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### briefs

## Allen named to state board

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — A Prestonsburg woman was appointed to the Kentucky Board of Education on Tuesday by Governor Paul Patton.

Janice B. Allen, a former teacher in Floyd County, had not received official confirmation of the appointment until she was notified by The Floyd County Times.

"I was told this morning that it was going to happen, but I haven't received anything official yet," Allen said.

Allen will be replacing Bill Weinberg, of Hindman, who resigned from the position.

Allen will serve for the remainder of the Weinberg's term ending on April 14, 2006.

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#### Thursday



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# 26 Big Sandy area inmates to be freed

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

FRANKFORT — Over two dozen convicted criminals from the Big Sandy area have a cash-strapped state budget to thank for sending them home for the holidays. In an effort to trim state expenses, Gov.

Paul Patton this week ordered the release of 567 nonviolent state prisoners — including 26 from the Big Sandy region — in order to save the state an estimated \$1.3 million between now and June.

The first round of releases is scheduled to take place today, with 363 being released. Another 204 will be released next

Wednesday.

In addition, Patton announced plans to cap the state prison population at 3,736, meaning additional releases are likely as new convicts enter the prison system.

The bulk of the releases will come from Class D felons housed in county jails, saving the state the \$28.76 a day paid to coun-

ty jails to house state inmates.

In the Big Sandy region, local jails will release a total of 18 inmates. Hardest hit among those jails will be the Pike County Detention Center, which will lose 13 prisoners. Three more will be released from

(See **INMATES**, page three)



photo by Sheldon Compton

Supporters flocked to a press conference in Paintsville on Tuesday, headed by Johnson County Superintendent Orville Hamilton. Hamilton and over 500 others have signed a petition asking Jones to return in 2003 to seek a second term as Kentucky's top official.

## Teachers launch effort to draft Jones for gubernatorial bid

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — A group of Johnson County teachers have decided that former Gov. Brereton Jones' decision not to seek the governor's seat a second time is simply not acceptable.

At a press conference held Tuesday at the Ramada Inn, a group made up primarily of administrators, teachers and staff mem-

bers of the Johnson County school system met to openly discuss their desire to see Jones back in office.

"We're just doing this and hoping," said Johnson County Supervisor of Instruction Monica Whitaker. "Brereton came in and brought us out once and we need it again. I mean they just let out how many inmates to try to cure the deficit? That's just scary."

Gov. Paul Patton this week announced the release of 567

inmates in hopes of lifting some of the mounting deficit problems in the state. The move is expected to save \$1.3 million for correctional facilities between now and July, but had most attending Tuesday's meeting in Paintsville seeking a more "proven" answer.

Arguably one of the key player in organizing the conference, Johnson County Superintendent of

(See **PETITION**, page six)

## Board calls off school for teachers to lobby legislators

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

ALLEN — Though Floyd County Schools Supt. Paul Fanning was not in favor of the idea, East Kentucky Education Association representatives nonetheless persuaded members of the Floyd County Board of

Education to approve closing county schools for one day in early February to allow county teachers a chance travel to Frankfort to rally for education financing.

"We have already missed four days of school because of weather," Fanning said. "That's already a loss of instructional time."

"Bud" Reynolds and Betty Rowland, EKEA representatives, stressed the importance of the rally.

"We rallied about 14 years ago," Reynolds said, "and it had a major impact on our budget. We have to stand up for ourselves, and I think it's

(See **RALLY**, page six)

## Holiday giveaway touches hearts

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

GRETHEL — In a season that is dedicated to the spirit of giving, it is a beautiful thing to watch when the efforts of caring people create full stomachs and happy hearts for those who cannot afford to give.

Shortly after the Mud Creek Clinic opened in February 1973, Eula Hall, director and founder of the clinic, and other volunteers began work on an annual event which would make the Christmas season a special time for the residents of Mud Creek.

With over 1,000 people attending again this year, the John M. Stumbo

gymnasium was booming with happy children and stuffed adults. Residents of the area enjoyed turkey, ham, green beans and cornbread, while they were given the opportunity to look through mounds of clothes, shoes and toys.

(See **GIVEAWAY**, page six)

## Hit-and-run car found; driver still being sought

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

Although the hunt continues for the driver responsible for crashing into a family of four at Honaker on Thursday and killing 2-year-old Stacia Collins, the vehicle — last reported as speeding away from the fatal collision — has been recovered.

Police found the abandoned Park Avenue in the Honaker area near the scene of the accident, according to Kentucky State Trooper Scott Hopkins.

Hopkins said reports of the car being covered in an apparent attempt to conceal its location were not included in details supplied to him as of Monday afternoon. Hopkins explained that he met with investigating officers on Monday about the Thursday evening car accident but did not specify the details of the discovery.

"We have found the vehicle, and have actually taken it," Hopkins said. "But, as of right now, the investigation continues. We still have to conduct interviews with

(See **FOUND**, page six)

## Ross chairs last meeting

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

ALLEN — After four years of service to Floyd County schools, children and families, Floyd County Board of Education Chairman Johnnie Ross bid farewell to his fellow board mem-

bers at the close of Monday evening's regular meeting.

Ross was presented with a plaque commemorating his service to the Floyd County school system by fellow board member Jeff Stumbo, who said

(See **ROSS**, page three)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Rev. Johnnie E. Ross, right, bid an emotional farewell to fellow board member Jeff Stumbo at the end of Monday evening's meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education. The meeting marked the board's last scheduled meeting for the year. Ross, who did not seek re-election, will give up his seat to Prestonsburg attorney Mickey McGuire in January.

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# Odds and Ends

**■ QUINCY, Mass.** — Waitress Sarah Nilsen got an early Christmas present in the mail this week: A \$10,000 tip from one of her regular customers.

The check, made out to Nilsen's 11-month-old son, came from an older widower who patronizes the Newcomb Farms restaurant, where Nilsen, 22, waits tables twice a week.

The man, whom Nilsen would not identify, sits at the same table and orders the same meal every Wednesday.

Nilsen, who also works full-time at an insurance agency, said she's been talking to the man about her son Andrew since he visited the restaurant with her when he was 3 months old.

Last Wednesday, Nilsen and her customer had more reason than usual to talk.

"I said, 'I don't know how I can thank you,'" Nilsen recalled. His reply: "I just wanted to do something for you."

Nilsen and her husband, Jeffrey, plan to put the money in Andrew's college savings account. She said she's sure Andrew will meet his benefactor at the restaurant many times.

Nearly 20 years ago, Cuyahoga Falls adopted a law requiring businesses that sell gasoline to provide air for tires as well. But in recent years, some of them have started charging 25 cents to 50 cents to use the air pumps.

Roger Dreyer, president of the Ohio Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association said air pumps are a frequent target of vandals, and some gas station owners attempt to recoup the expense by charging a small fee.

Mayor Don Robart said he's not sure the city can impose such a requirement, and he would consider vetoing it.

"I think it's anti-business," he said. "And I think it's goofy."

claimed victory when their campaign caused the Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau school board to reverse its decision, agreeing with protesters that the metal utensils were more environmentally friendly.

The district had said it would save an estimated \$4,500 a year by changing to plastic.

But the fifth-graders at Trempealeau Elementary School lobbied their peers, parents and teachers throughout the district to strike down the policy, and the school board reversed its decision Dec. 9.

Fifth-graders Haley Allen and Courtney Kriesel said disposable plastic flies in the face of their education.

The students learned plastic tableware often ends up in landfills or incinerators rather than recycling plants.

"It's bad for the Earth," Allen said.

(See **ODDS**, page nine)

**■ TREMPEALEAU, Wis.** — Fifth-graders here took metal silverware in hand and marched into the school cafeteria to protest the school district's money-saving switch to plastic utensils.

Three weeks later, the students

**■ KENOSHA, Wis.** — A man who claimed he took money from a bank because he wanted to go back to prison may get his wish.

A jury convicted Dale L. Smith, 35, of theft on Dec. 12. Prosecutors said Smith took \$9,815 from a teller's cash drawer at Bank One in February. A customer held Smith in a bear hug until police arrived.

The defense argued that Smith did not intend to keep the money but instead wanted to be re-incarcerated.

Defense witnesses said before the trial that Smith complained he was having trouble coping with life out of prison.

Smith now faces a possible maximum penalty of a \$10,000 fine and 25 years in prison. Judge Michael Wilk scheduled sentencing for Jan. 23.

Smith's past convictions include resisting arrest in 1987, burglary in 1989, theft from a bank in 1992, battery and disorderly conduct in 1995 and postal theft in 1997.

**■ CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio** — Councilman John Schmidt thinks it's wrong to charge a fee for air.

So Schmidt is proposing an ordinance in this Akron suburb that would require any new gas station or one that remodels to offer free air for tires.

# Today in History

**The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2002. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect.

**On this date:**

- In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
- In 1892, Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Suite" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.
- In 1915, President Wilson, widowed the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt at her Washington home.
- In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.)
- In 1944, in a pair of rulings, the Supreme Court upheld the wartime relocation of Japanese-Americans, but also said undeniably loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry could not be detained.
- In 1956, Japan was admitted to the United Nations.
- In 1969, Britain's Parliament abolished the death penalty for murder.

- In 1971, the Rev. Jesse Jackson announced in Chicago the founding of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity).
- In 1972, the United States began its heaviest bombing of North Vietnam at that time during the Vietnam War. (The bombardment ended 12 days later.)
- In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died at age 76.

**Ten years ago:**

The U.N. Security Council unanimously denounced Israel's deportation of more than 400 Palestinians and demanded their immediate return. Kim Young-sam was elected South Korea's first civilian president in three decades.

**Five years ago:**

President Clinton extended indefinitely the deadline for withdrawal of U.S. troops helping with the U.N. peacekeeping effort in Bosnia. Onetime dissident Kim Dae-jung of South Korea was elected the country's

(See **HISTORY**, page nine)

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# Board members get instruction for utilizing 'action teams'

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

ALLEN — Floyd County is moving forward in developing improvement plans for the county school system, according to Charles "Chuck" Stamper, Strategic Planning Committee representative, in a report presented to the Floyd County Board of Education Monday evening.

According to Stamper, members of the committee met in early December for a two-day work session facilitated by Tim

Holt, of the Kentucky School Boards Association. Stamper reported that the sessions had been productive and that all in attendance appeared to have the common goal of improving county schools at the forefront of their respective agendas.

Stamper reported that strategies were designed that will provide for, among other things, consistent grade level organization throughout the county, effective and efficient transportation service that will also serve as an aid toward student learning, and

ensuring that all county school facilities be brought up to an equal, basic level of service.

"The committee hopes to see that only quality personnel are hired and that all goals are directed toward student success," Stamper said.

Stamper also informed the board that committee members had been divided into "action teams," with each team having varying responsibilities. "We also invite all community members to become involved with this process," Stamper said. "It takes everyone working together toward a common goal to make improvement occur."

Stamper also reported that the committee members attending the work sessions appeared to have concerns in regard to "communication breakdown."

"From state to county, from county to school leadership, from schools to parents, communication seems to be a problem," he said. "We hope to improve upon that," he continued.

## Ross

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of Ross, "It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with him."

Stumbo credited Ross for bringing the system's focus back to "Children First" and for being a "strong advocate for public education."

Ross, who was elected to the educational board in 1998, did

not seek re-election this year due to a desire to have more time with his family and to attend to growing developments at the Prestonsburg St. James Episcopal Church, which he pastors.

Ross, however, did promise to "stay in touch" and to "be around for any assistance" that the continuing board may need.

## Inmate

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the Floyd County Detention Center, while one apiece will be freed from the Letcher County Jail and the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Johnson County.

Of those 18 inmates, all but two were convicted locally. The remaining inmates were convicted in Bath and Fleming counties.

The release also means that 26 prisoners convicted for crimes committed in Big Sandy area counties will be released. They include:

### Floyd County

■ Kenneth W. Collins, currently held in the Perry County Jail on a theft charge. He was originally scheduled to be released March 29.

■ Nicole Ramey, originally convicted in Floyd County on a theft charge and scheduled to be released Feb. 26.

■ Kenneth Steele, currently being held in the Pike County Detention Center for receiving stolen property. He was convicted in Floyd County and was originally scheduled to be released Dec. 29.

■ Toby Walters, convicted in Floyd County for driving with a DUI-suspended license and originally set to be released April 1.

### Pike County

■ Daniel Thomas Caines, sentenced for theft in Pike County and originally set to be released April 2.

■ Doug Monroe Church, sentenced for theft and third-degree burglary and originally scheduled to be released March 22.

■ Billy Hall, sentenced for flagrant nonsupport and originally set to be freed Jan. 6.

■ Jimmy Hamilton, sentenced for flagrant nonsupport and originally scheduled for release Dec. 23.

■ Greg Holbrooks, convicted of two counts of theft and receiving stolen property. He is currently being held in the state Assessment Center and was originally scheduled to be released Feb. 28.

■ Johnathan Hurley, sentenced for third-degree burglary and originally scheduled to be released March 18.

■ Curtis Ryan Justice, currently being held in the Lee County Jail for receiving stolen property and originally scheduled to be released Jan. 8.

■ Christopher Kinney, sentenced for flagrant nonsupport and originally set to be released March 14.

■ Linda Lee, sentenced for two counts of drug trafficking and trafficking near a school. She was originally scheduled to be released May 10.

■ Buster Mullins, sentenced for theft and originally scheduled to be released May 9.

■ David Parsons, currently being held in the Hopkins County Jail for receiving stolen property and originally scheduled to be released March 29.

■ Dewey Ratliff, sentenced

for theft and first-degree criminal mischief and originally scheduled to be released March 1.

■ Billy Shannon Robinson, currently being held in the East Kentucky Correctional Complex on charges of theft, second-degree escape and being a persistent felony offender. He was originally slated to be released April 23.

■ Jerry J. Rochefort, being held in the Grayson County Jail for second-degree escape and two counts of theft. He was originally scheduled to be released Jan. 20.

■ Britt Smith, being held in the Lincoln County Jail for receiving stolen property and originally scheduled to be released Feb. 16.

■ Curtis Stiltner, sentenced for two counts of theft and originally set to be released Jan. 26.

■ Kathy Sutherland, sentenced for possession of a controlled substance and originally set to be freed May 11.

■ Cindy Williamson, being held for theft in the Fulton County Jail and originally scheduled to be released March 30.

### Letcher County

■ Adrian Hughes, currently being held in the Breckinridge

County Jail for theft, receiving stolen property and third-degree burglary. Hughes was originally slated to get out April 6.

■ Bruce Miles, sentenced for theft and originally scheduled to be released May 13.

■ Rodney Stamper, currently serving time in the Kentucky State Reformatory for theft and two counts of possession of a forged instrument. He was originally set to be released March 21.

### Lawrence County

■ Jessica Bowen, currently being held in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center for second-degree possession of a forged instrument, third-degree burglary and theft. She was originally set to be freed April 26.

### Other counties

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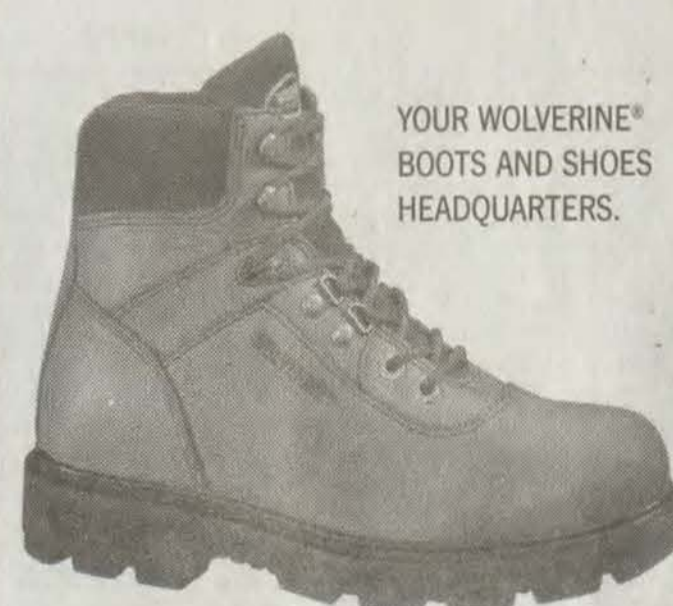
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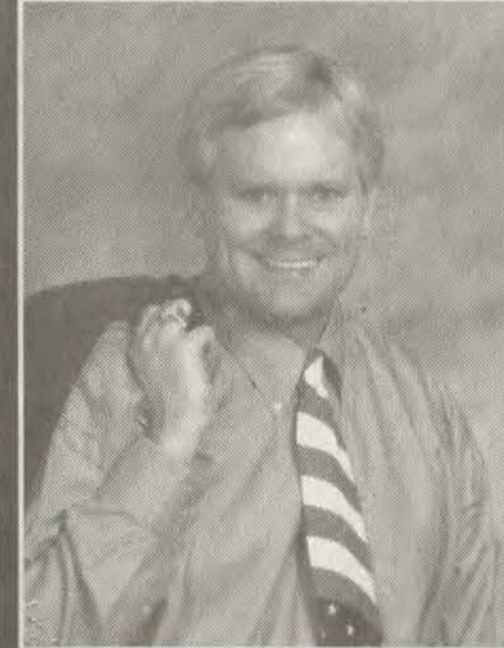

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Our View

## Lott should resign leadership

Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., should do the right thing and resign his position as incoming majority leader.

Lott's incredibly insensitive comments at a tribute for Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., do not make him a racist or segregationist. They make him insensitive and foolish.

Lott has apologized publicly no fewer than four times for stating that the country "wouldn't have had all these problems over all these years" had Thurmond been elected president in 1948 rather than Harry Truman. Lott also taped an appearance for broadcast Monday night on the Black Entertainment Television network to assure African-Americans that he never meant to endorse discredited racial segregationist policies.

But Lott's outrageous comments, combined with other controversial aspects of his political past, have created a firestorm that refuses to subside. For example, it doesn't help that he wrote a column for a publication issued by the Council of Conservative Citizens, a group with strong white-supremacist beliefs. Or that he proclaimed in a speech before the council in 1992 that it stood for "the right principles and the right philosophy."

It's tough enough for the Republican Party to sell itself to African-American voters, who vote overwhelmingly Democratic. It's going to be even tougher for the GOP to pursue an outreach strategy to blacks and other minorities so long as Lott leads the Senate.

Having just regained control of the Senate, Republicans should be concentrating on moving an agenda that has been stymied for the last two years. Instead, GOP senators find themselves embroiled in a protracted public-perception nightmare that casts aspersions on the party as a whole.

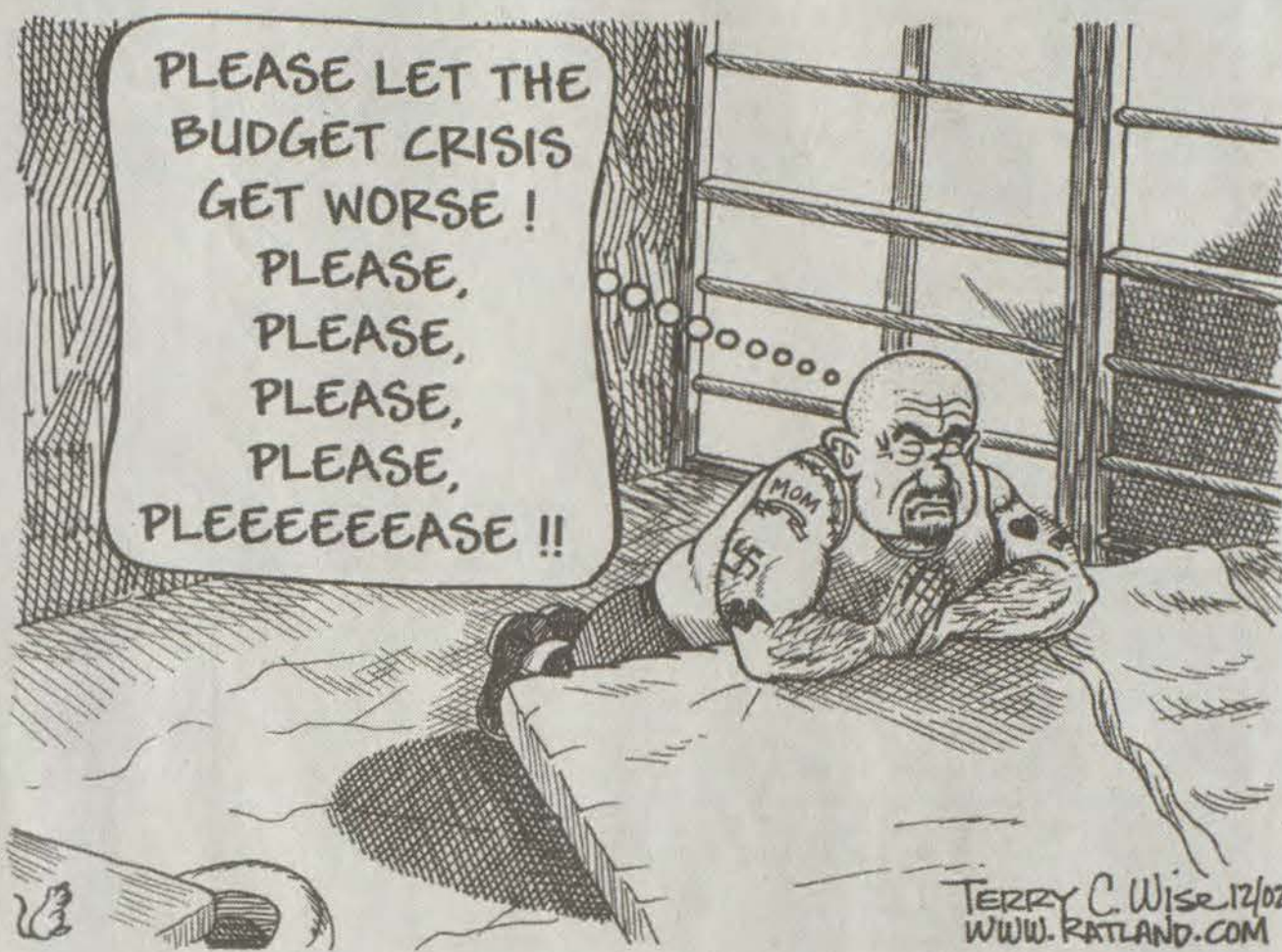
Perception is reality in politics. And the sulfurous perception that Lott is a segregationist sympathizer, however unfair that may be, makes it impossible for him to remain as majority leader.

Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., said as much, suggesting that Senate Republicans should elect a new leader when Congress reconvenes next month. While Lott's colleagues have been reluctant to publicly join Nickles' call, it has become increasingly clear that some of them are looking to make a change. GOP senators will meet Jan. 6 to discuss and perhaps decide Lott's fate. Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., who spearheaded the GOP's campaign effort to retake the Senate, is seeking a consensus that is in "the best interests of the Senate as an institution and the country."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer Monday repeated President Bush's criticism of Lott's comments, calling them "offensive and repugnant," but adding that "the president does not think he (Lott) needs to resign" as new majority leader.

We disagree. When Gov. George W. Bush won the GOP presidential nomination in 2000, he correctly challenged his party to make a concerted effort to become more inclusive. Sen. Lott's thoughtless remarks have set back that effort. His resignation as majority leader will help get it back on track.

— The San Diego Union-Tribune



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## Beyond the beltway

### The trend to violence — led by football

by DONALD KAUL

It has become quite clear that somewhere deep within the American psyche, there is a screw loose. And I think I've identified it. It's football. What was once a lusty diversion to enliven weeks when it was too cold to play baseball has become a national obsession that drives otherwise normal people mad. For example:

A couple of weeks ago the Ohio State University footballers beat their archrival Michigan (my alma mater) in a closely contested match in Columbus, Ohio. The deliriously happy crowd expressed its joy by imitating the Visigoths sacking Rome. It spilled out into the town where it started fires, broke windows and threw rocks and bottles at people wearing Michigan colors. Before it was over, 49 were arrested but that was just the tip of the ice pick. There were hundreds, perhaps more than a thousand people involved.

A Michigan alumnus is apt to say: "Well, what can you expect from a bunch

of yahoos at a jerkwater school like Ohio State?" but that really wouldn't be fair. It's not just the yahoos at Ohio State. On the same day police had to use pepper spray and truncheons to control crowds at North Carolina State, Southern California, Clemson and Hawaii. Hawaii!

Washington State students rained debris on the Washington players' bench during a game there, causing the Washington athletic director to say: "I feared for my life." Feared for his life? Watching a football game? Football is going on, that's what.

I know, there have long been post-game celebrations that get out of hand and tearing down goal posts is a traditional expression of youthful exuberance. (It should be noted that these are not your father's goalposts — spindly wooden sticks — they're tearing down these days. We're talking about heavy pieces of metal that can fall with the force of anvils.) But turning over cars? Trying to burn down buildings? Hitting people in the head with rocks or bottles? That's not youthful exuberance, that's criminal behavior, precisely the kind that football encourages and rewards.

No, no, say football's apologists.

Football is about sportsmanship and trying hard and ... well ... manliness. Sure it is. And the players are scholar-athletes who belong to the Future Rocket Scientists Club. I know all the myths.

The fact is that football has always been a brutish sport that revels in thuggish behavior and, in the era of television, it has become more so. Much more so.

Somehow when replays of very large young men having head-on collisions with other very large young men are shown repeatedly in exquisite slow-motion, they become a kind of sensual experience, almost pornographic in nature. (One fan favorite involves a big defensive player sneaking up on an opponent who is trying to play catch with a teammate and violently throwing him to the ground, sometimes rendering him unconscious. This is known as having your bell rung.)

It's a bully's game. (Before anyone starts writing me an angry letter, I'm not saying that all football players are bullies and thugs; far from it. But for a young thug or bully looking for a socially acceptable way to beat up people, football is a logical home.)

That bullying spirit, marketed as entertainment, inevitably infects the crowds watching it. No wonder fans have problems

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## Letters

### Have you considered?

As we get ready for Christmas holiday, a time when we celebrate the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is a time of pondering the events of his birth, death and resurrection.

Have you thought about "no room at the inn?" Inns in those days were not like the modern motels we have today. Inns were large open rooms, with big fireplaces, a kitchen, few tables and chairs, maybe a few individual rooms. But mostly people came into inns to get out of the weather, get foods and lodging for the night. Lodging usually meant sleeping on the floor for the multitude.

Then Mary, being heavy with child, needs a place to deliver. We can see that as

usual God knows what He is doing. The manger, all that was available, would be preferable to giving birth in a room full of strangers.

For us folks who have been inside a barn, I am sure we remember how warm inside it was. Why? Because of lungs of big cows and horses and other animals breathing warmth into the air. No doubt there was clean hay and clean rags for Mary and the newborn Christ to lie on. And far away from loud boisterous strangers at the inn. Jesus being born in a lowly manger is God's way of saying that Jesus Christ came into the world for all men and women, no matter what their station in life.

Although Jesus' birth and ministry are very important, the most important thing to remember is His death, burial and resurrection, where He died on the cross in atone-

ment for all our sins so that all who believe in Him should not perish into a devil's hell. I cannot fathom why He loved us so much that He would die for us so that we can be with Him for eternity, but I am sure glad He did!

Mrs. Lois Bond  
Hueysville

### Student seeks assistance

I am a fifth-grade student, and my class is studying America and American history. We have been asked to write research reports on one of our favorite states in America. I have chosen to report on Kentucky. The reports will cover topics such as history, culture, geogra-

phy, jobs and places of interest.

The reason I am writing is to ask if you would publish my letter in your paper. I am hoping some of your readers will write to me and tell me about their experiences while living and working in Prestonsburg. I live in Southern California and am sure many things about Prestonsburg are different from where I live. Also, if any of your readers find time to reply, it would be great if they would enclose a copy of my published letter.

Thank you very much for taking time for my request. I appreciate any help you or your readers might send.

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# Health Extra

## Highlands Cancer Center opens

PRESTONSBURG — The official Grand Opening for Highlands Cancer Center was held Wednesday, Dec. 4, with approximately 100 people braving the onset of a winter storm to attend the ceremony.

The Cancer Center is a joint effort between Highlands Regional Medical Center/Consolidated Health Systems and Dr. Kirti K. Jain, of the Ashland Bellefonte Cancer Center and will offer comprehensive cancer care including chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and radiation oncology.

Bud Warman, Highlands president and CEO, welcomed people to the opening ceremony.

"This Cancer Center is the realization of what has been a long standing dream of Highlands and Consolidated Boards of Trustees over the past 15 years," Warman said. "We are extremely pleased to welcome Dr. Jain and his associates to our community. Dr. Jain, is a highly skilled medical oncologist who has been providing high quality cancer care for almost 20 years at the Bellefonte Cancer Center in Ashland."

Dr. Jain introduced his associates, Dr. Aaron Williams, radiation oncologist, Dr. Prem Sobti, medical oncologist, Sree Valsan, radiation physicist, and Christie Mc Kinney, oncology nurse, among others.

"Highlands Cancer Center will offer some of the most advanced technologies available, not just in the state, but in the country," Jain said.

The radiation oncology offered is called intensity modulated radiation treatment (IMRT) and is considered to be the first major advance in 40 years in radiation treatment and is the most advanced form of technology available anywhere in the country. IMRT is unique in that it targets cancer cells with minimum toxicity to any normal tissue. Patients have improved outcomes and fewer side effects.

Jain added that along with IMRT, the Cancer Center will offer PET scans, which are one



From left, Edward Nairn, HRMC board chair; Hubert Collins, state representative; Burl Spurlock, CHS board chair; Dr. Kirti Jain; Dr. Aaron Williams; Bud Warman, HRMC/CHS president; Dr. Prem Sobti; James Reed, HRMC board member; Dewey L. Bocook, CHS board member; Dennis Dorton, HRMC board member; Greg Wilson, HRMC board member; and Paul Nunn, CHS board member.

of the most sensitive tests available to detect and stage cancer.

In conjunction with its sister facility in Ashland, the two centers (Highlands and Bellefonte) will also offer some of the most advanced

technology like CT-PET fusion, CT simulation, and 3-D treatment planning. This vast range of state-of-the-art technology is currently not available anywhere else in the state.

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Billie Turner, vice president, clinical operations; Patricia Cahill, president and CEO Catholic Health Initiatives; and, Kathy Stumbo, president and CEO, Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

## National CEO recognizes hospital response to local health needs

MARTIN — Patricia A. Cahill, president and chief executive officer of Catholic Health Initiatives, had high praise for Our Lady of the Way Hospital's staff and their commitment to fulfilling the hospital's mission during her visit to the facility on October 28. Catholic Health

Initiatives is a national, not-for-profit health care organization and the parent organization for Our Lady of the Way.

"It is rewarding to have Pat Cahill affirm our commitment to responding to the health care needs of the people of Floyd County and the surrounding counties," said Kathy Stumbo, president and chief executive officer of Our Lady of the Way Hospital. "She recognizes the high quality of care we provide and shares our belief that every individual should be treated with dignity, respect and compassion."

During her visit, Cahill met with employees representing every department to learn about their experiences with the hospital, their concerns for the local community and their vision for the future. She also spoke with hospital department managers regarding how Catholic Health Initiatives assists Our Lady of the Way in meeting the needs of Floyd County residents. Through grants from Catholic Health Initiatives' Mission and Ministry program along with the hospital's resources, Our Lady

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## Petition

Schools Orville Hamilton, was quick to point out Jones' record with the budget during his term.

"When Gov. Jones came into office, the state was looking at a deficit of \$400 million ... When he left, we had a \$300 million surplus," Hamilton said. "Take that and then consider that he still managed to get teachers a 12 percent raise at the same time and you've got somebody who is fit for the job."

Hamilton, who has been at his position for the better part of 19 years, told those in attendance Tuesday that he had spoken with Jones two weeks ago about the possibility of running in 2003.

"I talked with Gov. Jones not more than two weeks ago," Hamilton said, "and he told me that he was not ruling anything out."

The upstart movement to prompt the ex-gov to enter the race comes after Jones announced earlier this year he would not seek office in 2003.

The notion of Jones running again for governor has been nurtured by his supporters since he unofficially announced his intentions in 2000. But Jones reversed his decision only recently, a move that did little to trim the growing field of political hopefuls for the upcoming election.

Hamilton briefly touched on the reasons for Jones' decision this past spring by telling the room full of supporters that the decision was based at that time on the sickness of an immediate member of Jones' family.

"That family member is now recovering and doing well," said Hamilton, explaining that the sickness was, at first, thought to be terminal.

Jones was not aware of the press conference, said Hamilton, but will soon be getting a petition in the mail that should make him well aware of the growing support for his candidacy.

Hamilton read aloud a letter

accompanying over 500 signatures from employees of the school system to be sent to Jones within the week.

"I'm tired of seeing employees in this school system make \$10,000 and \$12,000 a year," Hamilton told supporters. "Gov. Jones is the man we need to lead us out of this. He's done it once and we're ready to ask him to do it again."

Jones, a horse breeder from Woodford County, said at the time that he planned to retire to his horse farm.

The Ohio-born Democrat served under Wallace Wilkinson as lieutenant governor from 1987 until winning his own bid at the state's top political seat in 1991. He served from 1991 until 1995 and is remembered as one of few governors in recent history to leave office with a budget surplus.

Issues that were consistently placed in the foreground during his four-year term were efforts to reform health care and successful attempts at downsizing state government programs.

While still considering the idea of a stab at the governor's race two years ago, Jones was clear on his plans to revisit the health care issue, telling the Associated Press he would continue to go after a

universal health care plan to cover all Kentuckians. Jones' attempts at this while in office were met with limited success.

With so much talk of how Jones could cure the state's money problems, others in attendance, such as Prestonsburg Community College history professor Dr. Tom Matijasic, added to the list Jones' ability to delegate between parties as a positive factor.

"Another thing, other than the fact that he brings a good track record with what he done with the budget, is that Jones brings a more bipartisan outlook as governor," said Matijasic. "That's something

we need right now in the Democratic Party, considering that the Republicans have the majority."

Matijasic, who said A.B. "Ben" Chandler is certainly considered the favorite in the upcoming governor's race, stood firm in his hopes of seeing Jones throw in his hat.

"Chandler has the edge right now, and he's got a good running mate in Charlie Owens who certainly has the money," said Matijasic. "But I think Jones would make a strong candidate — a strong governor — and that's why I'm here."

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## Inmate charged with threatening deputy

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An inmate in the Floyd County Detention Center has been charged with terroristic threatening after allegedly making threatening comments to Floyd County Deputy Jailer Dwayne Marsillett.

Jonathan C. Crider, 29, of Auxier, allegedly threatened to cause serious bodily harm to Dwayne Marsillett as soon as he caught him out on the street.

Crider, who has an extensive criminal record, is being held on a \$10,000 cash bond for the incident.

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people in the community and that sort of thing before we can make an arrest."

According to Hopkins, the 1989 Park Avenue was registered to Bronis Yates, a Honaker woman.

When asked, Hopkins explained that the vehicle had not been stolen from Yates' possession, but that Yates herself was not being considered as a suspect in the hit-and-run.

Hopkins remained reserved about details surrounding the vehicle recovery and how the information obtained after that discovery might influence the investigation. He went on to explain that efforts to find answers in the case should come to a head soon.

"I just met with the detectives on the case for a briefing myself," Hopkins said, suggesting the minute-to-minute changes in the case. "We just want to be 100 percent sure when we make an arrest, but we should know more soon."

The investigation stems from a two-car accident just after 8 p.m. at Honaker Thursday evening. Numerous police officials responded to a hit-and-run that left 2-year-old Stacia Collins dead, despite attempts to revive her at the scene.

Also injured in the wreck were the girl's parents — Stacy and Denise Collins — and their son, all of whom were treated and released from Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Johnny Slone and Detective Byron Hansford continue to investigate the accident.



photo by Loretta Blackburn

Paul Adams, executive director of the Big Sandy Area CASA Inc., Family Court Judge Julie Paxton and Susan Howard, service region administrator for Community Based Services, are excited about finding powerful voices for children, who will volunteer as court-appointed special advocates for children in family court.

## Giveaway

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"You couldn't get through this place for a while," said Hall, in reference to the crowd at the 2002 annual Mud Creek Clinic Christmas dinner.

Volunteers, two of whom were Floyd County school cafeteria managers, Loretta Thornsbury of Adams Middle School and Pat Goble of Prestonsburg Elementary, cooked the day before and came in early Saturday morning to finish up the meal.

Hall said that the crowd started to come in at 7 a.m. and she informed the volunteers to feed them as soon as the food came out of the oven.

The event was one of many ways that Hall offers resources to the needy in her community. With contacts in Ohio, West Virginia and Louisville, Hall and other volunteers were able to offer the less fortunate a hot meal and the opportunity to choose clothes, shoes and toys, the latter

of which the children had strolled over the gym floor at John M. Stumbo Elementary, where little fingers selected prizes to take home. Those same little hands, appearing to be motivated by gratitude, later grabbed brooms and helped clean up the mess left behind.

Emotionally moving and spiritually uplifting, the occasion was a success for those who received something as a result of its occurrence, whether it was a pair of shoes or an elated heart from knowing effort can make a difference.

## Rally

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especially important that younger teachers realize that if you don't stand up for yourself, no one else is going to."

Fanning then mentioned the poor response his office had received from county teachers in regard to attending the rally.

According to Fanning, only about 300 responses out of an expected 1,200 were received by the superintendent's office, with 212 of those responses informing that if school were to be closed on Feb. 12, they would not attend the Frankfort event.

Fanning said that he felt the item should be tabled until his office could get more of a response from the personnel involved.

"My hope would be that the superintendent would get energized and lead us down there," Reynolds replied.

Board member Carol Stumbo agreed, saying, "I would be ashamed not to go. I think we all should go."

"We need funding," Rowland stressed. "The schools need funding. We've got to get their attention."

Both Reynolds and Rowland informed board members that the educational association was prepared to pay for the buses required to make the trip and on a motion from Carol Stumbo, seconded by board member Glenna Slone, it was agreed that county schools will close on Wednesday, Feb. 12, to allow county teachers and educational personnel to participate in the statewide rally for education financing to be held in Frankfort that day.

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# Blackburn named to state sheriff's committee

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

LOUISVILLE — Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn was elected this past weekend to the Kentucky Sheriff's Association Board of Directors.

Blackburn was notified of the decision Saturday at the association's monthly meeting in Louisville.

At that meeting, Blackburn said that a little over 70 of the 120 sheriffs from across the state cast ballots to fill the position, which can be awarded through nomination or by entry.

"I submitted my name for consideration about a month ago," Blackburn said. "They (the attending sheriffs) voted Saturday and elected me."

The appointment will put Blackburn in a group of 10 sheriffs from throughout Kentucky who will meet to discuss issues and laws effecting all of Kentucky sheriff's departments.

According to Blackburn, the board presents suggestions for various laws or regulations to the state legislature. Most of the

ideas in the past have been a combination of expanding on the level of law enforcement provided in each of Kentucky's 120 counties and, at the same time, managing to generate money within each compartment for official use.

"We'll be taking ideas to Frankfort about different laws and that sort of thing," Blackburn said. "For example, a few years ago sheriffs on this

board took an idea to the legislature about the sheriff's department receiving a \$5 fee for each citation issued. The law didn't pass, and so that's an example of the work I'll be doing as a member of the board."

The amount of time Blackburn will be asked to give to his new duties as part of the association shouldn't interfere

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## Opens

"It is my hope that this is only the beginning of many new advances in healthcare that will be made available to the people

in our area," Collins said.

Peggy Blankenship, an Inez resident, related how her late husband, Orville Blankenship, a former superintendent of schools in Martin County, had been a patient of Dr. Jain's. She told how much easier it would have been for her husband if Highlands Cancer Center had been available and her husband spared of the drive to Ashland for care. As with most cancer patients, long distance commutes for care are extremely difficult especially as the disease progresses.

Bud Warman, CEO; Dr. Jain; Dr. Williams; Dr. Subdue; Burl Wells Spurlock, chairman of the board of Consolidated Health Systems (CHS); Edward Nairn, chairman of the board of Highlands Regional Medical Center (HRMC); Dewey

Bocook, CHS board; Paul Nunn, CHS board; Greg Wilson, CHS board; James Reed, HRMC board; Dennis Dorton, HRMC board; and state Rep. Hubert Collins participated in the ribbon cutting. Paul Torp, the architect and designer of the cancer center, also attended the opening.

Torp is president of Architecture Inc. in Louisville, a firm that specializes in architecture and construction for oncology facilities.

Highlands Cancer Center was built by Consolidated Health Systems, the parent company of Highlands Regional Medical Center, and is leased to Dr. Jain for operation of the oncology practice. According to Dr. Jain, the first patient will be seen within the week.

# Letcher miner killed

JENKINS — A 31-year-old miner died in an accident while drilling in an Letcher County mine Friday night, state officials said.

Elmer Roland Hammonds II, of Mayking, was pronounced dead at 1:10 a.m. by the Letcher County coroner's office.

The mine, owned by American Mining Co., was near Jenkins, said Holly McCoy, a spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals. The accident occurred at 9:30 p.m.

McCoy said Hammonds was operating a double-headed roof drill in about 40- to 45-inch deep coal 5,900 feet underground. Officials believe the victim's head got caught

between the boom and canopy of the drill. The boom pushes the bolts into the mine's roof. The canopy covers the drill and driller from roof debris, McCoy said.

Another miner was drilling on the other side of the drill. The miner noticed Hammonds' helmet light was pointing in an odd direction. He then contacted authorities, McCoy said.

"You have to imagine that the men were bent over and very cramped while they worked," McCoy said Saturday.

Hammonds had been a miner for 12 years — working at the Letcher County mine for about two months, McCoy said.

The death was Kentucky's sixth mine fatality of the year.

## Needs

of the Way can provide initiatives like the parenting program.

"Cahill supports our commitment to building healthier communities through the development of community outreach programs that address health-related needs, such as preventing teen pregnancy and the Back-to-School Health Fair," continued Stumbo.

Cahill toured the hospital and several clinics, where she visited with patients and staff. In her remarks, Cahill applauded the progress of the \$1.9 million renovation project that will enable Our Lady of the Way to better serve patients and the community through the expansion of services; new, state-of-the-art equipment; and the creation of outpatient suites that will be used for clinics of visiting specialty physicians.

Cahill also met with the hospital's medical staff and board of directors, where she highlighted the role of the five Catholic Health Initiatives facilities in Kentucky in meeting health care needs across the state.

Headquartered in Denver, Colorado, Catholic Health Initiatives is a national, not-for-profit health care organization comprised of 61 hospitals and 45 long-term care, assisted and independent living and residential facilities located in 19 states. Catholic Health Initiatives rep-

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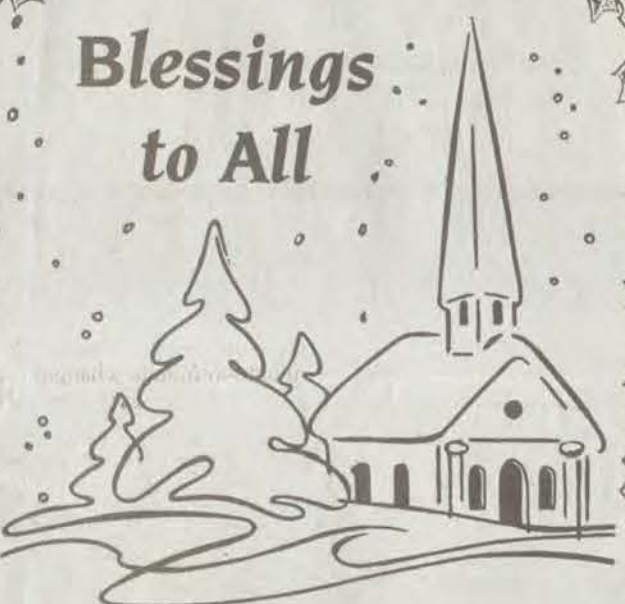
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**THE FAMILY OF KATHERINE MEADE**

**Card of Thanks**

The family of Samuel R. Terry would like to thank all those neighbors, friends, and families who helped during the loss of our loved one. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, cards, or said prayers and comforting words. A special thanks to Clergyman Bobby Joe Spencer for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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**Card of Thanks**

The family of Leabelle Meade Rice would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to all the family and friends who sent flowers and helped to comfort us in any way, a special thanks to the Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional services.

**THE FAMILY OF LABELLE MARIE RICE**

**Card of Thanks**

The family of Anna Ray Boyd would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. All those who sent food, flowers, or just spoke kind words. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, Little Salem Regular Baptist Church, the nursing staff of Our Lady of the Way Hospital, and the men who prepared the grave. Thanks to the pallbearers: Dwayne Rowe, Casey Rowe, Keegan Mullins, Timmy Hall, Ritchie Wright, Duran Jarrell, Dwayne Jarrell, Cliff Jarrell, Todd Jarrell, Scott Mullins, and Gary R. Jarrell, the Sheriff's Office for their assistance in traffic control, and to Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

**THE FAMILY OF ANNA RAY BOYD**

**Card of Thanks**

The family of Arminia Jones Newman wishes to gratefully acknowledge the kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the United Baptist ministers for their comforting words, Clear Creek United Baptist Church, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.

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**Goldia Hall**

Goldia Hall, 84, of Melvin, died Monday, December 16, 2002, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born July 2, 1918, in Melvin, she was the daughter of the late Isadore and Melissa Newsome Johnson. She was a homemaker and attended the Church of God of Prophecy at Ligon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Hall.

Survivors include two sons, Ralph Hall (Claudette) of Hi Hat, and Roger Hall (Sandy) of Wheelwright; two daughters, Sylvia Thomsbury (Clark) and Wilma Burke (Dean), both of Melvin; four brothers, Sylvan Johnson and L. A. Johnson, both of Melvin, and Virgil Johnson and James Napier Jr., both of Somerset; three sisters, Stella Griffith of Allen, Versie Mansfield of Cold Grove, Ohio; and Beulah Johnson of Rockhouse, 23 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

In additions to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Ira Johnson; one sister, Thelma Wells; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 19, at 11 a.m., at Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church at Melvin, with Jimmy Hall and Bill Tackett officiating.

Burial will be in the Painter Harve Johnson Cemetery at Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

**Helen Virginia Boyd**

Helen Virginia Boyd, age 80, of Dana, widow of Arthur Boyd, passed away Wednesday, December 11, 2002, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born June 30, 1922, in Ivel, the daughter of the late Charlie Smith and Kathryn Smith.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Orsborn of Dana, and Don Orsborn of Springport, Michigan; and five grandchildren, Amy Ward, Jason Smith, Chris Orsborn, Donnie Orsborn; and Chad Orsborn, and one great-grandson, Jordan Ward.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Smith, and four brothers, Oliver Smith, Charlie Smith, Woodrow Smith, and Clayton Smith; six sisters, Ethel Collins, Grace Engles, Suble Coleman, Edith Ratliff, Stellite McClown and Imogene Hall.

Funeral services for Helen Virginia Boyd were conducted Sunday, December 15, at 11 a.m., at the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church, at Dana, with the Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Boyd Cemetery, at Dana, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

Pallbearers: Larry D. Boyd, Dwayne Rowe, Duran Jarrell, Jason Smith, Bubba Ward, Jordan Ward, Kevin Cornett, Hershel Flannery, Charles R. Boyd, Donald Orsborn, and Jason Williams. (Paid obituary)

**Hope Sherman Whitten**

Hope Sherman Whitten, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, December 16, 2002, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born in Emma, on October 24, 1918, she was the daughter of the late Marion Sherman and Maude Blackburn Sherman. She was a homemaker and former store clerk for Ben Franklin Store, Prestonsburg. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church; a member of the United Methodist Women; a member of the United Methodist Sewing Circle; and a member of Miriam Rebekah Lodge No. 31, for 49 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Denzil K. Whitten on December 11, 1989.

Survivors include one daughter, Judith (Judy) Irene Garrett of Ypsilanti, Michigan; two sons, Philip Keith Whitten and

Denzil (Denny) Curtis Whitten, both of Prestonsburg; one sister, Ruby Click of Olive Hill; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Janet Sue Whitten, and one step-son, Robert Whitten.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 19, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Wayne Sayre and Rev. Mark Walz officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

Visitation is Wednesday, 12 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Rebekah service was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home. Carter Funeral Home is serving the Whitten family.

(Paid obituary)

**James Dwayne Hall**

James Dwayne Hall, age 50, of McDowell, husband of Diana Lynn Salisbury Hall, passed away Thursday, December 12, 2002, in Wolfe County.

He was born November 10, 1952, in Martin, the son of James Monroe Hall and Helen Tackett Hall of McDowell. He was a retired electrician, a member of the Wayland Masonic Lodge, and a member of the disabled American veterans.

In addition to his wife, and parents, he is survived by two sons, Jamie Dwayne Hall and Jody Shane Hall, both of McDowell; one brother, Jeffrey Darrell Hall of Amanda, Ohio; four sisters, Mary Joyce Murphy and Delores Lea Miller, both of Jupiter, Florida, Karen Ann Stephens of Prestonsburg, and Lisa Carol Fields of Stuart, Florida; one grandchild, Dakota Hall; a host of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for James Dwayne Hall were conducted Sunday, December 15, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, at McDowell, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: John Hall, Jackie Hall, Johnny Lafferty, Justin Stephens, Tom Murphy, Keith Gayheart, Kevin Charles, and John K. Blackburn. (Paid obituary)

**Nora Holton**

Nora Holton, age 37, of Goble-Roberts Addition, Prestonsburg, passed away Friday, December 13, 2002, at the McDowell A.R.H., after an extended illness.

She was born November 9, 1965, in Columbus, Ohio, a daughter of Edna Grace (Marshall) Holton, of Prestonsburg, and the late Larry Gordon Holton. She was employed as a waitress at Pizza Hut, and as a receptionist for John Kirk Law Office in Prestonsburg.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by four uncles, Jerry Holton of Newark, Ohio, Collie Holton Jr., of Dayton, Ohio, Norman Holton of Grants, New Mexico, and John Bud Marshall of Prestonsburg; five aunts, Jean Cook of Columbus, Ohio, Gail Starkely of Ganow Winchester, Ohio, Ruby Burns of Tutor Key, Wilma Blair of Denver, and Myrtie Frasure of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 16, at 1 p.m., from the Burke Funeral Home Chapel at Prestonsburg, with Rev. Lenvil Campbell officiating.

Burial was in the Old Ford/Mayo Cemetery at Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

All arrangements were under the direction of Burke Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

**Beltway**

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turning it off when the game is over.

Violence is a drug and the nation is hooked on it. Football and its riots are both symptom and cause, as are vicious TV shows like "The Sopranos" (of which no episode is complete without at least one person getting stomped to jelly).

Years ago Barry Levinson, the movie director, publicly lamented the fact that so much of American entertainment is generated by violence. So he made "Avalon," a lovely, gentle film that told the saga of a Baltimore family during

and after World War II. It flopped.

The next film he made was "Bugsy," the story of the psychotic gangster who founded modern Las Vegas. It was a hit.

So is football, and for the same reason.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. For more information, email donald-kaul@aol.com.

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**Odds**

■ **CHESTER, Va.** — Police are looking for a man with a familiar description who robbed a drug store at gunpoint: long white hair and beard, a white-fur-trimmed red suit and hat, black boots, prominent belly.

Police Capt. Mike Spraker said the Santa Claus lookalike obtained an undisclosed amount of the painkiller OxyContin from the Eckerd Drug Store in Chester on Saturday night.

"An individual dressed as Santa - beard, hat, the whole works - just walked to the back of the store to the pharmacist, displayed his weapon and asked for the OxyContin," he said.

Spraker said the robber fled on foot. A canine unit tracked his trail to the parking lot of a nearby apartment complex, where police believe he got into a car and drove away.

"No reindeer or sleds were observed in the area," said Spraker, who said he wanted any children hearing about the incident to know "we immediately contacted the North Pole and verified Santa was there. This Santa was definitely an impostor."

■ **CARTERET, N.J.** — A man whose coin collection was stolen 20 years ago has received a \$400 money order from the remorseful thief, who wrote in an anonymous letter that he was sorry for his youthful misdeeds.

Vincent Calabria, 73, of Carteret, said he didn't even know the coin collection was stolen, but was pleasantly sur-

prised to receive the letter after so many years.

"I think it's a message from God that not everyone is bad or loused up," Calabria said last week. "There are good people, and there are people that have made mistakes and feel the need to atone."

The letter-writer wrote that he felt guilty about stealing the coins, which he found in Calabria's garage when nobody was home.

"I have grown up to be a good father and churchgoing man," the person wrote. "I know this money will never undo the pain I caused you, but I truly hope it will restore a small piece of your faith in humanity."

Calabria, a retired grandfather of five, said he had thought he simply hid the coins so well that he couldn't find them. He said the collection of coins was almost certainly worth less than \$400.

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Wheelchairs users beware: You could be ticketed for speeding at Valley College.

Campus officials recently set a speed limit of 4 mph for wheelchairs, hoping to keep pedestrians from being hurt.

"It's a safety issue, pure and simple," said Tom Jacobsmeyer, vice president of administration, who proposed the regulation after seeing a student nearly hit by a woman "going very fast" in a wheelchair.

Some students find the regulation absurd.

"It's like a bad joke," said Lynn Eller, one of several stu-

dents who use a wheelchair or electric cart on campus. "People who aren't disabled should be warned to be considerate of wheelchair users."

Campus officials said last week they will warn offenders at first, but chronic violators could be cited, suspended or expelled.

■ **LINCOLN, Neb.** — Picking out Barry Good at graduation ceremonies for the College of St. Mary wasn't hard to do. He was the only man in a cap and gown.

Good was not just the only man collecting a degree during the Saturday commencement in Omaha, he is the last man to graduate from the Roman Catholic women's college.

Good, an applications engineer, did not stand out as much in 1993 when he embarked on his degree at the college's Lincoln program. Back then, the college was accepting male stu-

dents as well as women.

The college broke with its all-women history in the early 1980s, after accepting a federal grant to buy equipment for its nursing school. But in 1994, when the grant's nondiscrimination requirements no longer applied, the board voted to revert to accepting only women.

Existing male students were allowed to stay on until graduation. The others eventually finished or dropped out. Only Good remained.

Good never considered dropping out, even as his classes became increasingly more female-dominated.

"I just tried to sit in the background and blend in, tried not to make any waves," he said.

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president. Fired California highway employee Arturo Reyes Torres shot and killed four people at a maintenance yard before being killed by police. Comedian Chris Farley was found dead in his Chicago apartment; he was 33.

**One year ago:**

A federal judge in Philadelphia threw out Mumia Abu-Jamal's death sentence and ordered a new sentencing hearing for the former Black Panther alternately portrayed as a vicious cop-killer and a victim of a racist frame-up.

**Today's Birthdays:**

Actor Ossie Davis is 85. Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark is 75. Actor Roger Smith is 70. Blues musician Lonnie Brooks is 69. Rock singer-musician Keith Richards is 59. Writer/director Alan Rudolph is 59. Movie producer-director Steven Spielberg is 56. Blues artist Ron Piazza is 55. Movie director Gillian Armstrong is 52. Movie reviewer Leonard Maltin is 52. Actor Ray Liotta is 47. Actor Brad Pitt is 39. Country singer Tracy Byrd is 36. Rapper DMX is 32. Tennis player Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is 31. DJ Lethal (Limp Bizkit) is 30. Actress Katie Holmes is 24. Singer Christina Aguilera is 22.

**Thought for Today:**

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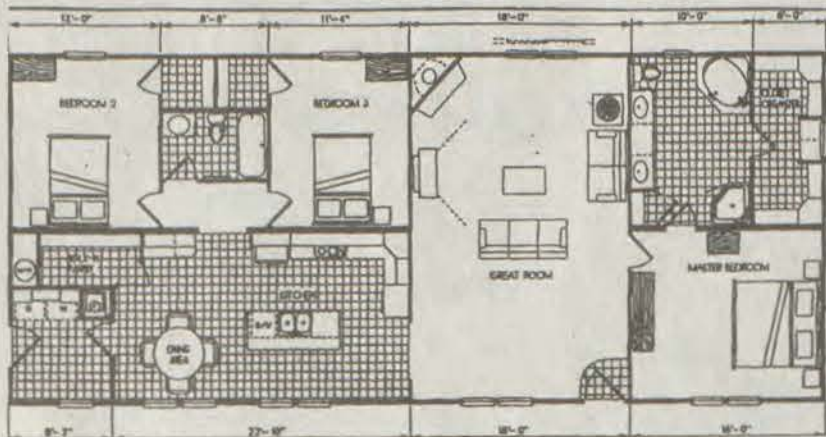
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## Children's advocacy program gets official nod to begin



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Paul Adams, executive director of the Big Sandy Area CASA Inc., Family Court Judge Julie Paxton and Susan Howard, service region administrator for Community Based Services, are excited about finding powerful voices for children, who will volunteer as court-appointed special advocates for children in family court.

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Big Sandy Area Court Appointed Special Advocate program officially began on Monday, as a representative of Community Based Services signed the "contract" that will allow the group to work with the Family Court System to provide children with a voice.

Susan Howard, service region administrator for Community Based Services, Paul Adams, executive director of the Big Sandy Area CASA Inc., and Judge Julie Paxton were all excited about CASA's potential.

CASA's mission is "to advocate for the best interests of the children who are under the protection of the juvenile court, seeking to assure safe, permanent families for them as quickly as possible." CASA has been seeking volunteers to fill these positions of advocacy, which Adams said he currently has 19 on a list to screen.

After meeting the requirements, taking an oath of confidentiality, and receiving 30 hours of training, volunteers will be appointed by Judge

Paxton to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in court.

The volunteers, who will work 10-15 hours a month, will remain a constant in the life of children, while researching the

background of each child to help the court make a sound decision about the child's future. They will submit written reports about their findings after meeting with children, their parents, family members, social workers, school officials, health providers and any other individuals who are knowledgeable about each child's history.

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with his primary job of overseeing the sheriff's department here in Floyd County, he said.

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### COMMENTARY

## Morriss bolts, UK loses

by **BILLY REED**  
 TIMES COLUMNIST

As it's turned out, the University of Kentucky was, in fact, involved in a post-season game. The trouble was, it was a poker game, a battle of wills and egos that was fought behind the scenes instead of in public view. The players were Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart and football coach Guy Morriss.



After several hectic days in which bluffs were made and the stakes were raised, Barnhart emerged as the winner. Or did he? When Morriss folded his cards and left for

Baylor University, Barnhart won the freedom to bring in his own man and pay him the same kind of money that Morriss got from Baylor but couldn't get from UK.

But will Barnhart's Boy – the betting here, by the way, is on Southern Cal offensive co-ordinator Norm Chow – be a better guy than Guy? Will he be

(See **REED**, page two)

### H.S BASKETBALL

## Runnin' Rebs run past Knott Central

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – After waiting out a lengthy three-overtime girls' game, the Allen Central boys' team got its turn against Knott Central on Saturday night. The Allen Central boys found



Slone

themselves in a battle from the opening tip. When the final buzzer sounded, Allen Central was a 70-55 win.

"It was a physical game for both teams," said Allen Central head coach Johnny Martin.



Kilgore

Allen Central, which was back in action last night at South Floyd, led 13-7 at the end of the first quarter. Guard Rossi Samons hit for a three-pointer in the first quarter and

another in the second to help the Rebels out to a 32-25 lead at the half. Mike Slone, Allen Central's leading scorer with 22 points, scored six markers in the first period and seven more in the second. Samons finished with 20

(See **RUNNIN'**, page two)

### H.S BASKETBALL

## Ladycats win Lady Pirate Invitational

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY – Gaining control early, Betsy Layne never looked back over the weekend, en route to a Lady Pirate Invitational title. The Ladycats dominated an uncharacteristic slow-start Belfry team, winning 65-45.

"They just took over the game in the second quarter," Belfry coach Mark Gannon said.

(See **LADYCATS**, page three)

Rank	Record	Pts	Pv	Team	Record	Pts	Pv	Team	Record	Pts	Pv	Team		
1.	Arizona (69)	5-0	1,749	1	6.	Indiana	9-0	1,392	7	12.	Illinois	7-0	930	15
2.	Alabama	7-0	1,620	2	7.	Oklahoma	5-1	1,326	6	13.	Florida	7-2	866	14
3.	Duke	5-0	1,566	3	8.	Connecticut	6-0	1,148	9	14.	Marquette	6-1	771	16
4.	Pittsburgh (1)	6-0	1,565	4	9.	Notre Dame	9-1	1,130	10	15.	Michigan St.	5-2	639	21
5.	Oregon	6-0	1,435	5	10.	Texas	5-2	1,114	8	16.	Mississippi St.	6-1	625	24
					11.	Missouri	6-0	1,026	11	17.	Stanford	5-1	589	19
										18.	Kentucky	5-2	525	12
										19.	Kansas	5-3	518	20
										20.	Creighton	7-0	476	23
										21.	Xavier	6-2	343	13
										22.	Tulsa	5-1	337	17
										23.	North Carolina	5-2	299	22

## – Betsy Layne 85, Belfry 81 –



Guard Jordan Kidd dished the ball inside to a teammate during Saturday's win over Belfry. photo by Steve LeMaster

# FLOYD COUNTY CLASSIC

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Coach Brent Rose and the Betsy Layne boys' basketball team he coaches went into Saturday's opening game of the Floyd County Classic against Belfry looking for the first win of the season.

Chase Preece and Zane Smith were proven lead-

ers for visiting Belfry. But Betsy Layne prevailed, 85-81.

The two Pirates combined for 61 points, hitting on 24-of-30 field goal attempts.

The remaining Pirates combined to make good on just 8-of-30 attempts from the floor and scored the remaining 20 points.

(See **CLASSIC**, page five)

### H.S BASKETBALL

## Lady Rebs fall in 3OTs

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Allen Central High girls' basketball coach Cindy Halbert has been involved with many games as both a player and a coach. Saturday night's meeting with Knott County Central now likely ranks as one of the most trying games.

Regulation would not hold the 15th Region-14th Region contest. Neither would two overtimes. Knott Central was a winner in three overtimes, 93-88.

"The effort was there, we just got out to a rough start," said Halbert.

Senior Amber Scott and sophomore Megan Harris each had seven three-pointers apiece for the host Lady Rebels. Scott finished with 30 points while Harris netted 25. Lady Rebel sophomore center Becky Thomas added 19 in the setback.

Knott Central opened the game with a



Scott



Turner

(See **LADY REBS**, page two)

## Johnson Middle repeats championship

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Saturday's Championship: Johnson Middle 45, Virgie Middle 36

Saturday's Semifinals: Johnson Middle 68, AB Combs 45; Virgie 43, Dorton 35

Johnson Middle 45, Virgie 36: Jamie McCarty had half of his game-high 20 points in the first period to lead the Golden Eagles to their second straight championship of the Pikeville Area YMCA Basketball Tournament.

McCarty got his team off to a quick start, scoring eight points as the Golden Eagles scored the first 11 points of the game. The lead got to 15-1 with 1:40 left after Tommy Taylor scored.

Virgie started the second quarter with a 12-7 run, with center John Johnson scoring six to cut the lead to

(See **JOHNSON**, page two)

### NAIA

## Eagles roll over Ohio Southern, Temple Baptist

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – Thanks to a pair of home wins, the Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team is now 7-6 heading into a southern road trip which will pit the Eagles against one team from Alabama and another one from Georgia.

The Eagles were at home both Saturday and Monday. On Saturday, the ALC men beat a Shawn Newsome-less Ohio Southern team, 100-63. Two days later on Monday, the Eagles beat a 14-1 Temple Baptist team 111-88 to go one game above .500 on the season.

(See **EAGLES**, page three)



photo by Josh Ball/Williamson Daily News

The Betsy Layne Ladycats, winners of the Lady Pirate Invitational held over the weekend at Belfry High School, were back in action last night at Prestonsburg. Results will appear in Friday's edition.

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able to get as much out of his talent as Morriss did last season? Or was Morriss the right guy for the players and the fans? Contrary to the spin that UK has tried to put on it, Morriss didn't simply take the money and run. He's not that kind of man. He's this kind of man: Only a few days before he left, he was personally trying to scrape snow off UK's practice

field so Boyle County High could use it before the state championship game. So dollars were only the chips that Barnhart and Morriss used to test each other's resolve. The real issues, from the day Barnhart was hired to replace Larry Ivy, were trust and respect. Like almost everyone else in the commonwealth, Barnhart felt another losing season was a

certainty, so he never was as enthusiastic about Morriss privately as he might have seemed publicly. He was certain that he would be able to fire Morriss after the season and bring in his own man. But when Morriss shocked everyone by getting off to a 4-0 start, including a season-opening upset of No. 17 Louisville on the road, Barnhart was forced to announce that Morriss

would be given a raise and a new contract, or else be accused of hurting recruiting by not ending speculation about the coach's future. When the season ended, Morriss seemed to be holding all the cards. He had made himself a candidate for Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year by turning the 2-9 record his first season into 7-5, one of the biggest turn-arounds in NCAA Division I. And it very easily could have been 8-3 or 9-2. Indeed, the last-second miracle that enabled LSU to snatch victory from UK in the final seconds turned out to be the important play in the Barnhart-Morriss game.

Had UK finished 8-3, Barnhart would have been forced to embrace Morriss, who had won over both the players and the fans. Left to clean up the Hal Mumme-Claude Bassett mess while burdened by NCAA sanctions and a bowl ban this season, Morriss did the impossible. No longer did a black cloud of hopelessness hover over UK football. But the 7-5 record gave Barnhart a little wiggle room. He could offer Morriss what would seem to be a nice raise without totally embracing him. And he could structure the new contract so that he would be free to fire Morriss if this

season turned out to be a fluke and the Cats regressed to 3-8 or 2-9 in 2003. This was less than satisfactory to Morriss, who still didn't feel comfortable with Barnhart. But he had no other viable option until Baylor came calling with an offer so attractive that both Barnhart and Morriss had to be surprised. Now Morriss had the leverage he needed. He probably felt that Barnhart would have no choice but to give him the support and assurances he needed. But Barnhart drew the line at somewhere between \$650,000 per year and the \$1.3 million that Baylor was offering, arguing that Morriss' two-year record of 9-14 didn't merit that much of an increase.

To Morriss, that was the final straw. He remained convinced that Barnhart wasn't behind him and that the athletic director's plan to bring in his own man had only been delayed, not killed. So much as he might have wanted to stay at UK and fulfill his obligations to his players, he decided to seize the momentum when his marketability was at its highest and accept Baylor's offer, which also enabled him to return to his home state of Texas. This also could be the first example where UK was hurt by President Lee Todd's naive stance against certain perks for coaches and other athletic per-

sonnel, even though they're legal under NCAA rules. For example, it would behoove the media to find out if the Baylor deal provides for free cars for all the assistant coaches, a practice that Todd has attacked at UK.

So Morriss left UK for pretty much the same reason that Paul "Bear" Bryant bolted for Texas A&M in 1953. It had little to do with money and everything to do with pride. As Bryant tells it in his autobiography, UK president Herman Donovan had promised him that basketball coach Adolph Rupp would be fired or forced to retire because of UK's role in the first major point-shaving scandal. But when Bryant returned from a recruiting trip and saw in a newspaper that Rupp had been given a raise and a new contract, he was so angry that he took the only job that was open - Texas A&M - even though his wife, Mary Harmon, wept at the thought of leaving Lexington for College Station.

It wouldn't be surprising to see Morriss have success at Baylor before his successor does at UK. Although Baylor is the Big 12 Conference's only private member and its smallest in enrollment, the university's campus in Waco is no less attractive than such other Big

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27-16 with 2:50 left. But the Eagles missed three free throws in the period, which would contribute heavily to their undoing: After Colby Newsome made two in the first period, they missed their final seven tries from the stripe.

The lead was 30-16 at the half.

Virgie made a run in the fourth quarter, cutting the lead to 40-30 with Johnson scored on a layup with 3:23 left. They got as close to nine twice, the first coming on a jumper by Newsome with 1:00 left, but could get no closer.

McCarty's total was followed by Kyle Sublett and Coty Conley, who had six each. Justin Blanton had five, Justin Meek three and Tommy Taylor and Mike Tackett scored two each.

Johnson paced Virgie with 12 points. Jeremy Jackson had seven, while Colby Newsome

and Chris Tackett added six each. Daniel Harmon followed with five.

Johnson Middle 68, AB Combs 45: The Eagles pumped in 42 points in the 12 minutes before halftime and rolled to the win over a talented group of Bulldogs to qualify for the championship for the second consecutive season.

Jamie McCarty had 18 points before intermission en route to 24. Tommy Taylor followed with eight and Cody Rattiff added seven.

Combs was led by Jason Kelley's 18 points, while Brandon Willis added 10.

Runnin'

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for the Rebels.

Visiting Knott Central scratched and fought its way back into the contest in the third

quarter, outscoring the Rebels 13-11 in the eight-minute frame. However, the Rebels finished strong by hitting for 27 points in an offensive-filled fourth quarter.

Senior Oliver Kilgore gave the Rebels a nice boost in the game, coming off the bench to score 11 points in the second quarter. Starter Neil Allen finished with 10 points and Austin Francis, another starter, chipped in four. Justin Hall rounded out the scoring for Allen Central with three points.

Guard Joe Dials was the high-scorer for Knott Central with 18 points.

Results from last night's Allen Central-South Floyd boys'/girls' doubleheader will appear in the Friday edition.

Lady Rebs

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17-14 lead at the end of the first quarter. The visiting Lady Patriots outscored Allen Central 17-5 in the second period to go into the half with what looked to be a comfortable 34-19 lead.

A three-point barrage took hold for the Lady Rebels in the third quarter. Scott and Harris each accounted for nine points in the quarter, all on made treys, three each. Allen Central outscored Knott Central 21-10 in the third quarter and 22-18 in the final period to force the game into the first overtime.

Scott and Harris each had a pair of three-point baskets apiece in the combined three overtimes.


Tiffany Slone and Tonya Amburgey combined for 61 of Knott Central's 93 points. Slone finished with 34 and Amburgey chipped in 27.

The Allen Central girls were back on the court last night against rival South Floyd. Results from the first 58th District game of the season for both teams were unavailable.

**KNOTT CENTRAL (93)** - Amburgey 27, Williams 3, Slone 34, Chaffins 11, B. Hall 12, Johnson 5, A. Hall 1.

**ALLEN CENTRAL (88)** - Scott 30, Majakey 5, Turner 4, Thomas 19, Harris 25, Mullins 1, Martin 4.

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# HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## Johnson Central 57, Bryan Station 51

Brandon Wheeler hit from the inside and outside to lead the host Golden Eagles past visiting Lexington Bryan Station. Wheeler ended the game with 20 points. Junior Mike Walters hit for 18 points and senior point guard Chris Hurt pushed in nine points in Johnson Central's 57-51 triumph. Justin Woods netted seven. The win kept the Golden Eagles perfect on the season with a record of 3-0. Bryan Station fell to 0-5.

## Knott County Central 68, Wolfe County 49

It was 'The Joe Dials Show' for

much of the night. Dials went 9-for-10 from the free-throw line, scoring 21 points to send host Knott County Central past Wolfe County (3-2). This game was played on Friday night, some 24 hours before Knott Central hit the road and traveled north to play Allen Central.

## Paintsville 82, Magoffin County 45

Experience proved to be too, too much for the visiting Hornets to overcome in an 82-45 loss to host Paintsville. The Tigers were led in scoring by Shane Simpkins with 18 points. Adam Collins finished the game with 14 points for Paintsville and Stuart Rutledge

added 11.

Jason Arnett led Magoffin County with a team-high 13 points. Paintsville (3-0) remained undefeated with the win.

## Perry Co. Central 89, Leslie County 81

Daniel Combs came in off the bench to score 23 points, leading Perry County Central past a scrappy Leslie County team. Combs, a sophomore guard, went 7-for-9 from the free-throw line and had three assists and two steals in the winning effort.

## Ashland Blazer 75, Boyd County

Ashland's Jeremy Howell scored 19 points, including two three-pointers, leading visiting Ashland Blazer to a 13-point win over the host Lions.

Senior guard Joe Howard was the leading scorer for the Lions with 23 points.

## Pikeville 82, Jenkins 44

Host Jenkins led 12-10 at the

end of the first quarter, but the luxury of a lead would not last long for the Cavaliers. Pikeville held Jenkins to eight points in each of the last two quarters en route to the 38-point win.

Jonah Tackett led Jenkins in points produced with 23

## Johnson Central 65, Paintsville 40

Seniors Melissa Murphy and Ashley Wireman scored 16 points apiece to lead the host Lady Eagles to a 65-40 win over rival Paintsville.

Rhonda Adams, another junior, finished with 12 for Johnson Central.

Whitney Reynolds paced Paintsville with 12.

## Paintsville 53, Morgan County 42

Ashley Hall scored 17 to lead the Lady Tigers to a 53-42 win on the road Monday night. The victory evened Paintsville's season mark to 2-2 on the season.

Chastity Lewis led Morgan County (1-2) in scoring with 14

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## Eagles

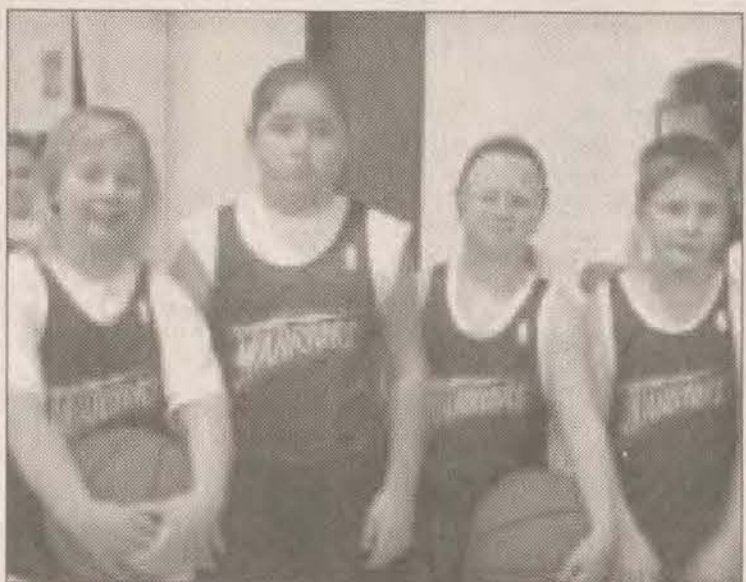
ALC head coach Gary Gibson got 19 points apiece from starters Kent Campbell and Nick Samons in the win over Ohio Southern. Matt Spencer and Shannon Akers finished with 10 and 14 points, respectively.

Max Hunter led Ohio

Southern in scoring with 23 points.

Samons was the leading scorer with 22 points in the victory over Temple Baptist. Campbell finished with 20 points and Akers added 18. Ryan Shannon chipped in 13, and Spencer added 12.

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Erica Meade, Julie Compton, Nathaniel Fraley, and Adam Crisp posed for a picture after their team, the Warriors, beat the Lakers 40-23 in a Prestonsburg Junior Basketball League game held Saturday. Results from Saturday's P'burg Junior League games will appear in Friday's edition.

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## Ladycats

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"(Whitney) Lykens and (Natasha) Stratton totally dominated us, period."

Stratton finished with a game-high 18 points and Lykens shot in 17 as the Ladycats won for the fourth straight time following a loss to begin the season against Whitesburg in a tournament at Perry County Central High School.

"We picked up our defensive pressure in the second quarter," Betsy Layne coach Cassandra Akers said. "We knew Belfry was just too good of a team to not make a run at us."

Betsy Layne, which took a 35-21 halftime lead, extended its lead to 51-27 heading into the final eight minutes.

"We just didn't execute and you have to hand it to Betsy Layne, they came to play," Gannon said. "This was our fifth game in eight days, but I'm not going to make any excuses."

Anna Bevins led the Lady Pirates with nine points and Vicki Hall chipped in eight.

"We need to get more production out of our starters," Gannon said.

Belfry hit just 15 shots from the floor, one of those a trey, and 14-of-18 free throws. Betsy Layne hit the mark on 27 field goals, two of those treys, and 9 of 19 from the line.

Belfry, now 3-2, will play Thursday night against Louisville Seneca in the Louisville Male Tournament.

Betsy Layne was on the road, playing at Prestonsburg last night. The Ladycats have already beaten the Lady Blackcats once this season. Results from last night's game were unavailable at press time.

Betsy Layne had a plan going into Saturday's championship tilt against Belfry and stuck with it.

"I felt like we really executed well on offense and stuck to our game plan," said Akers, following the win over Belfry.

Belfry wasn't the first team in the invitational tournament to suffer a 20-point loss to

Betsy Layne. The Ladycats downed Tolsia in the first game of the event, 66-46.

Stratton posted 23 points and Lykens finished with 19 in the game against Tolsia. Lykens finished with eight rebounds and nine steals to go along with her 19 points. Stratton was also multidimensional, grabbing seven rebounds and recording five steals.

Tiffany Meade chipped in seven points and Kristal Daniels scored six in off the bench. Breann Akers netted four and Tabetha Witt scored three, all in the second half. Kim Clark and Kesha Newman chipped in two points apiece.

Heather Dillon scored 15 and Lauren Banfi contributed 13 for Tolsia.

Betsy Layne outscored Tolsia in each of the four quarters.

## SCORING:

**Betsy Layne (65)** - Whitney Lykens 5(2) 1-2 17; Natasha Stratton 5(2) 1-2 18; Kim Clark 3 0-0 6; Tiffany Meade 2 5-7 9; Tabetha Witt 1 0-2 2; Kesha Newman 2 1-2 5; Kristal Daniels 3 0-0 6; Breanna Akers 1 0-0 2.  
 Totals: 25(2) 9-19 65.

**Belfry (45)** - Vicki Hall 3 2-2 8; Anna Bevins 4 1-2 9; Emma Smith 0 2-2 2; Mary Beth Johnson 0 1-2 1; Lyndsey Mahon 2 1-2 5; Natasha Combs 2 0-0 4; Jamie Hunter 0 2-2 2; Brittany Chapman 2 1-2 5; Brooke Stanley 2 1-2 5; Falon Muncy 0 2-2 2; Samantha Kline 0 2-2 2.

## Reed

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12 outposts as College Station, Lubbock, Stillwater, and Ames.

In addition, Baylor is the largest university in the world that's affiliated with the Baptist Church. If Morriss can make Baylor mean to Baptists what Notre Dame does to Catholics, he could establish an extensive recruiting network both in Texas and the nation.

Until now, UK fans might know Baylor mostly as the only school to defeat the Wildcats in their marvelous 10-1 season of 1977. Now, though, Baylor has become an example of locking the Barn(hart) door after the horse is gone.

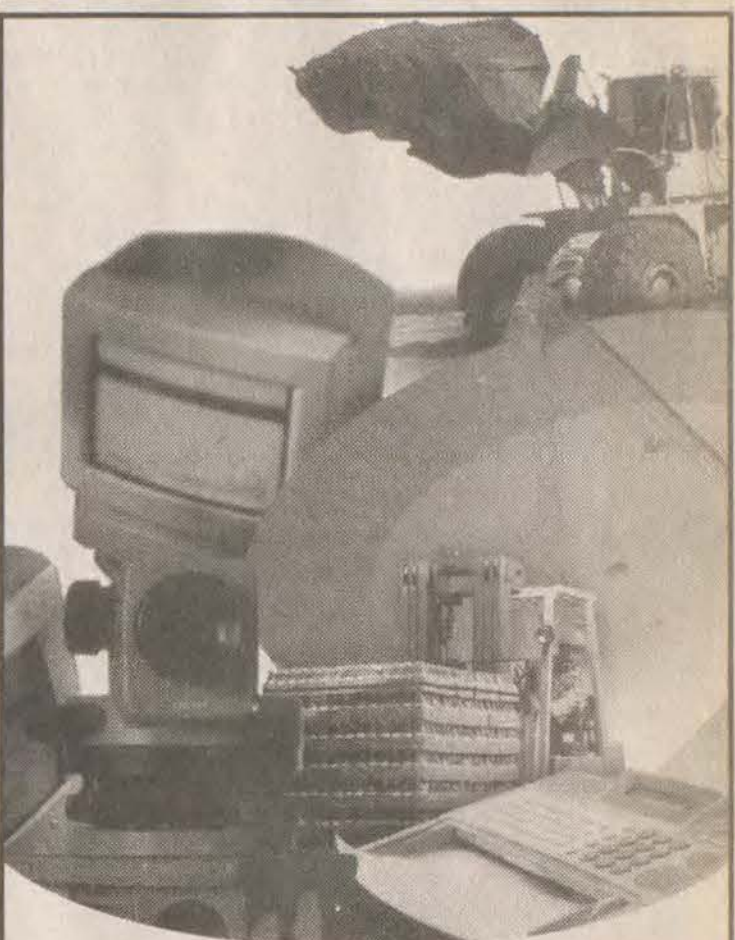
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# A Look at Sports: Griffey to play in the Bronx?

by ED TAYLOR  
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Cincinnati Reds centerfielder, Ken Griffey Jr., says there are four teams he would not mind being traded to and went on to not name them. But sources indicate that the New York Yankees are one of the four and the Reds probably would like to oblige the unhappy outfielder.

It is no secret the love affair that began between Griffey and Reds fans when he came to the Queen City from Seattle, has soured a bit and now the three are willing to part company — the third being the Reds themselves.

The Reds front office has finally realized that the one time home run producer just doesn't have it anymore, and after the

last two seasons mostly on the disabled list, are ready to deal him to who ever will take on his monumental contract.

The veteran centerfielder has said he did not want to stay where he was not wanted, therefore, a trade is almost certain before the 2003 season begins. Team officials are at their winter meetings now where trades are often made. Look for the Reds to come away with almost nothing in order to shed themselves of the Griffey contract.

The Reds have already pulled one blunder in the trade market when they dealt last season's leading hitter, Todd Walker, to the Boston Red Sox. Walker hit .299 last season with 11 home runs and 60 or more RBIs. What did the Reds get? Just two minor league players to be named later. That shows the Reds were looking at one thing — getting rid of a \$3 million-plus contract.

The financially strapped Reds have indicated they are not through yet and popular players such as first baseman Sean

Casey, Barry Larkin as well as Griffey are being dangled in front of other clubs. The Reds also are ready to unload the big contracts of Scott Sullivan and Gabe White. However, they will be overactive to move the two.

John Allen, CEO of the Reds, is ensuring fans that the Reds are not trying to dismantle the team that finished third last year in the Central Division, but trying to make do with what money is allocated this season from team owner Carl Linder. Indication is that Linder will up the budget as far as salaries go, but that is because of the expectations of the revenue increasing when they open the turnstiles for the first time at Great American Ball Park, new home of the Reds.

The real threat to the Reds is arbitration, which will include the likes of Danny Graves, Aaron Boone, Ryan Dempster and others. All are expected to get substantial raises this coming season.

So, the Reds are looking to

free up some extra cash and I figure it is to go and get a solid and consistent starter for their rotation.

## THE RETURN OF ROSE

As the rumor mills continue to go around concerning major league baseball reinstating baseball's all-time hits leader, new allegations have arose from Jim Dowd, the lawyer who investigated Rose's gambling habits. Dowd has said to the media that he has evidence that Rose indeed did bet on the Reds while manager at Cincinnati. Dowd has also contended the reason it was not presented in his final findings was it was inconclusive.

Former Assistant Commissioner, Fay Vincent, does not think Rose should ever be reinstated and definitely does not deserve to be in the Hall of Fame. The folks at the Hall have indicated, should Rose be reinstated, it does not mean an automatic entrance into the Hall.

The Hall of Fame is not just about baseball records but character, according to Vincent. Vincent has gone as far as saying, should Rose be reinstated and voted into the Hall, on his plaque should be inscribed "betted on baseball!"

No matter how we feel about the moral character of Rose, he is the all-time hits leader and if we are going to have the all-time home run king (Hank Aaron) then we should also have the all-time hits leader as well.

If indeed Rose did bet against the Reds while he managed, then he should be banned from ever managing another major league team but I think he should be in the Hall of Fame. It is just only fitting that it happen.

Long time Rose friend, Johnny Bench, is rooting that Rose be in the Hall of Fame

along with him. Bench has for a long time opposed Rose's reinstatement until he comes clean and admits that he bet on baseball and against the Reds. Bench has indicated he would welcome the reinstatement and that he has always wanted his friend back in the game and in the Hall of Fame with him. But he thinks Rose should come clean with his confession.

Ever how this one turns out, it is sure the only reason of entertaining the thought of reinstatement from Commissioner Bud Selig, is the future of the game that is annually losing its fan appeal. Maybe Selig feels that with Rose being reinstated, it would boost the game once again.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

## Pikeville women hold off St. Mary's

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Freshman forward Andrea Smith got hot from the arc down the stretch and helped her team cut a 24-point lead to single digits before No. 23 Pikeville College righted the ship and held on for a 79-69 win over St. Mary-of-the-Woods (Ind.) College on Friday night.

Smith hit 5-of-8 from the arc for the game en route to a team-high 23 points, including back-to-back threes in a 10-0 stretch that ended with 2:05 left with Pikeville clinging to a 77-69 lead.

Only minutes earlier, the lead was 77-59. However, sophomore center Amelia Cody had the final four points for her team as it held on for the win.

Pikeville (10-2) used two first-half outbursts to build its cushion. Trailing 11-10 early after a three-pointer by Jena Croone, the Lady Bears reeled off 14 unanswered points to take command. Sophomore forward Selena Williams had five of her team's final seven in the run and a layin with 11:05 left made the score 24-11.

The lead was 32-20 late in the half when the Lady Bears scored 13 of 16 to push the lead

to 22, which happened on a layup by senior Teccoa Gallion with 2:55 left (45-23).

Gallion led the Lady Bears with 24 points and finished with eight rebounds. Fellow senior Amanda Collins had a solid effort, making 7-of-11 from the field to finish with 15 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, leading the Lady Bears to a 39-31 win on the glass.

Cody, a product of Knott County's Cordia High School, came off the bench for 12 points and four rebounds.

Pikeville shot the ball well itself, hitting 32-of-64 for 50 percent. However, the Lady Bears struggled from the arc, making good on only two out of eight. They also had 21 assists, with senior Courtney Mercer handing out nine and freshman Jessica Lovell seven.

Lovell also had five steals, as the Lady Bears finished with 17.

St. Mary-of-the-Woods was money from outside, making 9-of-17 (52.9 percent). The Pomeroy's shot 42.6 percent (23-of-54) for the game.

Smith was joined in double figures by freshman Darci Rector, who had 10 points, five assists and three steals.

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## Johnson Middle, Dorton get to semis

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Friday's Results: Johnson Middle 66, Elkhorn City 21; Dorton 54, Turkey Creek 34

Saturday's Games: Johnson Middle vs. AB Combs; Dorton vs. Virgie; Championship (See front).

Johnson Middle 66, Elkhorn City 21: The Eagles led 19-4 at the end of the first quarter and 39-14 by intermission in cruising to the win. The Eagles will have a short night, coming back for the morning's opener with AB Combs.

Jamie McCarty, who had eight to help his team get the big first-quarter lead, finished with 19 to lead all scorers. Justin Blanton followed with 13, all before recess. Tommy Taylor, Cody Ratliff and Mike Tackett all contributed six.

Adam Farmer led the Cougars with nine points. David Ratliff followed with seven.

Dorton 54, Turkey Creek 34: Dorton jumped out to a 13-5 lead in the first period and pushed it to 28-14 by halftime. In the end, the Wildcats outscored Turkey Creek in all four periods to advance to the semifinals where they will meet their biggest rival, Virgie.

Donovan Bentley led all scorers with 16 points. Kyle Goodson followed with 15, scoring 11 as the Wildcats built their big first-half lead.

Turkey Creek was led by Dustin May with six. The trio of Jamie Case, Aaron Warren and B. Maynard had five points

## School

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points.

**Johnson Central 68, Magoffin Co. 51**

The Johnson Central Lady Eagles got 58th District win No. 2 on the season Monday night with a 17-point win at home over

Magoffin County.

Melissa Murphy led Johnson Central with 18 points. Ashley Wireman added 16 points, and Rhonda Adams chipped in 14.

Calloray Howard led the way for Magoffin County with 15 points.

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Betsy Layne also had some of its own leaders.

Jordan Scarberry guided in 26 points off the bench to lead four Bobcat players in double figures.

Jordan Kidd followed with 19. Brandon Hall chipped in 13, and Brent Newsome hit for 12.

Betsy Layne (2-2) hit 35 field goals and made good on 11-of-22 (50 percent) free-throw attempts.

Belfry's team totals were 32 field goals, including an outstanding performance by Preece, who hit 13-of-15 shots.

Preece was named Player of the Game from Belfry. Scarberry took the honor for victorious Betsy Layne.

"I felt like we really executed

well on offense and stuck to our game plan. It was a true team effort with four scoring in double figures," said Betsy Layne's Rose. "I was glad to see Brent Newsome get back on track with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Jordan Scarberry was super. He shot the ball with confidence and really came off the screens well in our offense. He is capable of that type of play each night and with the job defensively he and Preston did off the bench it changed the entire game."

Betsy Layne was back in action last night on the road at Prestonsburg.

Results from the 58th District battle were unavailable.

**BELFRY (81)** – Howard 7, Curry 2, Smith 27, Preece 34, Clifton Hatfield 2, Maynard 4, Cullop 5.

**BETSY LAYNE (85)** – Kidd 19, Hamilton 6, N. Newsome 5, B. Newsome 12, Hall 13, Scarberry 26, Simon 4.

**Geo. Rogers Clark 65, Prestonsburg 33**

George Rogers Clark, coached by Floyd County native Mark Reitz, stayed perfect on the season Saturday evening in the second game of the Floyd County Classic, beating Prestonsburg 65-33.

Prestonsburg stayed within striking distance of the visiting team from Clark County in the

first half, but found a cold rim present in the second half.

Near seven-footer Andrew Preston, a senior headed to Belmont University, led George Rogers Clark in scoring with 18 points.

Following the game, Preston and teammates shared Player of the Game honors.

Kris Bentley led Prestonsburg in scoring with nine points. He took Player of the Game honors for his team.

Prestonsburg was back in action at home last night, hosting Betsy Layne.

**South Floyd 87, Magoffin County 64**

The one-two punch of

seniors Michael Hall and Tyler Hall again proved to be lethal for another opposing team on Saturday. The unlucky foe this time was Magoffin County. Michael Hall scored 32 points and Tyler Hall scored 28 and pulled down eight rebounds to lead South Floyd to the win.

Through three games now, the two talented players are averaging over 20 points apiece per outing.

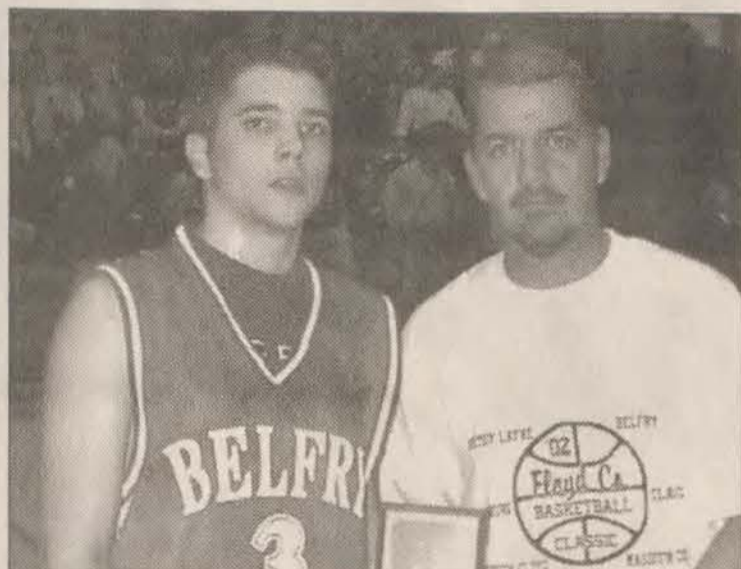
Adam Tackett finished the contest with seven points coming in off the bench.

Brian Meade and Jack Stone chipped in six points apiece for South Floyd. Sophomore Steven Stanley added four points and starter

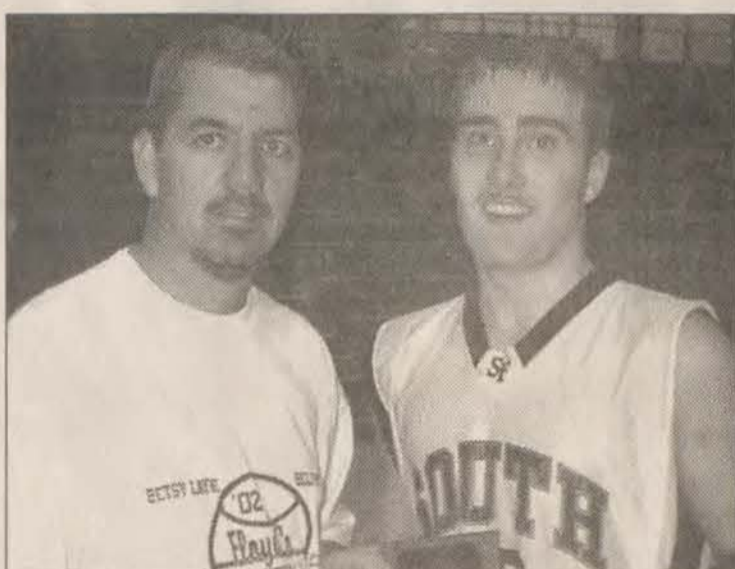
Heath Hall finished with three. Justin Hall rounded out the scoring for South Floyd with two points on a field goal. With the game well out of the reach of Magoffin County, South Floyd head coach Henry Webb was able to play younger players in the late minutes of the fourth quarter.

South Floyd was 11-of-36 on three-point tries for 31-percent. Webb's club hit 30-of-73 chances from the field for 41-percent. The team from Hi Hat went 16-for-24 for 67-percent.

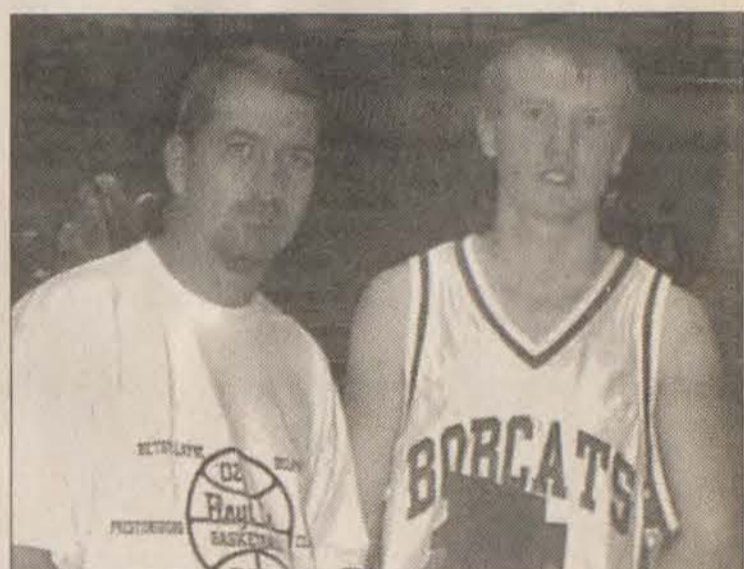
The Raiders were back on their home floor last night, rival hosting Allen Central. A full story on the game will appear in Friday's edition.



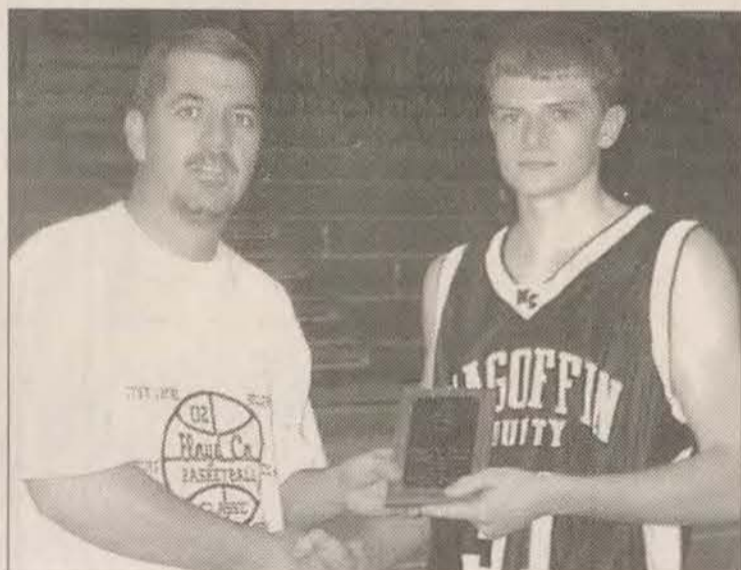
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Schools, Churches, Clubs...anyone...do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted. **Winners to be in the Wednesday, February 26th edition of the Floyd County Times.**



# Business/Professions

## Food City recognizes Staffordsville resident

ABINGDON, VA — During a June White House meeting, President Bush met with corporate leaders from organizations across the nation and key White House staff members to discuss objectives for his Business Strengthening America volunteerism campaign.

Steve Smith, president and chief executive officer for K-VA-T Food Stores Inc., Food City's parent company, was among the select group. Following the White House session, Smith administered the creation of Food City's new Claude P. Varney Volunteer Recognition Program, to recognize outstanding volunteerism among their associates.

"Throughout the years, our company has wholly dedicated itself to serving the citizens of the communities in which we operate," said Smith. Many of our associates volunteer their time and talents to numerous

entitled in memory of K-VA-T's beloved former president and board vice-chairman of 47 years, Claude P. Varney. Varney was well-known for his tremendous compassion and humanitarian services.

Special committees were established to review associate volunteer activities and select individual award recipients based on outstanding achievement in the areas of health, education, environment, cultural arts, recreational, heritage/history and public service. One winner was selected at each Food City location and corporate level. Store winners then competed at district level.

Upon reviewing her lifelong commitment to volunteerism, it's not hard to see why Johnson County resident Dottie Kestner, of Staffordsville, received the district award for her area. Besides her full-time employment in the Bakery/Deli of Food

Women's Missionary Union, and Operations Thanksgiving and Christmas Project. And she's also certified as a disaster relief worker.

"Being an active part of my community has become an integral part of my life," stated Kestner. "In fact, I can't remember a time before volunteer work. But I don't consider what I do so much volunteer work as I do making things better for those not as fortunate as myself."

Dottie's interest in volunteering first began with her local 4-H chapter. Shortly after relocating to Eastern Kentucky, she was invited to a 4-H council luncheon and agreed to help dip caramel apples for the Apple Festival fund raising project. What began with six or seven bushels of apples in 1975 has now grown to 70 bushels and a regular project for Dottie. And as they say, the rest is history.

As a team captain for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, a fund raising event to assist cancer survivors, Dottie is responsible for assisting with project coordination and walkathon pledge collection. "As I walk and push myself to make it one more lap, I remind myself that maybe the next dollar I collect will be the one that allows scientists to find the cure or help someone I know to have a better life after surviving cancer," added Kestner emotionally.

During the months of October through December, the largest part of Dottie's volunteer time is dedicated to her church. During their annual Johnson County Apple Festival, Dottie and her friends distribute water to the thousands in attendance who have no access to public drinking water. Thanks to Dottie's creation of an old fashion well and an antique water bucket and dipper from her childhood, water is

Dottie proudly.

In November, Dottie is busy preparing Thanksgiving dinners for those with no family or who are unable to cook for themselves.

"Operation Thanksgiving", as it has been termed, is in its ninth year. The dinner includes turkey and all the trimmings and everyone who is in need of fellowship or food is welcome and deliveries are made to those unable to attend. "It's become a family day for many of our volunteers, who show their thankfulness by giving to others," says Kestner.

In December, it's on to the First Baptist Church's Christmas Project, which provides food and Christmas presents for needy children. Each year, the names of 50 or more children are chosen and church members volunteer to buy and wrap gifts for each child. The families of the children also receive a food box, the contents of which are donated by church members. "The look of joy on the children's faces is indescribable. It's the only reward I need to know that I will be there again next year," stated Kestner.

Dottie's years of volunteer work have created many lasting memories, one of her favorite came in 1994-95 when she was chosen to accompany the Kentucky Baptist Children's ministry team to Moscow to distribute gift bags and Bibles to children. Dottie distributed empty bags throughout her own church and community seeking donated items to fill them. Russian Translation Bibles accompanied each bag and salvation bracelets were given to the children and adults as well. "The children were so happy and thankful for the gifts," said Dottie. "A lot of them had never heard of Christmas or Christianity," remembers Dottie fondly.

When her schedule permits, Dottie spends her Thursdays assisting with lunch preparation for a group of area junior and senior high school students. Dottie is also trained and certified by the Kentucky Baptist Convention as a disaster relief worker. Dottie enjoys cooking and often boxes up leftovers and delivers them to the sick and elderly. "Several of the people we deliver lunch to call it the dinner from Dottie's Diner," says Dottie jokingly. "Over the years I

hope that in some small way I have made a difference in a few people's lives," concludes Dottie in reflection of her life-time commitment to the self-less service of others.

Dottie attended a special luncheon on December 11, 2002 at Food City's corporate offices in Abingdon, Virginia, where she was publicly recognized for her outstanding service with an honorary plaque. A \$250 contribution will also be made to the charity of Dottie's choice. From among the district winners, two divisional winners will next be selected and honored with a special plaque and a \$500 contribution to their choice charity. And finally, one overall winner will be selected to receive the prestigious Claude P. Varney Humanitarian Award and an all-expense paid trip to the National Grocer's Association Convention in Las Vegas, NV, where they will be publicly recognized for their outstanding achievements and a \$1000 contribution made to their choice charity.

"We're extremely proud of the difference our associates

make through their many humanitarian contributions. Our company is committed to providing our associates the support they need to become the best corporate citizens possible," summarized Smith.

Headquartered in Abingdon, Va., K-VA-T Food Stores operates 86 retail food outlets throughout the tri-state regions of Southeast Kentucky, Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee.



Steven C. Smith, president and chief executive officer for K-VA-T Food Stores Inc., and Dottie Kestner, winner of the Claude P. Varney Volunteer Recognition Program.

## Stephen G. Horner named State ABC Commissioner

organizations in support of their communities and we felt it needed to formally recognize their selfless contributions."

Befittingly, the program was

Governor Paul Patton has appointed Stephen G. Horner as Commissioner of the Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Horner will replace Rick Johnstone who is leaving ABC after being named a Deputy Mayor for the new merged Louisville/Jefferson County government. Horner's appointment is effective January 6, 2003.

Horner, 59 years old and an attorney, served as ABC's Division of Malt Beverage Administrator from 1996 to 2000. From 2000 to the present, Horner has served as the Public Protection and Regulation Cabinet's general counsel.

"Steve has an in-depth knowledge of the intricate laws governing Kentucky's alcohol industry," said Gov. Patton. "His prior service at ABC combined with his legal and government experience makes him an outstanding choice to lead ABC."

The ABC is responsible for issuing alcoholic beverage licenses and enforcing Kentucky statutes and administrative regulations pertaining to the alcoholic beverage industry. In addition to its enforcement duties with respect to alcohol, the agency is responsible for enforcing Kentucky's teen access tobacco laws. The Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, comprised of the Commissioner of the Department, the Distilled Spirits and Wine Administrator, and the Malt Beverage Administrator, preside over hearings to determine when violations of the alcohol or tobacco laws have occurred. The Board has the ability to suspend alcohol licenses, revoke alcohol licenses or to impose civil fines against violators.

City's Paintsville location, Dottie's vast yearlong volunteer calendar includes assisting her local 4-H chapter, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life,

"Steve's been a great asset to the Cabinet as our general counsel and I know he's going to do an excellent job as ABC Commissioner," said Janie Miller, Public Protection and

now available to those in need. "In addition to the water each person receives a brochure that I wrote and published describing the plan of salvation," said

Regulation Secretary.

"I have heard Gov. Patton say many times that, except for the religious ministry itself, there is no higher calling than public service," said Horner. "I

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All interested parties are required to secure a "Bid Packet" which sets out any work specifications, bid forms, selection criteria, Scope of Work and related instructions. Bids will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. (noon), on December 20, 2002. The Bid Packets may be obtained by contacting Stephanie Stumbo at the Big Sandy Area Development District, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, or 606-886-2374. No bid packets will be faxed to interested parties.

Respondents should send a minimum of five (5) copies of their proposals with "RFP-Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority: Park Improvements" clearly marked on the packet exterior. Submissions should be made to the Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The deadline for receipt of submissions is 12:00 p.m., December 20, 2002.

Submissions will be opened publicly and considered by the Boards appointed review committee. Proposals will be ranked based upon the basis of written materials, equipment and best hourly cost as set forth in the RFP package. The Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority and/or its designated review committee reserve the right to schedule interviews with any or all of the respondents, or to reject any or all proposals.

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**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**  
 Permit No. 836-0289  
 Increment Nos. 2, 3, 4, & 5

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky, 41502, has applied for Phase I, bond release on permit number 836-0289, Increment Nos. 2, 3, 4, & 5, which was last issued on 1/09/2001. The application covers an area of approximately 620.31 acres, located 1.38 mile southwest of Hueysville in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.60 mile southwest from State Route 7's junction with Salyer Branch Road on Saltlick Creek and 0.13 mile southeast of Coolwater Creek's confluence with Saltlick Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 16". The longitude is 82° 51' 46".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 is a certificate of deposit and bond pool type bond in the amount of \$45,300. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$45,300 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 3 is a certificate of deposit and bond pool type bond in the amount of \$25,900. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$25,900 is included in the application for release.

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The bond now in effect for Increment No. 5 is a certificate of deposit and bond pool type bond in the amount of \$63,200. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$63,200 is included in the application for release.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 On November 15, 2002, Kentucky Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power filed its 2002 Integrated Resource Plan with the Public Service Commission. This filing includes American Electric Power's most recent load forecast and a description of the existing and planned conservation programs, load management programs and generating facilities AEP expects to use to meet its forecasted requirements in a reliable manner at the lowest possible cost. Any interested person may review the plan, submit written questions to the utility, and file written comments on the plan. Any person interested in participating in the review of this Integrated Resource Plan should, within 10 days of the publication of this notice, submit a motion to intervene to: Thomas M. Dorman Executive Director, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, and seeding to achieve the approved post mining land use, which was completed for increment Nos. 2, 3, and 5, in April 2002/ Increment No. 4 in July 2002. Results thus far achieved are; area is stable and vegetation has been established.

\*Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 20, 2003.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 21, 2003, at

9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 20, 2003.

This is the final advertisement of the application.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The above action has been filed against the Unknown Spouse of Trevor Brewer whose last known address is 606 Steels Creek Road, Wayland,

Kentucky 41666, and others. The purpose of this suit is to enforce a mortgage due and payable to the Plaintiff by Trevor Brewer and Teresa Brewer.

The Unknown Spouse of Trevor Brewer may claim an interest in the subject property as the spouse of Trevor Brewer. If you believe you are the Unknown Spouse of Trevor Brewer, you should contact William C. Pauley of Andrews, Botts, & Gault, 333 West Vine Street, 18th Floor, PO Box 2220, Lexington, Kentucky 40588-2222, via telephone at (859) 253-0131 to obtain further information concerning this law suit.

This the 18th day of

December, 2002.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Intent to enter upon private property for the purpose of obtaining vehicular access to an Abandoned Mine Land Project area pursuant to Public Law 95-87, Section 407 (A) and KRS 350.570 (D).

Attempts to determine the present owner of a parcel of land located in Floyd County that is listed with the Property Valuation Office as map #85, parcel #125 have preceded this declaration without a satisfactory conclusion. Therefore, this proclamation serves as notification of the intent of

the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement, Division of Abandoned Mine Lands, 2521 Lawrenceburg Road, Frankfort Kentucky 40601, to enter upon this land for the single purpose of obtaining vehicular access to the project known as the Abner Fork Portals Site #7 AML Reclamation Project of the Twentieth Annual Grant. The Division and/or its contractors will enter the property no sooner than February 10, 2003.

The property is located approximately 1.6 miles East of the community of Melvin, Floyd County, Kentucky, on the

South side of Kentucky Route 122, and more specifically off the Johnson Coal Hollow Road.

Contact person: Steve Hohmann, Director Division of Abandoned Mine Lands 2521 Lawrenceburg Road Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 502/564-2141

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5416, Renewal in accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that DS Energy Inc., P.O. Box 2864, Pikeville,

Kentucky 41502, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 0.90 mile west of Woods in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 1.55 surface acres and will underlie 853.86 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 855.41 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.25 mile East from KY 194's junction with KY 1428, and located adjacent to Cow Creek.

The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Coal-Mac, Inc., Dick & Faye Burchett,

America Frasure and John Gordon Goble. The operation will underlie land owned by Jimmy Joe Burchett, Charles & Darvin Burchett, Brad & Sally Goble & Marwood Land Co.

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, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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# Moms can give babies the greatest holiday gift of all

FRANKFORT - Some of the most joyful memories for parents are the birth of a baby and baby's first Christmas, especially if the baby is healthy. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that more than 130,000 pregnant women per year in the United States consume alcohol at levels shown to increase the risk of having a baby with

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) or other alcohol-related condition.

FAS and Fetal Alcohol Effects refer to a group of physical and mental birth defects that may result from a woman's drinking alcohol during pregnancy. FAS is the leading known cause of mental retardation. Other problems that result from drinking during pregnancy can include organ dysfunction, growth

deficiencies before and after birth, central nervous dysfunction resulting in learning disabilities and lower IQ, and physical malformities in the face and cranial areas. In addition, children may experience behavioral problems, which can progress into adulthood.

"Maternal prenatal alcohol use is one of the leading preventable causes of birth defects and developmental dis-

abilities. We cannot stress enough a no-use message. No amount of alcohol is safe during pregnancy," said Mike Townsend, Director of the Division of Substance Abuse.

### According to CDC:

■ From 1991 to 1995, there was a four-fold increase in frequent (seven or more drinks per week) and binge (five

or more drinks on any one occasion) drinking during pregnancy. While the overall rate of any alcohol use (at least one drink) among pregnant women has declined since 1995; rates of frequent and binge drinking remain at high levels.

■ One in 30 women who know they

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### POISON OAK

## A little wooden wagon

I remember when I was just a boy sitting on the steps of his front porch down on Hammond Creek in rural Johnson County, while my Papaw, Liss Baldridge, talked about his Christmases as a boy back in the late 1800s. I marveled at his memory as he told, in such detail, of things that had



Clyde Pack

occurred sixty or seventy years earlier. He said his presents were few, but he did recall a little wooden wagon carved by his uncle, and as he looked just above my head as if watching it all unfold on some invisible movie screen, told of how he played for hours with that little wagon, hauling twigs that had become imaginary locust posts for fencing in his live-stock. But what he said he looked forward to at

(See OAK, page three)

## The miracle of low-fat latkes

from the American Institute for Cancer Research

Hanukkah, the Jewish "Festival of Lights," commemorates a miracle that is celebrated over an eight-day period. As with many religious holidays, special foods are prepared. In the kitchen, Hanukkah is usually observed with potato pancakes and a skillet. But you can have these pancakes—or latkes, as they're called—without the fat. These are baked instead of fried, but retain all the flavor and crunch of a traditional latke. Everyone may not be familiar with latkes, but everybody loves pancakes.

Hanukkah commemorates the battle between the Maccabees and King Antiochus Epiphanes, who was trying to wipe out Judaism. After chasing the enemy out of Jerusalem, the

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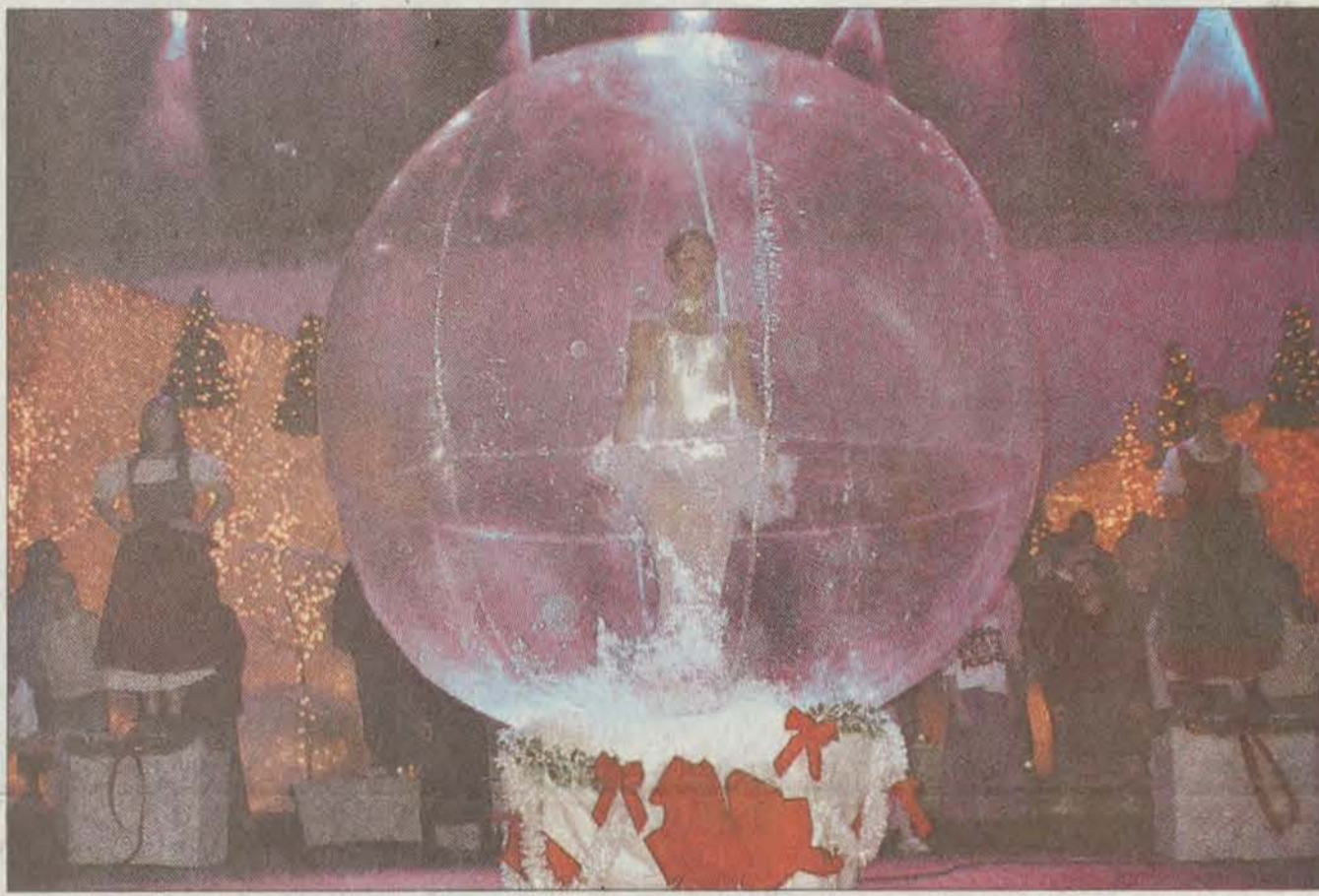


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The Prestonsburg High School music department made some Christmas magic this past Friday evening at the Mountain Arts Center. The arts center stage was alive with dazzling displays of light and creative stage sets and props. One that illicit gasps from the attending audience was this "snow globe" featuring a live ballerina. Jenna Stewart, a PHS freshman, is the lovely lady inside the globe.

# A Christmas Portrait



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Megan Goble, a PHS sophomore, was a vision in loveliness as she performed a heart-tugging rendition of "Where Are You, Christmas?" during the "Christmas Portrait" musical production. Megan, in addition to being a busy high school student, also performs with the Mountain Arts Center's Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros and recently traveled to Tennessee where she recorded her first CD with Island Bound Music, a recording company owned by PHS graduate, Julie Bolling Daniel.

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Christmas is a time for magic, wonder, and warmth and the Prestonsburg High School Music Department did an outstanding job of bringing the joys of Christmas to life, center stage, this past Friday evening at the Mountain Arts Center, as they put on their Christmas production, "A Christmas Portrait."

Aptly named, the production brought to life Christmas scenes of magic and memories of generations both old and young. From traditional Christmas hymns to modern Christmas classics, the members of the Prestonsburg High School Honor Choir, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble, under the direction of Kathi Caudill, director of choral studies, and Michael Bell, director of instrumental studies, painted a multitude of Christmas "portraits" through song, music and creative sets.

According to Bell, the students worked for weeks prior to the actual production "shadowing" the staffers of the Mountain Arts Center. "We have students involved in all aspects of the show," he said, "students are

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### CO-OP EXTENSION

## Make peace, the hallmark of the season

Overscheduling, overreacting, hurrying here and there, jangled nerves, family tensions, shoulder-to-shoulder crowds peppered with unhappy faces, major credit debts for gifts we often do not even need or appreciate... Ho, ho, ho, 'tis the season to be jolly.

Is there something wrong with this picture? Whatever happened to the spirit of peace that traditionally

has been the hallmark of this long holiday season?

Take heart. That wellspring of peace is still within us and around us. For many of us, though, it is buried beneath

our restless minds, hurried lifestyles, and exaggerated desires. The good news is that we can replace holiday stress with holiday peace.

First, drawing upon your own personal experience, jot down brief answers to these three items. 1) Looking back over past holidays, what is one cause of seasonal stress you would like to eliminate or reduce this year? 2) What would you really enjoy adding to this year's celebrations? 3) Name one reasonable thing you could do daily during this season that would bring more peace into your life.

Discuss your answers with family members or friends, and invite them to respond to the questions also. Encourage one another in finding simple, positive ways to put your answers into action.

One of the best ways to combat holiday stress is to take your attention away from it and focus on its opposite—peace. Peace is an inner state of alert calmness and vibrant tranquility. It is harmony with people and one's environment. True peace is not dependent on outward circumstances, the behavior of others, or the absence of illness. It is the ability to accept with composure whatever challenges come our way. Inner peace carries with it a quiet feeling of power and energy. It bears no kin to passivity or laziness.

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# Kim's Korner: Better to give than receive



Kim Little Frasure

This past weekend Mom and I paid a visit to my Aunt Rhonda in Barboursville, W.Va. On our way home as we sat at the red light at our exit, we noticed a heavyset gentleman with strawberry blonde hair sticking out from an old toboggan almost pulled down covering his eyes. His clothes were ragged, and his army green coat was slightly too small for his large frame. He

held a sign made from a torn cardboard box with large black letters that read, HUNGRY.

We sat and watched as almost every car that had to stop at the sign where he was standing before turning to their destinations, handed this man their heartfelt contribution.

Then this dark green sports car pulls over to the side of the curb, rolls down the window and inside was a blonde

teenage young man, he stretched his arm holding a Wendy's bag along with a large drink out the window towards the man.

A huge frog leaped in my throat. At the same time Mom and I looked at one another teary eyed and said, how sweet. How thoughtful, this young man was! By looks he couldn't have been more than 17 years old. What wonderful

parents he must have, how proud they must be.

As the man began to walk towards the boy extending his arm with food, he began to wipe the tears from his eyes. Our light turned green and he was now on my side of the road, Mom and I were going to give him a few dollars for food, so I rolled down the win-

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# School Happenings

## ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

\*\*Any individual or business interested in sponsoring a needy AMS student for Christmas, please contact the center at 886-9812.\*\*

Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.

Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4:00 p.m.

Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers ser-

vices to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

## ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

\*Each Monday, 8:30-9:25 a.m., "Respect Class," for 7th grade girls.

\*\*Collect Food City receipts and turn them in to home room teachers.\*\*

## ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

## BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to

all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

## CLARK ELEMENTARY

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing services are available to anyone in the community.

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

School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

## DUFF ELEMENTARY

School is collecting Food City receipts that will be used toward receiving free computers and other educational items. Please send your receipts to school with your child or drop them off at the Family Resource Center, or the school's front office. Any help with this valuable school project is very appreciated.

## MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and immunizations; WIC; well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

## MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

School is collecting Food

City receipts. Have your students turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers.

Community members may also turn receipts in to school office. Help McDowell Elementary receive computers, audio visual equipment, etc. through the "Apples for Students" program.

SBDM Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

FRC Advisory Council meets first Thursday of each month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

GED classes are held in FRC each Monday and Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. Classes are FREE. Please bring paper and pencil. Instructor, Teresa Allen, David School.

Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum

services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

## PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

\*PES is collecting Food City receipts. Have your child turn in receipts to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn in receipts to the school office or Family Resource Center.\*

MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

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

## SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Walking track open to public (except during special event).

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# YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from  
The Floyd County  
Times,  
10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and  
60 years ago.)

## Ten Years Ago

(Dec. 16, and Dec. 18, 1992)

A mishap Tuesday evening on Route 23 caused a brief scare and an extended detour near Allen, when a truck carrying explosives broke down on the highway. Traffic on Route 23 was rerouted through New Allen by officials with the state's department for Disaster and Emergency Services, while the truck's contents were removed. The vehicle, owned by EconExpress, of Wheaton, Illinois, was transporting explosives to a Pike County mine. The road was reopened at 6:30 p.m., about two hours after the truck broke down when its frame reportedly snapped. No injuries were reported...Members of the Prestonsburg City Council publicly assailed the Floyd County Board of Education Monday evening for its plan to move its headquarters from the city of Prestonsburg. Mayor Ann Latta told the council at its regularly scheduled meeting Monday that Superintendent of Floyd County Schools Stephen Towler was expected to recommend that the board consider moving its central office out of Prestonsburg to a new location in Martin because the Prestonsburg office was run down...The Floyd County Landfill, temporarily closed earlier this year in order to accommodate stringent new environmental regulations, may not reopen at all in the foreseeable future... at least as a landfill facility. Due to the Kentucky Cabinet for Natural Resource's lengthy review and constant disapproval of proposed changes in the landfill's permit application, Floyd County Judge/Executive John M. Stumbo said Tuesday, Floyd County Solid Waste's resources are severely depleted and several other options must be discussed for solving the problem...Public and private officials from around the state fought snow and ice Friday afternoon to pick up a shovel and dig right in at the ceremonial groundbreaking at the future site of the Kentucky Downs Harness Track/East Kentucky Fair Grounds and Convention Center. Kentucky Racing Commissioner Wayne Lyster III, who cast the deciding vote allowing the first legal horse racing facility east of Interstate 75, called the event an "historic occasion"...The Christian Appalachian Project and volunteers from as far away as Delbarton, New Jersey labored for hours Thursday to help make Christmas just a little bit merrier for the homeless, the jobless, the disabled and the disenfranchised of Eastern Kentucky. A sizable crowd of people huddled closely in line Thursday at the Christian Appalachian Project's West Prestonsburg's warehouse to receive packages of food, clothing and Christmas gifts. In all, Christian

Appalachian Project spokesperson Judy Crum said Thursday, the group hopes to help 795 Appalachian families this year...There died: Hobert E. Ward, 70, of Paintsville, Tuesday, at U.K. Medical Center; Gladys Little Tackett, 70, of Topmost, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Curtis Tackett, 82, of Bypro, Sunday, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Sallie Brown, 79, of Pierceton, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, Saturday, at her residence; Cinda Newsom Stumbo, 81, of Pocatello, Idaho, Saturday, at a healthcare center there; Jessie James Napier, 93, of Melvin, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Veda Maris "Vennie" Harper, 97, of Logansport, Indiana, formerly of Hueysville, Tuesday, at the Memorial Hospital, Logansport; David Wayne Ratliff, 34, of Honaker, Friday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Denvel Hunt, 49, of Norwalk, Ohio, formerly of Weeksbury, Monday, at Galion, Ohio; Carol Allen, 58, of Williamsburg, Ohio, Tuesday, in Anderson Mercy Hospital; Carlos Hale Haywood, 76, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at her residence; Anna Steffey, 89, of Tram, Wednesday, at her residence; Jane Derossett Nelson Collins, 100, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Irene Lewis, 72, of Stanville, Tuesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

## Twenty Years Ago

(December 22, 1982)

The state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board stole the initiative from disgruntled liquor-license applicants by asking the Kentucky State Police to investigate charges that bribes were solicited from some applicants...A Hindman family physician, and secretary of the Human Resources Cabinet until his decision to run for elective office, Dr. Grady Stumbo is one of three announced Democratic candidates for governor...Wonnell Godsey had no quibble with the opposition's claims that the new First Commonwealth Bank would be a fine bank, but she protested that the bank would destroy the residential area that she and her husband, Prestonsburg dentist Garland Godsey, call home...American Signal Corporation, the Tennessee-based firm which owns Radio Station WPRT, filed in District Court at Lexington a voluntary petition for reorganization under the federal bankruptcy code...The panel of four charged with the task of finding a way to equalize the county's lopsided magisterial districts has hit on a simple, if not wholly uncontroversial, solution by switching the Allen and Dwale communities from the first magisterial district to the second...There died: Gold Howard,

53, of Eastern, Sunday, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington; Lola R. Ousley, 49, of Hopkinsville, formerly of Floyd County, Thursday, in Hopkinsville; Boyd Felts, 69, of Melvin, Saturday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Albert Spradlin, 71, of Bonanza, Wednesday, at the home of his daughters in Catlettsburg; Dawsie Hale Chaffins, 86, of Hueysville, at River Manor Nursing Home; E. W. (Gene) Hale, 71, of Harold, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; David Compton, 85, of Hueysville, Monday, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Clara Samons Conn, 71, of Martin, Wednesday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Arthur Clinton Crider, 55, of Stanville, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Della Gayheart Martin, 84, of Eastern, Monday, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home.

## Thirty Years Ago

(December 20, 1972)

Thursday, a mini-fleet of pickup trucks and carry-alls will take "Santa Claus" to 2,000 of the county's children who normally receive little or nothing in the way of Christmas gifts...Floyd county Democrats in one of their most harmonious county conventions recently re-elected W. W. Burchett, Prestonsburg attorney, county chairman for a second four-year term...The Floyd County Junior Chamber of Commerce has named Hershel Joseph, of Prestonsburg, as the Outstanding Young Man of the Year in Floyd County...Senators John Sherman Cooper and Marlow Cook announced last week that the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program will receive a \$100,002 general community programming grant...High school basketball tournaments have proved to be good business in the 15th Region with proceeds of \$12,677 realized thus far as Floyd county's share...The Rev. and Mrs. Leroy Gibson will observe their 25th anniversary at their home here, Dec. 24...Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bierman announce the marriage of their daughter, Karen Lee, to Solomon Jefferson Bingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bingham of the Auxier Road, Dec. 4...Born: a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Skeans, of Melvin, Dec. 13; a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitaker, of Gunlock, Dec. 15; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Nollie Hamilton, of Teaberry, Dec. 17...There died: Mrs. Leta W. Steele, 91, of Betsy Layne at a Pikeville Hospital, Thursday; Mrs. Josephine H. Lewis, 73, Sunday, at her home at Martin; Mrs. Mary Gibson Patton, formerly of Lackey, Sunday, at a Peewee Valley Hospital; Mrs. Julia Garrett, 87, of Stanville, Saturday, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Dama Crider;

Grant Akers, 67, of Betsy Layne, Monday, at his home; Mike Crum, 81, of Wayland, Thursday, at the McDowell hospital; Mrs. Amalea Perry, 35, of Kendalville, Ind., formerly of this county, Friday; David Banner Leslie, II, 61, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at a nursing home here; Harvey E. Underwood, formerly of Prestonsburg, November 29, in Richwood, W. Va.; Mrs. Martha E. Collins, 98, of Chicago, Ill., formerly of this county, Monday, in Chicago; Mrs. Mary E. Harris, 72, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Marie Jones, 50, of McDowell, at her home, Friday; Sammy Lee Wright, 25, native of Drift, in Pike county, December 10.

## Forty Years Ago

(December 20, 1962)

Various churches, service organizations and veterans clubs, each with its separate methods, are planning help to underprivileged families, especially children, for the Christmas season...The state average per capita income was \$1,573 in 1960 but Floyd, a heavy producer of coal and with a high incidence of unemployment, clung to the rank of 50 in the 120 counties with an average per capita income of \$1,207. Martin county was at the bottom with a per capita income figure of only \$361...On information supplied by his 17-year-old daughter, warrants accusing a Ligon man with possessing and selling moonshine whiskey were issued from the County Judge's office Tuesday morning...A moonshine still, four gallons of whiskey and three barrels of mash were destroyed on the head of Toler Creek by deputy sheriffs Wednesday, but an unidentified man, presumably the owner of the outfit, escaped arrest...Approximately 300 persons were arrested Saturday night at a gamecock fight near Paintsville...Five 300 persons were arrested Saturday night at a gamecock fight near Paintsville...Five mining firms asked for a permanent injunction Wednesday against 21 United Mine Workers locals in Floyd county...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vernon Dings, of South Point, O., formerly of Little Paint, a daughter, Pamela Laverne, Dec. 6 at Huntington, West Virginia...There died: Ike Conn, 79, Friday, at home at Dana; Kinner Crum, 71, of Martin, last Tuesday; Tom Morris, 81, formerly of Wheelwright, Tuesday, at St. Mary's O.; William (Bill) Patton, 56, of Weeksbury, Monday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Homer Prater, 49, last Thursday, of a heart attack which he suffered that day while at work at Inland Gas Company's Hillsdale Compressor Station on Middle Creek;

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# Critter Corner: Christmas Animals



By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Christmas is filled with animals. Reindeer fly through the air, kittens and puppies cavort through piles of ribbon and wrapping paper, and spirited horses pull sleighs through the winter landscape. Then there are the animals in the stable. Maybe not the central characters in the Story, but certainly more than incidental props. I knew there were some legends associated with the animals of Christmas, and I decided to do a little research to see what else I could find.

Probably one of the best-known traditions says that at Midnight on Christmas Eve, animals are given the power of human speech in order to praise God—although according to some versions, only the pure of heart are able to hear them. In

“The Friendly Beasts”, a carol written in the 12th century, and still found in our modern hymnals, each animal in the stable recounts the part he played in the Nativity. “...and every beast by some good spell, in that stable dark was glad to tell of the gift he gave Emmanuel...”

A related legend says that at Midnight, all cattle and donkeys kneel in their stalls to acknowledge the King that was born among them. The line “Ox and ass before Him bow”, in the traditional carol “Good Christian Men Rejoice” refers to this. A similar Native American Christian tradition says that all deer kneel on Christmas Night to look up to the Great Spirit.

Several times in my search, I ran across a legend from Northern England that I had never heard of before—it is said that bees assemble on

Christmas Eve and, depending on the source, either hum a Christmas hymn or the 100th Psalm. I could never find an explanation; maybe someone can help me out with the origins of this one.

Still other stories recount how individual animals were rewarded for their love and service to the baby Jesus and His family.

The Nightingale: One night all of Mary’s songs had failed to lull her baby to sleep. A little bird had been listening from the roof, and flew in to help. He perched on Mary’s shoulder and sang until Jesus fell asleep. Grateful for his help, the Virgin whispered, “Little bird, from now on you shall carry in you and know all my songs; you have the sweetest song of all the birds. Fly away now and sing.”

To this day the nightingale sings when it is time to rock

babies to sleep, and all of nature quiets down to listen to the song that he sang to the Christ Child.

The Robin’s Breast: As the baby Jesus lay in the cold stable, His parents had built a small fire to keep Him warm. The few pieces of wood they had been able to gather were not going to last long, and the fire was dying. A little robin saw the plight of the young couple and came to their aid. He hopped up to the embers and began to flap his tiny wings until he fanned the fire back to life; the glow of that fire can still be seen on the robin’s breast today.

The “M” on the tabby cat’s head: Another tale says that it was a tabby cat that helped get baby Jesus to sleep. When Mary asked the animals for help, the cat curled up in the manger and purred her lullaby. As a reward, Mary placed the

“M” on the tabby’s forehead, so that everyone who saw it in the future would remember the Madonna’s gratitude. (In case you’ve never noticed, take a look at any tabby; every single one of them carries the letter “M” above its eyes.)

Many tabby cats also have a cross over their shoulders; one legend says this is in honor of a litter of kittens born in the stable at the same time as Jesus. Donkeys also wear a cross of dark hair down their back and across their shoulders. Depending on what you read, this was placed there at any of the various times the donkey served the Virgin, the Infant, or the adult Jesus.

These and other tales weave their way into the fabric of Christmas; stories that con-

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“Cosa.” Cosa originally belonged to Dr. Carol, the author of “Critter Corner,” before going to live on the farm of Katbird Isaac and Kelly Adam, who are good friends, as well as big fans, of Dr. Carol. We hope that Dr. Carol will get a kick out of seeing her old friend’s picture alongside her column, and, we’re wondering if Cosa might have any stories to tell this Christmas Eve...?

## Good

Maccabees discovered their temple had been desecrated. And they found only one small vial of untainted olive oil—enough to burn for just one day. They lit the oil, and it miraculously lasted the eight days they needed to get more consecrated oil and rededicate the temple.

Everyone has an opinion about making latkes, from classically plain to those made with apples, zucchini, or sweet potatoes. Even with plain latkes, there’s the question of what type of potato to use. Oblong baking potatoes (also called russet or Idaho) work best for crisp latkes, because they have less moisture than boiling potatoes.

Whether or not you celebrate Hanukkah, these low-fat latkes make a festive addition to any winter night. They can be served accompanied by a dollop of sour cream or applesauce, according to tastes.

### Low-Fat Latkes (Potato Pancakes)

3 pounds russet potatoes (about 6 large)  
1 large yellow onion  
6 egg whites

1/4 cup all-purpose or potato flour  
1 tsp. salt  
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
Canola oil spray

Low-fat sour cream or applesauce for garnish (optional)  
Place two non-stick baking sheets in the oven and turn on heat to 450 degrees.

Peel potatoes and onion. Coarsely grate potatoes and onion separately, using either a hand grater or food processor.

Place grated potatoes in a large bowl of cold water to soak 10 minutes, then drain well in a colander. (Soaking slows down the rate at which potatoes will turn brown.) Squeeze out by hand, using double sheets of paper to remove excess water. Potatoes should be as dry as possible.

Put the potatoes and onions in a mixing bowl. Stir in egg whites, flour, salt and pepper.

Remove the hot baking sheets from the oven and spray with oil. Working carefully to avoid burns, spoon pancake mixture onto the hot sheets to make 3-inch pancakes. Bake until golden brown (about 15 to 20 minutes per side), turning once with a sharp-edged

spatula. When flipping the pancakes, put them down in the areas still covered with oil.

Serve with low-fat sour cream at room temperature, or warm applesauce.

## Oak

Christmastime more than anything else, was fresh fruit, especially oranges. He said that all his life, he associated oranges with Christmas.

Papaw has been gone for more than 40 years now, and no doubt would have done a little marveling himself if he had suddenly found himself in one of our local stores last week as shelves were emptied and carts were piled high with literally hundreds of dollars worth of every kind of toy imaginable.

Christmas indeed has come a long way—or, depending on how you want to view it—perhaps has regressed to a terrible state. The odd thing about it all is that while one would be hard pressed to find anybody anywhere that wouldn’t agree that the holiday has gotten completely out of hand; that we

Makes about 32 3-inch latkes.  
Per latke: 45 calories, 0 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 10 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, less than 1 g. dietary fiber, 85 mg. sodium.

overindulge in every single aspect of our celebration, nobody makes any effort to do anything about it.

It’s as if all our holidays (not just Christmas) have developed into a group of horrible monsters bent on stripping us of hard-earned cash and maxing out his plastic to the hilt. It’s not just a matter of keeping up with the Jones’s anymore, it’s more like we want to out-do the whole neighborhood.

Of course, it will never happen, and I’ll admit that I for one would never have done it, but can you imagine what it’d be like if your child awoke on Christmas morning to find nothing but a little wooden wagon and an orange under the tree?

Gives you kind of a warm feeling, doesn’t it?

## Happy Birthday



Trevor Lee is 3!

Trevor Lee McKenzie, the son of Rodney and Lora McKenzie, will celebrate his third birthday December 22, 2002, with a “Bob the Builder” theme birthday party at McDonald’s of Prestonsburg. Trevor is the grandson of Robert and Lemozine Willis and James and Linda Trusty, all of the Mountain Parkway.

## Yesterdays

Alexander Shepherd, 49, of Garrett, Friday, at home; Mrs. Pearl Salyers, 74, of Hippo, Monday, at home; Walter Williamson, 63, of Drift, Sunday, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; E. V. Hamilton, 72, Regular Baptist minister and a former postmaster at Teaberry, Tuesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital.

## Fifty Years Ago

(December 18, 1952)

The Prestonsburg City Council this week considered a plan to buy the First National Bank building on First Avenue as a future Municipal building...County Judge Henry Stumbo was elected chairman of the Floyd County Democratic organization Saturday, virtually without opposition, but a scrap developed between Johnny Hall, of McDowell, and County Clerk DuRan Moore for the secretary post. State Senator Doug Hayes was named secretary by way of compromise...John Delmar Hughes, Prestonsburg high school grid star, has been named quarterback of The Courier-Journal’s all-state eleven...Fred Mullins, 30, auto body shop operator, died Wednesday, six hours after suffering a broken neck in a motorcycle wreck here...Detroit police are probing the possibility of foul play in the death Thursday of Ernest B. Harris, 42, Floyd native, of a skull fracture...Destruction by fire within the week of Callison’s Big-Y Restaurant at Allen and the home of Orbie Hamilton at Tram caused damage estimated at \$14,000...Kentucky’s famed basketball coach, Adolph Rupp, was the speaker last Thursday at the annual football banquet sponsored here by the Kiwanis Club...There died: Tom Wright, 51, formerly of Martin, Monday, at Ashland; Charlie Conn, 36, at his home at Allen, Tuesday; Bill Damron, 58, at Hi Hat, December 13; Alonzo Frasure, 37, of Wayland, at St. Mary’s Hospital, Huntington, December 10, of slatefall injuries; Lou S. Price, 79, at her Glo home, December 11; Robert Mulkey, 64, of Harold, at a Pikeville hospital, December 11.

## Sixty Years Ago

(December 17, 1942)

The Floyd circuit court docket for January is slim with “only” three murder cases booked for trial...John Howard, of Quicksand Creek, Knott county, surrendered

here Wednesday morning to Jailer Guy Horn, announcing that he had in self-defense killed two men on the Lick Fork of Salt Lick Creek. Later, authorities learned that Melvin Bolen and Adam Miller had been slain...Mrs. Ruth S. Roberts, of Tram, resigned effective Monday as Floyd referral agent...Mrs. Rosalee Hall, of Banner, is the first Floyd woman to enlist in the WAAC’s...The Agricultural Marketing Administration this week outlined a plan which, if adopted, would enable Floyd school children to buy milk at 1 cent per half-pint...There died: Mrs. Rebecca Osborne Salisbury, 75, mother of five soldier sons, Saturday, at her home at Printer; William (Buck) Martin, formerly of Garrett, Dec. 8, at his home at Siloam, Kentucky; Mrs. Malinda Messer Vaughan, 52, Sunday, at her home here; Mrs. Eva Bailey Howard, 26, Monday, at her home near Martin; Mrs. Ida Brown Cox, 68, Tuesday, at Lackey; Mrs. Clona Litteral, 44, sister of Auxier residents, at Ashland, Friday; Sam Jarrell, 64, Wednesday, of last week, at Allen.

## Seventy Years Ago

(December 16, 1932)

An unnamed accomplice in the attempted robbery of the Bank of Allen last Wednesday is still being sought...A \$3,230 jury fund deficit for the November circuit court term has been reported to Judge C. B. Wheeler...Col. Doug Hays and Alex H. Spradlin were elected chairman and secretary respectively, at the Democratic county convention held here Saturday...The body of Mrs. Betty Patton, wife of Tom Patton, of Hueysville, was exhumed Monday to determine if the bullet which killed her entered her forehead or the back of her head, Dr. E.E. Martin, who examined the body, said the bullet entered the forehead...Mrs. Lula Howard was appointed Tax Commissioner Tuesday by County Judge W.L. Stumbo to fill the unexpired term of her late husband, Ellis Howard...A giant Christmas tree to provide gifts for 1,000 children is being planned by the Prestonsburg Woman’s Club...Wallace “Tater” Rose, Prestonsburg high school gridder has been given honorable mention by the Courier-Journal in its all-state football selections...There died: Mrs. Emma May Webb, 72, widow of Sharpe Webb, Tuesday at Maytown; George Hicks, 38, of Hueysville, December 7, at a Pikeville hospital; Mrs. Minta Baldrige Joseph, 67, former Floyd resident, November 24, at Offutt, Johnson county.

## School

Center has a one-stop career station satellite station that is available to the community, as well as students.

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

### THE DAVID SCHOOL

Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

\*Monday  
-McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.

-Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.  
-MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Instructor: Chrissy.

\*Tuesday  
-Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.

-St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.  
-Auxier Family Learning Center, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

\*Wednesday  
-McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.  
-Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.  
-MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405.

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-Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.

-St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.  
-Auxier Family Learning Center, 1-4:30 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

### WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

School is participating in Food City “Apples for Students” program. Please send your register receipts to school with your student, or drop them off or mail them in to school office at: P.O. Box 454, 103 Methodist Lane, Allen, KY 41601.

Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

### W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

TBA- Recycling program, all grades.

Anyone interested in receiving cleaning supplies for the 2002-2003 school year may visit the center and fill out an application to see if they qualify.

“Lost and Found” located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children’s items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

Portrait

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manning the lights, working as stage technicians, handling the curtains - students are doing it all, in addition to performing."

"And that's what we most pride ourselves on," Bell continued, "student work."

Apparently, the MAC staff make for excellent mentors because the "Christmas Portrait" production was one of high caliber and professionalism, exuding at once high energy, the evidence of hard work, and a mature attitude toward teamwork.

The snow-draped set scenery, colorful Christmas lights, professional-quality costumes and awe-inspiring stage props all con-

tributed to the making of a magical night of entertainment for the attending audience.

From frolics in the snow, to sunglasses-sporting "reindeer" (also known as the young men of the choir), and Santa Claus and his "Mrs.," to budding divas and teenage heart throbs, the Christmas production had something for everyone. And, last but certainly not least, the music departments skillfully exhibited that they, indeed, had not forgotten "the reason for the season," as students assembled on stage to perform a live Nativity to the strains of the beautiful "Do You Hear What I Hear?," and to

remind all that the true meaning of Christmas is the divine and Heaven-sent message of hope and love.

Participating in the "A Christmas Portrait" production were Honor Choir members: Anita Allison, Katherin Austin, Kristofer Bentley, Tiffany Blackburn, Cody Branham, Jessica Bryant, Andrew Burchett, Molly Burchett, Michael Burke, Natosha Butcher, Melissa Calhoun, Andrea Campbell, Kory Caudill, Trevor Compton, Courtney Conn, Chris Crider, Patrick Davis, Ashley Fish, Kim Gibson, Megan Goble, Caitlin Hale, Blair Hall, Tyler Hall, Danielle Harris, Taryn Harris, Brooks Herrick, John Hunt, Emily Jamerson, Nicholas Jamerson, Amanda Keathley, Austin May, Greg May, Renee Maynard, Hope Osborne, Tiffany Pack, Megan Patton, Jessica Prater, Casey Price, Treva Risner, Jonathan Shepherd, Whitney

Slone, Christopher Spears, Katina Spurlock, Kindra Spurlock, Michael Stephens, Jenna Stewart, Jeremy Troxell, Samantha Tussey, Stephanie Webb, Michael Warrix, and Kim Williams.

And, members of the various PHS bands and musical ensembles: Katherin Austin, Emily Baldrige, Shane Barrowman, Brandon Carroll, Billy Caudill, Kory Caudill, Amber Clay, James Creech, Patrick Davis, Jesse Davis, Justin Ferrell, Corey Grimm, Caitlin Hale, Sam Hale, Sandy Hall, Stetson Hall, Matthew Huff, Josh Johnson, Jeff Jones, Jason Justice, Eplin Little, Tommy Mullett, Billy Ousley, Casey Price, Robert Risner, Tracey Risner, Kevin Ross, Melissa Sexton, Karen Spradlin, Chris Walker, and Mike Warrix.

The production was sponsored by Citizens National Bank and set design and costumes were, in large part, the work of Nava Jo and Bruce Austin.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

"Zeus," owned and trained by Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and his wife, Maggie, did much to add to the Christmas magic Friday evening as he took over center stage and stole the show for more than a few moments.



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Christmas is a time for romance and who could know it better than ole' St. Nick himself and his little lady? The girls of the PHS honor choir sang the praises of Mrs. Claus when they performed "Let's Hear It for Mrs. Claus."

Critter

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tribute to its wonder and magic. Most of them are folklore and fable; maybe all of them are. Yet chapter 8 of the book of Romans tells us that all creation groans together, waiting to be freed from its bondage to death and decay. Why should not all cre-

ation rejoice together at the coming of its Savior? Maybe the animals know more that they let on. Maybe ox and ass do bow down in the straw; maybe the animals do speak on Christmas Eve. Who among us is pure enough of heart to hear them?

Season

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To feel even a touch of this kind of peace is a healing and renewing experience. And sharing its fruit with others is a two-way blessing. Here are a few suggestions for cultivating a spirit of peace during the holidays.

■ Examine what helps you feel peaceful. Maybe it's having fun with a good friend, listening to uplifting music, praying, meditating, enjoying a good massage, or gazing at the stars. Whatever works for you, build more of those experiences into your daily life.

■ If you find yourself rushing all the time, you'll have to break that habit if you're serious about living in abiding peace. Build more free space into your life. Kindly say no. Keep life simple. Let go of non-essentials. Do less and enjoy it more.

■ Reach out to ease the way for others. Scattering kindness, lending a helping hand, and spreading cheerfulness are good medicines for all concerned.

■ Breathe with a soft belly. Feel the easy, natural, sensuous rhythm of your in-breath and out-breath. Doing this is a quick, effective way for regarding or deepening your calmness.

■ Cultivate the companionship of calm, happy, peaceful people. Gradually, and in subtle ways, you'll find it easier to bring that sense of peace into all your relationships.

■ Spend time in nature with your eyes and ears and heart wide open. Even brief moments, here and there, can make a big differ-

ence.

■ Say no to worrying about the past and fretting about the future. Live fully in the here and now. Look with awe into the beautiful eyes of the person in front of you. Take time to hear the song of the wind in the pine trees. Embrace the wonder of each moment.

■ Avoid dividing your attention. With peace as your companion, do one thing at a time. Give full concentration to the task at hand, striving to perform all actions with even-mindedness.

■ Make a game of it. See if you can remain unruffled, even in the face of challenging situations. Little by little, your skills as a peacemaker will increase.

Keep in mind that sometimes a lack of peace is an inner call for forgiveness, a change in lifestyle, or the healing of a relationship. If this is the case you'll know it, as long as you sensitively listen to the signals of your body, mind and spirit. Perhaps, most important of all, use your creativity to schedule in some relaxed periods for being quiet and having some solitude. In that stillness, feel the spirit of peace within you and around you, and listen carefully and respectfully to the whisperings of your heart.

During this rich season of holiday gift giving, remember the words of authors Gerald Jampolsky and Diane Cirincione: "Our inner peace is one of the biggest gifts we can give to another, and to the world."

Korner

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dow, as we got closer, and cars were so close behind us Mom couldn't stop, but she was creeping slowly by. I tried to reach him the money, but he couldn't reach it. So I wadded it up and yelled, "I'll toss it, you be sure to pick it up." He gave me a gracious smile, wiped his tears, and began to walk towards where the money had fallen.

If any act could put the meaning of this holiday in perspective it was the giving so many were doing, as we witnessed while sitting at this red light.

While most of us rack our brains, shop till we drop, trying to find the best presents or heart's desires of our loved ones, there are people out there simply wanting and needing food.

Helping those who are struggling just to eat makes spending that hard-earned cash on some things so ridiculous. Even right here at home, there are those who need food and warm clothing. Open your eyes and hearts this Christmas and give to those who need the things some of us take for granted everyday.

The warm fuzzy feeling of giving rather than receiving is just the ultimate! I challenge you to find someone to give to this Christmas that otherwise wouldn't receive anything. And I'm guessing you won't have to search long or hard either. I promise your heart will overflow, and your blessings will be tenfold.

Have a glorious Christmas, 'til next week.

Weddings



Ford-Hall

Mr. and Mrs. Bob L. Ford, of Pikeville, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Laura Ruth, to Mr. Brad Nicholas Hall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald S. Hall, of Weeksbury. Laura Ruth is a graduate of Pikeville High School as well as a 2001 graduate of Pikeville College. She has served as Arts Education Director for the Mountain Arts Center, in Prestonsburg, since her graduation. In January, she will begin a new position as Director of Public Relations with the Pikeville Independent School System. Presently, she is working on a master's degree in Communication and Public Relations from Morehead State University. Mr. Hall, a graduate of Wheelwright High School, is a 1996 graduate of Pikeville College, where he earned degrees in both Accounting and Computer Science. He also holds a Masters in Business Administration from Morehead State University, which he received in 2000. Presently, he serves as Director of Operations for Southeast Telephone of Pikeville. The wedding will take place on Saturday, January 4, 2003, at Booth Auditorium, located on the fifth floor of Record Memorial Building, Pikeville College, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon. The gracious custom of an open wedding will be observed.



Hayes-Deskins

Mr. Douglas Wayne Hayes, of Betsy Layne, along with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Deskins Jr., of Pikeville, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Amy Elizabeth Hayes and Herbert "Trey" Deskins III. Amy, a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, is a registered dietitian. She is the daughter of the late Willina "Gwen" Thompson Hayes, and the maternal granddaughter of Irene Fields, of Stanville, and the late Charlie Thompson, formerly of Louisville. She is the step-granddaughter of the late Earl Fields, formerly of Stanville. Her paternal grandparents are Clarence and Anna Hayes, of Betsy Layne. Trey attended the University of Kentucky and currently serves as the sales manager of Kentucky Oil & Refining, of Betsy Layne. He is the maternal grandson of Juanita Hinkle, of Florence, South Carolina, and the late Robert Hinkle Jr. His paternal grandparents are the late Herbert and Grace Deskins, formerly of West Van Lear. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Sunday, December 29, at six o'clock in the evening, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's "Pines Building," in Prestonsburg.



Dr. and Mrs. Mark Tussey wed in Hawaii

Dr. Belinda Hardin, of North Providence, Rhode Island, and Dr. Mark Tussey, of Allen, were united in holy matrimony on November 29, 2002, at the Kumulani Chapel, on the Hawaiian Island of Maui. Pastor Scott Craig officiated. Dr. Chris Croot, of Tupelo, Mississippi (formerly of Floyd County), served as best man, with Mrs. Dacia Croot, also of Tupelo, serving as the bride's maid of honor. The bride wore a floor length sequined wedding gown with a 4-foot sequined train. The bride is a graduate of Kate Duncan Smith DAR School in Grant, Alabama. She received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama, Huntsville, and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree magna cum laude from Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. She completed her post-graduate residency training at the University of Rhode Island and is board certified as a Pharmacotherapy Specialist. Dr. Hardin is employed as a Medical Liaison by Sanofi Synthelabo, Inc. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hardin, of Scottsboro, Alabama. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Myrtle King, also of Scottsboro, and the late Gordon King, and Mrs. Laura Hardin, of Grant, Alabama, and the late Buford Hardin. The groom is a valedictory graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He received his Bachelor's degree cum laude from Transylvania University, Lexington, and his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Kentucky, Lexington. He completed post-graduate training at the University of South Carolina, in Columbia, South Carolina; the University of Virginia, in Roanoke, Virginia; and Brown University, in Providence, Rhode Island. He is board certified in Family Practice, Internal Medicine, and Cardiovascular Disease. Dr. Tussey is employed as an Interventional Cardiologist by Cumberland Cardiology in Ashland. He is the son of Mrs. Marie Hall, of McDowell, and the late Grover Tussey, formerly of Allen. He is the stepson of Mr. Hargis Hall, of McDowell. He is the grandson of Clara Morgan, of Allen, and the late Earnest Reffett, of Langley, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tussey, of Risner. Following their honeymoon at the Ritz-Carlton, in Kapalua, Hawaii, the couple will make their home in Ashland.

Gift

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are pregnant report "risk drinking" (seven or more drinks per week, or five or more drinks on any one occasion).

■ Recent CDC findings indicate that one in seven women of childbearing age (18-44 years of age) who report not being pregnant engage in risk drinking. If a woman is pregnant and does not know it, these alcohol levels can pose a threat to the fetus.

■ Birth defects associated with prenatal alcohol exposure can occur in the first 3-8 weeks of pregnancy, before a woman even knows she is pregnant.

■ The prevalence of FAS is not known. Different studies show prevalence rates for the United States that range from .3 to 2.2 cases per 1,000 births.

This means that each year in the United States, between 1,200 and 8,800 babies are born with FAS. Many more are born with alcohol-related neurological developmental disorder.

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■ The 10th Special Report to the U.S. Congress on Alcohol and Health

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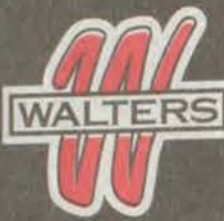
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A MONTH

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**\$169**  
A MONTH  
60 month lease  
1st Payment: \$169  
Sec. Deposit: \$0  
Down Payment: \$999  
Total Due At Signing: \$1,168\*

**\$499 DOWN**  
**\$178**  
A MONTH  
60 month lease  
1st Payment: \$178  
Sec. Deposit: \$0  
Down Payment: \$499  
Total Due At Signing: \$677\*

**\$0 DOWN**  
**\$187**  
A MONTH  
60 month lease  
1st Payment: \$187  
Sec. Deposit: \$0  
Down Payment: \$0  
Total Due At Signing: \$187\*

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Down Payment: \$1,499  
Total Due At Signing: \$1,648\*

**\$149**  
A MONTH

**\$999 DOWN**  
**\$158**  
A MONTH  
60 month lease  
1st Payment: \$158  
Sec. Deposit: \$0  
Down Payment: \$999  
Total Due At Signing: \$1,157\*

**\$499 DOWN**  
**\$168**  
A MONTH  
60 month lease  
1st Payment: \$168  
Sec. Deposit: \$0  
Down Payment: \$499  
Total Due At Signing: \$667\*

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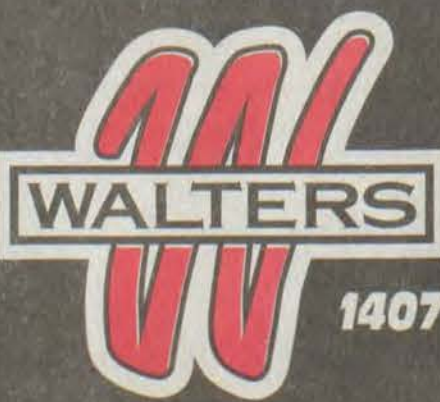
**\$218**  
A MONTH

**\$999 DOWN**  
**\$227**  
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1st Payment: \$227  
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Down Payment: \$999  
Total Due At Signing: \$1,226\*

**\$499 DOWN**  
**\$236**  
A MONTH  
60 month lease  
1st Payment: \$236  
Sec. Deposit: \$0  
Down Payment: \$499  
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**\$0 DOWN**  
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Hazard Community College faculty member Lisa Maggard is always delighted when she sees the good work from her students. Below is the work of Brandon Coleman, of Hindman, writing about the land where he lives. "I really like this poem," Mrs. Maggard commented. "This is just one example of the fine work of our Hazard Community College students."

### I Am From

By Brandon Coleman, Hindman

I am from majestic green covered mountains,  
From bluegill infested fountains,  
From autumn colored leaves that engulf the land,  
From the scenery drawn on the back of God's hand.

I am from Grandma's delicious soup beans that you have to try,  
From monstrous onion heads that make grown men cry,  
From dumplings that will melt in your mouth,  
From cinnamon flavored gingerbread; the best in the south.

I am from the gentleness of grass running between my toes,  
From the chill felt as the cool wind blows,  
From the slippery worm that hides between my fingers,  
From the sharp blackberry bushes where the dangerous copperhead lingers.

I am from the sweet fragrance

that comes from the various flowers.

From the fresh smell that comes from April showers,

From the scent that arises from a warm apple pie,

From the barbecue that goes on near by.

I am sweet melodies that the hummingbirds sing,

From the thunderous cheers at Patriot stadium that make my ears ring.

From the heart stopping sound of an engines roar,

From the thumping of a Jehovah witness knocking at the door.

I am from a childhood filled with laughs and tears,

From a loving family that wiped away my adolescent fears,

From many trails in life that have taught me everything I know,

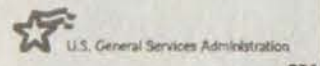
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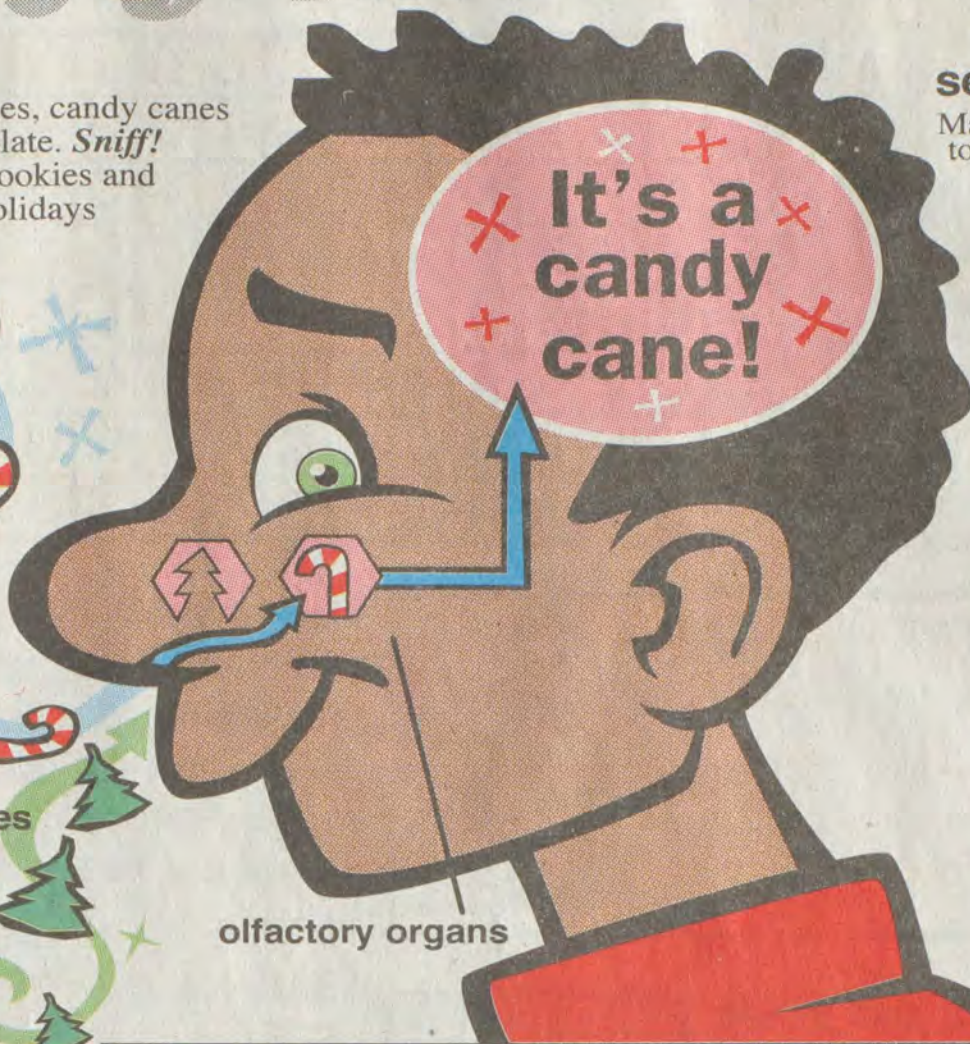


# What's That Smell?

**Sniff!** Sweet pine trees, candy canes and steaming hot chocolate. **Sniff!** Fresh-baked holiday bread, cookies and roasting turkey. **Sniff!** The holidays are full of wonderful smells.

How do you pick up these scents? Inside each of your nostrils is a tiny patch, about the size of a thumbnail, filled with **olfactory organs**.

Every time you breathe, air passes over the olfactory organs. Odor molecules in the air get caught in the sticky mucus covering these organs.



**Unlock the sense of smell.**  
 Match the odor molecules to the olfactory organs.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Scientists think that different odor molecules have different shapes. Like a key fitting into a lock, odor molecule shapes fit into different olfactory organs. When an olfactory organ gets an odor molecule that fits, it sends a signal to the brain, telling what kind of smell it is.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know animals have structures that serve different functions.

There is a pattern in each trail of smelly vapor. Draw what comes next.



Standards Link: Math: Extend simple patterns.

## Smelly Facts

Use the code to sniff out some very smelly facts.

**SECRET CODE**

A =	N =
E =	S =
F =	T =
I =	V =
L =	X =
M =	

**Extra! Extra!**  
**Smelly, Smellier, Smelliest!**  
 Look through the newspaper for pictures of three things that smell. Glue them onto a piece of paper and label each one as "smelly," "smellier," and "smelliest."

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

The male silkworm can smell a female silk worm from miles away.

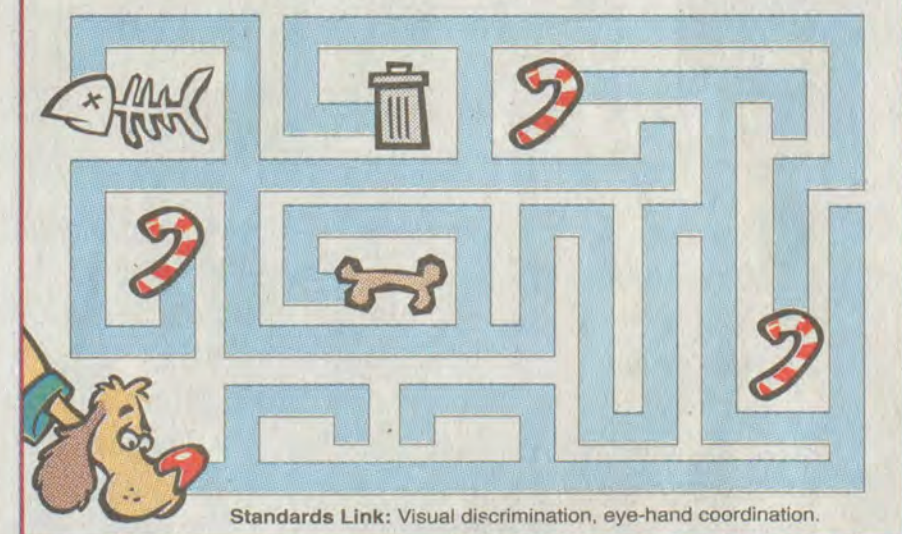
A bloodhound can smell a human fingerprint left weeks ago.

Spiders and scorpions smell with their

The Tsetse fly can smell the breath of a cow from many away.

## Candy Cane Caper

The candy canes are missing! This is a job for cool Carlos, the sniffing canine detective. Help him sniff out each one (but don't let him get distracted by other interesting scents).

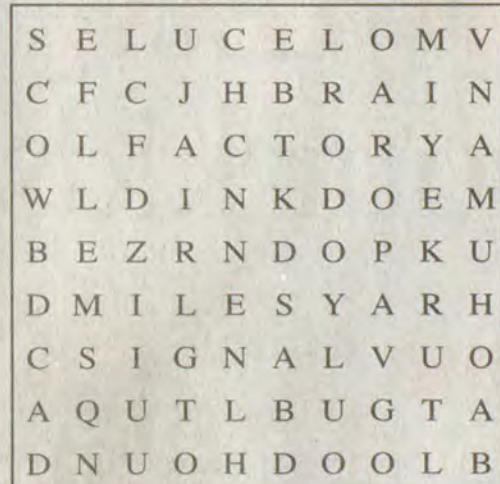


Standards Link: Visual discrimination, eye-hand coordination.

## Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- ODOR
- AIR
- SMELL
- HUMAN
- MILES
- COW
- VAPOR
- BRAIN
- OLFACTORY
- SMELL
- MOLECULES
- SIGNAL
- TURKEY
- BLOODHOUND
- CANDY



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## BEYOND Kid Scoop

### Smelly Poems

Find five words in the newspaper that describe the way things smell. Write a poem or a paragraph using the words.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief narratives using descriptive words.

**What did the little skunk want to be when it grew up?**



ANSWER: A big stinker.

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## Write On!

**Do we need pennies?**

Some people think we should get rid of all pennies. Do you think this is a good idea? Why or why not?

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 Send your story to:  
**DO WE NEED PENNIES?**  
 P.O. Box 390  
 Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653  
 Please include your school and grade.

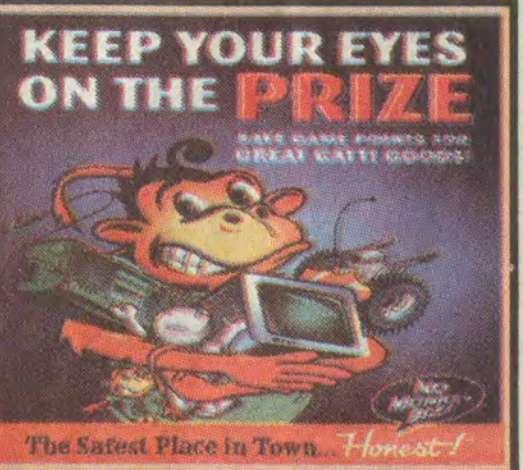


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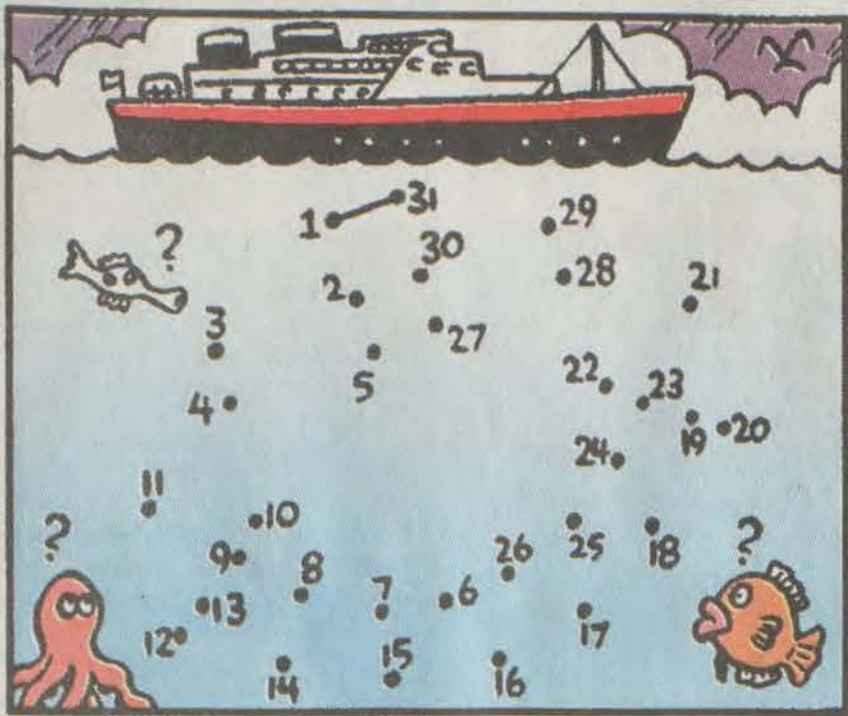
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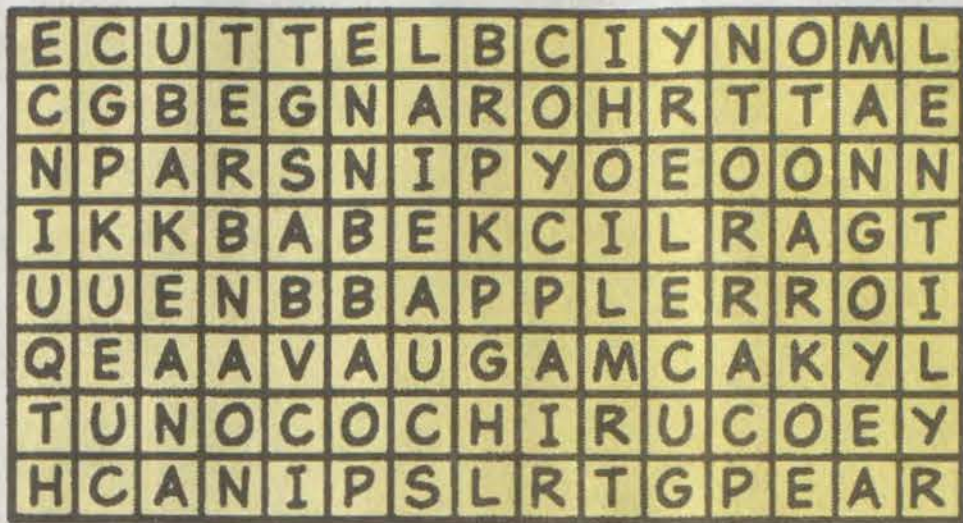
WHAT DOES a fully loaded 50,000-ton container ship weigh just before leaving port? Connect the dots and find out.

Answer: It weighs anchor.

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A FRUITS & VEGGIES PUZZLE!



Illustrated by David Coulson



Hidden in the diagram above are the names of 26 fruits and vegetables. They can be found reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the names you're looking for.

- |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|
| APPLE   | GARLIC  | PARSNIP |
| BANANA  | GRAPE   | PEA     |
| BEET    | GUAVA   | PEAR    |
| CABBAGE | LENTIL  | PUMPKIN |
| CARROT  | LETTUCE | QUINCE  |
| CELERY  | LIME    | RHUBARB |
| CHERRY  | MANGO   | SHALLOT |
| COCONUT | OKRA    | SPINACH |
| CORN    | ORANGE  |         |

**HIDDEN ANIMALS!** Can you find the three animals that are hidden in these three sentences?

- The whippoorwill's song filled the night.
- A tempura tsunami of terrific tastes.
- Sumo lessons are from nine to one.

Answers: 1. Hippo. 2. Rats. 3. Moles.



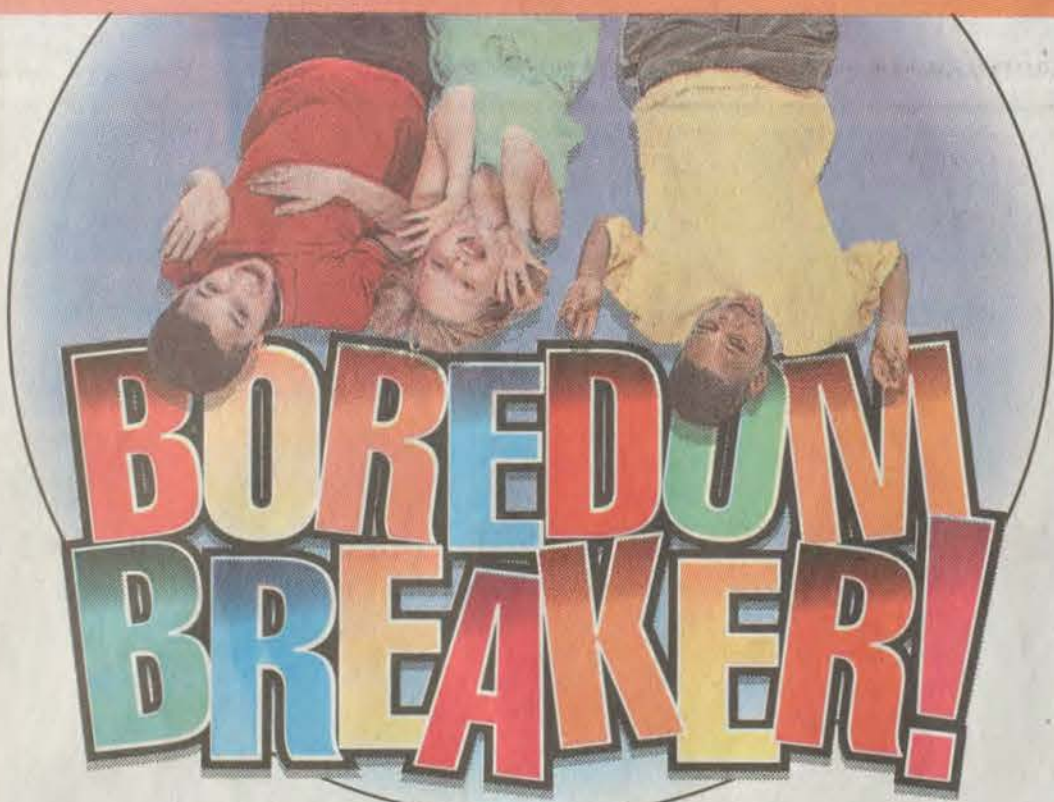
**IT'S MAGIC!** Use the numbers 3 through 12 to fill in this Magic Number Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 44. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you. Use trial and error — and a good eraser!

	13	18	
17			14
	20		
			19

[44]

Our answer: First row: 10, 13, 18, 3. Second row: 17, 4, 9, 14. Third row: 5, 20, 11, 8. Fourth row: 12, 7, 6, 19.

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## King Crossword

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- Throw into the mix
- Stout cousin
- North American peninsula
- Stage-hand
- Opposed
- Pre-diploma hurdle
- Roof extension
- Mahal
- Tends tears
- Tower over
- Over 50 percent
- Succumb to gravity
- Mountain airs?
- Extravagantly ornate
- Southern song
- Yoked duo
- Tie up the phone
- Ceremony
- Exclude
- Fastened firmly
- Ski
- Singer Davis
- "Where have you -?"
- Milkmaid's perch
- Section
- Stocky horse
- Sans siblings

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| 57 Mangy mutt       | 10 Early hrs.                  | 38 Baby shad             |
| 58 Destroy          | 12 1982 Mariel Hemingway movie | 40 Anatomical duct       |
| 59 Trapper's prize  | 19 Web site abbr.              | 42 Center of attraction  |
| 60 Get - for effort | 21 Turf                        | 45 It may be proper!     |
| 61 Chicago team     | 23 Bloke                       | 47 Responsibility        |
|                     | 25 Departure site              | 48 Medley                |
| <b>DOWN</b>         | 26 Local                       | 49 Wildcat type          |
| 1 On in years       | 27 Progeny                     | 50 Vitality              |
| 2 Sketch            | 28 Physiques                   | 51 Galena, e.g.          |
| 3 Prima donna       | 29 Lipinski leap               | 52 Lowest possible score |
| 4 Performance       | 30 Self-titled sitcom          | 54 Lingerie buy          |
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# My Kid Scoop™

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**Learning Buddies:** Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

## Reindeer Route

Help Rocky Reindeer find the road to the restaurant.



### My Rhyme Time

R's for the reindeer  
With the soft, pretty eyes;  
Ronnie found them so tame  
She had quite a surprise.

### My Letters

R is for Reindeer  
r is for reindeer



**Learning Buddies:** Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter R. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter R makes in the word reindeer?

### My Numbers

How many ?

How many ?

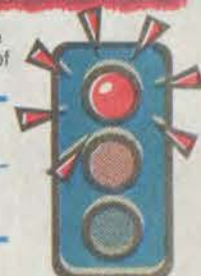
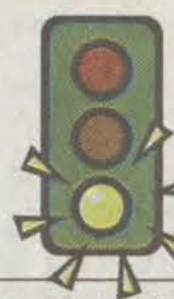


**Learning Buddies:** Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

### My Sentence

**Learning Buddies:** Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.

Reindeer are \_\_\_\_\_



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Letter Identification</b> With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter R in reindeer.	<b>Math Play</b> Point to the number 5 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	<b>What's Hiding?</b> Let your child find a picture of something he or she likes in the newspaper. Look at the picture for about 30 seconds. Then cover the picture and see how many details your child can remember about the picture.	<b>Letter to Santa</b> On a blank piece of paper, have your child create a letter to Santa. Your child can find and cut out pictures of "wish list" items from the newspaper and glue them onto the letter.	<b>Cold Signs</b> Have your child look through the newspaper and find things that make them think about COLD. Put an X on each thing found.	<b>Wrapping Paper Factory</b> Have your child color and make designs on sheets of already-read newspaper and use their paper to wrap gifts for friends and teachers.	<b>Counting Presents</b> At this time of year, newspapers are full of holiday art. Play Find the Presents with your child. Give your child several sheets of newspaper with pictures of presents. Ask your child to find and count the presents on the pages.

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- Fill each square with a number, one through nine
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  - Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom
  - Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right

By Lewis MAURER

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Today's Challenge  
Time **1** Minutes  
**19** Seconds

Your Working  
Time      Minutes  
            Seconds

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solution

### Familiar phrases

**"an ace in the hole"**  
This phrase, meaning something that can supply a sure victory when revealed, comes from poker. A card dealt face down and kept hidden is called a hole card - the most favorable card being the ace.

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