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**Police charge man after shooting**

Times Staff Report

PRATER — Court hearings have been scheduled following a dispute between two Banner men that allegedly turned more serious and resulted in gunfire, according to charges filed this past weekend in Floyd District Court.

Jimmy Hall, 40, of Rice Branch at Banner, was served a criminal summons Saturday to appear in Floyd District Court Jan. 14 to answer to a single charge of first-degree wanton endangerment.

The charge comes following a criminal complaint taken out by Ruben Davis Jr., of Crum Branch at Banner.

According to Davis' complaint, on Dec. 5 Hall shot at him twice during a disagreement that Hall's wife said concerned a past dispute between the two men.

In addition to the felony charge, Hall was also ordered by District Judge Eric Hall to have no contact with Davis prior to the court appearance.

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**Limited funding endangers drug court**

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County will be joining the ranks of counties throughout the state with a functioning drug court next month, but without the funding that was anticipated, says District Court Judge Eric Hall.

"We applied for the big grant last year through the Department of Criminal Justice," Hall said Monday. "Of the 19 drug courts that went through the training for the grant, only four were awarded."

The alarmingly low number of counties awarded the \$500,000 grant was a disappointment, Hall said, and something that will present Floyd County with some hur-

dles in the early stages.

"When we went into this thing early on, we went in with strong indications that if we went through all the training that these things would be awarded," Hall said. "I'm real disappointed that they were cut back so much."

Of the four awarded, Hall said only Johnson County made the cut to see that

federal funding find its way to Eastern Kentucky, an area recognized nationally as one of the worst for prescription drug abuse in particular.

Rather than \$500,000, which Hall said he had anticipated receiving after taking part in such extensive training, Floyd

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Prestonsburg firefighters battled a house fire in West Prestonsburg Monday morning. Although the owner said the home will likely have to be demolished, closely adjacent homes were saved.

photo by Steve LeMaster

**Firefighters keep West P'burg fire under control**

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

WEST PRESTONSBURG — When ambulance driver Sam Shepherd left his home Monday morning, it took less than a half-hour for him to start worrying that he might have left the stove on.

"It'd been about 20 or 25 minutes after I left and I got to thinking I might have left the stove on," Shepherd said Monday afternoon. "I turn it on to help get the house warm

in the mornings."

But when Shepherd got home, he said everything appeared normal. Then he opened the front door to the house where he grew up and had moved back into last November.

"I opened the front door and the side windows just blew out," he said. "They said I was very lucky that I didn't get blew across the road."

Still, Shepherd would later learn from members of the Prestonsburg Fire Department that he hadn't left his stove on, as he suspected.

Instead, fire officials have tentatively concluded that the fire began elsewhere.

Officials said yesterday that a preliminary investigation of the home after the fire was brought under control revealed the blaze most likely began when a wall-mounted gas heater fell from its fixings and onto the floor.

Firefighters received a call from Shepherd at approximately 8 a.m.

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**Murder suspect asks judge to lower bond**

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

Allen on Dec. 8.

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman charged in the shooting death of her boyfriend asked for a reduction in her bond during a hearing Monday in circuit court.

Velma Miller, 43, arrested in early December and charged with murder following the shooting death of her boyfriend, Ronnie Curnutte, in early December, appeared during motion hour in Judge John David Caudill's courtroom Monday with her attorney, Nathan Collins.

During the hearing, Collins filed a motion to reduce Miller's \$100,000 cash bond, which was set during her arraignment by District Judge James R.

Allen on Dec. 8. During Monday's hearing, Collins told Caudill that he based the motion to reduce Miller's bond on the fact that she's been incarcerated at the Floyd County Detention Center for 25 days without being indicted by a grand jury.

In addition to his request to lower the amount of Miller's bond, Collins also requested that her bond to be converted from the cash bond currently established into a property bond that would make posting bond more accessible for his client.

Due to the nature of the charge against Miller, Caudill said during the hearing that he would take the motion "under advisement" and provide a ruling regarding the matter at a later date.

**Court hands down sentences for drug trafficking**

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

April, but changed his plea after reaching a plea deal with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office.

PRESTONSBURG — Defendants in three drug trafficking cases were sentenced in circuit court during motion hour Monday.

Mike Helmstetter, 27, charged with first-degree trafficking in Oxycontin, was indicted April 8 by a Floyd County grand jury. He pleaded not guilty during his arraignment in

During the sentencing hearing Monday, Circuit Judge John David Caudill adhered to that agreement, filed Nov. 26 in Floyd Circuit Court, which stipulates that Helmstetter spend two years in prison, to be followed by three

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**Board answers motions for judgment**

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Board of Education filed answers Monday to two motions recently included in a lawsuit filed last year by former South Floyd Middle School special education teacher John Hicks.

Hicks, who lost a federal lawsuit brought against the school board alleging gender discrimination in 2001, filed a second lawsuit last year claiming he was turned down for employment in retaliation for his suing the school board the year before.

Attorneys for Hicks introduced motions for summary judgment and

also for a temporary injunction in the case, which the school board responded to in answers filed Monday in Floyd Circuit Court.

In its answers, the school board claims that relief should not be awarded in the motions because Hicks failed to establish how judgment against him would cause immediate or irreparable injury to him.

The school board contends that Hicks' complaint could be repaired through payment of lost wages or damages and that he wasn't a "qualified applicant" at the time the motions were presented because he received "an admonishment against his teaching certificate," saying that Hicks resigned his certified position

with the school board as part of a Nov. 19 settlement agreement.

Hicks, who had worked for 12 years as a special education teacher, was fired from his position at South Floyd Middle School on Oct. 4, 1999, for conduct unbecoming a teacher. Following an independent investigation, it was reported to the school board that Hicks had helped students with answers during CATS testing, providing them with answers to open response questions as well as writing entries for student portfolios.

Hicks lost his previous attempt for a gender discrimination judgment against the school board in federal court last year. A jury deliberated just

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**Gilbert pleads guilty to sex abuse charge**

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

guilty to first-degree sexual abuse in Judge John David Caudill's courtroom.

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man charged with sexual abuse pleaded guilty Monday in circuit court.

Under the advice of his attorney, Brian K. Gilbert, 30, of Martin, pleaded

Gilbert was indicted in March for first-degree sexual abuse following an incident which occurred in October 2002 with a 14-

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# Odds & Ends

## ■ ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

— Those looking to get their new year off to a sizzling start have a hot option.

Jim Campbell, a corporate consultant and motivational trainer, is offering three dozen people a chance to walk barefoot across a bed of piping hot coals in a workshop he calls "Ignite Your Passions for 2004."

The workshop, which costs \$95, will begin with four hours

of planning on how to deal with fear and challenges and "setting some inspirational goals for life," he said.

Campbell said New Year's Eve "is a time when a lot of people want to set resolutions for the new year and new experiences. Firewalking is a dynamic way to do that."

The firewalking will start at about 11 p.m. Wednesday at a private home in east

Albuquerque.

"I'm often asked, 'Do people get burned?'" he said. "My answer is yes. If they didn't get burned, there wouldn't be any power."

## ■ AKRON, Ohio —

The "Clauses" tied the knot on Christmas Eve. David Johnston and Leisa Russell got married dressed as Santa and Mrs. Claus, saying they wanted their marriage to last "as long as the myth of Santa Claus."

Each of the 26 wedding guests donned a Santa hat for the ceremony in the gazebo of Shadyside Park.

Minister Brett Barnhill said he had never presided over a costumed wedding, but felt the couple had a beautiful sentiment behind their plans.

"True marriage is the joining of two hearts in love," Barnhill said during the ceremony. "Without love, we have and are nothing."

The couple sealed their vows with a kiss, after which some of the guests sang "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

Russell, 45, of Uniontown, said the couple's wedding attire was a good way to express their faith as Christians and their love for each other.

Russell met Johnston, 52, of Akron, just three months ago.

"He asked me to marry him about five times. The first time I said, 'Someday.' The second time I said, 'Two to five years.' Then I said, 'I think next year would be doable,' and finally I said, 'Christmas Eve,'" Russell said.

## ■ ST. PAUL, Minn. —

Forget sports stadiums and fire trucks. In Minnesota, corporations may soon be able to attach their names to something more mundane — rest stops.

"It is a new area," said Carol Reamer of the Minnesota Department of Transportation. "To our knowledge, it's not been

done anywhere in the nation."

The suggestion comes after a particularly tough year of budget cutting for many state agencies. During the last session, lawmakers considered shuttering dozens of the state's rest areas to save \$4 million as part of a \$4.23 billion budget fix.

In October, officials started

two phases of market research on the corporate sponsorship issue — one gauging the public's sentiment; the other assessing business support.

Results should be ready sometime in February, Reamer said. Sponsorship could come in the form of on-site signs, recognition at events like the State

Fair or perhaps a mention on the state's Web site.

Arturo Perez, a fiscal analyst for the National Conference of State Legislatures, said the sponsorship issue really took off with stadiums and has grown.

"There was a threshold that

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# Today in History

## The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 31, the 365th and final day of 2003.

## Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 31, 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

## On this date:

■ In 1775, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army generals Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.

■ In 1857, Britain's Queen Victoria decided to make Ottawa the capital of Canada.

■ In 1862, President Lincoln signed an act admitting West Virginia to the Union.

■ In 1877, President and Mrs. Hayes celebrated their silver anniversary (technically, a day late) by re-enacting their wedding ceremony in the White House.

■ In 1946, President Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

In 1961, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid.

■ In 1978, Taiwanese diplomats struck their colors for the final time from the embassy flagpole in Washington, marking the end of diplomatic relations with the United States.

■ In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

■ In 1986, 97 people were killed when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty to charges in connection with the blaze.)

■ In 1997, Michael Kennedy, the 39-year-old son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was killed in a skiing accident on Aspen Mountain in Colorado.

## Ten years ago:

Entertainer Barbra Streisand performed her first paid concert in 22 years, singing to a sellout crowd at the MGM Grand

Garden in Las Vegas. Former IBM chairman Thomas J. Watson died in Greenwich, Conn., at age 79.

## Five years ago:

Europe's leaders proclaimed a new era as 11 nations merged currencies to create the euro, a shared money they said would boost business, underpin unity and strengthen their role in world affairs.

## One year ago:

Emerging from holiday seclusion at his Texas ranch, President Bush told reporters an attack by Saddam Hussein or a terrorist ally "would cripple our economy." Two U.N. nuclear inspectors expelled by North Korea arrived in China, leaving the communist nation's nuclear program isolated from international scrutiny. An explosion at a clandestine fireworks factory in the Mexican port city of Veracruz ignited an entire city block, killing 28 people.

## Today's Birthdays:

Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal is 95. Folk and blues singer Odetta is 73. Actor Sir Anthony Hopkins is 66.

Actor Tim Considine ("My Three Sons") is 63. Actress Sarah Miles is 62. Rock musician Andy Summers is 61. Actor Ben Kingsley is 60. Producer-director Taylor Hackford is 59. Fashion designer Diane Von Furstenberg is 57. Actor Tim Matheson is 56. Pop singer Burton Cummings (The Guess Who) is 56. Singer Donna Summer is 55. Actor Joe Dallesandro is 55. Rock musician Tom Hamilton (Aerosmith) is 52. Actor James Remar is 50. Actress Bebe Neuwirth is 45. Actor Val Kilmer is 44. Singer Paul Westerberg is 44. Rock musician Ric Ivanisevich (Oleander) is 41. Rock musician Scott Ian (Anthrax) is 40. Pop singer Joe McIntyre is 31.

## Thought for Today:

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— Daniel Webster, American statesman (1782-1862).

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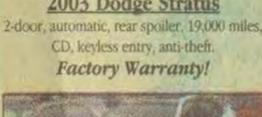
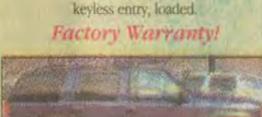
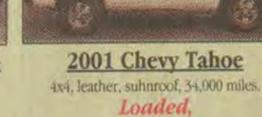
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# Magoffin man pleads guilty to theft spree

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Magoffin County man who recently turned down a plea arrangement with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office in which he would have received a total of 6 years, pleaded guilty in court Monday to various charges that could net him a 45-year sentence.

Represented by public advocate Michael P. Studebaker, Albert Clevenger, of Salyersville, appeared in Circuit Judge John David Caudill's courtroom Monday, where he pleaded guilty to a total of seven charges against him that stem from three separate theft and burglary cases that occurred in 2002 and 2003.

During proceedings, Clevenger pleaded guilty to

theft by deception, criminal mischief and burglary for events which took place in April 2002.

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, witnesses alleged seeing Clevenger burglarizing and damaging or destroying the property of Floyd County court reporter Rose Lovely, of Allen.

If he receives the maximum sentence on the charges, Clevenger could receive more

than 10 years, according to Caudill.

In addition to entering a guilty plea in the case, Clevenger also pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree burglary, both class C felonies which could net him 10 years apiece.

He was indicted on those charges for allegedly burglarizing the residence of Edna Blake and Kathy Friend on July 13.

In addition to these charges, Clevenger also pleaded guilty Monday

to two counts of theft by unlawful taking, charges which could cost him up to 5 years in jail, if the sentences run concurrently.

Clevenger was indicted for these charges following incidents which occurred on June 9, when he took two diamond rings valued at about \$1,500 from C&H Rauch. Clevenger reportedly gave a confession to authorities following the theft, said Taylor, telling them that he walked in the business "laughing with a girl" and on his way out, spotted the two rings in an open cabinet and took them.

According to Taylor, this theft occurred while Clevenger was on bond from the previous charges against him, which means that the sentences he'll receive for those charges must run consecutively with sentences that will be imposed in the other cases.

In an effort to resolve all of the charges against Clevenger earlier this year, the prosecutors offered him two concurrent five-year sentences for the first five charges against him which would stand consecutively with one year on the theft by unlawful taking charge brought

against him for stealing rings at C&H Rauch.

Clevenger turned down the commonwealth's offer prior to entering guilty pleas Monday, and he held firm in his decision to enter guilty pleas even after Caudill reminded him that the court does not have to impose sentences concurrently, which qualifies him to receive a possible 45-year sentence on all charges against him.

"There certainly are a rash a theft and burglary type cases that we're seeing more now," said Taylor Monday. "This is certainly in part due to the culture of drugs which is so prevalent now in Floyd County. The fact that this involves three different cases with many different victims, we're happy with the guilty plea. Since Mr. Clevenger rejected our plea offer, we withdrew that plea offer, and after that, we're anxious to see how the judge will sentence him."

Clevenger is scheduled to be formally sentenced on Feb. 27.

## Drug court

County will, instead, see between \$6,000 and \$8,000 in funding for the upcoming year.

The funding was provided as part of the UNITE drug program, which has concentrated primarily on law enforcement and earmarked most of its funding in that direction, Hall said.

The money in hand will be used for drug treatment, which, along with drug testing, makes up nearly all the expenses connected to a functioning drug court.

As of now, Floyd County's drug court will be able, with its \$6,000 to \$8,000 in funding, to have 12 to 15 participants. Had the more significant federal grant been awarded, Hall said it could have easily supported 25 to 30 participants, or beyond.

The county's newest court, which will officially go online Feb. 1, currently has a part-time case specialist and will see two drug coordinators hired before then who will split their time in covering the 5th Congressional District, a task

that could prove daunting, according to Hall.

"These two will be covering the entire district, alternating between existing courts," said Hall, who, along with his staff will essentially donate his time to see the court get up and running. "Ideally, each is supposed to have a coordinator in place, but with two spreading over the whole district, I have some real reservations as to how they're going to do it."

Hall said there is some funding set aside exclusively for drug screening, which can cost upwards of \$100 per test with the increase in drugs now floating through the street market. But he admits that he is unsure how much, saying this will be the most important issue legislators could stress in the upcoming session.

Hall, who says he has a "strong suspicion that funding will be limited" believes the future of drug courts could rest firmly in the hands of state legislators.

"Frankly, unless the legislature gets real serious about this thing and puts some money into it in the session coming, I

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don't think drug court can survive, not just here but anywhere in the state," Hall said. "Drug courts in other states have seen their federal grants expire and it doesn't look like they'll get renewed."

When looking at the possible savings a drug court can afford a county or state, Hall says the issue should be prominent.

"A dollar spent toward treatment through drug courts will save taxpayers \$7 to \$8 from keeping them in prison, so the return value is unbelievable," he said. "It's still amazing to me that the Congress and state legislators haven't jumped on it."

## Fire

Monday morning, but not before the TranStar Ambulance driver had made sure his neighbors, whose homes sit just six feet from him on either side, had been warned.

One of those neighbors was Prestonsburg firefighter Will Burke.

"I ran to both houses and knocked on their doors to get them up," Shepherd said. "I had to knock a bunch of times before I got Will to wake up."

Burke's home suffered minor damage, while the second home adjacent to Shepherd's residence was left unharmed, officials said.

Shepherd said it was only after he had warned his neighbors of the fire that he made the 8 a.m. call from a cell phone left in his vehicle to inform officials that his house was burning.

Assistant Fire Chief Tim Johnson said within 45 minutes he and 16 others from the fire department had brought the blaze under control, while in the process managing to spare the adjacent homes from serious damage.

It would be another 30 minutes of checking for overhauls or "hot spots", which are basically areas of the walls and other parts of the structure that might be harboring undiscovered and erratic pockets of fire, before the scene was considered dealt with, said Johnson.

Shepherd lunched with several of the firefighters who worked to save what they could of his home Monday, stopping from time to time to accept condolences and the occasional offer of furniture or other help.

"It was the house where I grew up," Shepherd said, adding the home would most likely need to be replaced despite being saved from complete destruction. "It used to be my mom and dad's. It was the home place."

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## Drugs

years to be supervised probation.

During sentencing, Caudill said that he wanted to "send a message to the people of the commonwealth."

Helmstetter received 11 days credit for time already served.

In addition to Helmstetter's sentencing, Caudill imposed sentences in two other drug trafficking cases Monday.

Krista Chaffins, 22, and her husband, Brian Chaffins, 36, both represented by attorney Jerry Patton, were also sentenced during proceedings in circuit court.

Krista Chaffins, charged with second-degree drug trafficking, pleaded guilty in circuit court following a pretrial con-

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ference Nov. 14. Following the conference, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office filed a plea agreement.

Adhering to that agreement, Caudill gave Krista Chaffins a suspended sentence. She will be placed on supervised probation for a period of two years.

Her husband, Brian Chaffins, charged with second-degree trafficking, also accepted a plea agreement offered by the commonwealth on Nov. 14.

During the hearing, Patton asked the court to consider probation for his client.

"Mr. Chaffins is a fellow who made a real bad judgment," Patton said. "He's got a wife, a decent family, and he had a good job before all this. I believe he is remorseful for what he did . . . My belief is that if he were given another opportunity, he'd gladly jump at that opportunity to rehabilitate himself."

In lieu of Patton's request, Caudill said the court didn't feel "comfortable" in granting probation because Chaffins had already received a reasonable offer from the commonwealth.

Caudill overruled the motion to provide Chaffins probation, then sentenced him to 120 days in jail.

He was given 50 days credit for time already served.

## Board

over a half-hour before deciding against his claims on Nov. 7, 2002.

Hicks claimed he was denied teaching supplies available to female coworkers, adequate work space and training seminars. However, the school board returned in answers Monday that the additional supplies other teachers had were brought with them following a school consolidation, adding that he was not present on the day classrooms were assigned and also that he was not required to

attend the seminar in question because he was already a certified teacher.

South Floyd Middle School officials told an independent investigator the seminar was for emergency certification teachers only, effectively excluding Hicks, who was certified at the time.

In this, his most recent lawsuit, Hicks has sued claiming the school board refused to hire him back into the position from which he was fired in October 1999.

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## Abuse

year-old family member.

Following his arrest by KSP Trooper Byron Hansford, Gilbert initially pleaded not guilty during his arraignment on Aug. 12, but he opted to change that plea Monday in Caudill's courtroom, where he was represented by his attorney, public advocate Michael P. Studebaker.

Gilbert's plea in the case resulted from his cooperation with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office during a pre-trial conference Nov. 10, after which the commonwealth offered a one-year sentence in return for his guilty plea.

Additionally, the commonwealth stipulated in that plea agreement arrangement that Gilbert attend and successfully complete a two-and-a-half-year sexual offender's program, fol-

lowing which he will be placed on a three-year conditional discharge.

Additionally, Gilbert will be also be required to register as a sexual offender.

"He will be closely watched by the officers with the probation and parole office for the next five-and-a-half years," said Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Wayne Taylor.

According to Taylor, Gilbert was "apologetic" to police during his arrest, telling them that "he was sorry and that he messed up."

Had he not accepted the plea agreement with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Gilbert could have faced up to five years on the sexual abuse charge against him.

He will be formally sentenced in circuit court Feb. 13.

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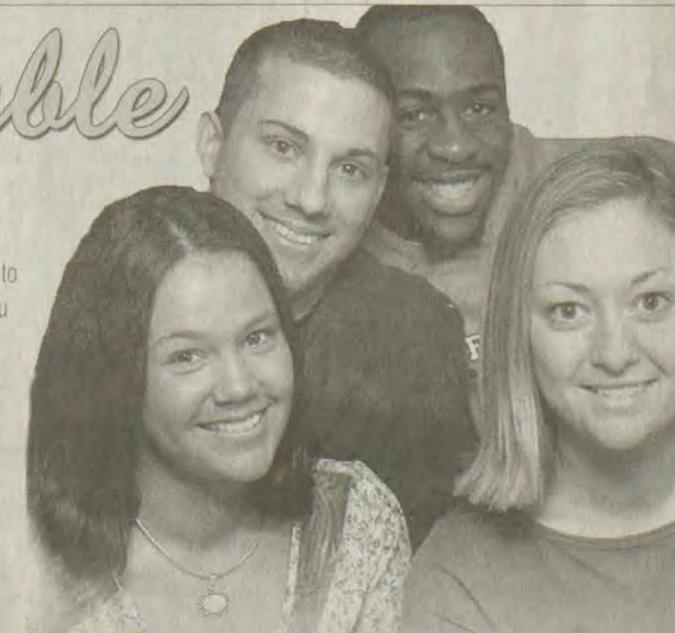
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**Worth Repeating ...**

*"To expect a man to retain everything that he has ever read is like expecting him to carry about in his body everything he has ever eaten."*

— Arthur Schopenhauer

**Guest View**

## Governor makes responsible cuts

Gov. Ernie Fletcher has bitten his first budget bullet, and not how his party's hard core hoped.

Facing an immediate shortfall of \$304 million by June, he ordered 2.5 percent cuts in state operational expenses but spared elementary and secondary schools and the Medicaid program for the elderly, poor and disabled.

The cuts could have been deeper, but he decided instead to tap \$54 million in the rainy day fund and about \$68 million in welfare for states that Washington recently sent along.

This decision surely left his most militant backers sputtering in rage.

After all, what they thought they were getting in Gov. Fletcher was a guy who couldn't wait to roll up his sleeves and take an ax to the great gobs of fat and huge piles of waste that everybody, especially the leaders of the state Senate, knows are stacked to the rafters wherever you look in Frankfort. Heck, he even had an efficiency task force working for a month to draw up the hit list.

Instead, when he got the perfect excuse to start cutting the place down to size, he ended up doing an imitation of Paul Patton, talking about a budget crisis that's been building for years and making the smallest cuts he could.

Well, let 'em stew in their own bile.

The rest of us should cheer the new governor for showing such fortitude and sense.

His real problem, though, is how to keep doing the same.

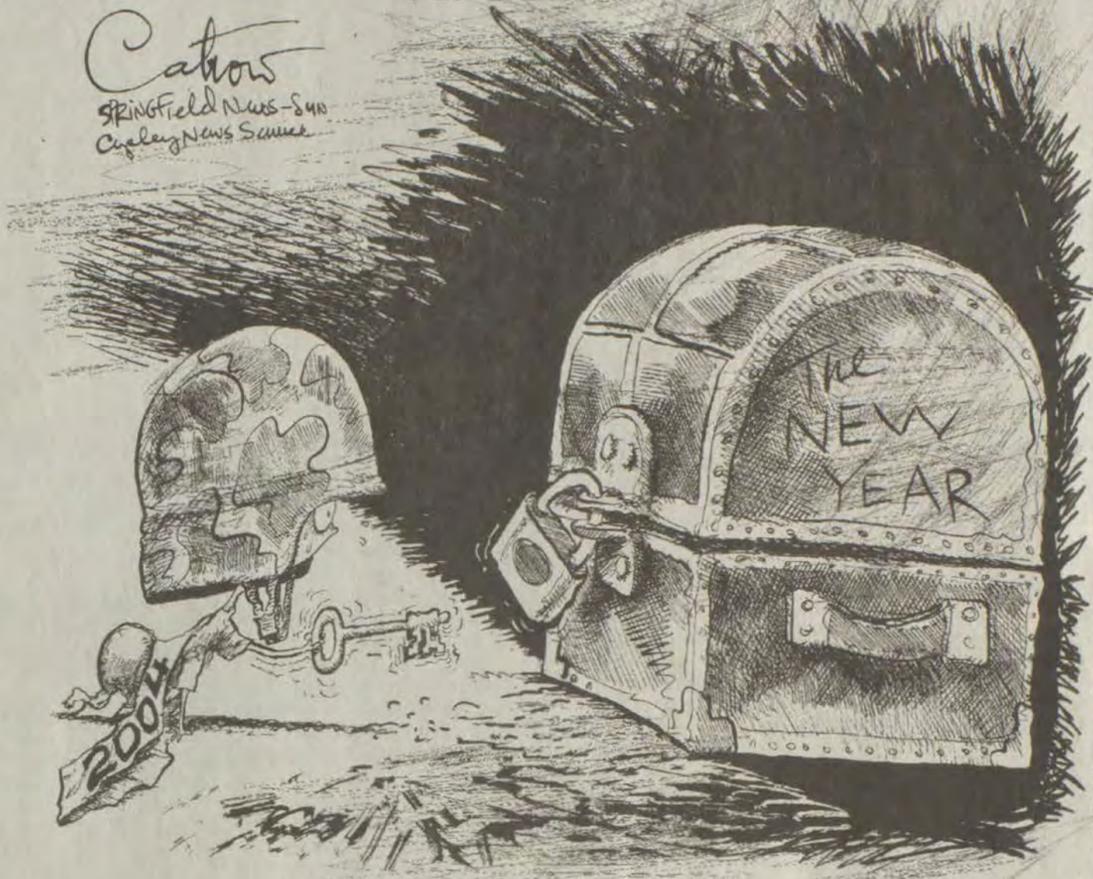
An even bigger shortfall is projected for the next year, and he has to have a plan for dealing with it within a month. All the gimmicks, such as raiding one-time reserves, have been used, the legislators are still hallucinating, and the feds are tapped out.

Yet Medicaid is reeling from previous cuts. Public schools are reeling from declining state support. Higher education is reeling from its third big hit in three years, and tuitions are soaring.

And all these services are ones for which both the demand and need are increasing, not dropping.

Let us hope that his next decision is as responsible as this one was.

— The Courier-Journal



**Sticks & Stones**

### Turner's bill might well make everyone happy

A pre-filed bill introduced by state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner that could conceivably put an end to the ridiculous dispute of whether Floyd County teachers should be paid for working on snow days truly is appreciated.

Although the reasons for why Turner has taken this legislative step are almost certainly not similar to the reasons we appreciate it, the fact that the bill could put a stop to any rash decisions is wonderful.

Perhaps Turner, himself a former educator, realized that a boost from someone with statewide clout could help defuse a situation that had the potential to become far more serious than the injustice which gave it fuel. And then maybe the decision was born of Turner's loyalty to a profession he has given most

of his life to see prosper.

It hardly takes a rocket scientist to figure out which might be more likely.

But, no matter the reason, the fear that teachers might take matters to higher levels of protest can now be tentatively placed aside.

Teachers are not the only people in this county who work difficult, thankless jobs. We're sure a large number of citizens get up each morning and go to work, staying longer than they are required and going the extra mile to see the job is done. In fact, we're positive this is the case.

Likewise, we know the feeling of working hard to complete a task and seeing little or no thanks in return. It's a universal truth that when you're doing your job, you hear very little positive feedback. The human race is a realistic bunch, not commonly prone to sentimentality. They just figure you'll do your job, as per agreement. It's only when you have slipped, maybe in your six or seventh hour of overtime on

Friday and make a mistake, do you hear from them.

Human nature, pure and simple.

People expect others to do their job, to provide the service that has been promised. There are most likely very few people in this county, state or nation who are thanked or appreciated as much as they should be for the tremendous amount of work they offer up during the course of any given week of any given year.



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If everyone who was overlooked in this respect decided tomorrow to complain about these and other related points, there would be little accomplished.

Ultimately, Turner's bill might end the dispute

between teachers and the board of education and keep anything more damaging from taking place, but teachers still shouldn't figure on getting very many thank-you cards in the mail anytime soon.

As difficult as it may be to accept, the old saying still holds true. Nobody said life was easy.

**Letters**

### Stolen Christmas

On Thursday, Dec. 11, I came to Prestonsburg to take my cat to the vet. On the way back home, I stopped at Food City to exchange some ice cream and pick up a gallon of milk. While inside, I was robbed.

I know it was partly my fault, but when you are in a hurry, you don't pay attention as you should. I left my cart for just a few seconds and someone lifted my billfold out of my purse.

I am a widow raising two children by myself. They took my savings and Social Security money. This was money to get my children's layaways out and to live on during the month. They also took my children's insurance cards. A bread delivery man found my billfold behind Food City about an hour later.

I want the thief to know that in taking my billfold, they stole my children's Christmas. I feel that the "high" they will get on the drugs they buy

will be temporary, while my children will suffer permanently.

I found out that the very next day the same thing happened at Wal-Mart.

I am a Christian and I will forgive, but not forget.

My children and I will make do through the holidays. It will be rough, but we will make it. I hope the thief does, too.

Judy C. Huber  
Paintsville

### Battle for commandments

For a great number of years now, the Christian people of America have sat idly by as the federal judiciary has violated their constitutional rights of free speech and religion. Our ministers and priests have not acted courageously on behalf of the God who has called them to "stand in the gap."

The Supreme Court of the United States has agreed to give a hearing to the case of the courageous Judge Roy Moore, chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. Shall we stand with this ardent proponent of Godly values, or will we shrink from the field as lily-livered cowards? If we choose the latter, we will have opted to hide behind the precepts of Mammon and political correctness.

I believe I already know how the people who read this letter will respond. May God prosper and favor our commitment to the battle for His Ten Commandments.

Consider these words of Judge Roy Moore: "Before the federal district court here in Montgomery sits a bust of the Greek goddess Themis. You won't find federal authorities scurrying around to conceal that bust behind a screen. And neither should we hide the truth any longer. I will not violate my oath, I cannot forsake my conscience, I will not neglect my duty, and I will never deny the God upon Whom our laws and country depend."

Marjorie Fink  
Louisville

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# Health Extra

## Emergence of SARS began the year; fearsome flu outbreak ended it

by DANIEL Q. HANEY  
AP MEDICAL EDITOR

*As usual, many of the biggest medical stories of the year involved progress in heart disease. Perhaps the most talked-about development was the surprisingly successful testing of an experimental treatment that actually reverses heart disease.*

A dangerous respiratory illness that seemed to spring from nowhere and rapidly spread was the biggest medical news of 2003.

No, it wasn't the flu. It was SARS.

The end of 2003 saw hundreds of Americans sick with the flu and many others belatedly seeking the hard-to-find vaccine, but it was SARS that sickened 8,000 in Asia and Canada. The mysterious new virus, which came to worldwide attention in March, killed more than 800.

Now, SARS — even the acronym joined the workaday vocabulary with surprising speed — is in abeyance. Whether it will rebound during the winter as a deadly worldwide epidemic is the most worrisome of many questions that

remain about the mysterious virus.

Unlike the flu, there is no vaccine to prevent severe acute respiratory syndrome and there is no medicine that can cure it.

It began in China's Guangdong province in November 2002, probably jumping from animals to people. But it did not spread until last February, when a man infected with the virus passed it to several other guests at a Hong Kong hotel. By the time the World Health Organization put out a

global alert a month later, a worldwide epidemic was under way.

The health agency declared it under control in July, after it had spread to 29 countries.

"We were all relieved and somewhat surprised we were able to stop continued transmission of SARS and eliminate it in humans, as best we can tell, by the beginning of July," said Dr. Larry Anderson, respiratory virus chief at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Possible sources of renewed SARS: the same animals that spread it to humans last year; other species that have caught the virus since then, potentially even from humans; people with lingering infections, and stored virus that escapes from labs.

Health officials say the key to controlling SARS will be quickly identifying the sick and keeping them isolated so they do not pass it on.

SARS killed no one in the United States. But the flu, which has afflicted humans throughout history, kills on average 36,000 Americans every year. Experts worried this season's outbreak would be even worse.

The flu season began earlier than usual in Western states, and several children were among the

first fatalities, while many more were hospitalized with serious complications. Potentially making matters worse, the strain circulating at year's end emerged too late for vaccine producers to include in their recipe for prevention.

Other infectious disease news of 2003 involved more exotic viruses. In June, an outbreak of monkeypox, mostly in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, made about 70 people sick with fever and rashes. The outbreak was traced to prairie dogs that apparently caught the virus at a pet wholesaler from rodents imported from Ghana.

The government responded with a ban on selling prairie dogs or importing rodents from Africa.

Meanwhile, the West Nile virus, introduced into the United States in 1999, continued to spread westward through the year, reaching everywhere but Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Hawaii and causing an estimated 100,000 illnesses in 2003.

As usual, many of the biggest medical stories of the year involved progress in heart disease. Perhaps the most talked-about development was the surprisingly successful testing of an experimental treatment that actually reverses heart disease.

Based on a slightly different form of HDL cholesterol found in one village in northern Italy, the treatment, called APO A-I Milano, rolled back artery clogging by 3 percent after just five weekly injections. Although the figure sounds small, nothing before has even come close to

(See SARS, page six)

## Kentucky is state with highest percentage of older adults without teeth

The Associated Press

ELIZABETHTOWN — Kentucky has the highest percentage of adults over age 65 that have lost all or most of their teeth, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study released last week.

In 2002, 42.3 percent of Kentuckians had lost more than five teeth, followed by West Virginia with 41.9 percent.

The results are from a random sample of nearly 49,000 Americans.

Elizabethtown dentist Ann Carnes said people in rural areas of the state where oral hygiene education is lacking have been taught to pull a tooth instead of getting the problem fixed.

But she said she had seen more tooth loss when she first began practicing in 1987.

"I thought things had gotten better," she said. "People are more educated and trying to hold on to their teeth."

William Clagett, also a dentist in Elizabethtown, attributed the high percentage to the large number of smokers in the state. But Clagett said Kentucky is trying to improve dental health by being a leader in fluoridation of drinking water.

### Odds

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was crossed and it was for money," he said. "That opened up the idea to think about applying that concept to other areas."

### GAINESVILLE, Ga.

Forecasts of a warm New Year's Day could dampen the chill of the annual Polar Bear Swim.

Participants at the seventh annual swim at Lake Lanier Olympic Center are expecting mostly cloudy conditions, a 20 percent chance of rain and temperatures in the lower 60s, said Gerald Birdow of the National

### Weather Service.

The event is a fund-raiser for the Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club. Participants can jump into the lake from a special platform at the dock. After the plunge, swimmers can jump into the comfort of four canoes filled with warm water. Chili, pastries and hot chocolate are also provided.

Event officials expect 130 people to participate.

The event is patterned after similar events in the North, where swimmers jump into frigid waters.

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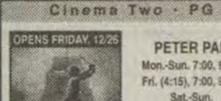
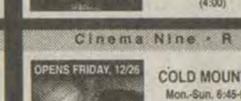
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**Card of Thanks**

The family of Dorothy Dixon Brown would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors, who helped to comfort us during our time of grief. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Clergyman Roy Church 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. Your love and support will never be forgotten. We greatly appreciate you all.

**THE FAMILY OF DOROTHY DIXON BROWN**

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The family of Darbe Jr. Keen would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the flowers, prayers, and all the kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Ky., for the wonderful job, and, as always, the professional, courteous service.

**THE FAMILY OF DARBE JR. KEEN**

**Thank You**

The family of Rufus Stephens would like to acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation all those who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. Thanks so much for the food and the flowers, and for the sense of love that each one has shown to our family. We especially want to thank Clergyman Graydon Howard, for his comforting words, Arlin Cathers for the eulogy, Tommy Webb for the music, the Riverview Health Care, staff and employees of Prestonsburg, the Sheriff's Department for the assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for providing the dignified, courteous service, we expected. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank each and every one of you.

**THE FAMILY OF RUFUS STEPHENS**

**Card of Thanks**

The family of Davane Collins Jones would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thank-you to all those who sent flowers, or just spoke kind words. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thank-you to the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, and their ministers, for all the love and support shown to our family. The Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their efficient services.

**THE FAMILY OF DAVANE COLLINS JONES**

**Card of Thanks**

The family of Molly Allen Banks would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, and any kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergymen Fred Klatka and Chester Varney for their comforting words. The Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kindness and understanding.

**THE FAMILY OF MOLLY ALLEN BANKS**

**Card of Thanks**

The family of Eulah Patton Reed wishes to express appreciation to all of those who gave to us, love, compassion, comfort and assistance during our time of grief. Many thanks to those who prayed for Mom and us.

Thanks to our families for love and understanding, and to friends and acquaintances for sympathies extended.

We feel deep appreciation for the doctors and nurses who staff the third and fourth floors of Highlands Regional Medical Center, and to Dr. Tanwani and staff at Hope Family Medical Center.

Thanks to the Old Regular Baptist ministers for conducting the funeral service, and to members of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church for their support.

We also thank the Flower Pot for arranging beautiful flowers, the Magoffin County Sheriff's Department, for the escort to the cemetery and to Magoffin County Funeral Home for their efficiency and kindness.

May the Lord bless you.

**London, Joe, Betty, Jan, Ginny, Randy  
and their families**

**Lorraine Bentley  
Bailey**

Lorraine Bentley Bailey, age 69, of Hager Hill, formerly of Hippo, wife of Virgil Bailey, passed away, on Sunday, December 28, 2003, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She was a member of Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church since 1974.

She was born February 2, 1934, at Langley, the daughter of the late Elzie and Opal Adkins Bentley.

In addition to her husband, Virgil, she is survived by one daughter, Arbadellia Richardson of Nashville, Tennessee; two brothers, Whitten Bud Bentley of Mentone, Indiana, and Elzie Bentley Jr., of Langley; four sisters, Julia Ann Newsome of Rochester, Indiana, Lillian Gregory of Paintsville, Elizabeth Stephens of Langley, and Margaret Kirkland of St. Cloud, Florida; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Gregory Wade Bailey.

Funeral services for Lorraine Bentley Bailey will be conducted, Wednesday, December 31, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Larry Adams conducting services.

Burial will follow in the Hicks Cemetery at Hippo, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

**Janice Griffith Wright**

Janice Griffith Wright, of Martin, wife of Charles E. Wright, died Thursday, December 25, 2003, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born in Martin, a daughter of Anna Skaggs Griffith of Martin, and the late Raymond Griffith. She was a school teacher, a member of the KEA and NEA, a cheerleader at Martin High School, taught at Clark Elementary and Prestonsburg Elementary, and was a member of the Martin Church of Christ.

In addition to her mother and husband, she is survived by one daughter, Pamela Douglas Howarah of Beaver Creek, Ohio; one step-son, Jack Dings Jr., of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one brother, Raymond Griffith Jr., of Saint Augustine, Florida; two sisters, Thomasine Robinson of Martin, and Christine Stumbo of McDowell; six grandchildren: Raymond, Maria, Janice, Victoria, Pamela and Jack Dings III, and many nieces and nephews, aunts, and friends and neighbors.

Additionally, she was preceded in death by one brother: William Floyd Skaggs.

Funeral services for Janice Wright were conducted Saturday, December 27, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Bruce Coleman officiating.

Burial followed in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for the arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Charlie Wright, Gary Lee Wright, Kevin Wright, Scotty Garrett, John Garrett, Ray D. Griffith, Larry Stumbo Jr., Barry Risner, Stevie Robinson, and Rudy Griffith. (Paid obituary)

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# Obituaries

**Feenie Hall Creswell**

Feenie Hall Creswell, age 75, of Ashland, formerly of Floyd County, passed away, on Sunday, December 28, 2003, in King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland.

Born December 3, 1928, at Allen, she was the daughter of the late Riley and Florence Hall. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by three sons: Timothy (Barbara) Creswell of Ashland, Kevin Creswell of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Robin (Debra) Creswell of South Point, Ohio; three brothers: James Riley Hall and Fred Hall, both of Allen, and Troy Hall of Somerset; two sisters: Fannie Goble of Allen, Annie Gunnell of Panama City, Florida; four grandchildren: Christy, Cassie, Andria and Scott; and one great-grandchild, Paige.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 31, at 2:30 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with Gerald M. Fields officiating.

Burial will be in the Riley Hall Cemetery at Allen, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Sign the register for the family at: hallfuneralservice.com (Paid obituary)

**Grover Curtis Keathley**

Grover Curtis Keathley, 73, of Harold, passed away, Friday, December 26, 2003, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was born January 17, 1930, in Harold, the son of the late Grover Cleveland Keathley and Bertha King Keathley. He was a retired Whirlpool factory worker, a U.S. Korean War Army veteran, a member of the VFW and the Moose Lodge, and a believer in the Church of Christ.

He is survived by one son, Grover Curtis Keathley III, of Harold; two daughters: Tonia Erdman of Clyde, Ohio, and Sherry (Truman) Troxtel of Somerset; three brothers: Howard Keathley of Allen, and Joe Ross Keathley and Rodge Keathley, both of Harold; two sisters: Sarah Jane Keathley Riley of Beaver, Ohio, and Mabeth Keathley Spurlock of Harold; six grandchildren: Chad Edward Hill, Jennifer Lynn Williams, Megan Leigh Emery, Cyle Curtis Keathley, Tyler C. Keathley and Adam C. Keathley; four great-grandchildren: Austin Jordan Hill, Wesley Tanner Hill, Bronston Williams and Kayleigh Hannah Marie Keathley; and by his former wife, Peggy Hamilton.

Funeral services for Grover Curtis Keathley were conducted Monday, December 29, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, at Martin, with Clergyman Tommy Bush officiating.

Burial was in the Sam Roberts Cemetery, at Harold, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: James Donald Spurlock, Don Keith Spurlock, Jack Riley, Rick Riley, Lonnie King and Rodge Keathley. (Paid obituary)

**Donna Sue Mullins**

Donna Sue Mullins, 25, of Hi Hat, died Friday, December 19, 2003, following an automobile accident at Hi Hat.

Born December 31, 1977, at McDowell, she was the daughter of Donnie Gene Mullins and Wilma Ray Mullins, of Hi Hat. She was a sales associate for Wal-Mart in Prestonsburg, and a 1996 graduate of South Floyd High School.

Other survivors include her grandmother, Nellie Bryant Mullins of Price; one brother, Joseph Lee Mullins of Hi Hat; one sister, Mary Jane Mullins of Hi Hat; and several relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Hatler Mullins, and Victor and Mary Alice Reynolds Ray.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 22, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, at Price, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Little Cemetery, at Price, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

**Don Burgess Trimble**

Don Burgess Trimble, age 56, of Ivel, husband of the late Yvette Keathley Trimble, passed away, Monday, December 29, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born January 8, 1947, in Ivel, the son of Ruby Hobson Lewis, of Ivel, and the late James Trimble. He was a retired social worker, formerly employed by Mountain Comprehensive Care.

Survivors include two daughters: Tammy Stapleton of Hebron, and Robin Justice of Ivel; two brothers: James Trimble and Jerry Trimble, both of Ivel; three sisters: Bonnie Holson of Ivel, June Burchett of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Diana Stratton of Glasgow; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services for Don Burgess Trimble were conducted Tuesday, December 30, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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that in such a short time.

"The benefits were very dramatic, especially because of the short time frame," said Dr. Robert Rosenson, director of preventive cardiology at Northwestern University. "It opens up the possibility of a new horizon for treatment of high-risk individuals."

Among other important heart news of the year:

■ The first drug-coated stent — Johnson & Johnson's Cypher — proved to be an immediate hit after its approval because of promise that it will greatly reduce the failure rate of angioplasties. Early concerns about blood clots were later discounted by the Food and Drug Administration.

■ Studies showed that a new blood thinner called Exanta appears to be the first alternative to warfarin, also known as Coumadin, the standard treatment for blood clots for 50 years.

■ Body cooling was recommended by the American Heart Association as a routine treatment for comatose victims of cardiac arrest to help prevent brain damage.

Among the biggest cancer stories of the year was an advance in breast cancer. Women whose tumors are fueled by the hormone estrogen typically take the drug tamoxifen to prevent recurrence. A new study found that another estrogen blocker, called Femara, cuts their risk nearly in half if taken by women after they finish their tamoxifen treatment.

Among other major cancer stories:

■ Genentech's Avastin was the first drug to show that blocking tumors' blood supply can help patients live longer, even though the benefits were modest in victims of colon cancer.

■ Erbitux, the ImClone drug that ensnared Martha Stewart in an insider trading scandal, was shown to shrink tumors in colon cancer patients. Swiss regulators

said they would approve its sale.

■ An experimental vaccine showed early hints of promise against breast cancer. Another in testing is designed to prevent cervical cancer.

■ Proscar, a drug widely used to shrink enlarged prostates, was shown to reduce the risk of prostate cancer by one-quarter. It is the first treatment proven to ward off this common killer.

Other medical landmarks of the year included:

■ Congress passed the first federal prescription drug benefit that would begin providing coverage for Medicare patients in 2006.

■ Bad news continued to pile up against hormone replacement therapy. Already shown to slightly increase heart disease rather than prevent it, the pills do not improve women's mental sharpness, as many assumed, and may even raise the risk of Alzheimer's disease, new research showed.

■ Several small studies confirm what millions of dieters already believe: Low-carbohydrate fare, such as the Atkins plan, can help people lose weight, at least in the short run, and does not seem to be bad for the heart.

■ Scientists developed the first blood test that reveals whether people with neurological problems, such as tingling or blurred vision, will soon develop multiple sclerosis. An experimental drug called Antegren was also shown to cut the number of relapses from the disease in half.

■ The FDA approved Namenda, the first treatment found effective for late stages of Alzheimer's disease.

■ A severe outbreak of hepatitis A that caused three deaths and sickened hundreds was traced back to contaminated green onions, possibly from Mexico — raising questions about the safety of a global food supply.

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# List shows parents how to help prevent injuries in children

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — The University of Kentucky has released a list for parents that includes ways to keep their children safe in the new year.

The Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center at UK last week released a list of 10 New Year's resolutions for keeping children safe.

"We wanted to give people some New Year's resolutions they can feel really positive about — and ones they can keep," said Julia Costich, interim director of the research center.

Injuries are the leading causes of death for Americans age 17 and younger, Costich said.

"Most of these deaths by injury are preventable," she said. "You have to just take a little bit of care."

The list's recommendations range from childproofing cabinets to forbidding children under 16 from driving all-terrain vehicles.

"The list is important because you have to think about these steps," Costich said. "These things don't just happen

instinctively."

Steps suggested by the Center include:

- Make sure the child uses an age-appropriate car seat correctly. Call the Kentucky SAFE KIDS Coalition at (859) 257-4954 to find out which car seat is right for a child.

- Childproof cabinets that contain medications, vitamins, cosmetics and household cleaners.

- Be sure that the child wears a helmet when riding a bicycle, tricycle, skateboard or

scooter. Call the Kentucky SAFE KIDS Coalition if information is needed about helmets.

- Never leave an infant or toddler alone in a bathtub because of the risk of drowning.

- Never leave plastic bags, cords or other articles around that might cause an infant or young child to strangle or suffocate.

- Test smoke alarms regularly and replace the batteries once a year. Call the Kentucky

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# Republican victory was among year's top state headlines

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A Republican, at long last, was elected governor. Troops from Fort Campbell, Fort Knox and the Kentucky National Guard flew off to Iraq. The state began running out of money, and an ice storm pounded central Kentucky, leaving tens of thousands of people shivering in the dark.

Those were among Kentucky's headline makers in 2003, a year of political ferment, both locally and internationally.

The year neared its end with the election and inauguration of Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who told voters it was time for a change after eight consecutive Democratic administrations. His opponent, Attorney General Ben Chandler, had no effective rebuttal and lost by 10 percentage points.

Fletcher got campaign help from President Bush, who made two trips to the state on his behalf. Fletcher and other Republican leaders lined up solidly behind Bush and his handling of the war in Iraq, where the 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell played a leading combat role.

Fifty-nine soldiers from Fort Campbell, all but two from the 101st, had died in the conflict by year's end. Seventeen were killed when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed in November.

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phone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

**JOHN W. HALL LODGE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, Martin, will conduct its annual installation of officers on Friday, January 2, at 7 p.m., at the lodge hall. Grand Master Percy E. Brown and other Grand Lodge officers will be present. Dinner will be served, and everyone is welcome to attend.

**NIGHTWATCH SERVICES**

Freedom Bible Church will be having nightwatch services, Dec. 31, starting at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome.

**CHURCH CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY**

The Town Branch Church will give away good used clothing (mostly adult sizes), on Friday's, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

**NIGHTWATCH SERVICES**

A New Year's Eve Watch Service will be held at Prater Creek Baptist Church, located at 372 Orchard Branch, in Banner, on Dec. 31, beginning at 8 p.m. Music, special messages, videos, fun, and food. Call 437-6328 for more information.

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**HRMC CALENDAR**

- Jan. 13 - Senior Advantage, Meeting rooms A & B, 9:30-11 a.m.
- Jan. 14 - Highlands S.H.A.R.E., Martin Room, 7-9 p.m.
- Jan. 15 - Laryngectomy Support Group, Meeting Room B, 5-7 p.m.
- Jan. 17 - Child Birth Class, Meeting Place A & B, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Jan. 29 - Diabetes Support Group, Floyd Room, 5-7 p.m.

**FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES**

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

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**'LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?'**

■ Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana

Caudill at 886-0265.

■ Alzheimer's Association, Eastern KY Regional Office - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group - Meets first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building, on the Pike-Floyd Hollow Road (just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept.). For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

■ Overeater's Anonymous

(O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

■ Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

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## Kentucky Monthly magazine picks soldiers as 'Kentuckians of the Year'

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Monthly magazine has picked the 50,000 soldiers stationed at Fort Campbell, Fort Knox and Kentucky National Guard posts as its Kentuckians of the Year for their service in Iraq and elsewhere.

"Who else could we have selected?" publisher Stephen M. Vest said. "While there have been many individual accomplishments by Kentuckians in 2003, no group sacrificed more than our soldiers and their families."

Kentucky Monthly's pick mirrored that of Time magazine, which recently picked "The American Soldier" as its Person of the Year.

Maj. Gen. Terry Tucker, the Fort Knox commander, and Col.

Larry Ruggley, Fort Campbell's garrison commander, said they were honored by the selection.

"We have spent more time out of Kentucky this year than in, but throughout the entire deployment to Iraq, Kentucky has been our home, where our hearts and loved ones are," Ruggley said.

Other candidates for Kentuckian of the Year were Gov. Ernie Fletcher, U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, Republican Party state chairwoman Ellen Williams, country musician Loretta Lynn and Michael McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

Last year, the magazine picked former Kentucky first lady Judy Patton for her advocacy of victims of abuse and of women fighting breast cancer.

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Two 101st soldiers allegedly were killed by another member of the division while in Kuwait, awaiting deployment to Iraq. Sgt. Hasan Akbar was charged with murder and attempted murder in the grenade attack, which also wounded several soldiers.

Out of the spotlight, civilian life was disrupted for hundreds of guardsmen and reservists whose military units were activated.

In politics, Gov. Paul Patton's extramarital affair with Tina Conner produced a lingering fallout that hurt other Democrats.

Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, who had been organizing a campaign for governor, decided against entering the race, citing Patton's affair as one reason. "I'm part of an administration," Henry said. "In the end, that would have been

used against me."

Henry, an orthopedist, had other problems as well. U.S. Attorney Steve Pence sued Henry for allegedly over-billing the government in his medical practice. Henry countersued, claiming he actually was underpaid by Medicare and Medicaid. In an ironic twist, Pence would succeed Henry as lieutenant governor.

Fletcher began the year with a different running mate, Hunter Bates. But a rival slate challenged Bates' eligibility and a judge in Oldham County ruled that Bates, who had been an aide to U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell in Washington, D.C., had not lived within the state long enough to be a candidate. Fletcher replaced Bates with Pence.

Fletcher's victory in November helped pull two other Republicans into offices

the party had not won since 1967 — Trey Grayson as secretary of state and Richie Farmer as commissioner of agriculture.

Also in politics, the General Assembly convened in January for its first regular session in an off year. It was the result of a constitutional amendment ending the limitation of a 60-day regular session every two years.

Legislators managed to pass a budget — something they failed to do in 2002 in a standoff between the Democratic House and Republican Senate. But the year ended with Fletcher's new administration shifting money to the General Fund and ordering a new round of spending cuts to head off a \$261 million shortfall.

The year also brought some wicked weather. A winter

storm in mid-February wrought havoc, especially in the Lexington area, where 50,000 households were without power, many for several days. Compounding the problem, at least nine houses caught fire after utility crews restored power to them.

Two people were killed in flooding caused by torrential rains in northern Franklin County in late summer.

Lexington was frequently in the news for a pair of unusual legal fights — an attempted takeover of the local water company, rather than allowing its sale to a German conglomerate; and enactment of an ordinance to ban smoking in many public buildings, including bars and restaurants.

At year's end, the smoking ban had yet to be enforced, thanks to court challenges by

business owners. A similar ban was being debated within Louisville's new Metro Government. As a further sign of the times, cigarette maker Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. merged with R.J. Reynolds of North Carolina and made plans to pull out of Louisville.

Some stories kept recurring, such as rampant trafficking in methamphetamines and prescription narcotics and the Catholic Church's settlement of claims of sexual abuse by priests. The Archdiocese of Louisville reached a settlement of more than 200 lawsuits, freezing employee wages and trimming its budget.

Other top news events: ■ Katie Autry, a freshman at Western Kentucky University, was sexually brutalized and burned in her dor-

mitory room. Lucas Goodrum and Stephen Soules, both of Scottsville, were charged with murder and pleaded innocent.

■ Patton pardoned two aides and two former Teamsters officials before they could be tried by Chandler, the attorney general, on charges of breaking campaign finance laws in the 1995 governor's race. Before leaving office, Patton also commuted the sentence of convicted murderer Kevin Stanford, 17 at the time of his crime, from death to life without parole. Patton declined all other clemency requests.

■ Conner, the former governor's ex-mistress, pleaded guilty to a federal mail fraud charge. It involved her application to the Transportation Cabinet for a "disadvantaged

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business" classification that would give special contractor status to a company actually operated by her ex-husband. She claimed Patton pulled strings for her. Patton, meanwhile, settled ethics charges brought by the Executive Branch Ethics Commission, avoiding a hearing.

■ Kenneth White, accused mastermind of the assassination of Pulaski County Sheriff Sam Catron in 2002, was convicted of complicity to murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole. Two accomplices pleaded guilty.

■ Obituaries included former Gov. Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt; longtime University of Kentucky president Otis A. Singletary; and Tom Christerson, a resident of Central City who lived longer

than anyone else — nearly 1 1/2 years — with a self-contained artificial heart.

■ Conservatives in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) tried but failed to force the denomination into a showdown over enforcing a ban on gay clergy.

■ An explosion at CTA Acoustics, a plastics plant in Corbin, killed seven workers and injured 30. A spectacular fire at the Jim Beam distillery in Bardstown destroyed a seven-story bourbon warehouse but caused no injuries.

■ Workers at General Electric went out on strike in Louisville, and a picketing worker was struck and killed by a police car. Uranium workers struck the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant for nearly five months before rati-

fying a new contract in June.

■ Black leaders demanded the removal of a statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis from the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort. The year ended with the statue still in the place it has occupied since 1936.

■ Three saddlebred horses, including world champion Wild Eyed and Wicked, died after someone injures their

hooves. Former Kentucky Derby winner Ferdinand was reported dead, apparently a year after the fact and possibly in a Japanese slaughterhouse.

■ Re-enactment of the Lewis and Clark expedition reached Kentucky in October.

■ Eleven state computers, allegedly used for viewing child pornography, were seized from offices of the Transportation Cabinet.

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in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

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■ East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

■ Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or [christophercook@hotmail.com](mailto:christophercook@hotmail.com).

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### The Associated Press

LOUISA — Lawrence County was once populated with 19th-century log cabins, but many have deteriorated from neglect or torn down to make way for other buildings.

The county's 4-H organization is attempting to revitalize two of the cabins.

"Some of these cabins have been used as sheds or barns, or they haven't been used at all," said Lawrence County 4-H/Youth Development Agent Pam Hay.

Volunteers and 4-H members are adding electricity and air conditioning to a cabin built in the early 1800s. Once known as the Ralph Sturgill estate on Ky. 1496, the cabin was recently donated to the county 4-H program.

It will be reconstructed and used to house exhibits at the new wildlife habitat area being developed at Yatesville Lake, Hay said.

"We want this to be usable year-round," Hay said.

A second one-room cabin donated to 4-H will be used at the same site to display antique farm tools, Hay said. The small cabin was first moved from a

farm in Fallsburg to Louisa in 1976 to be shown during the bicentennial celebration.

It was then moved to Isaac Park, off Ky. 32.

Not much information is available on either cabin, Hay said, but she said she is looking for anyone with photos or any details on the cabins.

The group is working to get other cabins donated. Hay said she hopes to find a cabin to be used as a welcome center at Yatesville Lake.

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### H.S. BASKETBALL

## Tournaments help ring in New Year

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

If you're a high school boys' basketball fan you won't have to look far for a game after today as holiday hoops tournaments will spring up throughout the area.

Prestonsburg High School has revived the Jenny Wiley Invitational and will host the tournament beginning on Thursday. Teams in the Prestonsburg tournament include the host Blackcats, Cordia, Sheldon Clark, Harrison County, Owensboro Catholic, Raceland, Phelps and Lawrence County.

Up the road in Pike County, Pike County Central High School and head coach David Rowe will host the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic. Host Pike Central will be joined in its tournament by Betsy Layne, Magoffin County, Jenkins, Cawood, Cumberland, Ryle and Pikeville.

Another tournament that is also back after an absence is the Hazard Invitational. Two Floyd County squads are in the Hazard tourney. Teams in the renewed Hazard tournament are

(See RING, page two)

## P'burg native Harris on LexCath staff

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — There's a part of Prestonsburg in the Lexington Catholic boys' basketball program. Kalen Harris, a Prestonsburg native who starred for the Blackcats in the 1990s, is a member of the Lexington Catholic staff. Harris is entering his second season at Lexington Catholic. He was an all-region player at Prestonsburg High School

(See STAFF, page two)

### PIKEVILLE COLLEGE

## First-half run gives Bears easy win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College had four players in double figures including three nonstarters in an 87-54 win over Miami-Hamilton Sunday afternoon.

The Bears got 52 points from their nonstarters, who came within a bucket

of outscoring the Harriers themselves. Miami-Hamilton got 12 off its bench.

Pikeville led 11-8 with 14:04 remaining in the first half after Regis Hearn nailed a three for the Harriers. Pikeville stretched its lead, however, scoring eight straight, including five from sophomore Emanuel Tekie, to lead

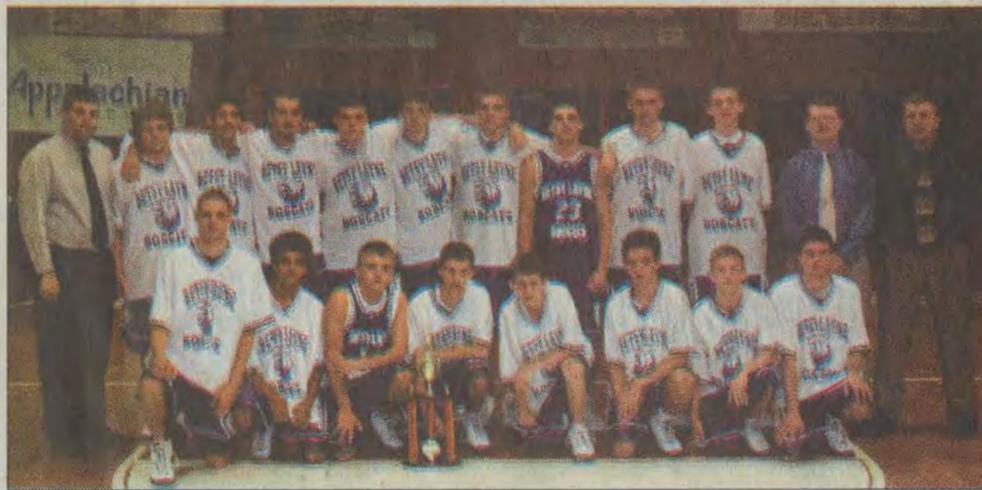
27-17, and then scored the last 12 points of the half to take a 39-17 lead to the break.

Tekie came off the bench to lead a balanced attack with 13 points. He also had three assists in the game. Juniors

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■ Emanuel Tekie



The Betsy Layne Bobcats dismantled host Belfry to win the Mountain Schoolboy Classic basketball tournament. Betsy Layne begins play later in the week in the Coca-Cola tournament at Pike County Central.

photos by Jamie Howell

## Betsy Layne beats Belfry for Mountain Schoolboy crown

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY — Betsy Layne now has a championship under its belt for the 2003-04 season.

Belfry was outscored in the first quarter for the eighth straight game Saturday night as the visiting Betsy Layne Bobcats scored an impressive 73-57 win in the championship game of the Mountain Schoolboy Classic.

Betsy Layne (5-2) jumped out to an 18-6 lead after eight minutes behind a balanced scoring attack led by Brandon Hall. Hall finished with a game-high 28 points and 14 rebounds to score a double-double.

Paul Howard led the Pirates (3-5) with a team-high 19 points while Jamie Case came off the bench and netted 12 and Zane Smith tossed in 11. Smith had made 18 straight free throws before missing his first attempt of the night midway through the opening quarter.

Belfry continues to struggle.

Belfry's first half numbers included just 1-of-13 shooting from three-point range and 9-of-31 total from the floor. Add to the mix a scoring drought of nearly seven minutes.

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Preston Simon cut down a piece of the championship net following Betsy Layne's victory over host Belfry in the Mountain Schoolboy Classic.

### H.S. BASKETBALL

## Jenny Wiley Invitational tourney set for Thursday

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Eight teams from Kentucky will converge on the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse Thursday for the renewal of the Jenny Wiley Invitational tournament. Prestonsburg started the tournament in the 1960s and held the event every year for 20-plus seasons before ending the tournament in the 1980s.

Prestonsburg High will play host to the event which gets underway Thursday with an opening game at 4:30 p.m. Sheldon Clark will tangle with Harrison County in the first game with Owensboro Catholic facing Raceland at 6 p.m.

Evening games will pit Cordia against Lawrence County at 7:30 with the host Prestonsburg Blackcats taking on Phelps in

(See TOURNEY, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Jesse Chaffin (11), pictured in action against Seneca, converted on a three-point play to help Prestonsburg to a win over Chattanooga Christian (Tenn.) in the first round of the Tiger HOOPS Classic.

## Blackcats beat Chattanooga Christian in OT

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Sixteen top teams converged on Paintsville last weekend for the first annual Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic. Prestonsburg matched up with a team from the Volunteer State of Tennessee in Chattanooga Christian and came away

(See BLACKCATS, page two)

## Host Tigers come up short

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — A young Paintsville High boys' basketball team takes the floor this season. The Paintsville team's youth showed at times last week in the Tiger HOOPS Classic. Host Paintsville dropped all three of its games in the inaugural tournament, but was never blown. Paintsville began play in its own tournament Friday with an 83-73 loss to Bullitt East. The Tigers fell 77-68 to Campbell County

(See SHORT, page two)

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

## Valley boys finish 2-1 in HOOPS Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — A lone loss to Holy Cross (Louisville) is the only blemish on Shelby Valley's otherwise shiny record. The Wildcats fell to Holy Cross 64-59 over the weekend in a second round game of the Tiger HOOPS Classic at Paintsville High School.

Shelby Valley began the event with a 66-56 win over Silver Grove and ended the tournament with a 78-59 win over Greenup County, a team out of the 16th Region.

(See CLASSIC, page two)

# Big second half pushes Cards past Cats

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — No. 20 Louisville limited No. 2 Kentucky to one field goal over the final 5:47 in a 65-56 victory Saturday, snapping the Wildcats' 27-game regular-season winning streak.

Otis George had 13 points and eight rebounds for Louisville (7-1), which won at Rupp Arena for the first time since 1997-98, a season in which Kentucky won the NCAA title. The Cardinals have won seven straight since a season-opening loss to Iowa.

Kentucky (7-1) had not lost a regular-season game since last Dec. 28, when the Wildcats fell 81-63 at Louisville.

Cardinals coach Rick Pitino is

2-1 against Kentucky, a team he coached for eight seasons and guided to the 1996 national title. After the game, Pitino and current Kentucky coach Tubby Smith — one of Pitino's former assistants — hugged at midcourt.

The Cardinals are 20-1 in December under Pitino the last three seasons, with the only loss coming to Kentucky.

Larry O'Bannon and Luke Whitehead each added 11 points and leading scorer Francisco Garcia had all of his 10 points in the second half for Louisville, which went 15-of-16 from the free throw line.

Louisville, which trailed by five points at halftime, shot 54.2 percent from the field in the second half. Kentucky shot 33.3 per-

cent after halftime and 33.9 percent for the game, after making nine of its first 18 shots.

Kentucky led 49-46 after a basket by Erik Daniels with 5:47 left, and two free throws by Kelenna Azubuike with 4:12 left gave the Wildcats their last lead, 51-50.

Louisville's Kendall Darte scored 10 seconds later, and Taquan Dean followed with a 3-pointer before George hit two free throws to give Louisville a 57-51 lead.

A four-point play by Gerald Fitch pulled Kentucky within two, but Garcia made a 3-pointer with Azubuike in his face to put the Cardinals ahead 60-55. Kentucky missed three 3-point attempts in the final minute.

Azubuike and Cliff Hawkins each had 12 points for Kentucky. Fitch, who entered the game averaging 19.1 points, did not score in the first half and finished with nine points.

Kentucky jumped to leads of 12-2 and 24-10, but the Wildcats closed the half by making just two of their last 14 shots.

The Cardinals pulled within 27-26 before two free throws by

Brandon Stockton and a basket by Antwain Barbour gave Kentucky a five-point halftime lead.

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Saturday and 49-48 in overtime to East Carter on Sunday. It wasn't a good three days for the Paintsville boys, but a likely three-day learning stint.

Bullitt East placed four players in double figures in the win over Paintsville.

Senior Peyton Conley led the host Tigers with a game-high 24 points. Freshman guard Daniel Pugh netted 21 for Paintsville and eighth-grader J.D. VanHoose scored 19. Kevin Williams finished with seven points and Blake Bundy netted two.

Paintsville (1-7) will return to the hardwood Saturday at Danville in the City of Firsts Tournament.

Paintsville in the month of January

- Jan. 6 at Boyd County
- Jan. 9 at Phelps
- Jan. 13 at Johnson Central
- Jan. 16 Sheldon Clark
- Jan. 20 South Floyd
- Jan. 23 Magoffin County
- Jan. 28 Pikeville
- Allen Central
- (15th Region All "A" Classic

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the host Bulldogs, Christian Academy of Louisville, Somerset, South Floyd, Covington Holy Cross, Mercer County, McCreary Central and Allen Central. Hazard head coach Kevin Spurlock, a Floyd County native, was the driving force behind the tournament's renewal.

"We're looking forward to the Hazard Invitational," said Spurlock. "We invite all fans out to Memorial Gymnasium for some quality basketball."

## TIGER HOOPS CLASSIC

# Golden Eagles win two of three

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — After a 60-53 opening round loss Friday to Oak Ridge (Tenn.), Johnson Central and head coach Les Trimble rebounded to win two back-to-back games in the Tiger HOOPS Classic. The Golden Eagles bounced back Saturday to beat Rowan County 72-63 and continued their winning ways Sunday by downing Bourbon County 87-69.

Johnson Central, now 6-5 on the season, doesn't have another game listed on its scheduled

until a road date at South Floyd on Tuesday. Other January opponents for the Golden Eagles include rival Paintsville, Magoffin County, Sheldon Clark and Prestonsburg. In a three-game stretch in the month of January, Johnson Central will face Paintsville, Magoffin County and Sheldon Clark in a trio of 58th District games. The Golden Eagles will end the month on the road at Scott County in the Toyota Classic tournament.

Johnson Central is 2-0 in the 15th Region and 1-0 in the 57th District.

## Bears

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B.J. Townsend and Jarell Jones had a dozen each, while Morease Gray added 10.

The Bears got a big effort from senior point guard Kevin Gaines, who needed only 24 minutes to hand out 11 assists to go along with six points. Senior Joey Mirus had nine rebounds and sophomore Chris Carroll, getting the first start of his career for an injured Teon Knox, added seven, as the Bears won the rebounding battle 43-38 despite pulling down only four off the offensive glass.

Pikeville (11-2) shot the ball exceptionally well from the

floor, hitting 59.3 percent (32-of-54) from the field and 55 percent (11-of-20) from the arc. They continued to struggle from the line, however, hitting only 12 of their 24 tries.

Miami-Hamilton (2-8) got 16 markers from Durrel Jackson, who hit three-of-seven from the arc. Darren Wyrick added 10. Kris Flesch pulled down 10 rebounds for the Harriers.

Pikeville will be off for nearly a week, returning to action next Saturday when it travels to the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

# Betsy Layne 81, Allen Central 60

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY — It won't go down as a district victory, but it was some sweet revenge nonetheless for the Betsy Layne Bobcats.

Betsy Layne met 58th District rival Allen Central in the first round of the Mountain Schoolboy Classic at Belfry High School and eventually overpowered the Runnin' Rebels for an 81-60 win. Betsy Layne, with the win, avenged an earlier season 77-68 loss it had suffered at home back on December 11 to the rival Rebels.

Allen Central jumped out in the first period, doubling up the Bobcats 16-8. The initial period was the only frame Allen Central could take. Allen Central held a 29-28 lead at the half, but quickly saw the slim advantage dwindle in the second half. Betsy Layne outscored Allen Central 26-10 in the third period and 27-21 in the fourth quarter to reserve a date in the tournament's championship game.

Senior Jordan Kidd fired in a game-high 21 points to lead Betsy Layne. Ryan Bryant scored 17 and Brandon Hall chipped in 16. Brandon Kidd finished with 10 and Preston

Simon added nine. Bryant hit on five of seven three-pointers.

Rossi Samons paced Allen Central with 21 points. Austin Francis scored 18 for the Rebels and Justin Hall pushed in 14. Tim Griffith scored three points for Allen Central. Ryan Hammonds and David Kilburn rounded out the Rebel scoring with two points apiece.

Belfry 67, Gilbert, W.Va. 58: In another first-round game, host Belfry beat visiting Gilbert, W.Va. Doug Howard led Belfry to the win over Gilbert with a game-high 20 points. Zane Smith netted 18.

## Blackcats

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with a thrilling 77-75 win in overtime to open pool play in the tournament. Prestonsburg was led in scoring by Trevor Compton with 21 points. John Mark Stephens added 15 for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg trailed 20-16 after one quarter of play and 36-33 at halftime.

Chattanooga Christian was led in scoring by Jonathan Cook, who netted a game-high 28 points. Cook fouled out late in the fourth quarter as Prestonsburg rallied.

The Blackcats trailed 57-53 after three quarters and Chattanooga Christian built an eight-point lead early in the fourth quarter before Prestonsburg cut the lead to two behind the play of Nick Jamerson and Sean Leslie. Prestonsburg tied the score late and Chattanooga Christian actually had a shot to win in regulation but it wouldn't go down at the buzzer as the Blackcats forced the overtime.

After a Chattanooga Christian basket late in the overtime to go up by one, Prestonsburg got a three-point play from Jesse Chaffin to go ahead by two. Chaffin's three-point play proved to be the game winner.

Sean Leslie tossed in 14 points on the night for the

Blackcats and the tandem of Nick Jamerson and Michael Stephens each added nine points. Chaffin finished with five points in the game including the game-winner. Kyle Ousley rounded out the scoring for Prestonsburg with four points. Prestonsburg finished the game 17-of-27 from the charity stripe while Chattanooga Christian finished the game 25-of-37 from the line.

Seneca 80, Prestonsburg 50: The Blackcats, in their second game of the tournament, suffered an 80-50 loss to Seneca High of Louisville. Seneca came into the game with a 7-1 record on the season and plenty of talent. The Redhawks raced out to a 25-9 lead after one quarter of play and never looked back. Seneca's fullcourt press caused Prestonsburg to turn the ball over eight times in the first quarter and helped the Redhawks build the big early lead. Trevor Compton led the Blackcats in

scoring with 16 points. However, a talented Seneca team proved to be too much.

Joe Blackburn came off the Prestonsburg bench to finish with 10 points and Michael Morrison provided a spark off the bench for the Blackcats with nine points, all of which came on three-pointers.

Nick Jamerson added five points for Prestonsburg and Sean Leslie finished with three. Seneca led 40-22 at the half and 59-38 after three quarters of play.

Six-foot-eight Corey Young came off the Seneca bench to toss in 18 points for the winning team. Prestonsburg got two points each from Kyle Ousley, Brooks Herrick and Nick McGuire.

After falling to Seneca, Prestonsburg dropped an additional game in the Paintsville tournament, losing 80-50 to Morgan County.

## Crown

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Paul Howard hit back-to-back three-pointers early in the second half to help the Pirates close to within 39-31 with 6:45 to play. They would get no closer.

Betsy Layne is on an upswing of sorts. The two losses Betsy Layne has suffered this season have come to Allen Central and 14th Region power Hazard.

Betsy Layne's Hall scored 17 of his points in the second half. He had solid support as well from Preston Simon who tossed in 12 while Brent Newsome hit for 11 before fouling out. Senior floorleader Jordan Kidd chipped in 10.

Belfry made 20-of-66 field goal chances for 30 percent. The Pirates were a mere five-of-26 from three-point range.

Betsy Layne was hot. The Bobcats hit for a 56 percent effort, hitting 27-of-48 shots,

including five-of-10 three-pointers.

## SCORE BY QUARTERS:

Betsy Layne (5-2).....18 18 19 - 73  
Belfry (3-5).....6 19 12 20 - 57

Scoring:  
Betsy Layne (73) - Preston Simon 1(3) 1-4 12; Brandon Kidd 1 0-0 2; Jordan Kidd 2(1) 3-3 10; Brent Newsome 4(1) 1-1 12; Brandon Hall 11 6-12 28; Derek Case 0 3-4 3; Ryan Bryant 1 0-0 2; Colbert Craft 1 0-0 2; Doug Boyd 1 0-0 2. Totals: 22(5) 14-20 73.

Belfry (57) - Paul Howard 3(3) 4-8 19; Doug Howard 0 1-2 1; Zane Smith 4 3-5 11; David Jones 3 1-2 7; Jamie Case 2(2) 2-2 12; Adam Warren 3 1-1 7; and Jordan Curry 0 0-2 0. Totals: 15(5) 12-22 57.

## Classic

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Shelby Valley made 12 of 13 free throws in the fourth quarter to beat Silver Grove in the opening round game.

The Wildcats were 21-for-25 from the charity stripe for the game. Junior Seth Kiser paced Shelby Valley with a game-high 25 points. Kiser hit on eight of nine free throws.

Kelsey Friend, in the win over Silver Grove, tossed in 21 points and jerked down nine rebounds. He hit a perfect six-of-six free throw tries.

Kris Bentley added 10 points for Valley.

Bryant McCardell paced Silver Grove with 18 points.

After a 2-1 showing in the Tiger HOOPS Classic, Shelby Valley will get back to tournament action next week in the WYMT Mountain Classic at Knott County Central High School.

## Tourney

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the nightcap at 9.

The semifinal loser's bracket will heat up at 4:30 on Friday with the winner's bracket games starting at 7:30. Saturday will be finals day with the championship game set for 6:15 at Prestonsburg High School. Several good basketball teams will be in action this weekend at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse and with the holiday season at hand, there's not a better time to catch some quality high school basketball action.

## Staff

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and most recently was an Assistant Coach for the varsity boys' basketball team at Prestonsburg High under current head coach Jackie Day Crisp.

Harris continues to get a great coaching lesson in a boys' basketball program considered by many to be the best in the state.

Bart Flener serves as head coach of the Lexington Catholic Knights.

Flener is in his second season as the head coach of Lexington Catholic boys' basketball team. Flener is a native of Cave City and a 1986 graduate of Caverna High School. While in high school, he played football, basketball, and tennis for the Caverna Colonels. In

1992, Flener began a teaching and coaching career at Eminence High School in Eminence.

Harris has an excellent head coach to learn and draw from.

In 1995, Flener was named the head basketball coach at Glasgow High School in Glasgow, Kentucky. At Glasgow High, Coach Flener compiled a record of 137-65 and won five district titles (1998-2002). His teams won the All "A" Classic 4th Region title in 2001 and 2002 and were crowned as All "A" Classic State Champions in 2001. He also coached Kentucky's 2002 Mr. Basketball, Brandon Stockton. The former Mr. Basketball now plays at the University of Kentucky.



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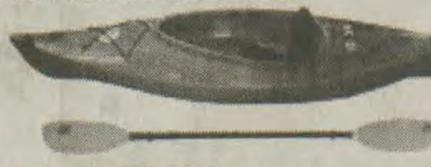
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# Ravens, Seahawks and Packers in, Vikings out

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Green Bay, Seattle and Baltimore were the last teams to make it into the NFL playoffs. The Packers have a miracle play from the duntrodden Arizona Cardinals to thank.

"I've never heard a crowd cheer that loud for a 2-minute warning before," Green Bay linebacker Nick Barnett said of the noise at Lambeau Field after fans heard that a 28-yard desperation pass from Josh McCown to Nathan Poole gave Arizona an 18-17 victory over Minnesota, knocked the Vikings out of playoff contention and put the Packers in.

It was also a day for setting records and chasing others.

Baltimore's Jamal Lewis became the fifth to rush for over 2,000 yards in a season, but fell 39 yards short of Eric Dickerson's single-season record of 2,105. Priest Holmes of the Chiefs got his mark — scoring his 26th and 27th touch-

downs of the season to break Emmitt Smith's record for rushing TDs and Marshall Faulk's for overall TDs.

The first round of the playoffs begins next Saturday with Tennessee at Baltimore and Dallas at Carolina. On Sunday, Seattle is at Green Bay and Denver at Indianapolis.

The playoffs won't include Minnesota, which had a horrible day.

The Vikings started the season with six wins but finished 3-7, losing along the way to the Giants, Raiders, Chargers and Cardinals — four teams that finished 4-12, the worst record in the league.

"You don't have any clue how much it hurts," Vikings safety Corey Chavous said.

"To be a championship team, you have to know how to finish," Minnesota quarterback Daunte Culpepper added.

Seattle (10-6) made the playoffs with a 24-17 win Saturday over San Francisco, then got in

on Sunday — the official way was by beating Dallas in a "strength of victory" tiebreaker although the Vikings loss would have put them in anyway.

The Ravens (10-6) got in as AFC North champions when Cincinnati lost 22-14 to

Cleveland, then won 13-10 in overtime at night.

The Packers won the NFC North by combining their 31-3 win over Denver with Minnesota loss in Arizona.

In the day's decisive game, Minnesota led 17-6 with two

minutes left. Arizona (4-12) cut the lead to 17-12 on McCown's fourth-down 2-yard pass to Steve Bush with 1:54 to play.

Damien Anderson recovered the onside kick for Arizona, and a 30-yard pass-interference call against Walker put the Cardinals in scoring position.

Packers 31, Broncos 3

At Green Bay, Wis., Ahman Green reeled off a 98-yard touchdown run and Brett Favre completed a hard week in which he buried his father to lead the Packers.

The Packers (10-6) had little hope of playing into January only minutes earlier. They celebrated wildly on the sideline after their crowd, listening on radios, broke into frenzied elation over the fourth-down pass in Arizona.

Denver (10-6) rested starters for its playoff game next Sunday in Indianapolis.

Green set a franchise record with 218 yards rushing and ran for two scores, giving him 20 and breaking Jim Taylor's record of 19 set in 1962.

Browns 22, Bengals 14

At Cincinnati, rookie Lee Suggs ran for 186 yards and two

touchdowns as Cleveland knocked the Bengals from playoff contention.

That allowed the Baltimore Ravens to clinch the AFC North title several hours before playing Pittsburgh in the final regular-season game.

A renaissance season ended in a gut-wrenching disappointment for the Bengals (8-8), who reverted to form in their biggest game in 13 years against a Cleveland team that finished 5-11.

Saints 13, Cowboys 7

At New Orleans, Donte' Stallworth's 76-yard touchdown reception sent Dallas into the playoffs on a down note.

The Saints (8-8), who will miss the playoffs for the third straight year, responded to a tongue-lashing from owner Tom Benson and a team meeting Friday night.

Dallas (10-6) had already clinched a playoff spot, but the loss dropped the Cowboys to the sixth seed in the NFC.

Lions 30, Rams 20

At Detroit, Joey Harrington

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## COMMENTARY

# The BCS comes to the NFL

by DAVE GOLDBERG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Josh McCown and Nathan Poole saved the NFL from the embarrassment of having its last playoff spot determined by a BCS-type tiebreaker.

Josh and Nathan are among the many no-names on the Arizona Cardinals, sometimes known as "Emmitt Smith and 52 other guys."

But by combining on a 28-yard touchdown pass to give the Cardinals an improbable 18-17 win over Minnesota, they allowed this season's playoff berths to be decided by the most definitive of tiebreakers: season record.

Green Bay won the NFC North at 10-6. Minnesota was eliminated at 9-7. That got rid of the "strength of victory" formula, which would have put in Seattle over the Packers even though Green Bay won their regular-season meeting 35-13.

Why would Seattle have gotten in? Because Buffalo lost and Philadelphia won on Saturday, and Dallas lost and Detroit and Cleveland won on Sunday.

Who cares that Detroit, Cleveland and Buffalo were losing teams long gone from the playoff race, or that the Bills and Browns aren't even in the NFC?

It would have been like Southern Cal losing position in the BCS because of wins by Syracuse and Boise State over Notre Dame and Hawaii — the guy who beat the guy who beat me gets in.

Or something like that. Now the NFL can say the playoff teams are deserving.

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## AUTO RACING

# NASCAR champ Kenseth gets hometown parade

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CAMBRIDGE, Wis. — Matt Kenseth received a hero's welcome in his hometown Saturday.

Matt Kenseth and his wife, Katie, ride on top of the Cambridge Fire Department truck during a parade honoring the NASCAR Winston Cup champ Saturday in his hometown of Cambridge, Wis. Credit: AP

The community of Cambridge, Wis. put on a parade to honor Kenseth for winning the final Winston Cup championship.

The 31-year-old Kenseth, who started out competing in local short-track races in Wisconsin, rode with his wife, Katie, on the top of a Cambridge Fire Department truck as he was greeted by people lining the streets.

Kenseth's nearly \$9.5 million in assorted winnings this year was presented at an awards dinner in New York City on Dec. 5.

Kenseth had 25 top-10 finishes in 36 races. He became the first Winston Cup champion since Benny Parsons in 1973 to win only one race.

After a mediocre 20th-place finish in the season-opening Daytona 500, Kenseth was third at Rockingham, and then picked up his lone victory, winning the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

The following week, he was fourth at Atlanta and took over the points lead.

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photo by Jamie Howell  
Prestonsburg junior Joe Blackburn (32) looked to make a move off the dribble during a Tiger HOOPS Classic game.



photo by Jamie Howell  
Prestonsburg junior Trevor Compton dribbled in front of the Morgan County defense. Prestonsburg finished the Tiger HOOPS Classic with an 80-50 loss to Morgan County.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Pitino notches "best win ever"

by CHRIS DUNCAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Rick Pitino won 109 games at Rupp Arena when he coached Kentucky, but none were bigger than the one he got there on Saturday.

He guided No. 20 Louisville to a 65-56 upset of the second-ranked Wildcats on the same floor where he rebuilt Kentucky to national prominence from 1989-97.

"My best win ever," Pitino said simply.

As the final seconds ticked away and the boisterous capacity crowd finally quieted, Pitino walked to midcourt and embraced Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, his former assistant and the man who succeeded him in Lexington.

Pitino, who still wears the NCAA championship ring he won with Kentucky in 1996, kept his head down as he walked off the floor to the locker room — through the home team's tunnel.

"We had that special moment that happens once in your lifetime," he said.

Pitino guided the Wildcats to three Final Fours. He said Saturday's win equalled those accomplishments.

"Winning a championship or going to a Final Four is much more significant and important," he said. "But what this team had to overcome in terms of the amount of respect we have for Kentucky is the best moment I've had with a basketball team."

Before the game, Pitino, wearing a black suit and a red tie decorated with tiny horses, joined Smith in the tunnel under the stands.

Pitino urged Smith, still one of his closest friends, to take the floor before him. Smith did, to wild cheers from the capacity crowd.

He followed Smith seconds later — surrounded by a police escort. He smiled broadly and shook hands with a few blue-clad fans before reaching Louisville's bench.

The rest of the Kentucky faithful peppered him with boos — but the noise didn't reach the level it did two years ago when Pitino was in his first season as the Cardinals' coach.

"I expect to be booed because I'm the visitor," Pitino said. "When people boo you, it's a compliment."

Two years ago, Pitino's face was drawn and frowning as fans were relentless in their deafening barrage of vicious insults.

He came out the home team's

entrance that day, too.

The Wildcats won the 2001 meeting 82-62. By game's end, the crowd was chanting "TUB-BEE, TUB-BEE!!" saluting Smith.

Kentucky officials have since added a student cheering section behind one basket at Rupp Arena. The students were ready to pounce on Pitino again Saturday with jeers and a creative assortment of hand-made signs.

One read, "University of Leftovers." Another had a picture of Pitino with a phone number at the bottom: "Will coach for cash. 1-800-SELL-OUT."

The game was broadcast by CBS Sports and another sign read, "Celtics Believed in Santa, too," referring to Pitino's failed stint with the NBA's Boston Celtics from 1997-2001.

Pitino threw off the students by sneaking onto the floor from the opposite end. When the cameramen swarmed around him, Pitino emphatically waved his arms with a broad smile and told them, "Get out of here!"

Pitino got another loud round of boos when he was introduced before the game.

"I loved this place for eight years and I got treated like royalty," said Pitino, now in his 18th season as a head coach. "Now, I'm not supposed to be treated like royalty."

The Cardinals seemed more rattled than their coach at the start of the game, falling behind 24-10 in the first 10 minutes.

Pitino settled them down without saying a word.

"Coach is so strong mentally. You never saw the look of fear in his eyes," sophomore guard

Taquan Dean said.

Louisville's defense took control after that, holding Kentucky to 12 field goals the rest of the way.

The Cardinals waved towels and yelled as they followed their stoic coach into the locker room after the game.

"He said it was a great victory, the greatest victory he's had as a coach," Dean said.

Pitino improved to 15-1 against former assistants who have become head coaches. Smith is still the only one to beat him.

"This is a special, special moment," Pitino said.

## 15th Region Girls' Basketball

Team	Roc.
Betsy Layne	6-4
Pike County Central	6-5
Belfry	5-4
Paintsville	5-5
Allen Central	5-5
Prestonsburg	4-6
Pikeville	3-2
Sheldon Clark	3-2
East Ridge	3-4
South Floyd	3-5
Magoffin County	3-5
Phelps	1-2
Piarist School	1-4
Johnson Central	1-9
Shelby Valley	0-5

## H.S. BASKETBALL

# South Laurel 73, Lawrence County 52

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LONDON — Host South Laurel defeated Lawrence County 73-52 Sunday in the Hoop It Up Classic.

Cam Smith scored 16 to lead three in double figures for South Laurel. Walt Allen added 12 and Trey Smith 11 in the victory.

Thomas Lewis scored 11 and Derek Endicott 10 for a struggling Lawrence County, which fell to 3-5. The Bulldogs will be in Prestonsburg later this week for the Jenny Wiley Invitational.

Lawrence County (52) — Parsons 9, Lewis 11, Copley 1, Preece 7, S.Thompson 4, J.Thompson 5, Endicott 10, Spradlin 5. PF: 15. FT: 1-5. 3-pointers: 5 (Parsons, Lewis, Spradlin, Preece, J.Thompson).

South Laurel (73) — Perkins 6, Hammonds 8, Cam Smith 16, Walt Allen 12, Marcum 4, Trey Smith 11, Nance 4, C.Riley 1, J.Riley 4, Gooden 3, Conley 4. PF: 9. FT: 17-20. 3-pointers: 4 (Hammonds 2, T.Smith, Gooden).

## 15th Region Boys' Basketball

Team	Roc.
South Floyd	6-4
Johnson Central	6-5
East Ridge	5-0
Shelby Valley	5-1
Betsy Layne	5-2
Allen Central	5-3
Sheldon Clark	5-3
Prestonsburg	4-4
Belfry	3-5
Pike County Central	3-6
Pikeville	2-5
Paintsville	1-7
Piarist School	0-3
Magoffin County	0-4
Phelps	0-6

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# UConn remains perfect at home

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HARTFORD, Conn. — Emeka Okafor and Ben Gordon each scored 25 points, and top-ranked Connecticut defeated Ball State 101-62 on Sunday.

Okafor also had 14 boards for his sixth double-double of the season and the 34th in his three years with the Huskies (9-1).

Denham Brown added 20 points for the Huskies. Taliek Brown led UConn with eight assists and has 23 assists and just three turnovers the last three games.

Cameron Echols scored 22 points for the Cardinals (3-5), whose losing streak reached four games.

UConn, which has won six straight, remained unbeaten at home.

No. 5 Arizona 107, Liberty 91

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona sophomore Andre Iguodala had 13 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists for his second triple-double of the season, and only the eighth in school history, leading

the fifth-ranked Wildcats in the first round of the Fiesta Bowl Classic.

The Wildcats (7-1) will meet Louisiana-Lafayette for the championship Tuesday.

Arizona is 35-1 in its holiday tournament, losing by one point to Mississippi State in the 2000 title game — the only Fiesta Classic game Hall of Fame coach Lute Olson has missed. Olson was at the bedside of his critically ill wife.

Serbian recruit Ivan Radenovic had 17 points and nine rebounds in his college debut, and Salim Stoudamire scored 17 points for Arizona — which has won six in a row.

Reserve David Dees had 18 points to lead Liberty (3-8), which trailed by at least 30 points for most of the second half until outscoring the Wildcats 24-7 in the final five minutes.

No. 9 North Carolina 71, North Carolina Wilmington 54

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Melvin Scott scored 19 points and overshadowed teammate

Raymond Felton's homecoming, leading No. 9 North Carolina over North Carolina Wilmington.

Felton, a sophomore star for the Tar Heels (7-1), won two state titles at Latta High, about an hour's drive from the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, site of the game.

But while Felton struggled to find his range early, Scott hit four 3-pointers and finished a point off his career best.

Scott and Felton put North Carolina Wilmington (4-4) away at the start of the second half with a 12-5 run.

Anthony Terrell led the Seahawks with 15 points.

No. 17 Syracuse 81, N.C.-Asheville 63

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Hakim Warrick scored 18 points and Billy Edelin had 11 points and a career-high 11 assists to lead No. 17 Syracuse.

It was the seventh straight win for the Orangemen (7-1) and the sixth loss in seven games for North Carolina-Asheville (2-8).

Gerry McNamara hit five 3-pointers and finished with 17 points, Josh Pace had 10 points and seven rebounds and freshman Darryl Watkins had a season-high eight points and four of the Orangemen's 14 blocks.

Joseph Barber topped the Bulldogs with 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Bryan McCullough and Chad Mohn each had nine points.

Florida St. 79, No. 24 Maryland 75

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. —

Alexander Johnson's ferocious dunk sparked a 16-2 run midway through the second half, and Florida State bounced back from its lone loss of the season.

Florida State (11-1, 1-0 ACC) blew a 14-point lead early in the game and fell behind 56-51 in the second half before the run gave the Seminoles a 67-58 lead with 6:20 left.

Johnson's dunk gave Florida State the lead at 57-56 with 8:48 left as the Seminoles snapped a five-game losing streak against

Maryland dating back to the 1999-2000 season and won their first conference opener in four seasons.

Johnson led Florida State with 14 points and Tim Pickett added 13, all in the second half. The Seminoles started the season with 10 straight wins before losing 63-56 to Pittsburgh last Monday.

Nik Caner-Medley, John Gilchrist and Chris McCray all scored 15 points for Maryland (7-3, 0-1).

## South Laurel overpowers Knott

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LONDON — South Laurel was too much for Knott County Central from the opening tip. Sophomore center Walt Allen tossed in 22 points to lead the host Cardinals (6-2) past Knott County Central in the Hoopin' It Up Holiday Classic.

Junior guard Derrick Miller led Knott County Central (1-3) with 15 points.

Head coach Jeff Honeycutt and Knott Central entered the current season with high hopes following much progress made during the 2002-03 campaign.

South Laurel led Knott Central 23-16 at the end of the

first period and 39-31 at half-time. The Cardinals outscored the Patriots, coached by Rhett Gibson, 19-6 in the third period and 21-8 in the final frame to post the win.

Allen Central 78, Gilbert, W.Va. 59

BELFRY — Allen Central led Gilbert, W.Va. (2-2) 19-8 through one quarter and 45-19 at halftime en route to a 78-59 victory in the consolation game of the Mountain Schoolboy Classic

at Belfry High School.

Senior Rossi Samons pumped in a team-high 22 points to lead Allen Central (5-3). Junior Ryan Hammonds was close behind for the Runnin' Rebels with 20 points. Tim Griffith chipped in 15 points for Allen Central.

Austin Francis and Justin Hall each finished with eight points apiece.

Allen Central dominated the game, outscoring its West Virginia counterpart in every quarter except the last one.



Betsy Layne celebrated a championship victory over Belfry.

photo by Jamie Howell

## Mountain Top Ten

Girls

1. Perry Co. Central
2. Whitesburg
3. Rockcastle County
4. Jackson County
5. Betsy Layne
6. Pulaski County
7. South Laurel
8. Knott County Central
9. Clay County
10. Cawood

Boys

1. Hazard
  2. Shelby Valley
  3. Clay County
  4. Pulaski County
  5. South Laurel
  6. Breathitt County
  7. North Laurel
  8. Perry Central
  9. Bell County
  10. Knox Central
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## NFL

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although that's questionable, too.

St. Louis, which gained the home-field advantage in the NFC playoffs when the Eagles stumbled against San Francisco last week, gave it right back by allowing Detroit to outscore it 20-0 in the first 15:31 of the second half. It was the fifth win this season for the Lions, equaling their output in 2001 and 2002 combined.

"We came out flat," said defensive end Grant Wistrom, who added that the Rams had been flat in practice last week. "It was evident when we warmed up and on the first snap

That may say something about the Rams' playoff hopes.

The Packers, for example, were anything but flat even though they knew when they started that to get into the playoffs, they needed the normally dismal Cardinals to upset Minnesota. Granted, the Packers were playing the Broncos, who had clinched their wild-card spot and rested Jake Plummer, Clinton Portis and other starters. But they still played with intensity.

But the bottom line remains that the NFL came out of this lucky.

It put in the "strength of victory" tiebreaker scenario before last season, when it went to eight four-team divisions. The idea was to identify the stronger team when it got down to the fourth or fifth tiebreaker.

Yet it would have let Seattle make the playoffs over a team that had beaten it badly.

And the tiebreakers don't always identify the best team.

Yes, a couple of weeks ago, the Patriots had the second-best "strength of schedule" percentage in the NFL. And New England finished 14-2, the NFL's best record.

But who had the best percentage at that point? The Giants.

And they finished 4-12, tied with Oakland, San Diego and Arizona for the NFL's worst record.

Maybe the Cardinals' win over the Vikings moved them ahead of the Patriots.

Here's an idea for the NFL: Can that tiebreaker!

## Out

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threw three touchdown passes as the Lions (5-11) knocked St. Louis from the top spot in the NFC with 20 points in a span of 15:31 in the second half.

The top-seeded team now is Philadelphia, also 12-4, but with a better conference record after beating Washington on Saturday night. Colts 20, Texans 17

At Houston, Mike Vanderjagt kicked his NFL-record 41st consecutive field goal, a 43-yarder as time expired, giving the Colts the AFC South title. Vanderjagt went 37-for-37 this season.

The Colts (12-4) trailed 17-3 before rallying. Peyton Manning's 5-yard TD pass to Brandon Stokely tied it following an interception by Donald Strickland.

Chiefs 31, Bears 3  
At Kansas City, Mo., Holmes scored twice, erasing NFL records by Smith and Faulk.

The Chiefs (13-3) were already locked into the No. 2 seed and guaranteed a first-round bye in the AFC playoffs. The Bears finished 7-9.

Titans 33, Buccaneers 13  
At Nashville, Tenn., Steve McNair stayed on the sideline, resting his aching legs for the playoffs as Neil O'Donnell threw two touchdown passes to Derrick Mason in his first start since Sept. 23, 2001.

Gary Anderson kicked four field goals for the Titans (12-4) as Tampa Bay (7-9) became the first Super Bowl champion to finish with a losing record.

Dolphins 23, Jets 21  
At Miami, Olindo Mare kicked a 22-yard field goal with 3 seconds left to give the Dolphins the win.

Miami (10-6) became the first team since Philadelphia and

San Francisco in 1991 to win 10 games and miss the playoffs. Their disappointing season has left coach Dave Wannstedt's job in jeopardy.

The Jets (6-10) closed out their first losing season since 1996 and their first under Herman Edwards.

Falcons 21, Jaguars 14  
At Atlanta, Michael Vick threw two touchdown passes, including a 44-yarder to Peerless Price on the Falcons' first flea-flicker of the season.

Atlanta (5-11) improved to 3-1 since Vick returned to the starting lineup. After breaking his leg in the preseason, he missed the first 10 games, then played sparingly in a loss to Houston.

Fred Taylor rushed for 121 yards for the Jaguars (5-11).

Panthers 37, Giants 24  
At East Rutherford, N.J., Jake Delhomme threw two touchdown passes as former Giants assistant John Fox and his Panthers won in coach Jim Fassel's final game after seven seasons in New York.

Steve Smith scored on a 53-yard punt return, Ricky Manning Jr. returned an interception 27 yards for a score and John Kasay kicked three field goals. The loss was the eighth straight for the Giants (4-12).

Chargers 21, Raiders 14  
At San Diego, LaDainian Tomlinson rushed 31 times for a career-high 243 yards and two touchdowns to close an otherwise miserable season for the Chargers (4-12).

Tomlinson has four career 200-yard games, tying him for second place all-time with Jim Brown, Earl Campbell and Barry Sanders. The record is six,

by O.J. Simpson.

The Raiders (4-12) ended a season of internal strife without cornerback Charles Woodson and running back Charlie Garner who were inactive because of a violation of team rules.

In Saturday games:  
Eagles 31, Redskins 7

At Landover, Md., Philadelphia's win combined with the Rams' loss got the Eagles back the home-field advantage they had lost a week earlier by losing to San Francisco. Donovan McNabb completed 23 of 32 passes for 242 yards and three touchdowns, and ran for another score. But the Eagles (12-4) lost all-purpose running back Brian Westbrook with torn triceps muscle.

Patriots 31, Bills 0  
At Foxboro, Mass., Tom Brady threw four touchdown passes as New England (14-2) secured home-field advantage in the AFC. Brady's four touchdowns went to four different receivers as the Patriots atoned for an opening-day loss to Buffalo (6-10) by the same score.

Seahawks 24, 49ers 17  
At San Francisco, Matt Hasselbeck passed for 315 yards for the Seahawks (10-6). The win, which ensured them a post-season berth, was only their second on the road this season and the first home loss for the 49ers (7-9).

## Pet Adoption Corner

Whether you're looking for a playful puppy or an indoor cat, the Floyd County Animal Shelter is sure to have just the pet for you! If any of the animals here catch your eye, please drop by the shelter to meet them, and if they've already been adopted, to meet their friends!

If you'd thought of getting a pet this holiday season but haven't yet, the shelter still has thirty puppies to choose from this week, of many different breeds and sizes! The two shown below are a shy female beagle-mix puppy and a boisterous female Blue Tick hound, both ready to be adopted today! If either of them caught your eye, come to the shelter today, before they're snapped up!



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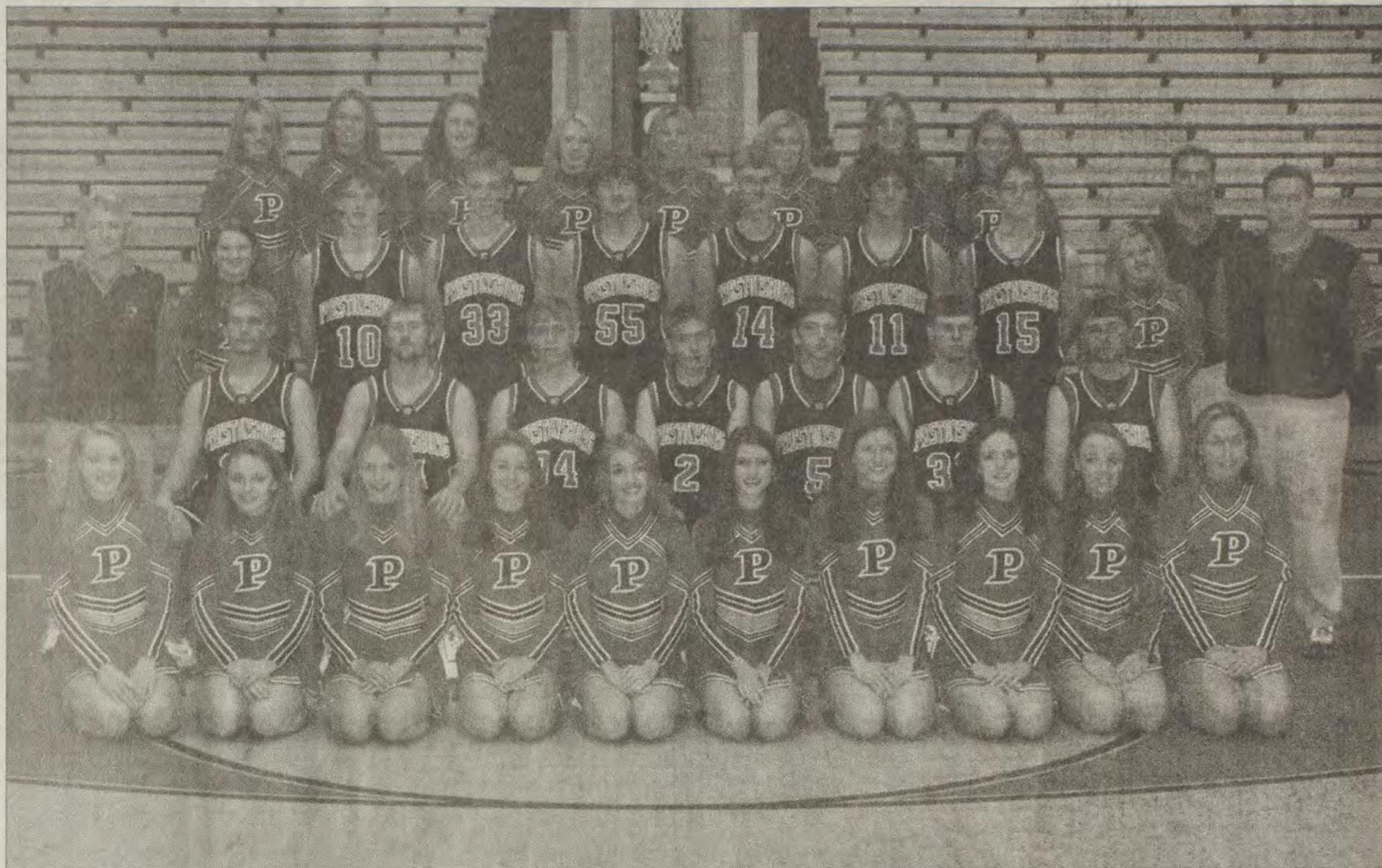
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# GAMES OF THE WEEK

## Jenny Wiley Invitational

This week's Games of the Week page gives the spotlight to the Jenny Wiley Invitational. Eight boys' basketball teams, including host Prestonsburg, and Sheldon Clark, a team out of the 57th District, will do battle for the tournament crown. Play in the tournament gets underway Thursday.



JENNY WILEY INVITATIONAL TO RETURN

The Jenny Wiley Invitational will return Thursday at Prestonsburg High School when eight teams begin play in the renewed tournament. Host Prestonsburg is fresh off an appearance in the Tiger HOOPS Classic at Paintsville High School. The Blackcats, coached by Jackie Day Crisp, have eyes set on a Jenny Wiley Invitational title.

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## State tightens standards in child care facilities

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FRANKFORT—The state is revising its safety standards for the bedding used by children in day care.

New bedding standards for certified in-home child care providers took effect on January 1. The Cabinet for Families and Children is proposing similar revisions of bedding standards for day care centers and other licensed providers.

The regulatory changes require that cribs and playpens meet Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards in effect since February 1974. Among other things, those

standards specify that the spacing between crib slats or poles should be no more than 2 3/8 inches, which is about the width of a soda can.

The changes follow the death of an 8-month-old girl in September at a Northern Kentucky in-home child care facility. Autopsy results showed the child died of suffocation, and a Kenton County coroner said the slats were too widely spaced to meet current safety standards. The home was ordered closed and supervision and safety violations were cited.

Robin Herring, standards branch manager in the cabinet's child care division, said the child's death drew attention to the need for clearer standards on bedding safety. Then-current standards required that bedding be "safe" but did not specify what that meant. "And I think we realized that people were interpreting that in many ways," Herring said.

At the time of the child's death, standards governing certified providers were already being amended, a process that involves review by two legislative committees. New language on bedding was included in time to make it through that approval process.

Similar changes in the regulations that govern licensed child care providers are still being drafted. Final approval of those could take place by mid-2004.

The state regulates four classes of child-care providers: registered homes, which may care for up to three children unrelated to the caregiver; certified homes, which are limited to six unrelated children; licensed homes, limited to 12

unrelated children; and licensed day care centers, where enrollment limits depend on staffing and facilities.

Statewide, there are 9,389 registered providers, 1,135 certified providers and about 2,300 licensed providers. Certified and licensed child care providers are inspected annually.

Herring said that, beginning in January, inspectors of certified homes will begin using cards cut to the maximum approved width to measure distances between crib slats and bars.

If child bedding falls short of the CPSC standards, child care providers will have 30 days to correct the deficiency. Herring said the provider must bear the cost of any replace-

ment bedding.

She said slat spacing shouldn't be an issue in cribs that are less than 30 years old.

"The problem is, we've got a lot of providers out there that don't necessarily buy new cribs," she said. "They might go to a rummage sale and buy a crib, or you might get an heirloom handed down to you. And it's those cribs that are out there that are the problem."

Registered child care providers are not subject to state inspection. The child care division will send them information on bedding safety standards and encourage them to comply.

Division staff advise parents to inform themselves about bedding safety standards and inspect the bedding that a child care provider proposes

using for their child. Current CPSC standards include the following crib safety features:

- A maximum 2 3/8 inches between the slats or poles to ensure that infants will not slip through feet-first and be caught by the head;
- standardized crib sizes and snugly fitting mattresses so that a child cannot become wedged between the sides of a crib and the mattress;
- A rail height of 26 inches from the top of the railing to the mattress support at its lowest level to help prevent infants from falling out of the crib.

The following Web sites contain additional bedding safety tips: <http://www.nsc.org/library/facts/cribtips.htm>; <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/5030.html>.

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## Wallen named Cintas plant manager

Leigh Wallen, the daughter of Linzie and Christina Hunt, of Cow Creek, was recently promoted to plant manager of Cintas, Location 68, of Clay City. Wallen's promotion came following her stepping in to keep plant operations running smoothly after former manager, Rita Holder, fell ill in January, 2002. As a result of her hard work in the three months following Holder's absence, Wallen was awarded the corporation's Spartan Recognition Award in August, 2002.

In September, 2002, Holder fell ill once again and Wallen

was again called upon to keep plant operations moving forward. Todd Racer, assistant director of manufacturing, said that Wallen showed "excellent judgment" and kept the plant on an "even keel" during a difficult time. He described Wallen's promotion as "one of the smoothest transitions of management" that he had ever been involved in.

Wallen was hired by Cintas in November, 1995 in the role

of human resources manager, following 12 years spent as a real estate agent and four years spent with Calandra Industries.

Wallen attended the University of Kentucky and currently resides in Winchester with her husband, James. The couple have two children, Rayna and James.

Her promotion to plant manager was made official on November 11.

## Terry receives one of seven WIA Alumni Excellence awards



Kathy Terry

received her award at the Workforce Investment Act Awards Luncheon, held in Lexington. Terry is a registered nurse employed by Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Prior to her employment with PMH, she participated in WIA programs provided through the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, in Prestonsburg, under contract with Eastern Kentucky C.E.P., Inc. (EKCEP). Terry received critical financial assistance from the WIA Title I Adult program, which allowed her to enroll in college and earn her nursing degree. The program helps pay for needed expenses such as textbooks and travel expenses. For more information on the WIA and its programs, you may search the web at: <http://www.jobstight.org>

Kathy Terry, of Langley, was recently presented with one of seven Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Alumni Excellence awards for the year 2003. Terry

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### POISON OAK

## Keeping an eye on the sky

On the Weather Channel, you get complete and accurate local forecasts "on the eights." Or, you might want to go look out the window. In both cases, you can get a pretty good idea of what it's doing.



Clyde Pack

"It's snowing," the prognosticator might say. Or, "It looks like it might come a gooden."

It hasn't been that long ago, however, when The Weather Channel was nothing more than science fiction, if that, and

weather forecasts were more or less left up to The Farmer's Almanac or Uncle Jake's arthritic knee. But even the ole almanac might have proven too high tech for some of our earlier eastern Kentucky ancestors who, through necessity, had to keep an eye on the sky in order to grow the food that fed their families.

For nearly 20 years, I have been a collector (of sorts) of old-time cures and superstitions, and have found it extremely interesting, sometimes, even fascinating, to learn how my grandfather, and even his grandfather, predicted the weather.

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

by KATHY J. PRATER  
 FEATURES EDITOR

The hustle and bustle of Christmas is now over, soon to be followed by fireworks and laughter as we welcome in the New Year. Here at the Times, we wish you a safe and happy new year. Hope you enjoy the following recipes at your holiday gathering.

### Pineapple Cream Cheese Ball

Ingredients:  
 2 (8 oz.) packages cream cheese,

softened  
 1 (8 1/2 oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained  
 2 c. chopped pecans  
 1/4 c. chopped green pepper  
 1 Tbsp. chopped onion  
 1 Tbsp. seasoning salt

#### Method:

Cream the cream cheese and stir in pineapple. When smooth, add 1 cup nuts, green pepper, onion and seasoning salt. Chill. Form into 2 balls and roll each ball in remainder of pecans to coat surfaces. Chill until ready for serving. (Set out

until room temperature just before serving.) Serve with raw vegetables/crackers.

### Cheesy Cheese Ball

Ingredients:  
 1 small package cream cheese  
 1 jar sharp cheese  
 1 jar smokey cheese  
 1 jar Bleu cheese  
 2 tsp. onion juice  
 4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
 2 c. chopped pecans

#### Method:

Cream together all cheeses until

smooth. Add onion juice and Worcestershire sauce. Chill for several hours. Form into a ball and roll ball in pecans until completely covered. Serve with crackers or vegetables.

### Crunchy Cheese Ball

Ingredients:  
 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened  
 1 tsp. minced onion  
 1/4 tsp. dry mustard  
 1/4 c. mayonnaise

(See NEW, page three)

## HRMC New Arrivals

Dec. 12, 2003

A daughter, Gracelan Lashey Spears, to Misty and William Spears

Dec. 16, 2003

A son, Logan Dakota Hadley, to Misty Renee LeMaster

Dec. 17, 2003

A son, Weslyn Jayce O'Brian, to Angela and Jason O'Brian

Dec. 17, 2003

A son, Quinton Seth Robinson, to Jessica and James Robinson Jr.

Dec. 17, 2003

A daughter, Haley Brooke Castle, to Krystal and Timmy Castle

Dec. 18, 2003

A son, Ethan Michael Jacobs, to Samantha Lynn Gross

Dec. 18, 2003

A son, Shayne Dalton Hunt, to Traci and Shig Hunt

Dec. 19, 2003

A son, Seth Tyler Carson McKinney, to Sheila and Marty McKinney

Dec. 19, 2003

A son, Nicholas Eugene Jude, to Kimmie and Virgil Jude

Dec. 20, 2003

A son, John Douglas Jayden Tackett, to Margaret and John Tackett

Dec. 20, 2003

A son, James Dalton Aaron Triplett, to Ashley Prater

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### CRITTER CORNER

## Doggie Resolutions

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

I had no intention of cheating this week by dipping into my supply of "funnies". I had planned to write about Mad Cow Disease, but when I started researching the subject I quickly realized that I was in over my head. The whole field of virology has changed since my days in vet

school; I have put the article on hold for a week or so while I do some catching up.

Anyhow, since I had this material and no idea for an alternate subject for a serious article, here goes!

### The Dog's New Year's Resolutions

I will not jump through the open car window and into the

fast food restaurant, no matter how good it smells.

I must remember that the computer mouse is, unlike a real mouse, inedible.

I will stop trying to find the few remaining pieces of carpet in the house when I am about to throw up.

I will not roll on dead things.

(See CRITTER, page three)



This is "Robert," a white German Shepherd. Owners Thomas and Julia Jones, of Langley, say that he is "huge" and that he "frightens visitors by walking up to their cars and looking them in the eye." "This is his way of saying hello and welcome," writes Julia, "when Tommy comes out to tell visitors it's ok to get out, Bob wags his tail and happily accepts pats on the head." Julia also shares that Robert "adores Tommy and follows him every where he goes."

# School Calendar

## ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

\*\*School is currently collecting Food City receipts! Please send them in now through March.\*\*

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activities, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley, Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

## ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

\*\*NOTICE\*\* School is now collecting Food City receipts. Students may bring receipts to homeroom teachers, or parents/community members may drop off at office.

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school

day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

## ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

## 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

\*\*Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These 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 now collecting Food City receipts. Please help

our school receive new computers and technological equipment through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to the school office.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

## MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video

check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

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

## MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

\*\*School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment for the school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them off at the school office or sending them with a student.\*\*

■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ Feb. 17 - Communication & Children.

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All

parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity. 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

■ Jan. 5 - SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., in school auditorium.

■ The Family Resource 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.

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# YESTERDAYS

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

## Ten Years Ago

(Jan. 5 and Jan. 7, 1994)

Floyd County School Board member Hattie Owens has apparently vacated her seat on the board with her acceptance of a job with the county road department. At Monday's Floyd Fiscal Court meeting, Owens was hired as a crew leader for the road department at \$9.40 per hour, a job that is incompatible under state law with her position as a member of the board of education...Last week's decision to double residential and commercial garbage rates, beginning January 1, by the Floyd County Solid Waste Commission is expected to be challenged in circuit court by the Floyd County Attorney. During Monday's Floyd Fiscal Court meeting, County Attorney Jim Hammond accused members of the solid waste commission of "misfeasance, malfeasance and nonfeasance" in the performance of their duties and vowed to fight the rate increase in court...In addition to a somewhat heated debate about the increase in monthly garbage disposal rates, Floyd County Fiscal Court members also, on Monday, filled several vacant and new positions in county government. One position filled, which has been vacant for the past several years, was the position of deputy judge-executive. The court approved hiring James Crawford Stumbo, son of Judge Executive John M. Stumbo, to be second in command...Old Man Winter got real old, real fast, Tuesday. As a winter storm swept through much of eastern Kentucky early Tuesday, dumping as much as ten inches of heavy snow on some parts of Floyd County, emergency crews throughout the area scrambled from place to place to address problems created by the storm...The new year is less than a week old, but for some political hopefuls it may be later than they think. The filing deadline for the May primary is just 21 days away but, with just two races to be decided, the path to the office of Kentucky's Secretary of State is anything but crowded...The Kentucky Election Law Review Committee, co-chaired by Attorney General Chris Gorman and Secretary of State Bob Babbage, held its second public hearing, Monday, in the Floyd County courthouse district courtroom. The committee has been reviewing state election laws, and identifying problems that lend themselves to vote fraud, and proposing solutions...Firefighters examined the scene of an accident on Route 1428, Monday, that sent Anna Ousley, of Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, and Carolyn Jones, of Prestonsburg, to Highlands Regional Medical Center where they were treated for minor injuries and released...Prestonsburg fire department and police personnel closed the Cliff

Road, Tuesday morning, after officials feared a power pole would collapse and break power lines in the area. The road stayed closed for most of the day and Kentucky Power personnel worked to stabilize the pole...Floyd County officials have voluntarily stopped taking trash to the Pike County landfill until an agreement can be reached on how much money is owed to the Pike County Solid Waste Commission...The flag at the Floyd County Courthouse was lowered to half mast, Wednesday night, as a show of respect for Floyd Circuit Court Judge Harold Stumbo, who died Wednesday afternoon. Stumbo, 63, died of cardiopulmonary complications at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg...The death of Floyd Circuit Judge Harold Stumbo on Wednesday has created a judicial vacancy in Floyd Circuit Court, that will be filled by special election. The deadline for filing for the vacancy is January 25...While most of the county was digging out of the heavy snow left by Tuesday's winter storm, several areas of the county remained without power, Thursday. Power outages were reported at Eastern, Middle Creek and David...The residence of Hurley Samons, of Arkansas Creek, was destroyed, Wednesday in an afternoon fire that had firefighters battling not only fire, but road conditions. Prestonsburg City Council will meet in special session today, Friday, in a last-ditch effort to resolve a federal civil rights suit filed three years ago by members of the city's fire department. A trial on the issue is slated to begin Monday, in U.S. District Court in Pikeville...There died: Dennis Jones, 83, of Beaver, Friday, December 30, at his residence; Georgia Shannon Howard, 68, of Garrett, December 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Elsie Long Frasure, 81, of Martin, Sunday, January 2, at her residence; Bruce Cornett, 75, of Hindman, December 23, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Alka Adams Holbrook, 92, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, January 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ethel Gibson Calhoun, 67, of Sloans Valley, Saturday, January 1, at Midtown Care Home; Ada Osborne, 75, of Martin, Thursday, December 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Myrtle Keene Hunter, 85, of Betsy Layne, January 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Laura Davis Mollette, 78, resident of the Salyersville Health Care Center, Thursday, December 30, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center; Ernest "Ernie" Dean Henry, 45, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Minnie, Sunday, January 2, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Martha Ann Dobson, 86, of Hindman, December 19, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Margie S. Bradshaw, 85, of Alexandria, formerly of

McDowell, Saturday, January 1, at the Alexandria Hospital; Dannie Ray Johnson, 34, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, January 1, at his residence; John M. Conn, 90, of Tram, Monday, January 3, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Jack Stumbo, 68, of Printer, Sunday, January 2, at his residence; Glen Branham, 40, of Romulus, Michigan, formerly of Wheelwright, Friday, December 31, at his residence; Hazel Bentley, 75, of Printer, Saturday, January 1, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Tressie M. May, 77, of Langley, Wednesday, December 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Andrew B. Smith, 79, of Leburn, December 29, at the Knott County Nursing Home, Hindman; Aster Ray Collins, 65, of McDowell, Tuesday, January 4, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Earnest Dewey Mulkey, 43, of Albion, Michigan, January 4, at Albion Community Hospital; Kermit Sparkman, 79, of Farmers, Tuesday, January 4, at St. Claire Medical Center, Morehead; Milford Hall, 86, of Willard, Ohio, Monday, January 3, at the Quality Care Nursing Center; Hattie Reedy, 89, of Bevinville, Tuesday, January 4, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Harold James Stumbo, 63, of Prestonsburg, January 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

## Twenty Years Ago

(January 11, 1984)

Snow blanketed the county...Forty employees are to be laid off at Highlands Regional Medical Center, as payments and occupancy are down...The Floyd County Board of Education asked for a three percent increase in utility tax, in a bid to gain needed revenue...Fire damaged four houseboats moored at the Jenny Wiley boat dock. Damage is estimated to be in the million dollar area...Simultaneous raids on two apartments in the Cliffside housing project, Monday, resulted in two arrests; Rose Mary Lafferty, 24, was booked for trafficking in marijuana, and Bobby McAllister, was charged for receiving stolen property, when they seized a quantity of marijuana and some stolen silverware...There died: Charlie Hale, 77, of Martin, last Wednesday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Virgie Hamilton, 94, of McDowell, last Wednesday, at the home of her daughter; Pearl Martin, 80, of Galveston, Saturday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Frank B. Conley, 67, of Lackey, last Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Brett Inmon, infant son of Buford and Karen Renee Inmon of Martin, December 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Aggie Isaacs, 60, of Teaberry, January 4, at her home; James Edward Salisbury, 47,

of Harold, Sunday, at his home; Julia Lee Hackworth, 77, of Bonanza, last Thursday, in Paintsville; John Lee Garrett, 91, of Calf Creek, Saturday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home.

## Thirty Years Ago

(January 9, 1974)

County officials got going with new four-year terms of office, Monday, and a new city administration for Prestonsburg took office at induction ceremonies conducted at City Hall, Monday evening...Jackson, Mich., police said, Tuesday, that two of three persons found dead in a home there, late Sunday night, had been, shot to death, and that the third, apparently their slayer, was Charlie Miller, 74, formerly of this county...Removal of the D. & D. Car Wash and associated service station to a new location, was begun this week, to make way for a major food outlet at the corner of Patton Street and North Lake Drive...Gwen Clark, 17-year-old Betsy Layne senior, was crowned homecoming queen during halftime activities at Betsy Layne High School's recent game with Wheelwright...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby J. Flanery, of Ligon, a daughter, Dec. 24, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital...There died: Mrs. Mary Jane Anderson, 78, of McDowell, Dec. 29, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital (MARH); Mrs. Eunice M. Rickard, 75, Prestonsburg native, Dec. 26, at Letart, W.Va.; Mrs. Mary Emma Richmond, 92, of St. Paul, Va., sister of Mrs. Ethel Gravely Heinze, of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday, at Bristol; James Edward (Red) Slone, 46, Friday, at his home at "Winchester," south of here; Miss Minnie Hoover, 67, of Hueysville, last Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; William V. Woods Sr., 85, of Emma, Dec. 31, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

## Forty Years Ago

(January 9, 1964)

Three newly-elected circuit court officials were sworn in here Monday. Taking the oath of office were Circuit Judge Hollie Conley, Commonwealth's Attorney Harold J. Stumbo, and Circuit Court Clerk Frank DeRossett...Addressing the grand jury of the Floyd Circuit Court for the first time, Judge Hollie Conley served notice, Monday morning, on property owners whose tenants are bootlegging, to get them out...The Floyd County Board of Education voted unanimously, Saturday, to renew the contract of Superintendent Charles F. Clark for another four years...Floyd County Judge Henry Stumbo, in commenting on

(See **YESTERDAYS**, page three)

**New**

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2 c. ground cooked ham  
2 Tbsp. chopped parsley  
1/4 tsp. hot pepper sauce  
1/2 c. chopped peanuts or pistachio nuts

**Method:**  
Beat cream cheese and mayonnaise until smooth. Stir in ham, parsley, onion, mustard and pepper sauce. Cover and chill several hours. Form mixture into ball. Roll cheese ball in nuts to coat. Serve with crackers.

**Holiday Cheese Dip**

**Ingredients:**  
1 stick butter, softened  
1/2 c., plus 2 Tbsp., flour  
4 c. milk  
3 tsp. cumin seed  
6 shakes garlic powder  
1 lb. jalapeno cheese  
3 tsp. chili powder

**Method:**  
Mix together softened butter, flour and milk until smooth. Combine with remaining ingredients.

**Seven Layer Dip**

2 (16 oz.) cans refried beans  
1 pkg. taco seasoning mix  
1 (6 oz.) carton avocado dip  
1 (8 oz.) carton sour cream  
1 (4 1/2 oz.) can chopped ripe olives  
2 large tomatoes, diced  
1 medium onion, finely chopped  
1 (4 oz.) can chopped green chilies  
10 oz. Cheddar cheese, shredded

**Method:**  
Combine beans and taco mix in bowl, mixing well. Spread evenly in 9 x 13-inch pan. Layer remaining ingredients in order listed (avocado dip, sour cream, olives, tomatoes, onion, green chilies, and cheese). Serve with large taco or corn chips.

**South of the Border Taco Dip**

**Ingredients:**  
1/2 lb. ground beef, cooked and crumbled  
1/2 lb. ground sausage, cooked and crumbled  
1 small onion, chopped medium fine  
1 or 2 (1 lb.) cans refried beans  
1 (8 oz.) jar taco sauce  
1 small can green chilies, chopped  
1 (8 oz.) Cheddar cheese or Monterey cheese, shredded  
Salt and pepper to taste

**Garnish:** Avocado dressing, sour cream, parsley, corn chips and raw onion rings.

**Method:**  
Add onion to crumbled cooked meat. Add salt and pepper. Spread in ovenproof 9 x 13-inch glass dish. Top evenly with beans, then chilies and cover with cheese (grated or shredded). Drizzle taco sauce over all and cover. (Can be refrigerated overnight at this point for making ahead.) Bake, uncovered, at 400 degrees, for 20 to 25 minutes, until hot throughout. Quickly garnish with onion,

sour cream and avocado. This recipe freezes well.

**Sweet and Sour Meatballs**

**Ingredients:**  
1 lb. lean ground beef  
1 lb. mild pork sausage  
2 c. fine bread crumbs  
2 1/4 c. onion, diced  
2 large eggs  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
2 Tbsp. oil  
3 Tbsp. cornstarch  
1/2 c. garlic vinegar  
1/2 c. pineapple juice  
3/4 c. brown sugar  
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce  
1 large green pepper, diced  
1 (20 oz.) can pineapple chunks  
1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce

**Method:**  
Combine ground beef, sausage, bread crumbs, onion, eggs, salt and pepper. Mix well and shape into 1 inch meatballs. Brown in hot oil. Drain and place meatballs in 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish.

Combine cornstarch, vinegar, drained pineapple juice and sugar. Cook over medium heat or in microwave until clear and thickened.

Combine with Worcestershire sauce, green pepper, pineapple chunks and tomato sauce. Pour over meatballs and bake in 325 degree oven for 30 to 35 minutes.

Makes about 6 dozen, depending on size of meatballs.

**Festive Fruit Salad**

**Ingredients:**  
1 (6 oz.) pkg. lime gelatin  
1 1/2 c. pineapple juice  
4 oz. cream cheese  
1 small can crushed pineapple  
1/2 c. chopped pecans  
1 c. whipped cream

**Method:**  
Bring pineapple juice to a boil. Dissolve gelatin in juice. Let cool. Cream the cream

cheese until soft. Add drained pineapple and pecans. Pour juice and gelatin into cheese mixture and mix well. Lightly fold in whipped cream; pour into bowl or mold and chill until firm.

**Holiday Fruit Salad**

**Ingredients:**  
4 apples  
4 oranges  
Grapes (green)  
1 c. chopped pecans  
1 c. chopped walnuts  
Maraschino cherries  
1/2 c. mayonnaise  
8 oz. cream cheese  
1 c. whipped cream  
1/2 c. sugar  
1 can pineapple chunks  
1/4 tsp. almond flavoring

**Method:**  
Allow cream cheese to soften to room temperature.

Cut peeled apples and oranges; section into cubes. Cut in half a few of the green grapes. Set aside.

Cream the cream cheese. Add mayonnaise and whip until fluffy. Add sugar. Whip again, then add almond flavoring. Add fruits, nuts, and sugar. Mix in whipped cream. Decorate top of fruit salad with red cherries. Place in coldest section of refrigerator to chill before serving.

**Festive Party Punch**

**Ingredients:**  
3 large pkgs. cherry jell-O  
9 c. boiling water  
4 c. sugar  
4 c. cold water  
2 (8 oz.) bottles Real Lemon juice  
2 (46 oz.) cans pineapple juice  
1 oz. almond extract  
2 quarts ginger ale

**Method:**  
Dissolve jell-O and sugar in boiling water. Add cold water, allow to cool. Add lemon juice, pineapple juice and almond extract. Mix all ingredients and

freeze in large container. Take out of freezer 3 hours before serving. Chop to make a slush. Add 2, or more, bottles ginger ale. Makes 40 cups.

**Sherbet Punch**

**Ingredients:**  
2 small cans frozen lemonade  
2 small cans frozen orange juice  
1 quart apple juice  
2 quarts ginger ale  
1 pint lemon or orange sherbet

**Method:**  
In large punch bowl, combine all juices. Add ginger ale. Spoon in sherbet. Serve immediately. Makes 40 cups.

**On New Year's Eve,**

Play a thin tune on a paper horn.  
Old is dying, New is born.

Scatter confetti over the floor,  
Sweep the old year out the door.

Blow up a wish in a bright balloon,  
Whisper your dreams to the midnight moon.

Play a loud tune on a paper horn,  
Old is dying, New is born.

-Myra Cohn Livingston

*Pageants*

**Wee Miss Red, White & Blue 1st runner-up**

DeShea Terelle Elliott, the 8 year old daughter of Michelle and David Elliott, of Martin, was named the 2003 Floyd County Wee Miss Red, White & Blue Pageant first runner-up. DeShea attends the second grade at May Valley Elementary School where she is a member of the school Pom Pom Squad. She is also an active member of the Martin Junior Pros.



**2003 Wee Miss Mini Patriotic Queen**

Destiny Tiara Elliott, the 13 month old daughter of Michelle and David Elliott, of Martin, was named the 2003 Wee Miss Mini Patriotic Queen in a pageant held at the Martin Community Center this past October 12. Destiny was also named the 2003 Wee Miss Patriotic Natural Beauty Queen winner. She received a beautiful crown, several banners and two trophies.



**Yesterdays**

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the food stamp program in this county, noted this week, that 7,000 persons are receiving aid from the stamps...Curtis Clark, former Prestonsburg mayor, was employed by the City Council, Monday night, as new city manager...A review of the first half of the 1963-64 high school basketball season in the 15th region, indicates that Wheelwright and Paintsville are the choices to dethrone Garrett as the regional champion, although John Campbell's Black Devils are still in contention...There died: James Edward Jarrell, 29, of Dwale, Tuesday, at home; Mrs. Mary Hobbs, 76, of Allen, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Magdelene Hamilton, 73, of Ligon, Monday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital (MARH); Mrs. Katie Friend, 76, of Garrett, Tuesday, at MARH; Cecil M. Bower, 74, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Hazel Estep Bailey, 61, formerly of Garrett, December 31, at LaPorte, Indiana; Eugene Hall, 58, Banner postmaster, December 21, at home; Mrs. Stella Patton, 81, former Floyd woman, Christmas Day, at Columbus, Ohio.

**Fifty Years Ago**

(January 14, 1954)

The fiscal court last, Monday, directed County Judge Henry Stumbo and County Attorney Hollie Conley, to make inquiry as to the legal procedure to follow toward getting a new courthouse built...Snow and ice closed schools and circuit court, Monday, and slowed traffic to a walk...The Inland Steel Company announced, this week, that Edwin R. Price, manager of its coal properties at Wheelwright, since 1930, will retire at the end of this month...Fire destroyed the No. 1 commissary and general appliance building of the Inland Steel Company at Wheelwright, and for a time, threatened a large section of the town...George P. Archer, cashier of the Bank Josephine here, till illness forced his retirement, was named chairman emeritus of the board of directors last week...A petition filed in county court asks a local option election for the town of Martin, February 27...Miss Mary Ordell Ray, of Bypro, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, at the University of Kentucky...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. William Harvey Howard, formerly of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Barbara Lynn, January 8, at El Paso, Texas...There died: Mrs. Liza Lewis Crum, 72, Monday, at West Prestonsburg; Mrs. Liza Hamilton, 72, Wednesday, at Teaberry; John Osborne, 70, formerly of Clear Creek, Tuesday, at Hillsboro, O.; N. F. (Bud) Potter, 84, of McDowell, last Thursday, at Grundy, Virginia; Mrs. Nellie Martin King, native Prestonsburg woman, January 1, at Huntington.

**Sixty Years Ago**

(January 13, 1944)

A feature story published in The Times, this week, says the Rev. Isaac Stratton, of Banner, has, in the 31 years of his ministry, officiated at 1,866 funerals...Melvin Anderson, 55, of McDowell, was killed, and Wayne Stumbo, of Minnie, was seriously injured, Monday, in the collision of their car with a truck near Louisa...Lt. Raymond N. Stephens, of Prestonsburg, received his "Wings" as a fighter pilot recently at Pampa, Texas...Two children died at Martin hospitals this week of burns—Ernie Moore, 2, of Gearheart, and James Walter Graham,

(See YESTERDAYS, page six)

**Oak**

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For example, they knew that if it rained on Easter Sunday, they could expect rain every Sunday for seven Sundays. Since Sundays were pretty much devoted to church going, anyway, that was probably okay by them. Of course, depending on the amount it rained, it could possibly have meant that it was too wet to plow on Monday, and they might have been able to squeeze in a chance to do a little fishing.

They were, no doubt, also ever mindful of the fact that red skies in the morning meant foul weather ahead, but if it rained before seven, it would stop by

eleven. They knew, too, that if it rained while the sun was shining, it would also rain at that exact time, the next day. When fog came up in patches, rain was on the way.

Somewhere along the way, they even learned how to avoid drought conditions. They could make it rain for three days and three nights, by killing a blacksnake and hanging it in a tree, with its belly toward the sun.

Our papaws checked out the critters, too, and was very much aware that if they saw a terrapin heading for high ground, it was a sure sign of a flood. Fair weather was ahead, if a spider spun its web close to the ground; but the higher the horns build their nests, the higher the snow would be. They also paid close attention to the type of coat the wooly worm was wearing. A heavy, dark coat meant extremely cold weather.

Wonder if they know all this stuff at The Weather Channel?

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As we move into 2004, we wish for you, rain when you need it, snow when you want it, and many days of sunshine.  
Happy New Year.

**Arrivals**

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**Dec. 21, 2003**  
A daughter, Maryssa Rayn Estep, to Victoria Boyd

**Dec. 22, 2003**  
A son, Braxton Chase Castle, to Melissa and Brian Castle

**Dec. 23, 2003**  
A son, Billy Joe Stacy, to Rodella and Billy Stacy

**Critter**

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I will not eat other animals' poop. Failing this, I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop.

I will not snack on "Kitty Box Crunchies".

I will not eat socks and then re-deposit them in the backyard after processing.

I will not eat disposable diapers, especially the used ones.

I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell him.

I will not chew crayons or pens—especially not the red ones, which tend to make my humans think I am hemorrhaging.

When in the car, I will not insist on having the window rolled down when it's raining outside.

I must shake the rainwater out of my fur BEFORE entering the house.

I will not drop soggy tennis balls in the underwear of some-

one who is sitting on the toilet.

We do not have a doorbell. I will not bark each time I hear one on TV.

I will not steal my Mom's underwear and dance all over the back yard with it.

The sofa is not a face towel. Neither are Mom and Dad's laps.

My head does not belong in the refrigerator.

I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for Mom's driver's license and car registration.

I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.

I will not roll my toys behind the fridge.

I must come to terms with the fact that the garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year!

**School**

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**SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER**

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

The center has a one-stop career station satellite 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.

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.

**STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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"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.

**WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

Jan. 5 - First day back from holiday break.

**FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE**

Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

Tuesday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

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\*All classes and materials free of charge. Feel free to contact any of the above numbers or the David School at 886-8374 for further information.

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In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Central Appalachia Mining, L.L.C., P.O. Box 2827, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a Phase III Bond release of permit number 898-4217, for increment 1, which was last issued on September 11, 2003. The application covers and area of approximately 34.38 surface acres, located two (2) miles northeast of Ivel, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1 mile north from U.S. 23 junction with Ivy Creek Road, and located 1 mile north of Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37°36'04". The longitude is 82°38'56".

The bond now in effect for increment 1, is a surety bond for five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500). Approximately one hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount of (\$5,500) is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching, completed in Fall 2003.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 30, 2004.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 2, 2004, at 10 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, located at 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 30, 2004.

This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections and requests for a public or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, by January 30, 2004.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. III C.A. NO. 02-CI-01273 ROY OUSLEY PETITIONER VS. CHARLENE OUSLEY RESPONDENT NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Orders for Sale of Property, entered on the 22nd day of September 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in connection with the divorce proceedings in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 8th day of January, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements and appurtenances, located on Bull Creek, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Tract I Commencing at the branch near Lunata Derosselt line; thence with Lunata Derosselt line to the top of the ridge to John Derosselt line to the top of the knob to S.P. Davidson line thence S. P. Davidson line to Will Gray's line; thence down the hill to the branch; thence down the branch and back to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Roy Ousley and

Charlene Ousley, his wife, by deed dated December 14, 1983, from Lila Stephens and Green Stephens, her husband, recorded in Deed Book 284, Page 476, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Tract II A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Joe Gray Branch of Bull Creek, and more particularly described as follows:

Bounded as follows: commencing at Wallis Gray line; thence with Wallace Gray's line up to the top of the ridge of Buck Wallens; thence around the ridge with the center of the ridge to Alex DeRossett line; thence to Tom Briggs line, thence down the point with Tom Briggs line to the branch the place of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Roy Ousley and Charlene Ousley, his wife, by deed dated October 18, 1983, from Estil Ousley and Lucy Ousley, his wife, recorded in Deed Book 280, Page 5, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or 10% down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd Kentucky, real

property taxes for the fiscal year 2003, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event that a lien holder herein is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the lien holder, and it shall be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Jimmy C. Webb 187 East Court Street Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 03-CI-00859 INEZ DEPOSIT BANK PLAINTIFF VS. RALPH JUSTICE AND SUNSHINE JUSTICE, HIS WIFE, AND COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF in Rem Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 17th day of November, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$56,367.84, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 8th day of January 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a corner of L.D. Hunter's lot on north side at line of Pike-Floyd Coal Company's line and to corner of lot belonging to Church of Christ; thence, south course with said Church property to stake near the branch; thence east course with said L.D. Hunter's line to the beginning, so as to include all of said lot lying in between L.D. Hunter's and the property of the Elders of or Deacons of the Church of Christ of Betsy Layne.

And being the same property conveyed to Ralph Justice and Karen Renee Coleman, by deed

dated October 19, 1998, from Billy Ray White and Renee White, which is recorded in Deed Book 426, Page 424, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office. Also, see Quitclaim Deed from Karen Renee Coleman, single, to Ralph Justice, dated the 30th day of June, 2001, which is recorded in Deed Book 461, Page 140, in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. John R. Triplett P.O. Box 2128 Inez, Kentucky 41224

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 00-CI-00394 FIRSTAR BANK, NA (F/K/A STAR BANK, NA, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO TRANS FINANCIAL BANK, NA) PLAINTIFF VS. BENNIE RAY MOORE, AS EXECUTOR FOR THE ESTATE OF RAY MOORE, DECEASED, DEBRA BRIGMON AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of

the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 17th day of June, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$13,757.67, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of January, 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 373 Middle Branch, McDowell, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT NO.1 Beginning at Sie Hall's line; thence South 150 ft. around the hill to Junior Newsome's line; thence North about 150 ft. running with Junior Newsome line to the Kindie Vanderpool's line; thence running with said Vanderpool's line to the center of a drain; thence down the drain with the Sie Hall line to the beginning.

TRACT NO.2 Beginning at fence on highway at corner of Sie Hall's line; thence across the bottom with said Sie Hall line to a stake; thence down the branch 150 ft. to a stake; thence back across bottom to fence at the highway; thence up the road as fence to the beginning. Containing 1/4 acre more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Ray Moore, widower, by deed dated June 25, 1998, and recorded in Deed Book 421, at Page 206, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes, will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Septimious Taylor 4830 Towne Square Court Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 02-CI-01216 CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. PET CONN AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Final Judgment and Order of Sale, of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 13th day of November, 2003 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of 37,172.41, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of January, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 17 Newsome Street, Martin, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being Lots 3, 4 and 5, in Block H, of the Osborne Addition to Martin, Kentucky. Deed of Conveyance from Sanford Ousley and Ann Ousley, his wife, to Ike Conn and Pet Conn, his wife, dated December 12, 1980, of record in Deed Book 252, Page 340, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed

quent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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**NOTICE OF SALE FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II ACTION NO. 01-CI-00900**

**MOUNTAIN MACHINERY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. CARBON TECH FUELS, INC. DEFENDANT**

By virtue of the Judgement entered in the Floyd Circuit Court, on the 10th day of January, 2003, the plaintiff shall proceed to offer for sale, one-half mile N.W. of the intersection of Kentucky Highway 1210 and US Highway 80, near Martin, Kentucky, in Floyd County, Kentucky, along and just north of Stephens Branch, Highway 1210, up Henry's Branch on the H.B. May heirs property; said property being encompassed in Kentucky Mine Permit Number 836-5272, to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Wednesday, January 14, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. or thereabout,

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Middlesboro Regional Office, 1804 East Cumberland Ave., Middlesboro, KY 40965. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

upon terms of full payment at the time of sale, the following described coal separator, which is being sold for the enforcement of liens in the amount of ONE HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$101,550.00) plus interest, costs, attorneys fees, and cost of sale, owned to plaintiff, Mountain Machinery, Inc., by the defendant, Carbon Tech Fuels, Inc. Said coal separator located at the aforementioned site in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Coal Separator #3, Serial Number 281-3. For more information concerning this sale, please contact Ray S. Jones, II, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1378, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, (606) 432-5777.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE** Pursuant to application number 874-9005, Renewal

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Roadside Processing, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for the renewal of a permit for a refuse disposal facility, affecting 51.15 acres, located 1.5 mile north of Greenwood, in McCreary County.

The facility is approximately three (3) miles north from U.S. 27's junction with KY 90, and located on Copperas Fork. The latitude is 36-53-02. The longitude is 84-29-58. The surface is owned by Alma Land Company and Southern Railroad.

The facility is located on the Hail and Burnside USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle map.

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**Yesterdays**

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2, of Neon...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Buck Baldrige, of David, twins, January 4; to Mr. and Mrs. John Hinton, of Allen, a son, January 9...There died: Mrs. Alonzo Hall, 70, at her home on Turkey Creek, Tuesday; Glen H. Mattingly, of Printer, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, December 28; Mrs. Callie Wells McGuire, 81, at the home of her daughter, in Prestonsburg, Friday; Noah Hall, 72, of Drift, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Monday; Mabel Kilburn, 8 years old, at home at Cracker, Wednesday.

**Seventy Years Ago**

(January 12, 1934)

County Judge W. L. Stumbo has been formally requested by Magistrates M. C. Wright, Willie Hall and Jim Clark, to call a special fiscal court session to set aside alleged misappropriations of public funds...Lewis Wells, Auxier was killed and five other persons were injured, Monday, when a car plunged over the hill near the intersection of the Auxier road with U.S. 23, at East Point...Wendell H. Nicholls assumed his duties this week as CWA disbursing agent, succeeding Carl H. Fraim who resigned recently...Union services will be held, Sunday morning, at Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, to welcome the new pastor, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug...An auto bearing the House of David basketball team to another scheduled game, crashed into another, last Thursday night, on the Mayo Trail, after the bearded wonders had swamped the Betsy Layne Red Devils. The team's car later was attached, and members were temporarily set afoot...Mrs. Ben Norris, of Martin, who took the oath as Floyd County Coroner, January 1, is the first woman ever to hold the office in this county...Mrs. Grace D. Ford was guest of honor, December 30, at a surprise birthday party given here...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Hill Jr., January 8, a son at the Wells Hospital, Paintsville; to Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Webb, a son, January 3, in Louisville...There died: Mrs. Clara Jane Maddox, 76, mother of Dock Maddox, of Martin, Tuesday, of last week, at Pikeville.

**LEGAL DEADLINES:**

- Wednesday paper, noon Friday
- Friday paper, noon Wednesday

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