53, of Louisa, died Tuesday, November 25, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Michael Spradlin. Funeral services were held Friday, November 28, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Oliver Ritchie Estep, 80, of Bulan, died Thursday, November 27, at Jackson General Hospital, Jackson, Tennessee. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Harold Vernon Honeycutt Sr., 76, of Jeffersonville, formerly of Knott County, died Monday, November 17, at home. He is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Adkins Honeycutt. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 20, under the direction of Herald and Stewart Home For Funerals of Mt. Sterling.

Burt Messer, 37, of Hindman, died Saturday, November 29, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 3, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Sheldon Mosley, 64, of Hindman, died November 27, at the Knott County Nursing Home, at Hindman. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Clyde Sturgill, 70, of Hindman, died Tuesday, November 25, at home. Funeral services were held Friday, November 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Irene Summer Turner, 68, of Danville, formerly of Sassafras, died Monday, December 1, at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center at Danville. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Glen Wallen, 60, of Mousie, died Friday, November 28, at home. Funeral services were held Monday, December 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Woodford Conley, 82, a Magoffin County native, died Tuesday, December 9, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Audrey Conley. Funeral services were held Friday, December 12, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Shirley Lafferty

Shirley Lafferty, 60, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, December 10, 2008, in Prestonsburg.

Born March 23, 1948, in Dwale, she was the daughter of the late Wayne and Pearl Vaughn Blanton. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, a former special education teachers aide at Prestonsburg Elementary School, and a member of the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis Lafferty.

Other survivors include her sons: Paul Lafferty, his wife, Teresa of Prestonsburg; Mark Lafferty, his wife Tina of Lexington; and Greg Lafferty of Winchester; a daughter, Jamie Lafferty Adkins, her husband, Aaron of Lexington; her grandchildren: Brett, Aidan, Griffin and Mason; her brothers: Billy Blanton of Prestonsburg; and Doc Blanton of Dwale; her sisters: Joan Howard of Warsaw, Indiana; Sue Slone of Pikeville; Mary Taylor of Allen; and Carol Howard of Warsaw, Indiana.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Tommy Blanton.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, December 14, at noon, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Chad Blair officiating.

Burial will be in the Jim Lafferty Cemetery, Left Fork, Bull Creek, Prestonsburg.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Leonard Roberts

Leonard Milford Roberts, 80, of Frankfort, formerly of Floyd County, died Thursday, December 11, 2008, in the Golden Living Health Care Center in Frankfort.

Born in Wayne County, on February 12, 1928, he was the

son of the late Rosecoe and Lizzie McKee Roberts. He was a retired coal miner.

Survivors include his wife, Nellie Terry Roberts; two daughters: Rita (John) Donaldson, and Clementine (Ronald) Tackett; one son, Leonard (Dotti) Roberts Jr.; two sisters: Helen Collins and Brenda Warren; four brothers: Oscar, Donald, Woody and Larry Roberts; five grandchildren: Kevin and Tony Roberts, Brian and Brent Tackett, and Lori Ann Flinner; and eight great-grandchildren, Courtney, Chad and Travis Roberts, Eddie and Hunter Flinner and Lacey, Jenna and Dylan Tackett.

Services were held in Rogers Funeral Home in Frankfort on Saturday, December 13. He was buried in the Frankfort Cemetery. (Paid obituary)

Daily Slone Robinson

Daily Slone Robinson, 90, of Lackey, died Thursday, December 11, 2008, at St. Joseph-Martin Hospital.

Born February 17, 1918, in Hollybush, she was the daughter of the late Silas and Nannie Gibson Slone. She was a mother, grandmother, a sister and a homemaker, and attended the Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was twice married, first to Claude Slone, and later to

Herbert Robinson. Both preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons and four daughters: Clyde Slone of Manchester, Indiana; Claude Jr. Slone of Lackey; Alberta Caudill, Lida Bentley, and Lora Slone, all of Lackey; and Mable Medina of Prestonsburg; three brothers and four sisters: Cash Slone of Fletcher, Ohio; Graden Slone of Nicholasville; Breman Slone of Norwalk, Ohio; Lola Caudill and Rose Dingus of Martin; Yvonne Burton of Castoria, Ohio; and Bernice Vioc of Sandusky, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a son, R.D. Slone; four brothers and four sisters: Daffy Slone, Farris Slone, Jeff Slone, Irton Slone, Lealie Caudill, Ocic Caudill, Ora Thornsberry, and Sadie Alafita; and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Monday, December 15, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Roger Hicks and Ralph Howard officiating.

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

Visitation is after noon, Saturday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks



We, the family of **Randy Dillon**, wish to express our gratitude and thanks to all the friends, family and neighbors, who sent flowers or brought food. We thank you for just being there with us at the time, in the loss of our loved one. We wish to thank Bro. George David Garrett and Bro. Gordon Fitch for their comforting words; and Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kindness. We thank you so much.

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Fiscal court OKs final funding for sewer project in Wheelwright

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — The plan is in place, and now the final round of funding has been approved for Wheelwright's sewer project.

The county gave the nod for a final round of funding in the amount of \$35,000 to US Rental & Construction, the company overseeing work for the city's sewer project, an undertaking that parallels other projects relating to city's water and sewer systems.

According to an invoice from the Frankfort-based company presented to county this week, was for \$82,217.75. The county only last month transferred \$310,000 in a series of local development grants to Wheelwright's utilities commission.

The city also has projects to improve the water system and the water plant.

Some 200 to 300 residents will benefit from these projects, seeing cleaner water and better sewer systems, according to District 3 Magistrate Donnie Daniels.

The projects will not officially get underway until next year and will carry a cost of approximately \$1.4 million.

The city has in the past

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been receiving water from mines, said Brenda Powers, who is administering the grants through the Big Sandy Area Development District.

"This is one of the few places I know of where this is being done," Powers said of using mines as a water source. "But the engineers are working on designs to provide more options for citizens."

The money received of late for the city are the result of bonds through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.

Although exact plans have not yet been detailed beyond the city's planning tables, upgrades to the water treatment plant and additions in services to Golf Hollow will make up \$1.17 million of the total project, estimated at \$1.46 million, according to Powers.



The Floyd County Fiscal Court met in special session Thursday and approved, among other business, funding for Wheelwright's water and sewer project and the Floyd County Drug Court.

Drug Court

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cal court earlier this week.

The Floyd County Drug Court was started in 2004 and has graduated seven classes. Only recently, Hall praised the most recent graduates, a class of nine people, who make up the largest class to date.

"There's nothing that comes close to drug court as far as success," Hall said at the time. "We've had zero felony convictions from the people that have graduated drug court."

Hall has often referred to those graduating from the program as "fantastic people" who are working hard to make it through what is, by design, a challenging program to begin with. The three-stage program takes an average of 15 months to complete.

And the success of drug courts also ripples statewide. Statistics show that since the programs began in 1996, there have been 2,148 participants graduate across the state.

Murder

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Det. Caudill reported following his taking custody of Terry Tuttle that the 50-year-old stated he had been "holding the gun when it went off."

The argument, according to police, apparently started after Terry Tuttle became upset when his brother borrowed his truck without permission, according to Floyd County Sheriff's Lt. Gary Tackett, one of the first officers on the scene. The argument escalated and David Tuttle was shot in the head with a pistol later taken as evidence at the scene.

Tackett and fellow officer, Floyd County Deputy Sheriff Delmas Johnson, secured the scene until state police arrived. Tackett and Johnson, reporting then that the mother of the two men had witnessed the shooting, said preliminary statements from a blood-soaked and crying Terry Tuttle saw Tuttle apparently maintaining concern for his brother shortly after the shooting.

"He just kept crying and saying that he didn't want his brother to die," Tackett said at the time.

David Tuttle was first transported to nearby McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital and then later moved to Cabell-Huntington Hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

Terry Tuttle was detained at the Floyd County Detention Center after the shooting on a \$100,000 cash bond and held on the single charge of first-degree assault. He is now free on bond, Bartley said Friday, but will be scheduled some time next week to return to court for arraignment on the murder charge.

Floyd County Bar Association gives more to food pantries than other previous years

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — An annual tradition for the Floyd County Bar Association to gather donations for local food pantries saw success that tops all previous years Friday.

Meeting at the Floyd County Justice Center, representatives from the county's 14 pantries, members of the bar association and numerous others supporters gathered to raise money and total figures.

As of Friday afternoon, bar association member John Rosenberg said donations had already exceeded \$12,000, the largest ever collected by the effort.

"This is the largest we've ever collected," Rosenberg said. "It exceeds anything we've done before."

As in previous years, the bar association as a collective entity offered a donation of \$2,500, and Rosenberg said the complete total had yet to be tallied, citing one large donation in particular that would add significantly to the already record-breaking amount.

The donations are distributed across the county's 14 food pantries.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Hurry! Hurry!

The Floyd County Times will be publishing Letters to Santa in our annual Season's Greeting Section on Friday, December 19th, 2008.

Letters will be accepted until Noon, Monday, December 16th, 2008.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

The storm at hand

There had been a sense for months that a storm was gathering over the American economy. The clouds darkened more than a year ago, when the housing market fell in on itself, followed by the implosion of investment houses such as Bear Stearns and Lehman Brothers and the serial bailouts of AIG, Citigroup and the rest.

Now, average Americans are caught in this maelstrom, too, and it looks to be a nasty one that will require a strong hand from government.

The Labor Department says non-farm payrolls plummeted 533,000 in November — the largest decline since December 1974. In just three months, the economy has shed 1.2 million jobs. The unemployment rate rose slightly to 6.7 percent, which vastly underestimates the pain; if the underemployed are counted, the rate is more than 12 percent.

Congress should craft a far-reaching economic stimulus package that President-elect Barack Obama can sign upon taking office. That package should include increased aid for food stamps and the unemployed, aid to states and generous spending on jobs-producing infrastructure projects — the roads, bridges and rail links that need to be replaced or refurbished anyway — as well as clean energy projects.

There are steps that can be taken before that. The government should move to rework the mortgages of deserving borrowers who are in trouble. A stunning 10 percent of home borrowers were either delinquent or in foreclosure in the third quarter.

And the government can set strict guidelines for the Detroit Three automakers. They likely will be back for more money in March, even after what appeared to be a deal between Congress and the White House on Monday to release \$15 billion of previously committed loans.

The government should attach real conditions to any help — not gimmicks such as demanding cuts in executive pay or the like, which do nothing to force change. Before receiving aid, the companies first should file for a prearranged bankruptcy, be required to meet higher fuel-efficiency standards and be put under an independent advisory board. Top management must go.

Obama has been cool and steady as the tempest has swirled around him. He quickly assembled an experienced team of economic advisers, forcefully advocated for a stimulus bill and sketched its broad outlines. But it will be six weeks before he takes office, and there is little else he can do but wait out the final days of a debilitated administration that even now seems to deny the seriousness of the storm at hand.

— The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



"AND THEY SAY I HAVEN'T DONE ENOUGH TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS."

— Chuck Norris

A Christmas letter from the front lines in Iraq

There's no better feeling for American military personnel in far-away lands than the one they get when they receive letters from loved ones. But this is close competition. It's an "insider" letter to you, me and all Americans from a senior officer in our armed forces on the front lines in Mosul — his third tour in Iraq.

God bless you, Capt. Bowers, and all who serve this Christmas season! — Your friend, Chuck Norris

December 2008

Dear Families, Friends and all Americans,

During this Christmas season, I would like to take the time to express my deepest thanks for your wishes, praises and concerns for our troopers here in Mosul, Iraq.

During this past week, Chuck Norris' syndicated column ("The Most Overlooked News Story of 2008") spoke of the success in Iraq, what the reality of it is, and how it is portrayed in the media. Some media outlets only portray the violence of Iraq, and that is fine, but I want to tell you that there are far more nonviolent acts than there are violent ones. There are daily meetings with local sheiks, civic leaders and politicians, as well as humanitarian aid and civil affairs missions that have helped shape

Mosul into a better place today for the civilians. Our troop has conducted more civil affairs and humanitarian aid missions during my current tour in Iraq than I can ever recall having done here in my two previous tours.

Let me be the first to tell you, as a cavalry troop commander on the ground, that we have been very successful here in Mosul. Success can be measured in many ways. I measure the success of my ground cavalry troop by the day-to-day dealings and patrols that we conduct with the Iraqi army, police and, most of all, local civilians. Since we arrived here in November 2007, we have seen a drastic difference in Mosul. When we first arrived in Mosul, there were very few Iraqi army and police units conducting operations, civilians did not move about the city freely, and most of all, the total number of daily incidents of insurgent attacks was outrageous. This is not true today.

When people traverse the city of Mosul now, they notice the number of civilians that are moving freely about the city. This is because they now feel safe and have had security provided to them by their own Iraqi security forces. Attacks are way down compared with this time last year, and now a large majority of ISF operations are being conducted joint-

ly between the Iraqi army and police. When our unit arrived in Iraq, our mission was to provide security to the civilians while at the same time ridding the city of insurgents. Although the city is not totally free of insurgents, the number of them and their

freedom to conduct attacks are severely hampered. With Iraqi army and police forces in the lead, we have been able to establish a very competent security force for Mosul. The Iraqi army and police's ability to plan and conduct operations with U.S. forces in a follow and support role has led to this success.

This aforementioned success was obviously not something that happened overnight. This success is the result of many man-hours and sacrifices made by not only our coalition force soldiers but also all Iraqi security forces. We have spent countless hours helping them to construct new traffic control points, outposts all over the city, as well as joint operations. We have also developed relationships with not only the ISF leaders but also the local leaders and civilians. They have our trust and know that the ISF will prevail in the overall mission, even after coalition forces pull out of Iraq.

This success is what I wish that everyone could see. It is not nearly as

(See NORRIS, page six)



Chuck Norris

— beyond the beltway

Can retreads get us out of this?

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

These are confusing times. Hardly a day goes by without yet another huge company getting the promise of a huge government check. Twenty-five billion here, a 100 billion there, a trillion on the way and, to paraphrase Sen. Everett Dirksen, pretty soon you're talking real money. Frankly, I don't know what real money is anymore. Just a few months ago, we were talking about the scandal of \$18 billion in wasteful earmarks. John McCain seemed to think that if we got rid of them, he could balance the budget.

Ha!

If a corporation came to Washington these days, asking for \$18 billion, it would be laughed out of town and labeled not worthy of rescue. Eighteen billion dollars is chump change, or so it seems.

The reason we're passing out all of this money we're told, is to save the economy. And Lord, does it ever need saving. If the economy were a boat, it would be the Titanic. An airship, the Hindenburg. And if it were a football team, it would be the Detroit Lions. The idea is that if we throw enough money around to enough institutions, things will get better.

(This is the famous economic theory put forth in the Bible: "Cast thy bread upon the water; for thou shalt find it after many days." As my Uncle Walt used to say: "That is also a good way to make your bread soggy.")

Will it work? I haven't the slightest idea. (I seem to have misplaced

my Nobel Prize in economics.) People who are supposed to know believe it will. Probably.

There are dissenters, of course. Rock solid free-marketeers who think that government action will simply prolong the misery rather than end it. Let the markets do their work, they say. If you need investment banks, they will rise up out of the rubble of the resulting crash.

Yeah, say the other guys, but they'll be Japanese and Chinese banks. The fear is that letting our financial system and our auto industry collapse would throw us into a Deflation, which would mean a 10-year Depression during which time our world economic leadership would become a quaint memory, like the Studebaker.

The situation is made even more confusing by the fact that we seem, at the moment, to have two presidents. Every few days, the real president, a glum-looking George W. Bush, comes out to announce that everything is going to be OK, while Hank Paulson, his Treasury Secretary, stands behind him wearing an expression that says: "Fire! Run for your lives!"

Then Barack Obama, sounding cool, calm and collected, holds a press conference announcing yet another genius pick for his Cabinet. You don't know whether to be scared or reassured.

So far, Obama's choices have gotten unqualified high marks from the people we call experts. This has been particularly true of his economic team

— Paul Volcker, Lawrence Summers, Timothy Geithner — each of whom is accustomed to being the smartest guy in the room.

I have two things to say about that:

1. I remember when President-elect George Bush announced his national security team — Dick Cheney, Don Rumsfeld, Colin Powell. A "Dream Team," the experts called it. Which is what it turned out to be, if your dreams resemble a Stephen King novel. Even geniuses can make stupid mistakes.

2. Most of his appointments so far are retreads from the Clinton administration and carry the baggage of that association. True, but that's the inevitable result of having been out in the cold for a long time. If you want experienced Democrats in your administration, the Clinton administration is the only source you can look to.

All of which gives one pause, perhaps, but not much. The important thing in any fledgling administration, and particularly one that faces such a raging sea of troubles, is to get competent people of proven ability who know the territory and can hit the ground sprinting.

That, as nearly as I can tell, is what Obama is doing.

I hope it works.

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This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

This Town—That World

That sound you heard may have been a mass sigh of relief when danger of the dam break in Johnson County passed. After all, that crisis may have served a good purpose. People were drawn closer together as they shared a common problem and the Johnson-Floyd county line was pretty well erased.

Have an idea that if you can't sympathize with people in that sort of trouble, trouble will find you.

Public Information at Frankfort has a writer whose name in the by-line should get a second glance from editors. It's Rip Rhorer.

CHANGE FOR THE WORSE

I recall the late evening, a summer or so back, when a friend, home from another state for a visit, stopped by to tell me of the wonderful feeling it was to be able to walk Prestonsburg streets at dusk, as she had, without fear of molestation. She spoke of the relief from the city, the locked doors, the watchdogs, the fear that often kept her inside. And now here, such a great feeling of security.

I regret now to tell this friend that in these few years her hometown has lost its innocence, that there are those who—gallant souls!—will attack an elderly woman for a few dollars.

"THE SEASON..."

Watt Hale called today to report on his recent visitor. Said he thought at first, it was an optical illusion but finally discovered it was nothing more harmful than Lenna Moore.

"The dog rared and pitched around somethin' fierce, but I finally got him inside," he recalled, "and after some of this and that we went into what you might call executive session. You know, the strange thing about our conversation was, we put on trial this acquaintance and that, and finally got around to you—and neither of us said anything bad about anybody."

The pause at the other end of the line indicated that Watt was still wondering about this failure of the two together to nail somebody's hide to the barn door. "Well," he concluded, "it must be the Christmas spirit that's got us."

With some effort I spare you the record of our conversation following that remark, dwelling on the delights of one log stick of peppermint candy at Christmas, and pitying the poor rich children of today who have so much on the daily menu that there's nothing

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PHOTOGRAPHY



photo by Jarrid Deaton

The photography of Brett Bentley is currently on display at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY

"I really just do it as a hobby more than anything"

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The simple family outings that made up Brett Bentley's childhood spurred his interest in photography and nature, and now his work is on display in the gallery of the Mountain Arts Center for the entirety of this month.

Brett Bentley, a resident of Allen, started his photo project as a hobby that originally grew from watching his father snap pictures during camping, hunting, and fishing trips with the family. According to his biographical information provided by the Mountain Arts Center, Bentley began taking pictures with no intent for anything more than self satisfaction and

Brett Bentley, a resident of Allen, started his photo project as a hobby that grew from watching his father snap pictures during trips with the family.

appreciation of nature itself.

"I really just do it as a hobby more than anything. As I started taking pictures, I realized that I needed to do frames, so I started making them myself," Bentley said. "I've been doing it about three years, and I really like sharing it with other people. I like to show what we have here in the Appalachians. I go out and take pic-

tures every chance I get. I mainly do landscapes, and a lot of my stuff ends up being streams and waterfalls."

For his first attempts at taking pictures after returning home from college, Bentley used the same camera that his father used in those wonderful outings that led to his interest in both nature and photography.

"You will be amazed by the artistry exhibited in each photo and how he captures the character and mood of what he sees and brings that personified image to any one who views it," said Khrys Varney, director of art education at the Mountain Arts Center. "Each photograph is like a treasured memory; something you want to think about and visit again and again."

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Payback (Straight Up: The Director's Cut)'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Most "director's cut" DVDs are just longer versions of the original film, which include extended scenes and deleted ones which usually slow the whole thing down. This DVD, however, is the real deal and offers the original version of Brian Helgeland's modern noir effort, which proved too dark for Paramount Pictures.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

The studio liked most of the film, but found it too dark so they brought in producer/star Mel Gibson, who shot 10 days of additional scenes which made the film more marketable by giving it a happy ending and a new chief villain (which created a role for Kris Kristofferson, who doesn't appear here).

This was all done with no animosity from Helgeland who owed the gig to Gibson and didn't feel the need to step in and make another version of his own film. It all worked out well, with Gibson's cut earning big bucks and now fans of the film can see the original version maintains a dark tone and offers a gritty, unhappy and very realistic finale.

The film opens with a guy named Porter (Gibson) blowing back into town after recovering from a near fatal shooting. He's no charmer and promptly grabs some cash from a homeless panhandler before picking a yuppie's pocket and maxing out his credit card. Then Porter pays a visit to his junkie wife, Lynn, and earns even fewer points by smacking her around and barely batting an eye when he finds her dead from an overdose in the morning.

Via flashbacks we learn that Porter was betrayed by Lynn and his partner Val (a smarmy Gregg Henry who went on to perfect smarmy as a small town mayor in "Slither") after robbing bag men for the Chinese mob. It was actually Lynn who shot him and one begins to understand Porter's plight.

Then you learn that Porter just wants his share of the money from the robbery and one starts to wonder how we're supposed to feel about this guy, as he is not concerned with revenge. It's this sort of moral ambiguity that probably scared off the studio but it comes off as ultra-realistic and even more satisfying.

Val turns out to be broke, as he gave all of the dough to the mob to buy his way into the organization. Porter fails to collect from the conniving Val and goes over his head (after putting a big hole in it) by approaching the mob and asking for his share

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The collection basket

by JAN K. COLLINS

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: TALES OF GOLF AND SPORT"

My mother was my dad's grand passion in life. One of my fondest childhood memories was watching my father flip on the radio each morning before he left for work, then whirl my mother around the kitchen floor in a joyous dance.

But second only to my mother in the love department was my father's

adoration of golf. My dad, a Michigan dentist named Cy Collins, cherished the game. He was a deft player, regularly shooting in the low 70s for 18 holes. He played whenever he could, at home and on vacation in Hawaii, Scotland and other locales. Golf was truly his nectar of the gods.

In the early 1980s, we began noticing the early signs of the Alzheimer's disease that eventually took his life. Dad became confused and forgetful. Though he had paid the

family bills for decades, numbers now mystified him. Once he took the family car out for a drive and became lost, stopping only when he ran out of gas many miles from home. But Dad's love of golf lived on. He couldn't remember many things, but he remembered perfectly how to play the game. His drives and his putts were as good as ever.

And this is the part of the story where Dad's love of golf and generosity of spirit converged in the most

touching way. A few years before he died in the small northern Michigan town where they had a summer home, Mom and Dad went to Sunday Mass as usual. Dad smiled and shook hands with friends and neighbors, then listened attentively to the priest's sermon. And when the collection basket was passed down his pew, Dad very deliberately reached into his pocket and placed in the basket the most precious gift he could imagine: three golf balls.



A 'burping' fuel pump is a dying fuel pump

Dear Tom and Ray:
My husband and I have been married for two months. Recently I found out that his 1997 Dodge Dakota has been having a problem. He says, "You just have to burp it sometimes." What does that actually mean? He reports that his fuel pump gets "bubbles" in it, so he bangs on the fuel tank until the fuel can run again. Last Saturday when we were running errands, it happened twice. It was very embarrassing. He was initially using a long-handled wood splitting maul, but I told him it was not a good idea, so he upgraded to a rubber mallet. Please tell me exactly how long he can get away with this before his car will blow up -- or just die. We are NOT in a financial crisis; he can purchase a new vehicle. He does not plan to have his fuel pump replaced. He says he'll drive his truck until it really dies this time. Please tell me the correct phrase other than "Not safe, honey," or "Please get a new truck." These are not working. Winter is coming -- I don't want him to freeze to death under his truck with his rubber mallet. Thankfully yours. -- Courtney

RAY: Oh, Courtney, you poor thing. You unknowingly married a cheapskate. You made the same mistake that all of my brother's ex-wives made.

TOM: The guy's trying to save a few bucks! Give him a break! What would you rather have, Courtney, a new fuel pump, or a trip to Hawaii?

RAY: How about both?
TOM: Your husband has a failing fuel pump, Courtney. It has nothing to do with bubbles. It's just dying. And sometimes, before a fuel pump dies completely, you can get it going again temporarily by hitting it.

RAY: Because the fuel pump lives in the fuel tank, he's banging the tank with a mallet to

temporarily jolt the fuel pump back to life.

TOM: But the fuel pump's days are numbered. In fact, in the time it took for your letter to get to us and for us to answer it, he already may have frozen to death under his truck. If so, disregard the rest of this answer, Courtney.

RAY: What he's doing is not terribly dangerous, as long as the wheels are chocked so he doesn't get run over.

TOM: And as long as he isn't smoking any El Productos while he's whacking the fuel tank with that wood splitter.



Lagoon

of what Val paid them.

The second-in-command takes the meeting and is sorry he did when Val opts to shoot him after learning he can't approve payback. This act insures the next guy up will approve the deal and he does after watching Porter blow a hole through his fancy alligator luggage, which prompts him to mutter, "That's just mean."

It all leads to a tense money drop sequence that finds Porter staking out a subway station and ceremoniously picking off every patron who appears to be a mobster. It's a great finale

but nobody walks away from it unscathed, which proves the adage that crime doesn't pay. Too bad the studio didn't agree because their version practically advocated violence by allowing Porter to kill the top mafia dog and walk away clean while this story ends on a more somber, yet entirely appropriate, note.

Cheers to Mel Gibson for helping this version see the light of the day. The film in all its incarnations was blessed with great work from Gibson and Henry. You also get great performances from a solid cast

that includes William DeVane and James Coburn, as mobsters, and Maria Bello, Lucy Liu and Debra Kara Unger, as a trio of tough dames right out of an old RKO gangster film.

If you like a crime drama that's lean and mean, then you have to check this one out. It's raw, dark and uncompromising, which means that, according to the studios, mass audiences could never accept it. Prove them wrong and check it out.

Best line: "You're a sadist. You lack compunction. That comes in handy." 2005, unrated.

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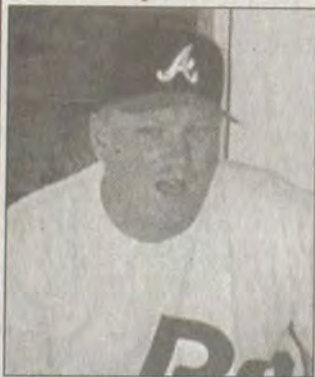
new left over to appreciate at this great season of the year.

AND SO UNROMANTIC!

For generations now, people in odd corners all over this country of ours have referred to eastern Kentucky's feuds, and have expressed some wonder about the Hatfield-McCoy differences.

After learning via TV's "60 Minutes" that Los Angeles, Calif., alone has 20,000 gang members who have feuded for two or three generations now, so long that none of the survivors know what the fighting's all about. I've decided that the famed mountain feuds were mere peccadillos and that those old boys who tried their best to kill each other off, and then buried the hatchet, set an example that some of this enlightened era might well emulate.

In Memory of Randy Dillon



Son, it has been one month—but what a long month.

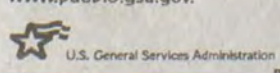
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Blackburn to participate in Daytona test session in preparation for '09

TIMES STAFF REPORT

In addition to the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, December is a busy month for the ARCA RE/MAX Series. And with the official crowning of Justin Allgaier as the 2008 ARCA RE/MAX Series driving champion earlier in the month at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, it's time to start looking ahead to the next chapter in the world of

ARCA, set to take on its 57th consecutive season of competition in 2009.

Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn will participate in ARCA testing later in the week at Daytona International Speedway.

Thoughts of Daytona are first and foremost when the focus turns to the 2009 ARCA RE/MAX Series. Since 1964, the ARCA RE/MAX Series has opened each season with Daytona International

Speedway. The 2009 season will be no exception when the 46th annual ARCA 200 at Daytona goes off live on SPEED Saturday, Feb. 7.

Actually, the 2009 season is already underway as series officials and teams prepare for the annual three-day open test at Daytona coming December 19, 20 and 21. There are already 45 entries for the test with some very interesting names on it, including Joe Gibbs Racing's

Joey Logano and five-time ARCA 200 winner Bobby Gerhart.

Past ARCA 200 winners at Daytona include Iggy Katona, Jack Bowsher, Benny Parsons, Jim Sauter, Kyle Petty, Tim Richmond, Rick Wilson, Joe Ruttman, Grant Adcox, Jimmy Horton, Jeff Purvis, Mike Wallace, Andy Hillenburg, Kenny Irwin, Ryan Newman, Kyle Busch, Gerhart and Michael Annett.



photo courtesy of Steve Blackburn Motorsports
STEVE BLACKBURN (69) is headed into a test session at famed Daytona International Speedway.

Haywood claims another coach of the year award

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY - Legendary Belfry coach Philip Haywood has claimed another coach of the year award. Haywood, who coached Belfry to another regional championship, claimed the district coach of the Year award.

Belfry senior Ivan Lee and Sheldon Clark senior Ryan Kelly were named co-players of the year.

A breakdown of the All-District team and honorable mention selections follows.

All-District - Belfry: Charlie Dotson, Andrew Elkins, Casey Whetstone, Thomas Varney, Chancey Cisco, Corey Coleman, Randy Webb, Gary Hall.

Sheldon Clark: Dustin Meade, Matt Slone, Channing Smith, Casey DeLong, Brad Stafford, Cody Slone, Roger Damron.

Pike Central: P.J. Hampton, Hadley Maynard, Cody Meade, Tyler Roeznik, Michael Chandler, Jordan Taylor.

Magoffin County: Seth Howard, Josten Helton, Montana Bailey, Casey Adams.

East Ridge: Tyler Pigg, Tommy Bingham, Bryan Casey, Payton Ratliff.

Honorable Mention - Sheldon Clark - Chris Slone, Dustin Burchett, Kevin Sites, Austin Stepp, Ian Bertling, Mike Moore, Jared Waller.

Belfry - Timmy Lovern.

Pike Central-Zack Johnson, Cory Gannon, Aaron McGuire, Brandon Boyd, Cody Ford and Kevin Tackett

Magoffin - Zach Linum, Nathan Bradley, Colby Howard, Richie Gray, Dylan Keeton.

East Ridge - Tyler Bentley, Tyler Ratliff, Matt Kendrick, Andrew Ratliff.

Paintsville LL to host clinic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - Major leaguers will be a part of the staff during the 2009 Holiday Baseball Clinic Presented by Paintsville Little League Jan. 2, 2009. Former Major League Baseball players and coaches such as Johnnie LeMaster (San Francisco Giants); Doug Flynn (Cincinnati Reds); Al Oliver (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Gene Bennett (Cincinnati Reds) will provide instruction during the clinic. Players ages 5-14 may participate in the clinic. The youth baseball event will run from 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Cost of the camp is \$50 per player and \$30 for each additional sibling. Lunch will be provided and each participant will receive a T-shirt. Hitting, infielding, pitching, catching and outfielding will be covered during the clinic. For more information on the clinic, call Johnnie LeMaster (6-6-789-7272) or Matt Williams (606-789-8608).

PRO BASKETBALL



MIKE DEAN (above), JASON MCLEISH (below, middle) AND MIKE CRAIN (below, bottom) are back for the East Kentucky Miners. East Kentucky will open the season today at home versus the West Virginia Blazers.

EK Miners to host WV Blazers in home series

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The East Kentucky Miners will make their home debut Sunday, Dec. 14 at the East Kentucky Expo Center versus the West Virginia Blazers in a CBA-ABA interleague matchup. West Virginia is a first-year ABA team.

East Kentucky posted a 26-22 regular-season record during its debut season, reaching the CBA Playoffs.

The Miners roster is comprised of Wayne Turner, Jason McLeish, Mike Crain, Mike Dean, Galen Young, Jermaine Blackburn, Alonzo Hird, Emmanuel Little, Joe Buck, Will Holloman, Justin Taylor, Delvin Thomas and Mario Boggan.

McLeish, Crain and Dean each signed to return to East Kentucky for a second season with the CBA team. Turner is a former University of Kentucky standout who holds the NCAA record for most games played in a career.

Coach Kevin Keathley is

back for a second season as Miners head coach.

West Virginia features the following players: Maurice Davis; Joey Preast; Melvin Rodgers; Justin Bennett; Brian Kidd; DeNelle Hale; Travon Carr; Corey Love;

Chawn Martin; A.J. Leftwich; Chris Nichols; Neil Rasnake and Desi Crisp.

Former Mr. Basketball J.R. VanHoose is scheduled to appear at Sunday's game. A Paintsville native, VanHoose has played in several professional leagues.

Head coach Tony Webster guides the West Virginia team.

Sunday's game at the East Kentucky Expo Center will be played under CBA rules.

The CBA-ABA series is scheduled to continue through mid-January. East Kentucky will host West Virginia for a second straight game Monday night, beginning at 7:05 p.m.

Tip-off for the East Kentucky-West Virginia game is set for 4:05 p.m.



Panthers fall late versus Phelps

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PHELPS - Junior forward Austin Campbell delivered three crucial points late to help send Phelps past Pikeville Thursday night in a Pike County boys' high school basketball matchup. Campbell led Phelps, finishing with 16 points.

Pikeville outscored Phelps 21-16 in the opening quarter. The Panthers found themselves out in front 35-33 at the intermission.

Phelps played some of its best basketball near the end of the game, outscoring Pikeville 18-11 in the final

quarter.

Matt Clevenger led Pikeville with a game-high 23 points. Nine different Panthers provided scoring in the early-season matchup.

Pikeville dropped to 1-1 after suffering the loss. The Panthers opened the season victorious over Prestonsburg Friday, Dec. 12. Pikeville edged Prestonsburg 57-55 in a season-opener.

East Ridge handles Hurley: East Ridge sophomore center Jake McClanahan is developing into one of the 15th Region's top players. McClanahan scored 10 points and pulled down 11 rebounds in less than two quarters of playing time Tuesday

night when the Warriors hosted Hurley, Va., a regional rival. East Ridge outscored Hurley 11-7 in the opening quarter and limited the visiting team to just four points in the second quarter en route to a convincing 67-34 win.

Twelve different players provided scoring as East Ridge improved to 4-2. East Ridge rolled into halftime out in front 35-11. The Warriors, under the direction of head coach Eric Ratliff, maintained a lead throughout the second half.

Hurley dropped to 0-3 following the loss.

One Hurley player reached double figures in the scoring column.

Jackson City rolls past Piarist

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

JACKSON - Freshman guard Brittany Curtis scored a game-high 27 points to lead Jackson City past visiting Piarist School Thursday night in a non-region matchup. Curtis, one of the 14th Region's top young girls' basketball players, drained four of seven three-point field goal attempts. Eighth-grade guard Ashlee Daughtery followed with 21 points, nine assists and five steals for the Lady Tigers as she nearly recorded a double-double for the host team.

Jackson City took an early lead and held an advantage over Piarist at the end of each quarter. The Lady Tigers outscored Piarist 19-10 in the opening quarter and carried a 42-25 lead into halftime.

Jackson City and Piarist are longtime girls' basketball rivals.

Eight different Jackson City players broke into the scoring column.

Jackson City outscored Piarist 20-7 in the third quarter.

Two different players reached double figures for Piarist in the Thursday night game. Haley Dyer paced the Lady Knights with 23 points.

Jackson City finished strong, outscoring Piarist 22-14 in the final quarter.

Earlier in the season, Piarist set a single-game scoring record in a victory over Riverside Christian. Head coach Kevin Tackett leads the Lady Tigers program.

Letcher Central levels Belfry

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WHITESBURG - Letcher County Central improved to 4-0 Thursday night, defeating host Belfry 72-40. The Lady Cougars owned wins over Harlan County, Phelps and Owsley County prior to claiming the victory Thursday.

Eleven different Letcher Central players provided scoring. Sharaye Kincer led Letcher County Central with 18 points. Myrika Begley aided the Letcher Central offensive effort, finishing with 10 points. Brittany Sexton and Haley Whitaker added seven points apiece for the Lady Cougars.

Letcher County Central set the game's tone early on. After outscoring Belfry 15-9 in the opening quarter, Letcher County Central limited Belfry to 11 points combined over the next two quarters.

Jillnell Bevins paced Belfry, scoring a game-high 22 points. The Lady Pirates were able to outscore Letcher County Central 20-13 in the final period after being held to single digits in each of the first three quarters.

Belfry dropped to 1-3 as a result of the setback.

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UPCOMING BOWL GAMES

Sunday, Dec. 21
 New Orleans Bowl
 Payout: \$325,000
 Troy (8-4) vs.
 Southern Mississippi (6-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Tuesday, Dec. 23
 Poinsettia Bowl
 At San Diego
 Payout: \$750,000
 Boise State (12-0)
 vs. TCU (10-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 24
 Hawaii Bowl
 At Honolulu
 Payout: \$750,000
 Hawaii (7-6)
 vs. Notre Dame (6-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 26
 Motor City Bowl
 At Detroit
 Payout: \$750,000
 Florida Atlantic (6-6)
 vs. Central Michigan (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, Dec. 27
 Meineke Bowl
 At Charlotte, N.C.
 Payout: \$1 million
 North Carolina (8-4)
 vs. West Virginia (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Champs Sports Bowl
 At Orlando, Fla.
 Payout: \$2.125 million
 Florida State (8-4)
 vs. Wisconsin (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Emerald Bowl
 At San Francisco
 Payout: ACC: \$750,000; Pac-10: \$850,000
 California (8-4) vs. Miami (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 28
 Independence Bowl
 At Shreveport, La.
 Payout: \$1.1 million
 Louisiana Tech (7-5)
 vs. Northern Illinois (6-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 29
 PapaJohns.com Bowl
 At Birmingham, Ala.
 Payout: \$300,000
 Rutgers (7-5)
 vs. North Carolina State (6-6), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl
 At San Antonio
 Payout: \$2.25 million
 Northwestern (9-3)
 vs. Missouri (9-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 30
 Humanitarian Bowl
 At Boise, Idaho
 Payout: \$750,000

Nevada (7-5) vs.
 Maryland (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
 At San Diego
 Payout: \$2.3 million
 Oklahoma State (9-3)
 vs. Oregon (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Texas Bowl
 At Houston
 Payout: \$750,000
 Rice (9-3) vs.
 Western Michigan (9-3), 8 p.m. (NFLN)

Wednesday, Dec. 31
 Armed Forces Bowl
 At Fort Worth, Texas
 Payout: \$750,000
 Houston (7-5)
 vs. Air Force (8-4), Noon (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
 At El Paso, Texas
 Payout: \$1.9 million
 Oregon State (8-4) vs.
 Pittsburgh (9-3), 2 p.m. (CBS)

Music City Bowl
 At Nashville, Tenn.
 Payout: \$1.7 million
 Vanderbilt (6-6)
 vs. Boston College (9-4), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Insight Bowl
 At Tempe, Ariz.
 Payout: \$1.2 million
 Kansas (7-5)
 vs. Minnesota (7-5), 5:30 p.m. (NFLN)

Chick-fil-A Bowl
 At Atlanta
 Payout: \$3 million
 LSU (7-5)
 vs. Georgia Tech (9-3), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Jan. 1
 Outback Bowl
 At Tampa, Fla.
 Payout: \$3.2 million
 Iowa (8-4)
 vs. South Carolina (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Capital One Bowl
 At Orlando, Fla.
 Payout: \$4.25 million
 Georgia (9-3)
 vs. Michigan State (9-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Gator Bowl
 At Jacksonville, Fla.
 Payout: \$2.5 million
 Nebraska (8-4)
 vs. Clemson (7-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Ormerod claims SEC community honor

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - University of Kentucky women's basketball player Carly Ormerod (Louisville) has been named the Southeastern Conference Community Service Player of the Week, it was announced Tuesday. The SEC sponsors a Community Service Team for all 20 league sponsored sports. This is the 11th year for the team in men's and women's basketball. The team recognizes the accomplishments of student-athletes in the community and in the classroom.

Ormerod, a senior point guard, has been very active in the "Cats That Care" service program during her four years as a Wildcat. She has volunteered at Kentucky's Children's Hospital - Pediatric Clinic, coordinated UK Athletics' canned food drive, helped organize a food drive to benefit God's Pantry, volunteered at a local elementary school's Jog-A-Thon, volunteered as a bell-ringer for the Salvation Army, and been a frequent visitor to area hospitals. She currently participates in Cats

Cultivating Character, where student-athletes teach character lessons once a month to third grade students at a local elementary school. She also serves as president of SAAC (Student Athlete Advisory Committee) at UK for the second consecutive year.

Ormerod graduated Cum Laude with a degree in biology in May of 2008, an entire year ahead of schedule. She is working on a second degree in human nutrition with plans to enter physician's assistant school after basketball. She is a three-

time SEC Academic Honor Roll selection and was an SEC All-Freshman Team pick in 2005-06. Because of her dedication on and off the court, she was named to UK's Frank Ham Society of Character last year, an honor recognizing student-athletes for their exceptional commitment to academic excellence, athletic participation, and personal development, being a role model, and career preparation. It's the highest honor the UK Athletics Department bestows on its student-athletes.

Cobb named to All-Freshman Team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Randall Cobb was named to the Southeastern Conference All-Freshman team selected by the league coaches, the SEC Office announced Thursday.

Cobb, a true freshman from Alcoa, Tenn., was named as the team's quarterback, but he also has seen action as a wide receiver and punt returner in 2008. His season statistics include: Passing - 52 completions in 95 attempts, 542

yards, two touchdowns; Rushing - 79 attempts for 316 net yards, tied for the team lead with seven rushing TDs; Receiving - 21 catches for 197 yards and two touchdowns; Punt Returns - 11 for 92 yards, an 8.4-yard average

Cobb played a key role in Kentucky's SEC victories over Arkansas and Mississippi State. Against the Razorbacks, he caught two touchdown passes in the final 4:15 of the game to give the Wildcats a dramatic 21-20 victory. At

Mississippi State, he made his first collegiate start at quarterback and guided the Cats to a 14-13 win. It is the first time that a true freshman QB led Kentucky to an SEC road win since freshmen became eligible in the early 1970s.

Cobb holds another distinction in being the only player in the nation who is currently his team's starting quarterback and primary punt returner.

It is uncertain, however, if Cobb will be able to perform

those roles in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. He had arthroscopic surgery to repair knee cartilage on Dec. 2. He is listed as doubtful to participate in the bowl game.

Practice resumes; Coaches Recruiting: The Kentucky football team resumed practice on Friday, Dec. 12. During the week, the coaches are on the recruiting trail. The players are continuing their academic work as they wrap up the semester (exams Dec. 15-19).

UK CB Lindley named All-America

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - University of Kentucky cornerback Trevard Lindley has been elected second-team All-America, the Walter Camp Football Foundation announced Thursday.

Lindley, a junior from Hiram, Ga., has four interceptions and 11 pass breakups this season. He leads the Southeastern Conference and ranks 14th nationally in total passes defended per game. A consensus first-team All-SEC honoree, he also was a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back.

Additional highlights of Lindley's season include a 28-yard interception return for a

touchdown vs. South Carolina and an interception of Tim Tebow, one of only two pick-offs the Heisman Trophy winner has had this year. Lindley also had an interception in season opener at Louisville and returned it to the two-yard line, setting up a Kentucky touchdown. He had three pass breakups at Alabama, in the process setting the UK career record for PBU.

Lindley has provided outstanding pass defense throughout his career. He has started all 38 games during the last three seasons and his career record for pass breakups currently stands at 34. He has nine interceptions as a Wildcat, tied for seventh in school history.

Lindley has made numer-

ous game-changing plays during his career, helping the team win more games in a three-year stretch since the 1954-55-56 seasons. Here are crucial plays Lindley made in big Wildcat wins in 2006-07:

Game-clinching interception vs. Georgia in 2006; Acrobatic end-zone interception plus a fumble recovery in 2006 bowl win over Clemson; Interception and long return on first play of 2007 win over then-No. 9 Louisville; 66-yard fumble return for a touchdown in 2007 win at Arkansas; Fourth-quarter interception in 2007 win over No. 1 LSU; Caused a fumble and had three pass breakups in 2007 bowl win over Florida State.

The Walter Camp Football Foundation is based in New

Haven, Conn., the home of Yale University. The Foundation is named after Camp, the former Yale player and coach nicknamed "The Father of American Football" for his role in shaping the sport during its early years.

Voting for the Camp All-America Team is done by Division I head coaches and sports information directors. Lindley is UK's first All-American since 2003, when Derck Abney was second-team All-America by The Associated Press.

Lindley is UK's first Walter Camp All-American since 2002, when kick returner Derek Abney was a first-team selection and punter Glenn Pakulak a second-team honoree.

NFL GLANCE

Thursday's Games
 Chicago 27, New Orleans 24, OT

Sunday's Games
 Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.
 Seattle at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
 San Francisco at Miami, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
 Washington at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
 Green Bay at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
 Minnesota at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
 Denver at Carolina, 4:15 p.m.
 NE at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
 Pitt. at Baltimore, 4:15 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:15 p.m.

Monday's Game
 Cleveland at Phila., 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 18
 Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 8:15 p.m.
Saturday's Games
 Baltimore at Dallas, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 21
 New Orleans at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 Miami at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
 Arizona at New England, 1 p.m.
 San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
 San Diego at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
 Houston at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
 Buffalo at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
 Atlanta at Minnesota, 4:15 p.m.
 Phila. at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
 Carolina at N.Y. Giants, 8:15 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 22
 Green Bay at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

• Follow the NFL in the pages of The Floyd County Times.

Union turns back Alice Lloyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARBOURVILLE - Union College's James Johnson posted his first career double-double as the Bulldogs held on for a 76-70 win over Alice Lloyd College Tuesday.

Johnson finished the game with 12 points with 12 rebounds. The 12 rebounds are a career high for the sophomore from Lexington. The 12 rebounds are the most by a Bulldog this season.

With the win, the Bulldogs improved to 6-7 overall. Alice Lloyd, a member of the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference went to 7-4. Since the start of the 2002-03 season, Union has won seven straight home games against Alice Lloyd.

After owning a double-digit lead early in the second half, Alice Lloyd trimmed Union's advantage to eight. The

Bulldogs answered with eight straight points to own their largest lead of the game, 52-36 with 12:23 left.

The Eagles would not be grounded as Alice Lloyd flew back. Eventually Union's lead shrunk to two with 49 seconds left. Corey Hairston knocked down a three to make the score 70-68. Four Union free throws and a Clinton Dixon basket proved to be enough for the Bulldogs.

The game started with Union going 1-for-12 from the field. The Bulldogs went 14-for-22 the rest of the half. Dixon put Union in front, 4-3, with a basket 5:24 into the contest. Union went on and was the first team to 10 points, at the 8:27 mark.

After the Bulldogs took the lead, the advantage grew to 14 points as the halftime score was 34-20 in favor of Union. The 20

points allowed tied the season low in a half by the Union defense.

Hester finished the game with a team-best 13 points along with six assists. Kearney Demus added 11 points.

Beau Brown scored seven points and dished off six assists.

Will Dillard led Alice Lloyd with 20 points.

Union finished the game with a 43.8 field-goal percentage (28-for-64) while Alice Lloyd shot 38.5 percent (25-for-65). Alice Lloyd stayed in the game with help at the free-throw line. The Eagles was 17-for-21 (81.0 percent) at the line.

The Bulldogs owned the rebounding advantage 46-39. The 46 total rebounds are a season-high for Union and the third time the Bulldogs have grabbed 40 or more rebounds in a game.

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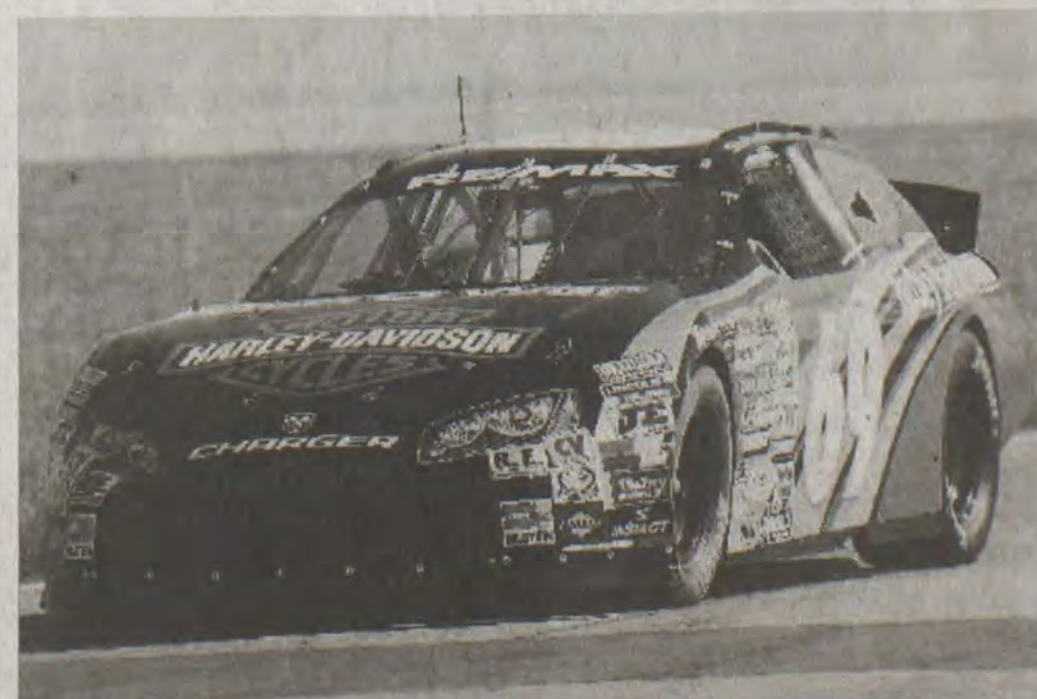


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STEVE BLACKBURN (69) will return to the pavement later in the week at Daytona International Speedway during a test session.

Kentucky Business Conservation Partnership award winners announced

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Three Kentucky businesses recently won Kentucky Business Conservation Partnership Awards for 2008 from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources for their efforts to help manage wildlife on their property.

“Through sound management of our wildlife resources, these three businesses exemplify the goals of the Kentucky Business Conservation Partnership Program,” said Ben Robinson, small game biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

More than 200 businesses joined in partnerships with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife since the inception of the Kentucky Business Conservation Partnership in 1997. Each year, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife honors the best business in each wildlife region that exemplifies the goals of the program.

The Kentucky Business Conservation Partnership formed when seven businesses in Daviess and Hancock counties approached the KDFWR

regarding habitat projects on their property. A statewide partnership program grew out of these interactions to promote practices by businesses, churches and city governments that positively impact wildlife and the environment.

This year’s winners: Overall State and Southeast Region — Clint Voils: Voils practices precision agriculture on his 2,400 acre property in Russell County and utilizes multiple Farm Bill programs. He cooperates with the Kentucky Division of Forestry to manage woodlots on his property. Voils also educates local farmers on ways to incorporate wildlife habitat improvements into production farming. His Kentucky Fish and Wildlife private lands biologist is Chris Mason.

Purchase Region: Tradewater Outfitters: Russell Edwards of Tradewater Outfitters implemented multiple federal programs to improve wildlife habitat on 3,300 acres in Crittenden and Webster counties. Tradewater Outfitters enrolled 175 acres into the Wetland Reserve Program to improve scarce

bottomland hardwood habitat. Edwards participates in Kentucky Fish and Wildlife’s Dove Lease Field program. His Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Private Lands biologist is Philip Sharp.

Bluegrass Region, Kentucky Utilities — Tyrone Power Plant: The Kentucky Utilities Tyrone Power Plant manages 280 acres in Woodford County. The business converted 50 acres of fescue into native warm season grasses and conducted timber stand improvements. Kentucky Utilities allows Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to use the property for educational and other uses. The company’s private lands biologist is Joe Laceyfield.



photo by Dusty Layne/East Kentucky Miners
THE DIAMOND GIRLS DANCE TEAM will return to entertain fans today during the East Kentucky Miners’ home opener of the 2008-09 season versus the West Virginia Blazers. Diamond Girl Jill Brown Vickery is pictured.

Gun care in wet conditions proves to be vital

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The upcoming late muzzleloader deer season may be a wet one for hunters. With rain in the forecast and waterfowl seasons also open, hunters should get ready to deal with wet muzzleloaders and shotguns.

“I always make sure my gun is good and oiled beforehand if I’m expecting rain,” said Dave Frederick, a deer and waterfowl hunter as well as a wildlife biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. “You can save yourself a lot of work by making sure it’s well-oiled before hunting.”

Frederick cautions hunters not to over-oil their guns, as this can cause the action to stick. But a light coating of oil will help protect a gun from the elements.

“I use a good oil with Teflon, to help bead up the water and protect the metal,” he said. “Afterwards, usually when I’m duck hunting in the rain, I’ll pull it apart and dry it off.”

Muzzleloader hunters who leave the field with a wet gun should pull the stock and barrel apart and dry both. Water can get between the stock and barrel and quickly lead to rust. Hunters should not put a wet gun in a case.

“That will cause the gun to rust that much faster,” said John Brunjes, a waterfowl hunter and Kentucky Fish and Wildlife migratory bird biologist. “Not only that, your gun case will also get wet. Then you’ll be getting the gun wet over and over when you put it in the case.”

Guns can sometimes get completely submerged in water during a waterfowl hunt. This is one instance when a wipe down with light oil won’t get the job done.

“If you drop your gun down in water, you need to quickly take it apart and clean it,” Brunjes advised. “If it’s just a light rain or a splash, you can wait until you get home to break it down.”

It’s a good idea to wipe down a wood gunstock, using the same lightly-oiled rag used for the barrel. Wood stocks are finished with a sealant, but over time the sealant will

break down.

“If you keep a thin layer of oil on the stock, it will help keep water out,” said Frederick. “I always wipe my stock down. You’re just adding oil to the wood to give it a little bit of water resistance.”

Synthetic gunstocks don’t need any special care when they get wet. Hunters who spend a lot of time in wet conditions may want to go a step further and consider having their entire gun dipped in a synthetic coating. For less than \$150, you’ll end up with a gun that is practically waterproof.

Late muzzleloader deer season runs Dec. 13-21 statewide. Zone 4 deer hunters should note that only antlered deer are legal for harvest Dec. 13-18 in that deer zone, while either sex deer may be taken Dec. 19-21. For complete deer hunting regulations, including bag limits, equipment restrictions and hunter education requirements, pick up a copy of the 2008-09 Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide.

Most waterfowl seasons are currently open. For complete waterfowl hunting regulations, including season dates, zones and bag limits, check the 2008-09 Kentucky Hunting Guide for Waterfowl. Regulation guides are available wherever hunting licenses are sold.

Fish and Wildlife reminder

The Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. All recommendations must be approved by legislators before they become law.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 860-5310 In accordance with the provisions of

KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Consol of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Ky. 41839, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 7.00 acres, and will underlie an additional 1,059.99 acres, located 1.0 mile west of Raven in Knott and Floyd Counties.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.3 mile east from Terry Branch Road junction with KY Route 899, and located in Caney Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the standard underground methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Knott Floyd Land Company Inc. The operation will underlie surface area

owned by CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., Miller Bros. Coal LLC, Knott Floyd Land Company Inc., Ruby Gibson, Alex and Helen Ritchie, Freddie Martin Cemetery, Gladys Totten, Thomas Kelly Ritchie, Vimus and Allie Gibson, James and Elaine Sparkman, Larry Randall and Mary Jacqueline Stone.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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Cranberry
Cheese Bars, Make-
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Potatoes and Salmon
Pastries With Dill Pesto

Tips for Stress-Free Entertaining

Holiday Hosting

FAMILY FEATURES

With so many things to do and events to attend, the last thing anyone needs is more holiday stress. So when it's your turn to host a holiday meal, take advantage of these tips and recipes so you can enjoy it as much as your guests do.

■ Make lists.

Writing things down will help you stay organized and not leave anything out.

■ Keep it simple.

Don't wear yourself out trying to decorate every inch of the house or by cooking a complicated four-course meal you've never tried before. A simple wreath, some pretty candles, and a menu of tried and true favorites are all you need.

■ Use short-cuts.

Why chop two pounds of carrots when you can get them pre-cut at the store? When you buy things such as bagged lettuces and bottled dressings, you're also buying yourself some time.

■ Make ahead.

Choose a menu that includes some items that you can make a day or two in advance such as Make Ahead Party Mashed Potatoes or Cranberry Cheese Bars. You want to be out of the kitchen and ready to enjoy your guests when they arrive.

Here are some recipes to help you start planning your menu. Any one of these easy-to-make dishes is a delicious addition to your stress-free holiday meal. For more delicious recipes, visit www.crisco.com, www.hungryjack.com and www.eaglebrand.com.

Salmon Pastries With Dill Pesto

This recipe was a \$5000 category winner in the 43rd Pillsbury Bake-Off® Contest

Servings: 24 appetizers

Prep Time: 25 minutes

- 1/2 cup lightly packed chopped fresh dill weed
- 1/3 cup Crisco® Light Olive Oil
- 1/4 cup Fisher® Chef's Naturals® Chopped Walnuts
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2/3 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper, if desired
- 3/4 pound salmon fillet, thawed if frozen and patted dry
- 1 package (15 ounces) Pillsbury® refrigerated pie crusts, softened as directed on box
- Dill weed sprigs

Heat oven to 400°F. In food processor bowl with metal blade or in blender, place chopped dill weed, oil, walnuts, lime juice, garlic, mustard, 1/2 cup of the cheese, the salt and pepper. Cover; process, stopping once to scrape side of bowl, until smooth.

If salmon has skin or bones, remove them; rinse fillet and pat dry with paper towel. Cut salmon into 24 (1-inch) cubes.

On cutting board, roll 1 pie crust into 12-inch round. Cut into 4 rows by 3 rows to make 12 (4 x 3-inch) rectangles. Repeat with remaining crust. (Rectangles cut at edge of crust will have rounded side.)

Spoon 1 level teaspoon dill pesto onto center of each rectangle; top with 1 salmon cube. Bring 4 corners of each rectangle over filling to center and pinch at top; pinch corners, leaving small openings on sides to vent steam. (For rectangles with rounded side, bring 3 points together at top, pinching to seal.) On ungreased large cookie sheet, place pastries 1 inch apart.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Place remaining pesto in small resealable food-storage plastic bag. Cut small tip off 1 bottom corner of bag; squeeze bag to drizzle pesto over serving plate. Place pastries on serving plate. Sprinkle pastries with remaining cheese and garnish with dill weed sprigs. Serve warm.

Make-Ahead Party Mashed Potatoes

Servings: 24

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 1 hour

- Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray
- 6 cups water
- 12 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 teaspoons garlic salt
- 2 teaspoons onion salt
- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, cubed and softened
- 2 cups milk
- 1 (16-ounce) container sour cream
- Paprika
- 1 (15.3-ounce) package Hungry Jack® Mashed Potatoes, flakes (9 cups)
- Cooked bacon, chopped (optional)
- Chopped fresh parsley (optional)

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 13 x 9-inch oven safe casserole with no-stick cooking spray; set aside. Heat water, butter, garlic salt and onion salt to boiling in a 6-quart Dutch oven. Remove from heat. Add cream cheese, milk and sour cream, stirring until cream cheese is dissolved.

Stir in potato flakes, mixing until all ingredients are well combined. Spread mashed potato mixture into prepared pan.

Sprinkle with paprika and bake 1 hour or until bubbling around edges and golden brown. Top with bacon and parsley, if desired.

Tip: Before adding paprika and baking, potato mixture can be covered and stored in the refrigerator for up to 48 hours. Sprinkle with paprika and bake as directed above.

Cranberry Cheese Bars

Servings: 2 dozen

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 55 minutes

- 2 cups Pillsbury Best® all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups oats
- 3/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand® Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 (16-ounce) can whole berry cranberry sauce

Preheat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, combine flour, oats, 3/4 cup brown sugar and butter; mix until crumbly.

Reserving 1 1/2 cups crumb mixture, press remainder firmly on bottom of greased 13 x 9-inch baking pan. Bake 15 minutes.

In small bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in condensed milk until smooth; stir in lemon juice. Spread evenly over prepared crust.

In small bowl, combine remaining 1 tablespoon brown sugar and cornstarch; stir in cranberry sauce. Spoon evenly over cream cheese layer. Top with reserved crumb mixture. Bake 40 minutes or until golden. Cool. Chill. Cut into bars. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.