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## Tax tips for holiday charitable giving

INDIANAPOLIS — The spirit of giving seems to grow during the holiday season, and many donations are made to charitable causes at this time of year. The IRS reminds taxpayers to keep some important points in mind when making donations with the expectation of deducting them on a federal tax return.

Taxpayers can deduct donations only if they make them to a qualified tax exempt organization.

"Taxpayers can search for many charitable organizations online at IRS.gov with Publication 78," said IRS spokesperson Jodie Reynolds. "Qualified organizations include nonprofit groups that are religious, charitable, educational, scientific or literary in purpose, or that work to prevent cruelty to children or animals. Generally, organizations will be able to tell you whether they are tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code and eligible to accept tax-deductible donations."

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### 2 DAY FORECAST

**Today**

Partly cloudy

High: 36 • Low: 19

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High: 40 • Low: 24

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## GETTING READY



Marlow Tackett looks at a small portion of the toys that will be given to children during his Christmas event in Harold on Sunday.

photo by Jarrod Deaton

# Tackett prepares for annual holiday bash

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

HAROLD — Marlow Tackett stood on the freshly painted blue floor of his new Country Palace on Wednesday and looked up at the mountain of toys that stretched down the wall of the right side of the building.

"The toys are going to reach the ceiling when we get them all in here," Tackett said. "There's a full tractor-trailer outside and two more on the way."

Tackett, who has hosted Christmas events for the needy since 1975, decided to move the operation to Floyd County this year at his new establishment in the completely remodeled former bingo hall at Harold.

"It's been a real blessing," Tackett said. "We've had a lot of support from Floyd County, and the people of Pike County have been great as always. They are familiar with what we do, so there are a lot of donations from that area."

Along with the toys, plenty of canned food, fruits, vegetables

and beverages will be available for people to take home.

Ross Harris, the late businessman and close friend of Tackett, encouraged him to hold the event in Floyd County.

"I'm kind of doing this one in memory of Ross Harris," Tackett said. "He always wanted me to do my Christmas event in Floyd County, and he's always supported what I do. It's not a Marlow Tackett deal. It's a lot of people working together to help those who need it."

The event is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21. Tackett hopes to have the doors open by 8 a.m. in order to let the crowd inside, where milk and cookies will be provided for the children. During the event, plenty of musical entertainment will be provided as the children roam the building selecting toys and picking up special grab-bags put together by Tackett and his volunteers.

In order to ensure that things run smoothly as far as safety is concerned, officers from Floyd and Pike counties will be on hand

to direct traffic and assist with parking.

"It's wonderful how everybody comes together for one cause," Tackett said. "The officials from Floyd County and the surrounding counties have been so supportive."

While the actual event will only take place on Sunday, Tackett will continue to give out the toys, food, and clothing items until they are gone.

"I make sure to give it all away," Tackett said. "It will probably take until the middle of January before it is all gone. I want to make sure that all of the people that need the things that I have to offer are able to get them."

Tackett hopes that this year's event will be the most successful one yet, and he is already looking toward the future to continue the sense of caring and giving for the holiday season.

"I feel so honored to be able to bring this event to Floyd County," Tackett said. "I want it to be the biggest and best one ever. As long as I am able to do it, I am going to keep on doing it."

# MCA facing economic hardship

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — According to administrative consultants for Mountain Christian Academy, the Martin-based school may see a significant drop in private funding that has left them with an unsteady outlook on the future.

As of this week, MCA Consultant David Akers said rising costs and funding cuts have school officials in early discussions about closing the school's preschool program.

"It's quite challenging to say the least," Akers said earlier this week. "The situation all total is about \$104,000 that we need to make up."

On a smaller scale, but still pressing, Akers said the school must at least raise \$15,000 in the next couple of weeks, or the preschool would be closed next year.

Mountain Christian Academy has seen recent surges in enrollment, by more than 30 percent according to recent reports, but the grim reality remains.

In an attempt for an eleventh-hour turnaround, the school has sent out letters to a variety of local organizations — primarily businesses and churches — asking for help in keeping the preschool available.

The program, which fell into discussions after the school learned that its private funding from the Christian Appalachian Project could soon be phased out, depends on grants to assist a majority of parents pay tuition costs.

The Christian school was first started in 1983 and now, 25 years later, offers a curriculum that includes music, art, physical education, library, computer education and Spanish courses.

# Woman gets time served for fatal escape

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Susan Witherspoon, the woman indicted by a federal grand jury this past October for helping an inmate escape from the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center, was sentenced this week in connection to that charge.

A federal judge sentenced Witherspoon to time served and one year of supervised probation. She was arrested on Oct. 7 following an two-count indictment charging her with assisting escape and possession of marijuana.

Federal agents arrested Witherspoon on Oct. 7 following an investigation leading them to believe

(See SENTENCE, page three)

# Math, science focus of donation

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

HAGER HILL — The Christian Appalachian Project recently accepted a \$100,000 donation from Equitable Resources Foundation Inc. at the organization's new facility at Hager Hill.

The new building, adjacent to the organization's long-standing warehouses and operational offices, was the backdrop for what CAP officials are saying could prove to be one of the most useful donations the organization has received in a long while.

The donation will be used, according to CAP President Bill Mills, for a math and science initiative that will, in collaboration with local schools through the Big Sandy Valley, target courses in these two subjects in hopes of preparing students for a wide range of careers in these two fields.

The plan is to target students Mills referred to as "at risk," and is an expansion of CAP's children's programming throughout the region.

"We're going to miss the target

(See DONATION, page three)



photo by Sheldon Compton

Equitable Resources gave a \$100,000 donation to the Christian Appalachian Project Thursday. The money will be used, according to CAP officials, to start and maintain a math and science initiative for students around the region. The plan will be a collaboration with area schools.

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# Therapists plead guilty to Medicaid fraud

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Jack Conway announced Monday a plea agreement in the case of two Kentucky therapists arrested earlier this year on charges they defrauded the Kentucky Medicaid Program.

Vanessa Rouse, a speech pathologist from Deane in Letcher County, and Janice Fields, a developmental interventionist from Happy in Perry County, pleaded guilty to

Medicaid fraud, a class D felony, and were sentenced Thursday, Dec. 11 in Jefferson Circuit Court.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, the court sentenced each defendant to one year in the Kentucky Department of Corrections, which will be probated for a period of five years. As a condition of their probation, each defendant was ordered to pay restitution to the Kentucky Medicaid Program

for a total amount of \$14,640.25 and to reimburse the Attorney General's Office for investigative costs.

Rouse and Fields fraudulently billed the Kentucky Medicaid Program for services provided to children in First Steps, a statewide early-intervention program for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities. During 2006 and 2007, the therapists billed the state for services that were

not provided to children.

"Through the hard work and determination of our investigators and prosecutors, we were able to obtain both a conviction and restitution for the Kentucky Medicaid Program. Our office will continue its efforts to detect and prosecute Medicaid Fraud, which is especially important given the current budget crisis

the state faces," Conway said.

In a related case, Rouse and Fields also pleaded guilty to charges of bribing a witness in Perry Circuit Court last month. Following receipt of a tip, investigators from the Office of the Attorney conducted surveillance of Rouse and Fields. On April 16, the pair was arrested after investigators monitored a transaction in

which Rouse and Fields gave \$200 to a prosecution witness in Perry County and instructed the witness as to how to testify.

Under the terms of that plea agreement, they will be required to serve 30 days of a one-year sentence, the remainder of which will be probated. Sentencing in that case is scheduled for December 18 in Perry Circuit Court.

## Area students rank high in national job skills competition

FRANKFORT — At the 12th annual Jobs for America's Graduates National Student Leadership Conference, Kentucky students won awards in competitive events.

The conference was held Dec. 3-7 in Washington, D.C. Students from 30 states competed in a variety of events designed to showcase their workplace skills.

Brittany James, a student at Sheldon Clark High in Martin

County, won first place in Employability Skills. Holly Turnmire, a student at Pike Central High, finished third in the Public Speaking competition.

Jobs for Kentucky's Graduates (JKG) is an affiliate of JAG, which operates in 30 states and the United Kingdom. JKG is a dropout-prevention school-based program for disadvantaged and at-risk youth, providing students

with resources and support to attain a high school diploma and/or postsecondary education or training leading to a career.

In Kentucky, JKG began in 1993-94 and was funded by the JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) and local boards of education. Since 1999-2000, JKG has been funded by WIA (Workforce Investment Act) funds and local school district funds.

## Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Three solid efforts and one so-so remake provided plenty of entertainment this week and decent fodder as stocking stuffers.

■ "Mummy 3: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor" — Brendan Fraser returns for the third outing in this revamped take on the Universal Studios Mummy pictures. Once again the focus is on action and this flick delivers a ton of it as Fraser and son must take on an Asian warlord who seeks immortality. The bad guy is essayed by martial arts superstar Jet Li, and that means there are plenty of great fight sequences which get a lift when he's pitted against Michelle Yeoh ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"). There aren't all that many guys wrapped in gauze here, but you do get a Yeti as well as a zombie army. Turn off your brain and enjoy.

■ "Mamma Mia" — A young woman sets out to discover her father's identity when she becomes engaged in this film version of the Broadway show. What could have been a dull three-hanky affair gets a major boost when the entire film turns out to be an excuse for a veteran cast to sing selections from the 1970s rock band Abba. Meryl Streep

leads an interesting cast, which includes Pierce Christine Baranski and Colin Firth.

■ "Generation Kill" — If you have seven hours free, then you'd do well to spend them with this miniseries about the early days of the Iraq war. The series, which originally aired on HBO, follows a reporter (from Rolling Stone magazine) who is embedded with a platoon of marines during the invasion of Baghdad. It's a fascinating look at how modern warfare is conducted and all brought to you courtesy of the same team that created "The Wire."

■ "Death Race" — Another 1970s film gets reworked here, but they drop the ball miserably. The original film was a broad satire on consumerism and overpopulation that was wrapped around a high-speed race that saw the participants rack up points for running over civilians. This outing loses the satire and concentrates on the racing sequences. They also drop the idea of an ethically challenged hero (David Carradine in the original) and cast Jason Statham as an innocent man who is blackmailed into participating by an evil prison warden (Joan Allen). The racing sequences are fine but the script could have used a lengthy pit stop before they

rushed this one into production.

Next week look for the latest effort from the Coen brothers "Burn after Reading" and another big action movie with "Eagle Eye."

## Obituaries

### Marie Coburn Mullins

Marie Coburn Mullins, 85, of Garrett, passed away Wednesday December 17, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

She was born May 21, 1923, in Garrett, a daughter of the late Felix and Lula Frasure Coburn.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Elsworth "Bud" Coburn and Garmon Edward Coburn.

She was a retired home economics teacher from Garrett and Allen Central High Schools; a member of the Wayland Chapter 434, Order of the Eastern Star; and the Lackey, Garrett, Wayland Women's Club.

She was a faithful member of the Garrett First Baptist Church, which she had attended for more than 60 years.

She is survived by a sister, Marsella Bradley of Garrett; a son, Paul E. Mullins of Garrett; a daughter, Jennifer (Rick) Fyffe, and precious granddaughter Natalie Grace Fyffe of Ashland; several nieces and nephews; a special friend Dr. Sujatha Reddy; and all her extended "family" at BMA Dialysis.

The funeral will be held Saturday, December 20th, at 11 a.m., at the Garrett First Baptist Church, with Edmond Bolen officiating.

Burial will be at Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivcl.

Friends may call, Friday December 19th from 2-9 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home in Martin; and one hour before the service at the church on Saturday.

(Paid obituary)

### Brenda Faye Newsome

Brenda Faye Newsome, 63, of Beaver, died Monday, December 15, 2008, at her residence.

Born June 25, 1945, in Beaver, she was the daughter of the late Victor and Mary Alice Reynolds Ray. She was a mother, grandmother, homemaker, and a member of the Freewill Baptist Church at Ligon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anderson Newsome.

Survivors include her sons: Charles Dwayne Newsome, his wife, Leanna of Prestonsburg; Phillip Dale Newsome of McDowell; and James Rufus Newsome of Ligon; a daughter, Melinda Gayheart of Ligon; her brothers: Larry Donald Ray of Wheelwright; William Darrell Ray of Beaver; Keith Allen Ray of Ligon; and Eddie Dean Ray of Beaver; her sisters: Patricia Ray of Beaver; Jewel Tackett of Teaherry; Wilma Mullins of Price; and Bertha Tackett of Hi Hat; 13 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three sons: Timothy Paul Newsome, Carl Edward Newsome, and Victor Bradley Newsome; a brother and two sisters: Roy Dean Ray, Sherry Gail Ray, and Gloria Jean Ray.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 18, at 11 a.m., at the Freewill Baptist Church, in Ligon, with Matt White, Denver Meade, and Levi Akers officiating.

Burial was in the Ray Family Cemetery, in Beaver, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

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# Tips for decorating safely for the holidays

LEXINGTON — Holiday decorations, especially candles and electrical lighting, can be fire hazards, and Safe Kids Fayette County reminds parents and caregivers to take a few precautions when decorating for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and other winter festivities.

"Never, never leave lighted candles unattended," says Sherri Hannan, Safe Kids Fayette County coordinator. "Don't put candles on a tree or a natural wreath, or near curtains or drapes. Keep matches and lighters locked out of reach."

In 2005, candles started more than 15,000 home fires in the United States, and the top four days for candle fires are around Christmas and New Year's, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Battery-operated flameless candles are an alternative that does not have a fire risk.

"Decorative lighting should be labeled with the seal of an independent testing lab," says Hannan. "If it's not labeled for outdoor use, don't use it outdoors."

If you decorate a tree, Safe Kids Fayette County recom-

mends these precautions:

- Never leave a lit Christmas tree or other decorative lighting display unattended. Inspect lights for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Do not overload extension cords or outlets and do not run an electrical cord under a rug.

- Natural Christmas trees always involve some risk of fire. To minimize the risk, get a fresh tree and keep it watered at all times. Do not put the tree within three feet of a fireplace, space heater, radiator or heat vent.

- Decorate with children in

mind. Do not put ornaments that have small parts or metal hooks, or look like food or candy, on the lower branches where small children can reach them. Trim protruding branches at or below a child's eye level, and keep lights out of reach.

- Do not burn Christmas tree branches, treated wood or wrapping paper in a home fireplace.

Safe Kids Fayette County also offers these tips to prevent accidental poisoning:

- Keep alcohol (including baking extracts) out of reach and do not leave alcoholic

drinks unattended.

- Color additives used in fireplace fires are a toxic product and should be stored out of reach. Artificial snow sprays are also harmful if inhaled.

- Holly berries, mistletoe berries, poinsettias, amaryllis, boxwood, Christmas rose, Crown of Thorns, English ivy and Jerusalem cherry are all potentially harmful if eaten.

- For more information, or to find out whether other decorative plants and products are hazardous to children, call the national Poison Control Center at (800) 222-1222.

For more information about home safety, call (859) 323-

1151 or go to the fire prevention and safety tips pages at [www.usa.safekids.org](http://www.usa.safekids.org).

Safe Kids Fayette County, led by Kentucky Children's Hospital, works to prevent accidental childhood injury, the leading killer of children 14 and under. Its members include health and educational professionals and community leaders. Safe Kids Fayette County is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations dedicated to preventing accidental injury.

## Sentence

she had helped inmate Desmond Aaron Greene escape two days earlier on Oct. 5.

The original complaint that led to the indictment was accompanied by a signed affidavit from Special Agent Randolph Copley.

In that sworn statement, Copley said Witherspoon had checked into the Haven of Rest, a nearby faith-based motel for prisoner families, on Oct. 4.

In the early morning hours of Oct. 5, a midnight head-count showed Greene present, Randolph said. Just over an hour later, correctional officers reported hearing someone banging on an exterior door to the camp's housing unit. Witherspoon was found crying and screaming for help when the officers opened up, Copley said.

Greene was found in Witherspoon's car in the camp's parking lot and was unre-

sponsive, according to Copley, and later taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center where he later died.

Federal officials said Witherspoon following the transport to the hospital and later made "unsolicited" statements while there.

According to Copley one of those statements was that she "just wanted to hold her husband in an unrestricted way without supervision," and that she and Greene were "just trying to work things out."

Further investigation revealed that Witherspoon had allegedly rented a room at the nearby Haven of Rest, the night before Greene's death, leading officials to perform a blanket search of the unit.

Kentucky State Police officers found female personal items and clothing, along

with a cellular telephone charger, health supplements, a six-pack of beer, a user quantity of marijuana, rolling papers and various candy and food items after the search.

"I know from my training and experience, and from speaking with numerous Federal Bureau of Prisons employees that inmates routinely attempt to obtain contraband items such as drugs, alcohol, cellular telephone equipment and health supplements from their visitors," Randolph said of the evidence found at the rented room.

Other interviews conducted following the incident revealed that Witherspoon had placed two 911 calls at times prior to the time when she came distraught to prison officials.

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## Donation

if we just offer camps, which are important, but it's greatly important that we inspire thinkers," Mills said just prior to the check presentation Thursday. "We want them to be able to say, 'This is an opportunity for me.'"

The key idea in with the new focus on math and science is to help students to form careers as scientists, engineers, physicists and in other fields they could then apply to an economy in Eastern Kentucky that is based in large part on the energy industry.

Kentucky House Majority Leader Rocky Adkins was in

attendance and applauded CAP and Equitable for giving their energy and resources to an initiative he says will be a huge factor to the area's future economic standing.

"This is pretty special," Adkins said, adding that he and other legislators often turn to CAP for many requests brought to the Eastern Kentucky Delegation by constituents. "For CAP to be able to do what they do, you have to have good corporate citizens who understand the people and resources where they work. Equitable plays a vital role in our region and the ener-

gy industry is the backbone of our economy."

The recent donation plays into the overall role corporations such as Equitable bring to such efforts, Adkins added.

"Our young people will be educated in a field that will be needed," continued Adkins. "If we wrap our arms around the idea of energy independence then we can create an economy that will need people in these fields. This donation sets a course for this vision."

Kevin West, vice president for legislative and regulatory affairs for Equitable Production Company, also

spoke during the gathering Thursday.

"It's a real pleasure to support charitable projects, and we're excited to be a part of a project like this," West told those in attendance. "I don't know if there's been a day I've been prouder of my employer. The one day I can think of when I might be more proud will be the day we hire the first person who benefited from this initiative."

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## Tax

Reynolds added that it is necessary to file Form 1040 and itemize deductions on Schedule A to receive a charitable contribution deduction. Be sure to keep good records, too.

To deduct any charitable donation of money, a taxpayer must have a bank record, credit card statement or a written communication from the charity showing the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. A bank record includes canceled checks, bank or credit union statements. Bank or credit union statements should show the name of the charity and the date and amount donated. Credit card statements should show the name of the charity, the transaction posting date and the amount donated. Prior law allowed taxpayers to support their donations of money with personal bank registers, diaries or notes made around the time of the donation. Those types of records are no longer sufficient.

For all donations of property, including clothing and household items, obtain from the charity, a receipt that includes the name of the charity, date of the contribution, and a reasonably-detailed description of the donated property. If a donation is left at a charity's unattended drop site, keep a written record of the donation that includes this information, as well as the fair market value of the property at the time of the donation and the method used to determine that value. To deduct charitable contributions of items valued at \$250 or more you must have a written acknowledgment from the qualified organization. To deduct charitable contributions of items valued at \$500 or more you must complete a Form 8283, Noncash Charitable Contributions, and attached

the form to your tax return.

To be deductible, clothing and household items donated to charity must be in good used condition or better. A clothing or household item for which a taxpayer claims a deduction of over \$500 does not have to be in good used condition or better if the taxpayer includes a qualified

appraisal of the item with the return. Household items include furniture, furnishings, electronics, appliances, and linens.

More information about charitable donations can be found in IRS Publication 526, available online at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov), or requested by calling, toll-free, 1-800-TAX-FORM.

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— Sir Barnett Cocks

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Guest View

## The case for a higher federal gas tax

Consumers are enjoying the lowest retail gasoline prices in years, a welcome ray of light in an ever-darkening economic picture. That's good news for financially strapped American families and for the domestic auto industry, which has struggled to produce the high-mileage vehicles consumers wanted when gas prices spiked at more than \$4 a gallon over the summer. But in the long run — as difficult as this is to accept — low gasoline prices hurt America more than they help. They encourage continued reliance on gas-powered vehicles and harm the efforts to lower carbon emissions that contribute to global warming. They discourage research into new, nonpolluting transportation energy sources — the single greatest technological challenge of the 21st century. Consider what happened during the early 1980s, when gas prices soared to the then-unheard-of price of \$1.38 a gallon. It triggered a surge of research into alternative energy sources such as solar power and electric vehicles. But as soon as prices began to drop, as they did in 1982, so did the rush of investment and research into alternative energy. Adjusted for inflation, that previous average high gas price of \$1.38 was the equivalent of \$3.14 a gallon. We didn't see average retail prices that high again until this year. But when gas prices and investment in alternative energy fell in this country in the 1980s, they didn't drop everywhere. In Europe and in Japan, high gasoline taxes kept fuel prices relatively high. That encouraged conservation and provided investors with greater confidence that the money they pumped into developing new technologies would earn an acceptable return.

The result was that Japanese car companies were the first to market new hybrid cars, and European companies led the way in producing new, cleaner diesel vehicles. American car companies, meanwhile, kept churning out large, gas-guzzling SUVs. After years of failed attempts to increase mileage requirements for new cars — efforts steadfastly opposed by American auto manufacturers and their unions, Congress finally succeeded last year. As a result, U.S. cars must average 35 miles per gallon by 2020. European cars, in contrast, averaged 38 miles per gallon in 2006. If increasing mileage standards has been difficult, hiking gas taxes has been unthinkable. Although the idea is floated occasionally (most incongruously by then-Rep. Dick Cheney in the 1980s, who supported a plan to tax imported oil), it never has received a serious airing. It should. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office reported in 2004 that increasing the federal gasoline tax — which has been 18.4 cents a gallon since 1993 — would reduce consumption faster and at less cost than increasing mileage standards. Obviously, it would not be painless. Consumers would be paying significantly higher prices, and the federal Energy Information Administration predicts that as the global recession abates, gasoline prices will resume their upward climb. But the impact of higher gas prices could be offset somewhat by reducing other taxes or through a federal income tax rebate. In the meantime, it would reduce gas consumption significantly. That would help undercut the financial strength of such countries as Iran and Russia that, armed with a surplus of petrodollars, have been unfriendly to U.S. interests. And combined with other tax incentives, it would encourage U.S. investment in energy alternatives. The nation that succeeds in developing and deploying new, green technologies will have a major economic advantage in the decades to come. It's crucial that the United States be that nation. Congress should raise the federal gas tax and push America toward innovation and energy independence.

— The St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Guest column

### House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Well, we are officially in a recession. The federal government has reported that 1.2 million jobs have been lost so far this year and more losses are likely. Businesses nationwide are going bankrupt or closing by the dozens, and the number of people applying for state Medicaid assistance here in Kentucky each month has tripled. Add to all this a \$450-plus million hole in our current state budget that will require financially-strapped state agencies, schools and universities to cut their already meager state spending and you realize that the happenings on Wall Street have come to Main Street. Not a good thing to happen any time of the year, but especially not at Christmastime. Christmas is not about money, not at all. But it is about giving, and traditions for many people will have to change this year. Many are having to limit gift spending, change holiday travel plans and even limit what they give to charity. And, let me tell you, charities are feeling the pinch. Many charities across the state are reporting either a slowdown in donations or a higher demand for ser-

vices—like food—as they get caught up in the latest economic spiral. One of the state's largest charities, the Louisville Salvation Army, told the Courier-Journal in October that it was very concerned about maintaining services since donations are lagging behind the cost of providing services. I am sure the same can be said for charities large and small in every region of the state. Those who have lost their jobs, are afraid they might, or who are already overbudgeted with mortgages and other debt obligations might not be able to give much this year. But for those of us who are fairly secure financially and are able to give, we should do so-right away. Philanthropy may seem like luxury for those who don't need charitable services, but it can mean life itself for those who do. If you celebrate Christmas as a religious holiday as I do, then you know very well the phrase "Jesus is the reason for the season." Without Christ, there would be no Christmas. He was the first, and greatest, Christmas gift. Yet Christ made it clear in his teachings that we are to help those in need, even at great cost to ourselves. Now is the time. Listed below are some local organizations that always need either your financial gifts or your time and talents. You may have another group in mind, but if you are interested in

any of the groups listed here I encourage you to call them at the numbers listed:

- Sandy Valley Habitat For Humanity**  
137 Main Street  
Pikeville, KY 41501  
Phone: (606) 437-4011
  - United Way of Eastern Kentucky**  
508 Walnut Avenue  
Paintsville, KY 41240  
Phone: (606) 789-5632
  - Big Brothers & Big Sisters**  
1505 Carter Avenue  
Ashland, KY 41101  
Phone: (606) 329-8799
  - American Red Cross**  
313 Westminster Street  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
Phone: (606)-886-8330
  - The Salvation Army**  
332 Main Street  
Paintsville, KY 41240  
Phone: (606)-788-8794
- My Christmas wish for you and your family this year is twofold: That you will have an enjoyable holiday and a healthy and prosperous new year, and that you will give back some of all you have been given. Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

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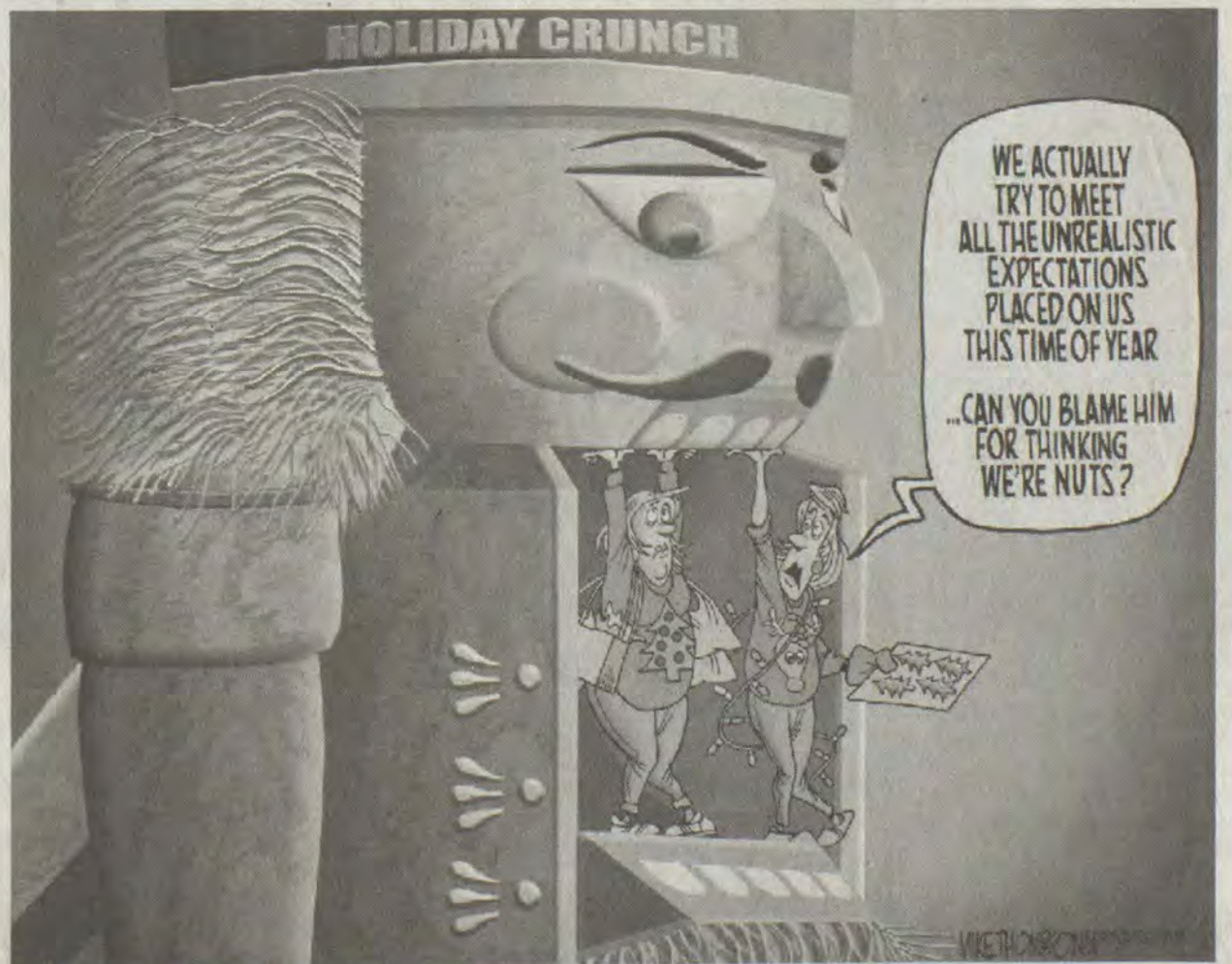
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### WELLNESS Q&A

## Surgical investment

by ERNEST BREWER

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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

## Simplicity

In our pursuit for saving money, we find ourselves scouring the world and the web for ways to cut corners and expenses. And nowhere is that more apparent than in our weekly quest to feed the family.

We kill ourselves searching high and low for coupons. We seek out the bargains, willingly investing our gas and time to get the lowest prices, even if it means a big drive. We're saving a lot of money, we say to ourselves.

But what about the concept of simplifying? It seems to me that we humans have this tendency to overcomplicate things and make it harder than it has to be. It's good to save money, especially when it comes to your grocery budget, don't get me wrong. But at some point, there needs to be a line drawn in the sand. It needs to make sense, not just cents!

I was thinking about this idea of simplifying while I enjoyed my wonderful breakfast this morning. It wasn't fancy, but it was simple. Two lovely eggs, basted to my liking, a nice piece of whole grain bread, toasted just right with a little whipped butter on the top. Very satisfying, very inexpensive and no huge Madison Avenue ad campaign behind any of that food, no coupons, no nothing and yet it cost me less than a dollar to have breakfast.

The take away lesson here is that real food doesn't usually have a lot of hoopla and fanfare telling you it's there. Packages of dried beans and bunches of fresh broccoli aren't advertised on TV. You

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# LETTERS TO SANTA



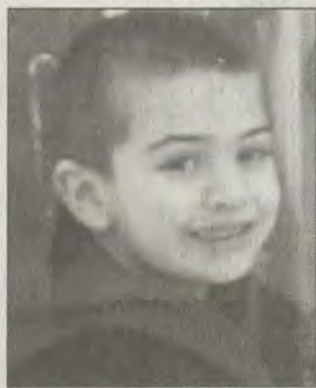
**Alyssa Goodman**

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good little girl this year. I want Dora's Magical Welcome House for Christmas. I love you, Santa.  
Love, Alyssa  
Age: 1



**Kristian Goodman**

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. I want Biscuit, My Loving Pup for Christmas. I love you, Santa.  
Love, Kristian  
Age 3



**Kyle Sturgill**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kyle Steven Sturgill. I am 5 years old and this is what I would like for Christmas.  
1. Sorry Slidders  
2. Hulk Hands & The Brown Hands  
3. Play Station 3  
4. A Bible  
5. Iron Man Car  
6. Car Play Mat  
7. Hulk Smash Car  
8. Kung-Fu-Panda V. Smile Game  
Bring what you can on your sleigh.  
I will be happy with what you bring me.  
Your friend,  
Kyle Sturgill  
From Betsy Layne

Dear Santa,  
My name is Shy Hall. I am in the third grade at JMS. I have been a pretty good girl this year, most of the time. I only want three things for Christmas. I would like to have a pink Idog, a blonde Dallas Cowboy cheerleader Barbie, and a plasma T.V. Be careful Santa and don't fall asleep driving your sled. I will leave you milk and cookies beside the fireplace.

I love you, Santa!  
Happy Holidays,  
Shy Hall



**Abby and Anna**

Dear Santa,  
We have been two very good girls. We would both like a new baby doll for Christmas, please!  
Happy Birthday, Jesus!  
Love,  
Abby and Anna



**Todd Prater**

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Todd. I am 2 years old. Thank you for the blue ball and the blocks you brought me last year.

I have been a very good boy this year. My mom says that I'm a really good helper. This year for Christmas I would like to have a Thomas the Tank Engine Roundhouse with the turntable, a crossing gate and the Sodor electric company trucks. Please bring my big brothers Daniel and Daryl some video games for their Xbox and some clothes. I will leave some milk and cookies on the coffee table for you and some carrots for the reindeer. Have a safe trip.  
Love,  
Todd Prater

Dear Santa Claus  
I all ways wanted a Hannah Montana scooter and a wizard of oz doll.  
From Grace Owens



**Whitney Castro**

Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is Whitney Renae Castro and I live at Betsy Layne. I'm in the third grade at Betsy Layne Elementary, and I am 8 years old. I have been a very good girl this year. And I make good grades. I would like for you to please bring me some nintendo DS games and some neopets. Please, take care of

my teacher Ms. Meade because she had to have surgery. Please take care of Mrs. Davis too. I love you Santa!

P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Whitney

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jacob and I attend Kindergarten at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Freda Johnson's room. Please bring me a train and chalk board. I love you very much. Please remember all the other children in the world.  
Love,  
Jacob Hall  
Grethel, KY

Dear Santa,  
My name is Landon and I attend Kindergarten at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Freda Johnson's room. Please bring me a Wii and BB Gun. I love you very much. Please, remember all the other children in the world.  
Love,  
Landon Hall  
Grethel, KY

Dear Santa,  
My name is Allie and I attend Kindergarten at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Freda Johnson's room. Please, bring me earrings and a necklace. I love you very much. Please remember all the other children in he world.  
Love,  
Allie Akers  
Grethel, KY

Dear Santa,  
My name is Caleb and I attend Kindergarten at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Freda Johnson's room. Please bring me a Santa game and spider-man. I love you very much. Please remember all the other children in the world.  
Love,  
Caleb Rose  
Grethel, KY

Dear Santa,  
My name is Colton and I attend Kindergarten at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Freda Johnson's room. Please bring me a BB gun and transformer. I love you very much. Please remember all the other children in the world.  
Love,  
Colton Nicholson  
Grethel, KY

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ethan and I attend Kindergarten at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Freda Johnson's room. Please bring me bike and BB gun. I love you very much. Please remember all the other children in the world.  
Love,  
Ethan Docheb  
Grethel, KY

Dear Santa,  
My name is Gabriel and I attend Kindergarten at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Freda Johnson's room. Please, bring me a mario toy and green hulk. I love you very much. Please remember all the other children in the world.  
Love,  
Gabriel Parsons  
Grethel, KY

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lauryn and I attend Kindergarten at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Freda Johnson's room. Please bring me a baby doll and pony. I love you very much. Please remember all the other children in the world.  
Love,  
Lauryn Watkins  
Grethel, KY

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jordan and I attend Kindergarten at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Freda Johnson's room. Please bring me a Bown Arrow and BB gun. I love you very much. Please remember all the other children in the world.  
Love,  
Jordan Frazier  
Grethel, KY

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kyle and I attend Kindergarten at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Freda Johnson's room. Please bring me a 22 Rifle and bow & arrow. I love you very much. Please remember all the other children in the world.  
Love,  
Kyle Newsome  
Grethel, KY

Dear Santa,  
My name is Skylar and I attend Kindergarten at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Freda Johnson's room. Please bring me a dog and Barbie doll. I love you very much. Please remember all the other children in the world.  
Love,  
Skylar Hamilton  
Grethel, KY

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dalton and I attend Kindergarten at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Freda Johnson's room. Please bring me a BB Gun and work boots. I love you very much. Please remember all the other children in the world.  
Love,  
Dalton Martin  
Grethel, KY

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jason and I attend Kindergarten at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Freda Johnson's room. Please bring me a 4-wheeler and motorcycle. I love you very much. Please remember all the other children in the world.  
Love,  
Jason Hall  
Grethel, KY

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sophie Swiger. I am 4 years old. And I live at Eastern, Ky. I have been a pretty good girl this year. So if its no trouble I would like you to bring me a camera, guitar, a dora house, a little pet shop brand new and also a tree like Nan's.  
Thank you, Santa

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kylea Stewart. I am 2 years old. And I live at Martin, Ky. I have been a pretty good girl this year. If it's not too much to ask, I would like my two front teeth because my dentist took them. I would also like a riding toy, lots of boots, and a spongebob pillow.  
Thank you, Santa.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Logan Brandt Lafferty. I am 9-months-old. This will be my first Christmas. I have been a very good boy. Please bring me some Mickey Mouse and Handy Manny toys because I like to watch them on TV. I have a lot of cousins that I play with so please bring them something nice also. My mommy and Daddy are Lee and Barb Lafferty from Maytown. So please Santa don't forget I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.  
Your little buddy  
Logan Lafferty

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is:  
• Play Station 3  
• Xbox 360  
• Any video games for them

• Drum set  
• Guitar  
• Hauler truck  
• Crane truck  
• Dump truck  
• Multicontract bulldozer  
• Labtop  
• Weight bench  
And anything else that you would like to bring me. Say hi to Mrs. Claus, the elfs, and all the reindeer for me.  
By: Kaleb Scarberry  
Age: 10 years old  
City: Martin

Dear Santa,  
I love you very much. Would you please...Get me aventes cvauded Skyr's Bakugah, a Wavern Bakugan, and a Gorum Bakgah, and one of each ventes Bakugan, I want a couple of video games too. Like call of Duty Word at War, Malagascar escape & Africa, Smackdown vs. Rawl. 09, and one of each star wars Action figures.  
P.S. other people at school in my class don't believe your real! But I believe in you.  
From your friend: Bryce Moore  
in the 4th Grade

Dear Santa Claus,  
I know that you may have a lot to do this Christmas. But I am writing this letter to tell you what I really want for Christmas. I bet you don't know? The one thing that I want for Christmas is for my family to be happy and healthy. But give me anything else that you would like to give. I always love any gift that I receive. Say hi to everyone that you know for me.  
By: Kennedy Stumbo  
Age: 13 years old  
City: Martin

Dear Santa,  
I want a pet carrier for T-bone. Thanks.  
Samuel Carroll

Dear Santa,  
My wish list:  
I wish I will get a Bull Dog for Christmas. And if I get a Bull Dog it will be the only thing, I really really really want and I've been extra good this year for you.  
P.S. A cell phone,  
Love, a very very good girl.

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# Family Medicine



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Associate Professor  
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Q We had an early snowstorm this year here in Minnesota where I live, and my high-school aged son played in the snow without proper clothing, like hat and gloves. Thank goodness he had a warm coat on. Now he is complaining that his ear is a little red and slightly tender to touch. Does he have frostbite? Will his ear be permanently damaged?

A Frostbite is caused by exposure of the skin and underlying tissues to extreme cold. Frostbite occurs when the deeper tissues have literally

become frozen. Exposed areas like the hands, ears, nose and feet are the most prone to frostbite. Children are more likely to get frostbite than young adults, but it is important for everyone to dress properly when going out in the cold, especially for prolonged periods of time.

Frostnip is an early stage of frostbite that occurs when just the surface layer of the skin is frozen. This is usually treated at home by rewarming the area in slightly warm, not hot, water.

# Son may have 'frostnip,' should see doctor if symptoms persist

True frostbite is a medical emergency and requires treatment at the nearest hospital emergency department. Frostbitten skin appears white and waxy and feels harder than normal. In the early stages of frostbite, the sufferer feels a prickly sensation in the affected area. As frostbite continues, it becomes numb as well as throbbing and aching. In the later stages of frostbite as all of the deep structures become frozen, you lose all sensation in the affected area.

In some cases of true frostbite, blisters will appear over the damaged area in a couple of days. This is actually a good sign and means that the freezing was not too severe. When blistering does not occur, however, the frostbite may have caused enough damage to require amputation of the injured area.

Prevention is the best treatment

for frostbite and frostnip. Dressing in layers and avoiding extended exposure to the cold is where you should start. Avoiding alcohol and tobacco also helps your body retain heat. If you have vascular problems and/or take certain medications like beta-blockers, your chances of getting frostbite are increased.

Also, remember that the wind lowers the effective temperature. It's what weather forecasters call the "wind chill factor." That's why a very windy day can lead to damage of exposed areas even if the temperature didn't seem that low. Whatever the temperature, if you are out in the cold and you start getting numb or tingly feeling in an extremity, your face or your ears, get to a warm area as soon as possible.

Without examining your son, I can't tell for sure what's wrong with

him. Some redness and pain as well as a tingling or burning sensation in the affected area is to be expected after frostnip. This sounds like what you are describing, because in cases of true frostbite, these feelings are usually very intense after the affected area reaches room temperature. If your son's symptoms don't improve within a few days, however, you should take him to your family doctor for an evaluation to make sure there's no permanent damage.

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## Wellness

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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 a Kleenex. I accepted invitations 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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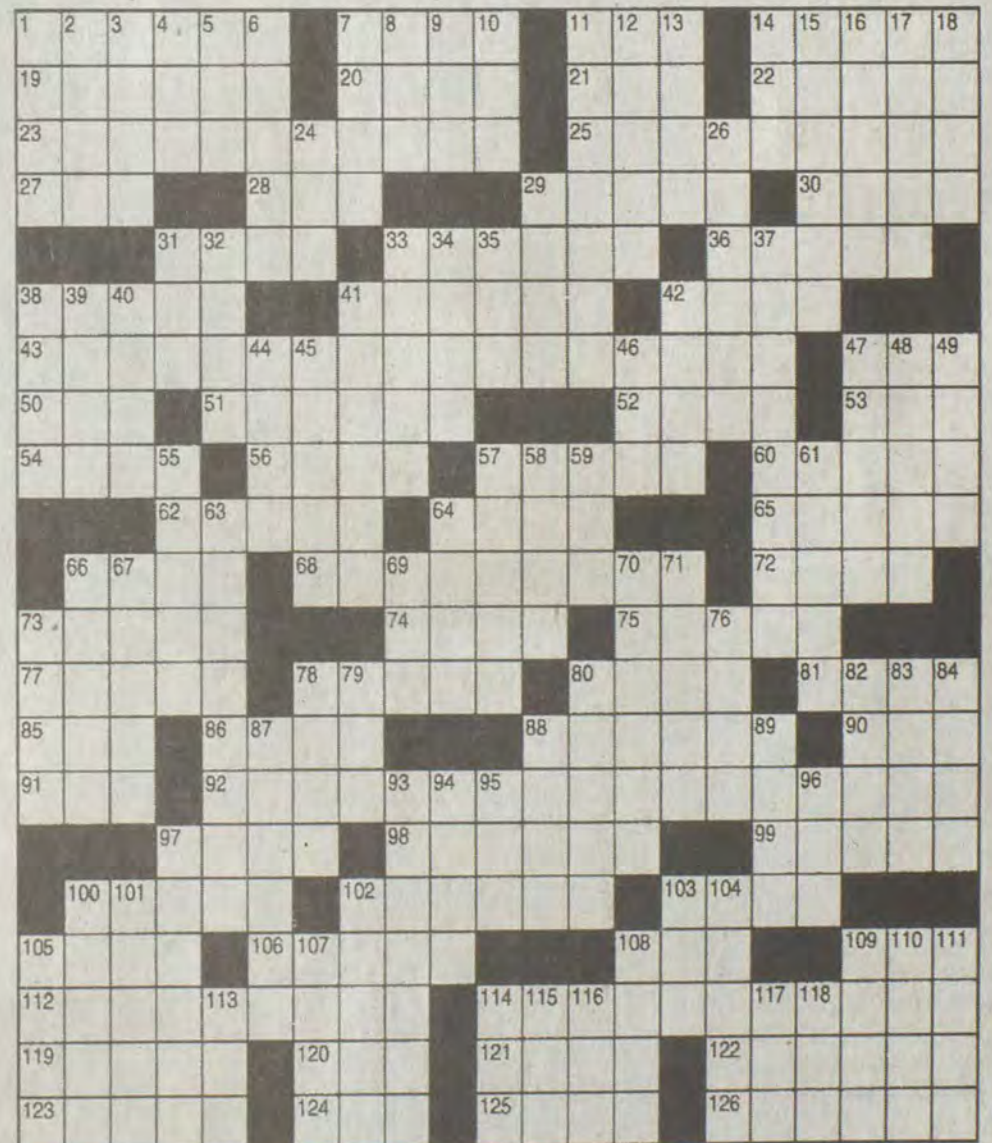
Patrick and Deanne Burke, of Prestonsburg, celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary of Dec. 18.



Bobby and Dora Barnette will be celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at a dinner with family. They were married December 26, 1958 in Wise, Virginia. Bobby lived in Weeksbury and Dora lived in Wheelwright Floyd county, KY. They both attended Wheelwright High School. They are proud parents of two children, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Mr. & Mrs. Barnette is retired from AT&T/Lucent Technologies in Columbus, Ohio.

## Super Crossword TIMBER LINE

- ACROSS**
- 1 '84 Daryl Hannah film
  - 7 Belfry sound
  - 11 Poetic monogram
  - 14 Little rascal
  - 19 Bunch of ballplayers
  - 20 Fairy-tale fiend
  - 21 Spring mo.
  - 22 Forbidden
  - 23 Start of a remark by 114 Across
  - 25 Teddy-bear president
  - 27 Tut's relative
  - 28 Ganesh or Hanuman
  - 29 That's the spirit
  - 30 Building wings
  - 31 Level
  - 33 Actress Welch
  - 36 With 51 Across, "Wuthering Heights" author
  - 38 Face lift?
  - 41 Anchored
  - 42 Hot spot?
  - 43 Part 2 of remark
  - 47 Aries animal
  - 50 Important numero
  - 51 See 36 Across
  - 52 "— look at me!"
  - 53 Distinctive period
  - 54 Irving character
  - 56 Hotels
  - 57 Prepare the Parmesan
  - 60 Toil
  - 62 Dwelling
  - 64 Trim a photo
  - 65 Rotund
  - 66 Vitale statistics?
  - 68 He's got plans for you
  - 72 Skilled
  - 73 Pick-me-up
  - 74 Sheet of stamps
  - 75 Big name in kids' music
  - 77 TV's "Starky and —"
  - 78 Get on
  - 80 Cougar
  - 81 Viscount's superior
  - 85 Put into service
  - 86 Partially open
  - 88 "Summer —" ('72 hit)
  - 90 Mauna —
  - 91 Augsburg article
  - 92 End of remark
  - 97 Wise guy?
  - 98 Bolter
  - 99 Like Hawaiian shirts
  - 100 Wails
  - 102 Vicar's assistant
  - 103 Bend
  - 105 Saucy
  - 106 It gets squirreled away
  - 108 Beastly place?
  - 109 Jacket info
  - 112 Gardener's friend
  - 114 Speaker of remark
  - 119 "— Gay"
  - 120 Khan opener?
  - 121 Kind of roast
  - 122 He's left holding the bag
  - 123 Enticed
  - 124 Pewter base
  - 125 Cunning
  - 126 Layers
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Blind part
  - 2 Body-builder's pride
  - 3 Need
  - 4 Give it — (try)
  - 5 Big —, CA
  - 6 Reduce a risk
  - 7 Little lake
  - 8 "The — and I" ('47 film)
  - 9 Word with folk or fine
  - 10 Tenor
  - 11 Durham denizen
  - 12 Bobbin
  - 13 Cupid, in Corinth
  - 14 Sault — Marie, MI
  - 15 Collapse
  - 16 Ring — (seem familiar)
  - 17 Aquarium fish
  - 18 Saucepans
  - 24 Charged atom
  - 26 Witty Wright
  - 29 Spiritual guide
  - 31 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
  - 32 Do or die?
  - 33 Takes a break
  - 34 Exercise aftermath
  - 35 Status —
  - 37 Diner fare
  - 38 Self-important
  - 39 Blabby bird
  - 40 Borodin's "Prince —"
  - 41 Sermon subject
  - 42 Woodwind instrument
  - 44 The Furies, e.g.
  - 45 Toyota competitor
  - 46 Banned pesticide
  - 47 Dely a dictator
  - 48 Faced the day
  - 49 Stallion's sweetheart
  - 55 Lose control
  - 57 Pulverize
  - 58 Learning method
  - 59 Mimic
  - 61 Activist Hoffman
  - 63 15th president
  - 64 Burn a bit
  - 66 Animal that roared?
  - 67 Log
  - 69 Pocket protector?
  - 70 Altar vessels
  - 71 He keeps lions in line
  - 73 Heavy blow
  - 76 Disconcert
  - 78 Bete noire
  - 79 Nev. neighbor
  - 80 Novel language?
  - 82 Baseball family name
  - 83 Crucifix
  - 84 Tramp's tootsie
  - 87 Pieciful pursuit?
  - 88 Gravy vessel
  - 89 Finish the lawn
  - 93 "The Avengers" actress
  - 94 Knitter's need
  - 95 Monk's title
  - 96 Wicked stuff?
  - 97 Pay up
  - 100 Reeves of "The Matrix"
  - 101 Mistake
  - 102 It's walked at Windsor
  - 103 Watch pocket
  - 104 Crochet units
  - 105 Rind
  - 107 Winter wear
  - 108 Off-the-wall
  - 109 — carotene
  - 110 "Players" actor
  - 111 Gumbo veggie
  - 113 Possessed
  - 114 North Pole worker
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## Campbell celebrates birthday

Joyce Campbell, of Prestonsburg, celebrated her birthday on Dec. 18 with her family.

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**Diva**

Megan Grace Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want zero gravity micro, speed racer cars, helicopter, cellphone, coat, remote control trantula, fire bolt Wii, Mario Kart, 2 AA batteries.  
Cade Byers

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a new playstation and the new crash bandy coot game. If you get them for me. Thank you,  
D.J. Marsillett

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good for my mom and dad this year. Will you please bring me the batcave, Darth Vader, and games for my VSmile.  
Blake VanHoose

**Prestonsburg Elementary  
1st grade, Mrs. Walker**

Dear Santa,  
How many elves do you have? How many reindeer are there? I have been good. I want all the big games Hunter games.  
Love, Dalton Marshall

Dear Santa,  
How many elf do you have? How many reindeer do you have? I have been good. I

want all of the wii games. I want puzzu games.  
Love, Cameron Goble

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? How's Mrs. Claus? I have been good this year. I will want a pink DS that is shiny.  
Love, Montana Amburgey

Dear Santa,  
How many elves do you have? How many reindeer do you have? I have been good. I want a game for my Ds. I want a wii fit.  
Love, Abby Shepherd

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? How old is Rudolph? I have been good. I want 29 deer hunting games for the wii.  
Love, Patrick Tuttle

Dear Santa,  
How many elves do you have? How old are you? How is your wife doing? Do you have eight reindeer? Santa, what I want for Christmas is Rockband 2, Wii hunting games and Big game hunter 2005.  
Love, Mason Compton

Dear Santa,  
What I want the most is a LaPetop and I what it is a P.M.



How are your reindeer and? How is Mrs. Claus? and I been good.  
Love, Emma Justice

Dear Santa,  
How may reindeer do you have? Do you have any back up? My behavior has been great this year. I want for Christmas is a DSA Hannah Montana Guitara Amirican girl doll.  
Love, Allison Campbell

Love,  
Allison Campbell

Dear Santa,  
How many reindeer do you have?  
How old are you?  
I have been good.  
I want a psp for Christmas.  
Bradyn Dove  
First Grade

Dear Santa,

How are you?  
When where you born?  
I have been a good. I want a razor Dundo Buggy and a Nintendo.  
Love, Beth Burchett

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? Where do you go?  
I have been good this X-box 360. Kittens, mother kitten.  
Love, David Meade

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? I hope they are good. How old is Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. I have been good Santa Claus. I want a wii cell phone; laptop.

Love,  
Kanryn Webb  
First grade  
Mrs. Walker

Dear Santa,  
Have your reindeer been good! How are you? I have been good. I want a pet shop and I would like a DS.  
Haley Meek  
First Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope Mrs. Claus and you have been good? How do your reindeer fly? I have been good. I want a High School, Musical Doll house and a Hannah Montana Doll house.  
Love, Megan Williams

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Dear Santa,  
How does Mrs. Claus help you and the elves? What do you do at the North pole? I have been good. What I want a DS and wii.  
Hannah Montana

Dear Santa,  
Does Rudolph I have a girl friend? P.S. How many reindeer do you have? I have been good, what I want the most is mini horses Pintos and the Morgen mare and food.  
Love, Luke Shepherd

Dear Santa,  
How many reindeer do you have? How many elves do you have? My behavior has been very good. I would love to have a Playstation 2 game. It's called Spiro  
Love, Trey Layne

Dear Santa,  
How is your wonderful wife feeling? I bet she is working her little arms off! Are any of your reindeers sick! Hope they aren't. I bet you want to know how I have been? great. What I want for Christmas is video games.  
Love, Jake

Dear Santa,  
Does your reindeer have girlfriends? Do you have a hundred elves? I have been good. I want puppies.  
Alivia

**Diva**

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won't see any cartoon characters on cans of tomatoes or celebrity endorsements for brown rice. Think about that.

And while you're thinking, here's a recipe using simple, easy to find, healthy ingredients. Enjoy!

**Crock-Nutty Chicken**

Serves 6  
1/3 cup peanut butter  
6 tablespoons soy sauce, divided  
3 1/2 teaspoons onion, finely chopped  
2 cloves pressed garlic  
Several drops Tabasco sauce  
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
6 boneless skinless chicken breast halves  
3 tablespoons honey  
1/2 tablespoon butter, melted  
2 cups chicken broth  
2 tablespoons corn starch  
Mix peanut butter, 3 tablespoons of the soy sauce, onion, garlic, tabasco and ginger.

Spread peanut butter mixture inside of each chicken breast halves piece. Fold in half; close with small skewer or toothpick. Place in crockpot. In a bowl, mix remaining 3 tablespoons soy sauce with honey, butter and broth and pour over chicken. Cover and cook on

low for 4 to 5 hours.

Remove chicken from crockpot and keep warm. Transfer remaining cooking liquid to a saucepan and heat to a boil. In a small bowl, dissolve cornstarch in small amount of cold water and stir into sauce. Cook for about 5 minutes or until sauce thickens nicely. Serve with sauce spooned over the top of chicken. Don't forget to remove toothpicks before serving!

Per Serving: 478 Calories; 14g Fat; 40g Protein; 16g Carbohydrate; 2g Dietary Fiber; 98mg Cholesterol; 1497mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1/2 Grain (Starch); 5 1/2 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 1 1/2 Fat; 1/2 Other Carbohydrates.

**SERVING SUGGESTIONS:** Brown rice, a spinach salad and some baby carrots.  
Enjoy!



For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website [www.SavingDinner.com](http://www.SavingDinner.com) or her *Saving Dinner Book series* (Ballantine) and her *New York Times Best Selling book Body Clutter* ( Fireside). Copyright 2008 Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.



Shane Edward Hatfield and Jessica Renae Jarrell will be united in marriage on Saturday, Dec. 20. Hatfield is the son of Ronald and Barbara Hatfield, of Prestonsburg. He is a student at Morehead State University pursuing an accounting degree and is currently employed by Dyno Nobel. Jarrell is the daughter of James E. Jarrell, Jr. and Stephanie Jarrell, and Sandra and Reggle Hall, of Prestonsburg. She is a student at Morehead State University and is pursuing a career in education. The couple will wed at 1:00 p.m. at the Graceway United Methodist Church, in Langley.

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## Marriage Licenses

Amanda Dawn Dale Lindemuth, 20, of Melvin, to Joseph Dwayne Newsome, 31, of Weeksbury.  
 Jerri Dawn Marshall, 37, of Allen, to Kevin L. Nelson, 37, of Allen.  
 Melissa Reynolds Anderson, 44, of Allen, to Thomas C. Witt, 47, of Harold.  
 Jessica Renae Jarrell, 22, of Prestonsburg, to Shane Edward Hatfield, 22, of Prestonsburg.  
 Melissa McCoy, 40, of Pikeville, to Charlie Gene Rose, 48, of Betsy Layne.

## Civil Suits Filed

Foster Care vs. Nicholas M. Conley; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.  
 Ky. Foster Care vs. Jamie L. Glover; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.  
 US Bank, National Association, N.D. vs. David Howell; complaint.  
 Linda Ritchie vs. Arthur Ritchie; divorce.  
 Donna Sue Charles vs. Kenneth Charles; divorce.  
 Billy J. Shepherd vs. Kayla W. Shepherd; divorce.  
 Wendy Conn vs. Jeremy Conn; divorce.  
 Festa D. Salisbury vs. Monica Hall; complaint.  
 David L. Tackett vs. James M. Martin; complaint.  
 Brenda Mullins vs. John P. Mullins; divorce.  
 Brian Slone vs. Jeffery Allen; complaint.  
 Capital Alliance Financial vs. Phillip Ritchie; complaint.

## Charges Filed

Deanna J. Hall, 41, Weeksbury; operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, receiving stolen property.  
 Mindy L. Joseph, 24, Royalton; second-degree burglary.  
 Josh Tackett, 22, Harold; theft by unlawful taking.  
 Jamie Conn, age unlisted, Allen; flagrant nonsupport.  
 Jeffery Turner, 46, Martin;

## alcohol intoxication.

James E. Ward, 38, East Point; alcohol intoxication.  
 Jimmy Ray Hunter, 49, Wayland; alcohol intoxication.  
 Frank L. Duncan, 35, Hueysville; alcohol intoxication, two counts fourth-degree assault, endangering the welfare of a minor.  
 Sharon Johnson, age unlisted, Prestonsburg; theft by deception.  
 Kimberly Carroll, 18, Teaberry; public intoxication, failure to wear seatbelts.  
 Larry D. Mitchell, 48, Hi Hat; fourth-degree assault.  
 Carol Mitchell, 43, Hi Hat; fourth-degree assault.  
 Loretta L. Perkins, 40, Banner; terroristic threatening.  
 Roger George, 47, East Point; harassing communications.  
 Randy C. Dotson Jr., 35, Banner; theft of services.  
 Randall Napier, 54, Hazard; theft by unlawful taking.  
 Amanda S. Mullins, 26, Beaver; failure to wear seatbelts, failure to produce insurance card, no operator/ moped license, criminal littering.  
 Denzil Howell, 31, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.  
 Michael Joseph Waddles, 28, Prestonsburg; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, possession of marijuana, one headlight, rear license not illuminated.  
 Ricky Castellanos, 38, Keaton; public intoxication.  
 Jefferey C. Kimmel, 36, Ivel; fourth-degree assault.  
 Everette Salisbury, 59, Harold; alcohol intoxication.  
 Shawna Kay Kimmel, 34, Ivel; fourth-degree assault, public intoxication.  
 Crystal Castle, 34, Martin; harassing communications.

## Inspections

South Floyd Middle School, Hi Hat, regular inspection. Violations noted: found water fountains in need of repair, all female stalls in restrooms in need of covered receptacles, some areas in hallway found

with broken or cracked tile, found lockers in need of repair. Score: 90.

Jenny Wiley State Park Lodge Restaurant, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, food not protected during service, cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided, garbage and refuse containers not covered, floors not clean, floors not in good repair, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 88.

Reno's Roadhouse, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, food not protected during service, cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided, floors not clean, floors not in good repair, light fixtures not shielded, unnecessary articles in or around the establishment, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 88.

Papa John's Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, food not protected during service, cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not free of abrasive, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided, floors not clean, walls, ceiling, attached equipment not constructed properly, not in good repair. Score: 90.

## Property Transfers

Alex Bailey to Phillip C. Spencer and Vicki R. Spencer, property not listed.  
 Nancy Bailey to Phillip C. Spencer and Vicki R. Spencer, property not listed.  
 Tracy Bailey to Phillip C. Spencer and Vicki R. Spencer, property not listed.  
 Charlene Caudill to Christopher Caudill, property not listed.  
 Glennis Caudill to Christopher Caudill, property not listed.  
 Kelly Elswick to Darryl Elswick, property not listed.  
 Carol Goble to David Garrett and Kristen Garrett, property located at Daniels Creek.  
 Greg Goble to David Garrett and Kristen Garrett, property located at Daniels Creek.  
 James Hall, Jr. to Veda Blankenship, property not listed.  
 Pamela Hall to Veda Blankenship, property not listed.  
 Randall Hall to Veda Blankenship, property not listed.  
 Deborah Ann Henderson to Estill Johnson, Jr., property located at Wayland.  
 Roger Henderson to Estill Johnson, Jr., property located at Wayland.  
 Robert Terry Lee to Melisha White, property not listed.  
 Deloris Martin to Verdine Martin, property not listed.  
 Helen Metcalf to Veda Blankenship, property not listed.  
 Kent Metcalf to Veda Blankenship, property not listed.

Edward Ousley to Jason B. Zeller, property located at Middle Creek.  
 Peggy Ousley to Jason B. Zeller, property located at Middle Creek.  
 Johnny Dale Pack to Lenny Hall, property located at McDowell.  
 Sherri Pack to Lenny Hall, property located at McDowell.  
 Greg Salisbury to Wade Tackett and Wade C. Tackett, property located at Left Beaver Creek.  
 Jason Simone to Brian Tackett and Jillian Tackett, property located at Marvin Heights.  
 Samira Simone to Brian Tackett and Jillian Tackett, property located at Marvin Heights.  
 Ashley Slone to Eric J. Thomas, property located at Beaver Creek.  
 Ray Slone to Eric J. Thomas, property located at Beaver Creek.  
 Chris Smith to Veda Blankenship, property not listed.  
 Ruby Smith to Veda Blankenship, property not listed.  
 Michael Sparkman to Mary McKinney and William McKinney, property located at Wayland.  
 Teresa Lynn Ramey Sparkman to Mary McKinney and William McKinney, property located at Wayland.  
 Harley Stevens to Chad Fleenor and Jennifer Fleenor, property located at Toler Creek.  
 Patricia Stevens to Chad Fleenor and Jennifer Fleenor, property located at Toler Creek.

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**Cinema 3—Starts Friday, Dec. 19**  
 CADILLAC RECORDS (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20.

**Cinema 4—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 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—Starts Friday, Dec. 19**  
 SEVEN POUNDS (PG-13), Mon.-Sun. 6:55-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 6:55-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:55-4:20) 6:55-9:20.

**Cinema 7—Starts Friday, Dec. 19**  
 YES MAN (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 8—Starts Friday, Dec. 19**  
 TALE OF DESPEREAUX(G), Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 7:00-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.

**Cinema 9—Held Over**  
 THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (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 10—Held Over**  
 PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25.

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

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

Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

**BAPTIST**

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.

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

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

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

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

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

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

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Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Barner. 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

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Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Expt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 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.

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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, 8:30 p.m.; Willie Crace, pastor; Assist. Larry Patton. Phone 358-4275.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Truisty.

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 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.

Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Vamey, Minister.

McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.

Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; William L. Hunt, Minister.

Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-3385


Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

Prater Creek Baptist, Barner, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist; Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.

Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Jerry Manns, Pastor; Willie Crace Jr., Assistant Pastor.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Huysville; Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Allen Chaffins, phone 946-2123.

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Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.  
Attention Church Organizations, send in a picture of your church, pastor, or youth leaders.

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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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, Huysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

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

**CATHOLIC**

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

**CHRISTIAN**

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

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

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

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

Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 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.

Huysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.

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

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

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley. Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

**CHURCH OF GOD**

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EPISCOPAL**

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

**LUTHERAN**

Our Savior Lutheran, Slip Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Rolland 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 Nealey 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.

Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;

Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

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

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

Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.

Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sarlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

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

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

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat. 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

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

**PRESBYTERIAN**

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

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**

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

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**

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

**OTHER**

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

Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

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

Faith 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.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

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

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

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

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

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m

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## Hazard handles South Floyd Girls

**Tuttle scores 11 points in Lady Raiders' loss**

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

**HAZARD** – Host Hazard dealt South Floyd its third straight loss Monday night, defeating the Lady Raiders 69-45. The Lady Bulldogs were out in front at the end of each quarter.

Taylor Niece led the way for Hazard, scoring a game-high 27 points. Niece hindered visiting South Floyd's chances of claiming the non-region win in both halves.

Hazard moved to 4-0 after defeating the Lady Raiders. The host Lady Bulldogs faced South Floyd in their first non-14th Region game of the season. Hazard defeated Estill County, Buckhorn and Lee County in earlier regular-season matchups.

As part of an impressive Hazard offensive effort, Tabitha Frasure scored nine points, Jade Fields tossed in eight points while Ashley Hall and Brooke Sharpey

scored seven apiece.

Hazard edged South Floyd 11-9 in the opening quarter. The Lady Bulldogs were able to shake a determined South Floyd team. A six-point halftime advantage turned into a 19-point lead at third quarter's end for the Lady Bulldogs.

Chelsie Tuttle paced South Floyd with 11 points. Tuttle, one of the 15th Region's top young players, scored 11 points. Kayla Hall narrowly missed double figures for South Floyd, finishing with nine points. Ashley Castle scored six points and Gabby Bailey pushed in five for the Lady

Raiders. Danielle Tackett scored four points and Jessie Tackett tossed in three for visiting South Floyd.

**INSIDE THE SCORING**  
**HAZARD 69.**

**SOUTH FLOYD 45**

**SOUTH FLOYD (45):** Conn 1, Kayla Hall 9, Jessie Tackett 3, Danielle Tackett 4, Tuttle 11, Damron 2, Dye 2, Castle 6, Kiana Hall 2, Bailey 5.

**HAZARD (69):** Hall 7, Niece 27, Combs 6, Jade Fields 8, Brewer 2, Frasure 9, Sharpey 7.



photo by Tony McGuire  
**TRISTA DAMRON** eyed a shot during South Floyd's game Monday night versus Hazard.

## Twas the week before Christmas...

by **RICK BENTLEY**  
TIMES COLUMNIST

– Seldom do we lead with the NFL here in high-school happy Eastern Kentucky, but Sunday night's Giants/Panthers game has everything a football fan could want.



**Rick Bentley**

You've got the big city team against a comparable one spotlight town.

You've got the proven champ against a team that nobody seems to be able to get a grip on.

I can't imagine how bad John Madden will be stuttering if this one is tight at the end of the third period.

– Speaking of the NFL, RIP, Slingin' Sammy Baugh.

– Was I the only one who noticed how tough new CBS analyst Greg Anthony was on Kentucky freshman DeAndre Liggins last Saturday? Anthony was solid in my estimation. The only other time I'd heard him was in the studio with ESPN, and because he largely talked about the NBA, I hadn't heard him a lot.

But I thought he was particularly tough on UK's mercurial freshman, noting his shoot-first mentality at point and that he turned the ball over a lot (Good thing he was talking about it, because Billy Gillispie scoffed at its mention in a press conference, saying the win was all that mattered).

Please notice I'm not saying Anthony was (ital) too (ital) tough on him, but it was unusual for a broadcaster to take such issue with a player.

Perhaps Anthony will be the analyst CBS has long been in need of. And perhaps someone will sit Liggins down and have him give a listen to Anthony's honest assessment of his game.

– Want some NBA news? Me neither.

– The only one of the six football championship games I was surprised at came in Double-A, where Fort Campbell knocked off Newport Central Catholic.

– Regular readers of this space know I don't always get to see many high school basketball games, but on Friday, I watched Shelby Valley totally dismantle Henry Clay. The Wildcats are legit, a very solid team.

And make no mistake about it, Elisha Justice can flat out play. His understated performance that night, chiefly his remarkable passing skills, was nothing short of fantastic. I'm

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photos by Jamie Howell

**Prestonsburg junior Michael Burchett** – pictured above, providing pressure on an inbounds pass – scored a game-high 28 points for the Blackcats in the win over Betsy Layne. The Blackcats were able to hold off the Bobcats in the district game.

## Blackcats top Betsy Layne, take over role of 58th District frontrunner

**Burchett leads P'burg with 28 points**

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PRESTONSBURG** – Prestonsburg took over sole possession of the 58th District lead Tuesday night following a 66-49 win over long-time rival Betsy Layne. The Blackcats held Betsy Layne on offensive possessions throughout the second half.

Junior Michael Burchett continued an exceptional scoring pace. Burchett, now in his second season as a full-time starter for the Blackcats, scored a game-high 28 points. The

Prestonsburg scorer connected on shots from various part of the floor. Senior Jody Tackett helped

emerged as a valuable performer for the Blackcats, added 12 points.

Betsy Layne, which

some early success. The Bobcats outscored Prestonsburg 30-26 in the first half.



Prestonsburg to the win, finishing with 15 points. Alex Stumbo joined his two Prestonsburg teammates in double figures. Stumbo, a player who has

dropped its first game of the season on Prestonsburg's home floor, managed only 19 points in the second half.

Betsy Layne enjoyed

Prestonsburg hit its stride in the second half. Prestonsburg rolled in the fourth quarter, nailing Betsy Layne 21-9 in the last period.

**O t h e r** Prestonsburg scorers included Steven Patrick (6), Austin Gearheart (3) and Seth Setser (2).

**N a t h a n** Martin scored 11 points and Bryant Tibbs 10 for the Bobcats. Richie Tackett and Bryce Adkins scored eight points apiece

(See **BLACKCATS**, page two)

## Runnin' Rebs fall to Johnson Central

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PAINTSVILLE** – Allen Central's early-season woes continued Tuesday night on the road at Johnson Central. In a battle of former 15th Region champions – and two teams headed in different directions – Johnson Central handed Allen Central its worst loss of the season to date, defeating the Runnin' Rebels 79-36.

Rising sophomore Cody Parker led the Eagles. Parker, a two-sport athlete who also stars on the baseball diamond, led Johnson Central with a game-high 27 points. Allen Central didn't have an answer for the athletic Parker.

Johnson Central claimed the early momentum and never relented in its pursuit of the win. The Eagles cracked open the non-district case. Johnson Central

started strong and finished stronger. Each quarter, Johnson Central enjoyed an even wider scoring margin over the Rebels.

After leading 14-9 at the end of the first quarter, Johnson Central went into halftime ahead 20-15. While scoring over 20 points in each of the last two quarters, Johnson Central truly saved its best for last. The Eagles scored a season-high 29 points in the

final quarter.

JK Hall scored 10 points and Mike Dale and Ian Welch finished with eight apiece in the convincing win.

Allen Central backcourt members Chris Stumbo and Justin Jackson scored nine points apiece. Seth Jarrell scored eight points and Blake Salisbury added four. Austin Woods, Brandon Meade and Micah Harlow rounded out the Allen

Central scoring effort as each player scored two points.

Allen Central dropped to 0-4 while Johnson Central improved to 4-1.

The Runnin' Rebels will be back on the hardwood Saturday at the East Kentucky Expo Center in the East Kentucky Miners Basketball Showcase versus East Ridge. Tip-off for the Allen Central-East Ridge game is set for 5 p.m.

## 14th Region Boys: Patriots push back June Buchanan

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**HINDMAN** – In a home game Tuesday night, host Knott County Central outscored June Buchanan 44-26 in the second and third quarters combined and kept the Crusaders at a distance in the second half, eventually winning 69-55. Richard Caudill led Knott County Central with a double-double of 15 points and

12 rebounds. Tate Cox, one of the state's top junior boys' basketball players, added 13 points for the Patriots.

June Buchanan hung in with Knott County Central in the first half, outscoring the Patriots 14-12 in the first quarter. Knott County Central's fortunes turned around in the second quarter. The Patriots outscored June Buchanan 22-12 in the second period to enter halftime

out in front 34-26. A 14th Region title contender, Knott County Central outscored June Buchanan 22-14 in the third quarter, pushing the game out of the Crusaders' reach.

Logan Bartrum added 10 points for the Patriots, giving Knott County Central three players in double figures in the scoring column.

Brent Hall led June Buchanan with 17 points. Clint

Stapp scored 11 points for the Crusaders.

Knott County Central improved to 5-0 following the win. The Patriots were back in action Thursday on the road at Hazard. The Knott County Central-Hazard game ended too late to make this edition.

June Buchanan dropped its first game of the season with the loss to the Patriots. The Crusaders are now 3-1.



photo by Jamie Howell

**BETSY LAYNE** upended host Prestonsburg Tuesday night in a 58th District/Floyd County Conference girls' basketball game.

## Keselowski heads list of 2008 most popular drivers

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Saturday night at the final awards banquet of the 2008 season, NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Ted Christopher was also honored as the series' most popular driver.

He was the last of eight drivers to receive the honor via first-time fan voting on NASCAR.COM and through www.nascarhometracks.com, the official NASCAR developmental series Web site. The most popular driver award wasn't revealed until each series' season-ending banquet.

More than 253,000 votes were cast for 258 drivers in the Nationwide Series, Craftsman Truck Series and each of NASCAR's six national touring series. Voting began July 7 and closed for each series as its season ended.

In addition, many track and team/driver Web sites throughout NASCAR carried the links to voting on NASCAR.COM.

Brad Keselowski, the most popular driver in the Nationwide Series, led all drivers with 59,300 votes. Fans cast 131,875 votes for drivers in the Nationwide Series, tops among the eight series.

Every fan vote was crucial, especially in one series. The closest battle was in the Camping World Series West where Moses Smith won the award by percentage points over Austin Cameron. Of the 7,612 votes tallied, Smith earned 15.409 percent while Cameron totaled 15.151 percent.

Two series champions were also voted as most popular drivers — Christopher and Johnny Benson (Truck Series). But the other six winners were drivers inside — and outside — their series' final championship top 10, illustrating the fans' passion for their favorites regardless of ranking.

## Blackcats

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as Betsy Layne faltered. Jordan Newman pushed in seven points, Casey Adkins collected three and Dylan Maldonado dumped in two for the visiting Betsy Layne team.

Prestonsburg improved to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in the 58th District/Floyd County Conference as a result of the win over the Bobcats.

Both Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne are heading into

tournaments. Prestonsburg will start play in the Country Music Highway Classic today at Johnson Central versus the host Eagles. Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-Johnson Central game is set for 5 p.m.

Betsy Layne will begin play in the Raceland Derby Classic Saturday in a game versus West Carter. The Betsy Layne-West Carter game is slated to tip at 2 p.m.

## Herd defeats Ohio, 73-68

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — In a game in which both teams shot 60 percent from the floor, the Marshall University men's basketball team hung on for a thrilling 73-68 win over Ohio at the Cam Henderson Center on Wednesday.

Ohio (4-6) scored the contest's initial field goal for a quick 2-0 advantage, but Marshall (5-4) went ahead on a Damier Pitts (Charlotte, N.C.) 3-pointer and held the lead for the next 38 minutes until DeV Vaughn Washington's layup with 1:28 left tied the game at 66-66. Marshall redshirt junior guard Chris Lutz (Bedford, N.H.) then hit the game's biggest shot, sinking a go-ahead 3-pointer on MU's ensuing possession with 1:13 remaining on Pitts' 10th assist.

Pitts, a freshman, would go 4-for-4 from the free-throw line (6-for-7 for the game) down the stretch to send Marshall to its third straight victory. The Herd point guard posted the first

double-double of his career with 13 point and 10 assists, marking the first time a Marshall player registered a double-double utilizing assists since A.W. Hamilton accomplished the feat with 11 points and 10 assists versus Morehead State (MU def MSU, 85-71) on Nov. 29, 2003.

Lutz nailed his fourth and final 3-pointer of the game (4-for-7) after coming off a Tyler Wilkerson (Lexington) screen when Pitts found the Purdue transfer open on the wing. Lutz's outstanding footwork allowed him to quickly square to the basket and deliver perhaps Marshall's biggest field goal of the young season.

Pikeville College graduate Donnie Jones guides the Marshall men's basketball team.

Marshall will complete its three-game homestand on Saturday when it welcomes the No. 1 team in the country in NAIA play, the University of The Cumberlands. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

## Before

not sure how dominant they'd be without him, but with him, they're top line.

— Back to the football playoffs for a second. While Trinity wore out Simon Kenton in the Six-A game, you have to give it to the Pioneers. They were a four seed coming out of their district and managed to make it all the way to the championship game in the toughest of the six classes.

— I really wish bullies like Ed Werder would stop picking on poor ol' Terrell Owens.

— I hate it when people cry

racism, but you've got to admit finding a reason Auburn chose Gene Chizik over Buffalo's Turner Gill is pretty difficult to do.

— I know a lot of people are second-guessing retirement right now with the stock market as it is, but isn't this Joe Paterno thing a little ridiculous? He'll be 80-friggin-5 when that contract expires.

— I didn't have a vote, but if I would have, I'd have re-elected Tim Tebow as Heisman Trophy winner. I'd do so even if I did have to look up the correct spelling

of his name.

— Here's a shock: Brett Favre isn't sure if he'll play next year. Wake me up when this one's over.

— Here's one for you: Amongst the 32 active NFL head coaches, which one has the most wins in his career? I'd have had quite a few guesses before I remembered Mike Holmgren in Seattle, who has won 173 games heading into Sunday's meeting with the New York Jets.

(Bullet) This is the last column before Christmas rolls around, so indulge me for a moment as we leave

Continued from p1 sports to the side.

Sports has been very good to me, has paid my bills nearly all my adult life and has provided me many friends. Today I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and if you'll all do me one favor, I'd ask that it be this: Keep in mind what the holiday is really about, and please, let's stand up and not 'X' Christ out of Christmas.

Merry Christmas, everybody, and God bless you all.

## EK Miners 132, Kentucky Bisons 106

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Seven different players reached double figures in the scoring column Wednesday night as the host East Kentucky Miners defeated the Kentucky Bisons 132-106 at the East Kentucky Expo Center in another CBA-ABA matchup played as part of the historic Interleague Challenge. East Kentucky, which outscored Kentucky in each of the first three quarters, shot 63-percent from the field en route to the win.

Bench play helped to push the Miners over the top. Reserves Jason McLeish and Delvin Thomas led East Kentucky in scoring with 21 points apiece. Mike Crain, another reserve, followed with 20 points for the Miners. Crain, East Kentucky's leading long-range shooter, drained two of three attempts from behind three-point line.

Jermaine Blackburn scored 17 points, Joe Buck pushed in 16, Wayne Turner tallied 13 and Mike Dean contributed 15 as East Kentucky scored over 100 points for the fourth straight time in as many outings this season.

The Miners handed out 28 assists while committing 17 turnovers.

East Kentucky outscored

the visiting team 35-27 in the opening quarter. The Miners carried a commanding 65-45 lead into halftime.

East Kentucky stretched its lead in the second half, outscoring the ABA squad 35-29 in the third quarter.

"Overall, we played well in the second and third quarters," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "We didn't take care of the basketball like we should have at times. Obviously, we're happy to be on the winning side. Offensively, shooting-wise, we're right where we want to be."

Kenny Jones led the Bisons with a game-high 31 points and 10 rebounds. Jones, who recorded the game's lone double-double, registered his game-high totals in 26 minutes. Teco Dickerson scored 17 points, Boris Siakim pushed in 16 and Thad Key collected 15 for the visiting ABA team.

East Kentucky will host the West Virginia Wild Saturday and Sunday. The Wild feature Kentucky high school basketball legend J.R. VanHoose. A former Kentucky Mr. Basketball, VanHoose is a Paintsville native.

Tip-off for the Saturday, Dec. 20 Interleague Challenge game pitting the Miners

against the Wild is set for 7:05 p.m.

## Coach Keathley Show moving to Friday night for one episode

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Coach Kevin Keathley Show scheduled to air Saturday, Dec. 20 will instead air Saturday, Dec. 27. The scheduling change was made due to the East Kentucky Miners home game slated for the same day of the show. The highly-popular show featuring East Kentucky Miners head coach Kevin Keathley made the debut in a second season during the month of November on the Hazard, Ky.-based TV station.

Each episode of the Coach Kevin Keathley Show is available live on WYMT's official website

www.wymtnews.com. A banner that serves as a link for the Show goes up on the WYMT site five minutes before the start of each show. The banner is located at the top of the WYMT website.

The Dec. 20 episode of the Coach Kevin Keathley Show will featured an inside look at a Miners practice, an interview with second-year East Kentucky player Jason McLeish and highlights from the team's first home game.

WYMT-TV sportscaster Derek Forrest is alongside Keathley on the show's set as host of a second season.

East Kentucky is 3-0 through its first three games of the 2008-09 season.

### EK MINERS SO FAR...



Dec. 11: EK Miners 102, Kentucky Bisons 94

Dec. 14: EK Miners 140, WV Blazers 94

Dec. 15: EK Miners 119, WV Blazers 87

Dec. 17: EK Miners 132, Kentucky Bisons 106

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### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Michael Burchett, Prestonsburg

Chelsie Tuttle, South Floyd



photos by Jamie Howell

HOST PRESTONSBURG split a 58th District/Floyd County Conference double-header with Betsy Layne Tuesday night. The Blackcats won the boys' game. Betsy Layne prevailed in the girls' matchup.



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SOUTH FLOYD LADY RAIDER GABBY BAILEY chased down a loose ball during Monday's game versus Hazard.

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# MSU Cheerleading Showcase slated for Jan. 11

**Area cheer squads to participate in Morehead State event**

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**MOREHEAD** - Morehead State University's coed and all-girl cheerleading squads will host the MSU Cheerleading Showcase on Sunday, Jan. 11, beginning at 4 p.m. at MSU's Academic-Athletic Center.

Area high school, all-star and other collegiate squads also will perform.

Both MSU cheer squads will present their routines before heading off to compete in the UCA College National Cheerleading Championships, Jan. 16-19, in Orlando, Fla. The Universal Cheerleaders Association will sponsor the competition, which will be held at Walt Disney's Wide World of Sports.

The coed and all-girl cheerleading squads placed first in the country in their division in the qualifying round, which consisted of a cheer video and a two-minute video that demonstrated the teams' stunts, pyramids, basket tosses and tumbling skills.

This is a return trip for both groups. In the 2008 competition, the coed squad won its seventh consecutive national title. They have won a total of 18 national championships overall. The all-girl squad placed second in the highly competitive All-Girl Division I. The all-girl squad has won a total of six national championships.

"Placing first in the qualifying round with both teams is a huge accomplishment for us," said Tony Nash, MSU spirit coordinator. "This is the fifth year in a row that both teams have achieved this. We set this as one of our team goals at the beginning of the year," he said.

"Now that we have met our initial goal of qualifying first

in the country, our focus changes to a national championship. The competition in Division I continues to become more difficult every year and both teams are challenged every year in Florida. We understand that the target is on our back, so we try to put that aside and concentrate on what we have to do as a team."

Members of the coed squad are: Joseph Arkansas, Charlotte, N.C., senior; Pat Ballew, Callahan, Fla., junior; Alexia Chapparone, Escondido, Calif., junior; Stephenie Crites, Ashland I, The all-girl squad has won a total of six national championships.

Brittany Kaczetow, Centereach, N.Y., junior; Shawn Meyer, Eaton, Ohio, sophomore; Miranda Noel, Waverly, Ohio, senior; O'Shea Parker, Bowling Green senior; Justin Pope,

Lexington freshman; Sarah Jayne Ramsey, Whitesburg freshman; Dave Ranck, Morehead senior; Guillermo Rodriguez, Escondido, Calif., senior; Brittany Rogers, Richmond sophomore; David Schuch, Traverse City, Mich., graduate student; Rachel Sriver, Union Grove, Wis., freshman; Kelsey Simpson, Lexington senior; Greg Terlau, Sharonville, Ohio, sophomore; Jeff Van Horn, Fort Collins, Colo., graduate student.

Members of the all-girl squad are: Keri Adami, Snellville, Ga., sophomore; Michelle Barton, Florence sophomore; Ashley Bekken, Muskego, Wis., freshman; Ashley Benjamin, Folsom, Calif., freshman; Crystal Courtney, Orlando, Fla., senior; Kelsey Davis, Madison, Ala., freshman; Gabrielle Davis, Madison, Ala., freshman; Katelyn Ellis, Verona sophomore; Stephanie Faulconer, London freshman; Sara Folwell, Atlanta, junior; Danielle Garone, North

Massapequa, N.Y., senior; Isabella Glinski, Franklin, Tenn., freshman; Brianna Gordon, Madison, Ala., freshman; Joneshia Hall, Lexington freshman; Anesha Hersey, Lexington freshman; Terresia High, Cambridge, Ohio, junior; Amanda Lewis, Olive Hill senior; Mallory Mingus, Brentwood, Tenn., sophomore; Erica New, Bloomington, Ind., freshman; Jerica Patrick, Ashland freshman; Hayley Pettiapiece-Phillips, Pickering, Canada, freshman; Tracie Prickett, Newnan, Ga., sophomore; Leslie Pulley, Post Falls, Idaho, senior; Kristi Randel, Orangevale, Calif., senior; Tory Roberts, Richmond freshman; Billie Sue Rowe, Appleton, Wis., senior; Krista Sanders, Millbury, Ohio, sophomore; Holly Stromgren, Sammamish, Wash., sophomore; Alison Tinsley, Fenton, Mich., sophomore.

Additional information on the cheerleading showcase is available by calling Nash at

(606) 783-9495 or by sending a message to t.nash@moreheadstate.edu.

## Kentucky Winter Wildcat Baseball School moved

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**LEXINGTON** - The 2008 University Kentucky Winter Wildcat Baseball School, set for Dec. 22-23, has been relocated from the Nutter Field House, to the Champions Sports Complex located in Nicholasville. UK head coach Gary Henderson announced.

The camp, designed for ages 6-14, offers young players the opportunity to prepare for the spring season in a fun and positive learning atmosphere. The camp includes baseball fundamentals, drill work and simulated game situations.

## Logano, Davis, Fischer scheduled to test at Daytona for Venturini

**SPECIAL TO THE TIMES**

**DAYTONA BEACH Fla.** - Joey Logano is one of three drivers listed under the Venturini Motorsports banner to participate in the ARCA RE/MAX Series open test this weekend (Dec 19-21) at Daytona Int'l Speedway.

Logano, who won in his career-first RE/MAX Series start at Rockingham Speedway back in May, is a development driver for Joe Gibbs Racing (JGR). Logano is slated to run the full NASCAR Sprint Cup Series schedule in 2009 in the no. 20 JGR Toyota. But first, the Middletown, Connecticut driver will put in a little more seat-time in the ARCA 200 at Daytona in preparation for his ascent to the Cup division. Logano also ran the ARCA RE/MAX Series race at Talladega in October, 2008, finishing second to ARCA champ Justin Allgaier.

Marc Davis, another development driver for JGR, is also scheduled to test with Venturini Motorsports this weekend at Daytona, as is Canadian Ryan Fischer. Fischer has already announced his plans to run the full ARCA RE/MAX Series schedule in 2009 driving for Venturini Motorsports.

Other multi-car efforts on the way down for ARCA testing at Daytona include Bobby

Gerhart Racing with four entries already listed. Gerhart, a five-time Daytona winner, is entered in a no. 5 Chevrolet along with veteran AJ Henriksen and new comers Jonathon Gomaz and Joey Coulter.

Eddie Sharp Racing (ESR) is also scheduled to test with multiple drivers including Craig Goess and Tim George, Jr., both of whom have already announced full programs with ESR in 2009 in ARCA RE/MAX Series competition.

Other entries include Daytona Beach native Alli Owens in a D'Hondt Racing entry and Will Kimmel in a Frank Kimmel Racing entry. Will is the son of Frank's brother Bill Kimmel. Bill Kimmel served as Frank's crew chief for eight of Frank's nine national championship titles. Will, a former Salem Speedway late model champion, made his ARCA RE/MAX Series debut at Nashville Superspeedway in 2008, subbing for his uncle Frank.

On-track activity is scheduled from 9 to 5 each day with an hour break for lunch. In addition to continual coverage from all the activity surrounding the open test, arcaracing.com will also feature live timing and scoring throughout the three-day test.

## Reds announce spring training schedule, report dates

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**CINCINNATI** - Two-game ticket packages for Cincinnati Reds 2009 Spring Training games at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, Florida will go on sale at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 17 at the complex box office, on-line at reds.com and by phone at (877) 647-7337. Tickets for all individual games will go on sale at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 24. Fans also can order season tickets via reds.com or by calling (941) 954-4464.

In 2009 the Reds will train at the City of Sarasota Sports Complex for the 12th and final season. Pitchers and catchers are scheduled to report February 14 and position players on February 17. Beginning in 2010, the team will train at its new complex in Goodyear, Arizona.

This spring there will be six Premium games at Ed Smith Stadium, including afternoon exhibitions against the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies (February 27), New York Yankees (March 1, March 31) and Boston Red Sox (March 25) in addition to home night games against the Red Sox (March 19) and Minnesota Twins (March 26).

From Saturday, January 17 through Friday, January 23 fans only can purchase any or all of five two-game ticket packages

that include the Twins (February 26) and Phillies (February 27); Yankees (March 1) and Pirates (March 5); Red Sox (March 19) and Pirates (March 21); Toronto Blue Jays (March 23) and Red Sox (March 25) and Yankees (March 31) and Pirates (April 2). All single-game tickets will go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24.

On January 17, tickets will be sold at the third base ticket booth on the east side of the ballpark, located at 12th Street and Tuttle Avenue in Sarasota, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Beginning January 19, the ticket booth will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The ticket booth is closed Sundays, except on gameday. Tickets also can be purchased any time online at reds.com or by phone at (877) 647-7337. For more information, call (941) 954-4464.

Ticket prices are \$16 for box seats, \$14 for reserved seats and \$9 for general admission. There is an additional \$2 charge per ticket for each of the six Premium games. The Reds' 36-game spring training schedule opens February 25 and includes 16 games at Ed Smith Stadium, including a March 4 contest against the Netherlands' World Baseball Classic entry, and an exhibition hosted by their new Class AAA affiliate in Carolina.

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Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions

made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County: Wolverine Resources Inc. 836-0329 11/05/2008 FCDC Coal, Inc.

836-0332 11/25/2008 FCDC Coal, Inc. 836-5498 11/20/2008 FCDC Coal, Inc. 836-5505 11/13/2008

**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 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. Reffett. The operation will underlie land owned by Shade and Patricia K. Pitts, Lou Ellen Pitts, et al., Big Branch Holding Company, LLC and Mont Ousley Heirs. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and

Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. 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.

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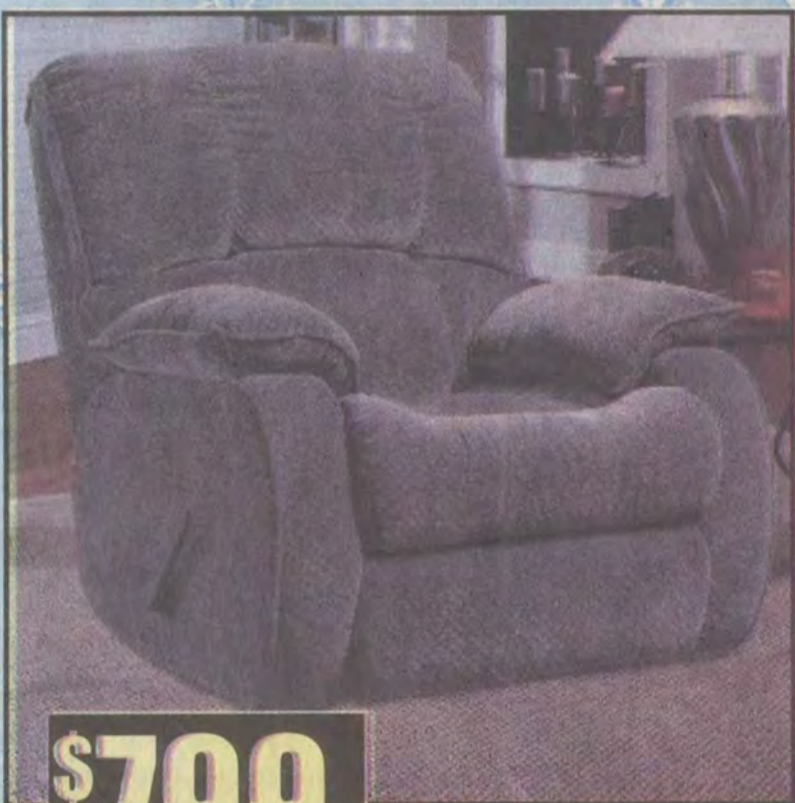
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