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briefs

Santa rides tonight

PRESTONSBURG — Fire Chief Gary Dotson has received confirmation from the North Pole that Santa Claus will be making a brief stop at the Prestonsburg Fire Station tonight to rest his reindeer.

While the reindeer are resting, Santa will make a tour of the city aboard a fire truck, giving him a chance to see all the little boys and girls before they go to bed on Christmas Eve.

Santa's tour of Prestonsburg will begin at 5 p.m. During the tour, firefighters will give candy to the children, large and small.



photo by Tom Doty

Two members of the state Transportation Cabinet surveyed a rock slide on Route 1428 Wednesday. The cleanup is expected to last through Christmas, though power was restored to residents by Wednesday afternoon.

Rock slide to close road through Christmas

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — Route 1428 at Allen will be closed through Christmas after a rock slide blocked the road and tore down power lines along a section of the road across from Stumbo Park.

The slide included a fair amount of debris but poses a special problem for work crews as it basically stayed in one piece and will have to be broken up for disposal.

The cracks in the road which can be seen at the foot of the rock pile indicate that the road under-

neath is most likely crushed and will have to be repaired.

The slide happened around 9:30 a.m., according to reports from workers in the area. Normally the road is heavily trafficked but the mid-morning hour that saw the slide occur was a blessing, as the heaviest traffic is often over by 9 a.m.

One worker from the garage nearest the site, Floyd Gray, said, "It sounded like someone setting off a mine shot. We all bolted outside and saw power lines wobbling and heard the crack when a pole snapped."

Department of Transportation

workers were on hand and set up a roadblock one mile before the site of the slide. One department representative said, "Residents should avoid the area for the next three days. We are going to break down the boulders before we can get them transported. Sightseers and curious residents should stay clear."

One hour after the slide there was still debris occasionally falling down the side of the hill overlooking the road. Many of the rocks still in place above the road had severe cracks and several trees growing on the hillside were bare down to their roots.

Lawrence trucker killed after plummeting from Pike bridge

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Bill R. Pearson, 36, of Louisa, was killed Tuesday evening when the 1995 Freightliner he was operating went off a bridge on Esco Road and dropped 50 feet into a creek, where it was found in three feet of water.

Trooper Jennifer Sandlin responded to the call and got to the scene where she found the tractor-trailer with Pearson, who was not wearing a seat belt, inside. She was soon aided by other troopers, the Shelby Valley Fire Department, DHP Ambulance, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Officer Jamie Fields and Pike County Coroner Russell

Roberts. Despite their best efforts, Russell pronounced Pearson dead at the scene.

The call that alerted Sandlin to the scene had reported a collision though no information obtained thus far has indicated another vehicle was involved.

The incident remains under investigation.

State reminding drivers to 'move over'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet began a campaign this week that will see 100 "Move Over" signs placed on four-lane highways throughout the state by

the end of the year.

The signs are a reminder to motorists to move into the left lane, if it is safe to do so, if they spy the flashing lights of law enforcement and emergency vehicles on the shoulder conducting business. A driver can be cited for

reckless driving if they don't obey the directive, which is meant to protect the officers who are usually in the midst of handing out a citation and are vulnerable to traffic.

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Jail getting less crowded for holiday

Some inmates head home after bond review

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — When the inmates at the Floyd County Detention Center sit down to their Christmas dinner tomorrow, there will be a few extra portions to go around due to the efforts of county judges.

Kay Webb, who runs the jail with husband Roger, said, "Every year the judges try to help out by reviewing bonds for inmates. Often they are able to lower some, which keeps our numbers down at this time of the year."

Tuesday saw Circuit Court Judge Danny P. Caudill holding an extra session in his courtroom with family members trying to obtain bonds for inmates who were still at the jail after getting picked up in the drug roundup that was executed two weeks ago.

The roundup resulted in some unique arrests that made it harder to get bonds issued. Such was the case with one woman who was arrested along side her daughter and son-in-law. The mother and son in law got their bonds issued. The husband raised enough money for his wife's bond, but found out that he

could not sign the document since he was also free on a bond.

Judge Caudill explained the situation to the man and gave him until the end of the afternoon to find a friend who could come down to the Justice Center and sign the wife out with the money the husband had already collected.

Such stories aren't unique. Both the April and July roundups saw entire families arrested for allegedly selling controlled substances. The problem becomes raising enough money to get everyone out until their pretrial meetings with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

One Circuit Court Judge said that the purpose of a bond was to insure the future court appearance and that high bonds are reserved for those cases where the risk of flight is highest. However even a \$500 bond becomes a big issue when a family has to raise that amount for five family members before the holidays.

Webb said that last year at Christmas, the jail had its lowest population for the year and she fully expects that it might happen again this year.

"The judges work hard on this every year," Webb said. "They already have approved lower bonds for seven inmates this week."

The loss of those seven inmates brought down the jail's total population to 138, 36 inmates over what the jail can comfortably handle.

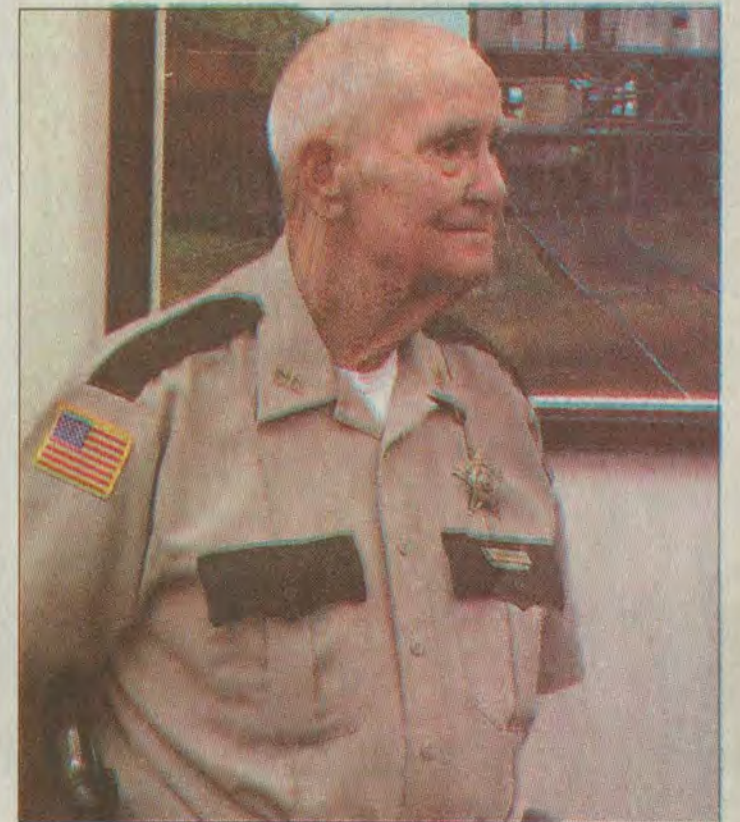


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Ralph "Hack" Thornsberry, a bailiff at the Floyd County Justice Center, turned 70 this week and was treated to a round of "Happy Birthday" by the circuit court staff and judges. Hack has been battling cancer for three months but hasn't missed any work despite intensive therapy. He hasn't let the disease slow him down or sour his outlook. Wednesday he joked that, "I lost 30 pounds since I started the therapy, though I am sure there are better ways to take off a few inches."

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Yakima (Wash.) Herald-Republic, on supplies for the troops fighting in Iraq:

While griping in the ranks is a military tradition, a member of the Tennessee National Guard took it to a new level when Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who had dropped by a base in Kuwait for a brief pep talk, got peppered himself instead.

"Why do we soldiers have to dig through local landfills for pieces of scrap metal and compromised ballistic glass to up-armor our vehicles?" Spc. Thomas Wilson, a member of the Tennessee National Guard, asked of the Pentagon chief. "We do not have proper armored vehicles to carry with us north." ...

Chalk one up for the grunts. The guardsman has a good point, and Rumsfeld's lame response only further illustrates just how ill-prepared the Pentagon and military brass were for an extended deployment in Iraq.

More than 21 months after President Bush declared "mission accomplished," there is a crying need for what is called, in military jargon, "resetting the force." That means that as the U.S. presence in Iraq continues to drag on, supplies and equipment must be upgraded and replenished. ...

The fact remains that current efforts at resupply and upgrade are too slow and not enough. And it shouldn't take the quizzing of the defense chief by an enlisted man to point that out.

Whatever a person's view of the war in Iraq, we must support our troops. We cannot under any circumstances allow our men and women in uniform to be put in harm's way without the best equipment available. This is, after all, a nation that moved to wartime production in a heartbeat at the onset of World War II, producing needed military supplies and equipment at a breathtaking rate.

The American public expects, and demands, no less of a commitment to our troops in Iraq.

Let's find a way and get it done.

Los Angeles Times, on the bloodshed preceding elections in Iraq:

The attack Tuesday on a U.S. military base in northern Iraq that killed more than 20 people ... provided graphic evidence that the insurgency is little diminished.

Many of the guerrillas driven from Falluja last month when U.S. officials proclaimed a major victory moved to Mosul and other cities and continue to wreak havoc. President Bush's belated admission Monday that suicide bombers are "having an effect" understated the problem. ...

Some Sunni leaders already are urging a boycott of the elections, which will choose a transitional national assembly to write a constitution and pick a prime minister. This is a mistake on their part. A boycott would undercut, though not destroy, the legitimacy of the balloting. But it would ensure that Sunnis have even less of a voice in the future of their nation.

For Washington, the main concern is protecting thousands of polling places in order for the election results to be deemed credible. Bush said Monday the training of Iraqi security forces had produced "mixed" results. That was another understatement - many troops have fled when attacked. We can only hope that an Iraqi government with more legitimacy might command more loyalty and a greater willingness among police and soldiers to stand and fight. Trouble is, for that to happen the election that could provide that greater legitimacy needs to be held, and protected.



Guest Column

Licensure: A lawyer protection racket

by JACOB G. HORNBERGER

One of the most popularly held beliefs in American society is that state licensing of attorneys is necessary to ensure that they are competent. But you'd have a hard time convincing people accused of crimes in Virginia of that. In an editorial entitled "A System Still in Crisis", the Washington Post describes in excruciating detail how so many criminal defendants in Virginia have been and are being inadequately represented by attorneys.

"Between April and September the state court of appeals dismissed at least 165 criminal appeals not because they lacked merit but because people appealing convictions missed key filing deadlines. Attorneys committed most of these errors, not clients representing themselves, and the bulk of those errors were committed by court-appointed lawyers or public defenders named to represent defendants who could not afford to hire lawyers on their own. Such numbers are shocking, but also depressingly typical, as we reported earlier. In 2003, the Virginia Court of Appeals threw out more than 10 percent of its criminal docket because of calendar errors committed overwhelmingly

by attorneys."

Unfortunately, most people believe that the solution is simply to discipline those state licensed attorneys more harshly. Failing to think outside the box, they fail to ask the critical question, Does occupational licensure of attorneys ensure competent attorneys and if not, why do we need it?

As the criminal-justice crisis in Virginia perfectly reflects, occupational licensure does not ensure competence or, for that matter, ethics. Instead, it seduces the public into believing that because a lawyer is licensed by the state, he must be competent and ethical.

So what is the purpose and effect of occupational licensure? It's very simple — licensure operates as a protection racket for attorneys, protecting them from unbridled competition. By limiting the supply of attorneys through a rigorous and expensive system involving getting into and attending law schools and then passing an extremely difficult, state-administered bar exam, lawyers are able to keep the number of practitioners artificially low, thereby enabling them to charge higher prices to the public. In fact, as J. Gordon Hylton, professor of law at Marquette University, pointed out at a law conference at the

University of Virginia School of Law, the reason Virginia imposed bar exams in the first place as a prerequisite to practicing law was to impede blacks from becoming attorneys, especially since the number of black attorneys was increasing during Reconstruction, when there were no state-imposed impediments to practicing law.

By repealing occupational licensure laws, we would still have, of course, incompetent and unethical attorneys, but at least consumers would be much more wary about the particular attorney they retained. Local and state bar associations could help consumers choose among a broad array of legal services by publishing lists of recommended attorneys and services. Prices for legal assistance would be likely to plummet, so that consumers would have more-reasonably priced legal services.

Of course, repeal of occupational licensure would entail overcoming vehement resistance from the bar, including all those incompetent attorneys whom the Commonwealth of Virginia has licensed to practice law.

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Merck execs get bonus for failure

by JIM HIGHTOWER

Merck, the giant drug maker loves ya, that's who! Well, this assumes that you're one of the 230 senior executives at the company. Merck is showing its love to its top executives by giving each of them a brand new, gleaming golden parachute. What about the other 30,000 employees? You're on your own — goodbye and good luck.

Those executives might need their parachutes soon, for Merck is in trouble. As widely reported, its best selling drug, Vioxx, has been found to cause heart

attacks in many of those who take it. Not a good selling point. Merck withdrew Vioxx from the market, but subsequent evidence indicates that its executives have known about this little side effect for quite some time, but didn't disclose it to regulators, doctors, or the unsuspecting patients who took the stuff. The company now faces federal investigations and thousands of lawsuits.

Since the withdrawal of Vioxx, Merck's, stock price has plummeted by 40 percent, on top of a 30 percent fall the company had already suffered because of

its failure to develop promising new products for the market. All of this makes Merck a likely target for a takeover by another drug giant.

Takeover threats make top executives very nervous, for the company doing the taking usually ousts the old team and puts in its own. Hence, Merck's sudden rush to provide executive parachutes. If another company takes over Merck — or even buys as little as 20 percent of its shares in an effort to take it over — the 230 top dogs become eligible to bail out with a special payment of three times their annual salaries, plus

their expected bonuses, as well as stock payments. For example, CEO Raymond Gilmartin, who helped engineer this sweet deal, would get about \$57 million to soften his landing.

Yes, this does amount to top executives rewarding themselves for their own failures ... and taking care of themselves without regard to the fate of others.

Jim Hightower is the best-selling author of "Thieves In High Places: They've Stolen Our Country And It's Time To Take It Back," on sale now from Viking Press.

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At the Movies: 'Meet the Fockers'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP MOVIE CRITIC

"Meet the Fockers" could have been one of those sequels that tries desperately to capitalize on the unexpected success of the original movie — in this case, "Meet the Parents," which was a huge hit in 2000.

(Admit it: That's how it looked to you, too, even if you liked "Meet the Parents.")

So it's an unexpected pleasure to report that "Fockers" is an improvement on "Parents" — whose jokes dragged on too long — thanks largely to the presence of Dustin Hoffman and Barbra Streisand, who play Ben Stiller's parents.

Streisand hasn't appeared in a movie since "The Mirror Has Two Faces" in 1996, and the few films she made in the '80s and '90s ("Yentl," "Nuts," "The Prince of Tides") didn't exactly allow her to show off her comedic timing. It's easy to forget that this funny woman made her film debut in 1968's "Funny Girl" — and won a best-actress Oscar in the process.

Here, as Roz Focker, she seems like she's having an absolute ball and looks just radiant, even under that same big permed hairdo she donned for "A Star Is Born" and "The Main Event" in the late '70s.



"Meet the Fockers," a Universal Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language and a brief drug reference. Running time: 114 minutes.

Two and a half stars out of four.

As a painfully candid and wildly uninhibited sex therapist, she gets to verbally bounce off Hoffman (playing Bernie Focker, Greg Focker's overly friendly dad) and literally bounce off Robert De Niro, reprising his role as humorless former CIA agent Jack Byrnes, when she gives him a much-needed massage.

Streisand gets to be goofy. She gets to smile. She gets to laugh. She and Hoffman look like they're having so much fun together, it's impossible not to laugh along with them.

But "Meet the Fockers" is still laden with the same obligatory toilet humor as its predecessor, as Greg introduces his mother and father to the uptight, WASPy parents of his fiancée, Pam (Teri Polo). After all, director Jay Roach is back at the helm, along with "Meet the

Parents" screenwriters Jim Herzfeld and John Hamburg.

The cherubic-looking grandson of Jack and Dina Byrnes (Blythe Danner, also back from part one) repeatedly makes the baby sign-language motion for poop (and his first word is one we can't repeat here). When the Byrneses drive down to Florida to meet the Fockers (in Jack's Kevlar-covered, Plexiglass-windowed motor home), their genius cat flushes the Focker's dog down the toilet. (You've seen this sight gag a million times in the TV ads, and it's no funnier seeing the tiny canine, shivering and covered in blue goo, when you're sitting in the theater.)

The technologically challenged Bernie, who can't figure out his answering machine, whines to Roz on the outgoing message about how he longs to

make a chimichanga, even though it gives him gas. Roz whines back at him to go ahead and make a chimichanga — which comes out as, "So make a chimi ... beep!" The gag is mildly funny the first time. By the third time, it's painful.

Instead of a disastrous water volleyball game, there's a disastrous backyard football game. Instead of ... anyway, you get the point.

But there are enough redeeming moments, including a tour-de-force sequence involving baby Jack, super glue, "Scarface" and a bottle of rum. And Dina Byrnes gets back in touch with her inner tigress after decades of marriage (thanks to some sock-puppet pointers from Roz) in a way that's sort of lovely and sweet — and funny, too.

Simply the idea of all these stars together — making fools of themselves on the same screen despite their individually impressive filmographies — is enough of an absurdly funny prospect to make "Meet the Fockers" worth seeing.

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Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

A slew of titles hit area shelves this week, but there are as many lumps of coal as their are treats in these holiday offerings.

First up are the the treats. "The Manchurian Candidate" shapes up as a serviceable remake of the John Frankenheimer classic. The action is updated here to focus on veterans of the Gulf War. Denzel Washington takes the Frank Sinatra role, with Liev Schreiber (the "Scream" trilogy) stepping in as the tortured soldier that Lawrence Harvey played in the first film. Once again you get a plot about brainwashing, but this time there is also a technical component as the bad guys implant a microchip in Schreiber's brain.

Meryl Streep scores in her role (originally essayed by Angela Lansbury) as a mother who is dead set on getting her son (Schreiber) into political office.

"King Arthur" offers a revisionist take on the timeless tale and includes a more accurate account of the knights of the round table. Here the villains are the invading Saxons. The DVD offers an extra, and very intense, 14 minutes of battle scenes. Clive Owen ("Croupier") does a fine job as Arthur and gets ample support from Keira Knightly as a sword-wielding Gweneivere.

"Shaun of the Dead" hits DVD only six weeks after playing in Pikeville and is a treat for anyone who missed its brief theatrical play here. This is a comic take on the currently popular zombie genre and focuses on a slacker electronics

clerk who ventures across a zombie ridden London to rescue the girlfriend who just dumped him. Lots of comic hijinks ensue.

Here comes the coal. "Thunderbirds" hit the shelves this week but is miles away from the show it hopes to resurrect. Instead of puppets you get live actors in a substandard space adventure that might appeal to younger audiences but will surely bore the older members of the household who may harbor fond memories of the series. This one meant a good paycheck for actors like Bill Paxton and Ben Kingsley, but there is no such reward for consumers.

"Anacondas" is an inferior sequel that manages to avoid all of the trappings which made the original a success. Here you get a no-name cast which consists

of Calvin Klein models who are supposed to be scientists. They venture into South America to find a flower which will prolong youth but only leads them into the gaping jaws of some giant snakes. This one will have you rooting for the anacondas.

"Surviving Christmas" is the latest career-ender for Ben Affleck, who has survived more than his share of these kinds of roles. Here he is cast as a smug millionaire who rents a middle-class family to share the holidays with. Any film that wastes the talents of James Gandolfini and Catherine O'Hara ought to be burned and this one would make for the perfect yule log if someone passes it off to you tomorrow.

Next week brings the surprise comedy hit "Garden State" from "Scrubs" star Zach Braff.

Rowling's sixth Potter book to be published this summer

by **HILLEL ITALIE**
AP NATIONAL WRITER

NEW YORK — Get ready for publishing's ultimate blockbuster sequel: Harry Potter VI.

Setting the stage for another round of midnight bookstore parties and marathon readings into the morning, the penultimate novel in J.K. Rowling's mega-selling series, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," will go on sale 12:01 a.m. on July 16 in the United States, Britain and four other countries, publishers said Tuesday.

"I know you all expected this to happen on Christmas Day, but I was sure that those of you who celebrate Christmas have better things to do on the day itself than fight your way into my study," the British author wrote in a message posted on her Web site, "whereas those of you who DON'T celebrate Christmas would definitely prefer not to wait until the 25th."

Rowling, 39, noted that while she is pregnant with her third child, she has had the time "needed to tinker with the manuscript to my satisfaction and I am as happy as I have ever been with the end result. I only hope you feel it was worth the wait when you finally read it."

The book will also be published July 16 in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. With the previous works available in 62 languages, many, many other countries are sure to follow.

"J.K. Rowling has written a brilliant story that will dazzle her fans in a marvelous book that takes the series to yet greater heights," said a joint announcement by Nigel Newton, chief executive of Bloomsbury Publishing Plc in England, and Barbara Marcus, president of Scholastic Children's Books in the United States.

The 2005 publishing date means the world will be spared the seemingly interminable three-year wait between Potter IV, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," and Potter V, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," which came out in summer 2003.

The news should be celebrated by Rowling's millions of fans and by the struggling publishing industry. Competition for sales began almost immediately, with Amazon.com and the superstore chains Barnes & Noble, Inc. and Borders Group, Inc. announcing 40 percent discounts on the book's \$29.99 suggested retail price. By Tuesday, "Half-Blood Prince" was already No. 1 on Barnes & Noble.com's best seller list and was in the top

10 on Amazon.com.

"Sales from the last Harry Potter book grossed as much as a major Hollywood movie in its first week of release," Steve Riggio, chief executive officer of Barnes & Noble, Inc., said in a statement Tuesday.

"We expect this next book in the series to make publishing history once again. We've already collected 500,000 e-mail requests from our customers waiting to be notified of the date of the next book so this announcement is very welcome news for readers everywhere."

The retail price is the same as for Potter V, even though Rowling has strongly hinted she will not approach the industrial-sized 870 pages of "Order of the Phoenix." In an earlier message on her web site, she stated, "According to the plan for book six, it will be quite a bit shorter than 'Order of the Phoenix'. I am not going to swear on my children's lives that that is going to be the case, but I am 99% certain of it."

About 260 million copies of the fantasy series, which debuted in 1997, have sold worldwide, and "Order of the Phoenix" sold an astonishing 5 million copies in the U.S. alone within 24 hours of publication, generating as much money as the top Hollywood release of that weekend,

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I hear the many Christmas songs, that people hold so dear, But the sounds of music can't compare, with the Christmas choir. I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring, It's far beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me; I see the pain within your heart, But I'm not so far away, we really aren't apart. So be happy for me, loved ones, you know I hold so dear, And be glad I'm spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home, above, I send you each a memory of my undying love. After all, "Love" is the gift, more precious than pure gold, It was always most important, in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do, For I can't count the blessings, or the love He has for you. So, have a Merry Christmas, and wipe away those tears, For I am sharing Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

The family of Waltust Reynolds would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to all those who sent food, flowers, and offered such kind words during our time of sorrow. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers, the Samaria Church, and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits

Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion
Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion being planned for February. Please contact Patricia Garrison at 606-874-6004, Cory Reitz at 859-338-6956 or John Stout at 859-433-3610.

4-H looking for volunteers!
The Floyd County 4-H pro-

gram is in need of volunteers to work with the following 2005 activities: 4-H Goat Project; 4-H Backpacking Club; 4-H Horse Club; and 4-H Shooting Sports. If you are interested, contact Chuck Stamper at 886-2668, or email to: cstamper@uky.edu by Jan. 3.

Prater Creek Baptist Church
Dec. 31 - New Year's Extravaganza! 8:00 p.m. till midnight; great music, message, fun, food and fellowship! Prater Creek Baptist Church located at Banner. For more info., call Pastor J.B. Hall at 874-3222.

D.A.V. Chap. 18
The Big Sandy Chapter 18, Disabled American Veterans, of Auxier, is looking for honorably discharged veterans to join the Chapter, which meets at the Auxier Fire Dept., on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, at 6 p.m. Those interested may bring their DD214 and join the Chapter and receive a D.A.V. ball cap.

Floyd County Democratic Women's Club
Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Brenda's Restaurant, in McDowell. All invited to attend.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center
•GED classes - Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Later times may be arranged - call office to make arrangements.
•Craft/Sewing Club - Mondays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
•Creative Sewing - Mondays, 6-8 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
For more information about these activities and class fees, call 886-0709.

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.

'Earn While You Learn'
The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

PARENTS!
Are you in need of child care services? If so, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. The office is partnering with Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition. For more information on how we can help you, call Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or toll free at 888-872-7227.

Also, if your child is currently enrolled in a child care program, find out if your provider is a member of the STARS for KIDS NOW voluntary program for exceeding licensing standards.

And, learn about how you can stay home with your own children and still earn an income by caring for other children. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings
**Jan. 5 - Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild will meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Extension office. Lesson will include a slide show and hands-on demonstration on Color Coordination. Please bring: small swatches of varying colors of solid fabric, paper and fabric scissors, and a glue stick. Any interested quilters are invited to join. For more information, contact Theresa Scott at 886-2668.

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church.

Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Thursday, 6

p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
Newbee (Beginner) Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office, Prestonsburg.
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

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Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

"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.

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MORE LETTERS TO SANTA



Editor's note: The following letters to Santa Claus were inadvertently omitted from Wednesday's paper.

Dear Santa,
Hi there. This is the first time I have written a letter to you and my mommy had to help me out a little bit. I have been a very good girl this year. I would love any type of toys having to do with Dora the Explorer or Winnie the Pooh. I would really like to have Piglet's Big Movie. I would also like some clothes, a keyboard and some toy animals. If your elves are able to make one, I would also like to have a rocking horse. Thank you Santa for anything you might bring. I will be making cookies with Mommy to leave under the tree for you.

Love,
Aryn Nicole Wells
2 years
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa
I would like for Christmas is a Gameboy Advance, a Video Now, a karaoke machine, some pants, some board games. If I cannot have that, I want for my family to have a good Christmas. Thank you, Santa.

Love,
Katie Vanderpool
5th grade

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas: I want a Power Ranger game that goes on my Gameboy and my computer and a Scooby Doo 2 game and a Spiderman 2 game and a flyer thing that you charge up and then fly it, a walking dinosaur that has remote controls, a Sponge Bob game for my computer and a Pac-Man game for my Gameboy and some clothes.

Logan Alexander Dotson
Age 5
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas: My name is Lauren, I want a pink Barbie TV and a pink skirt and a red shirt and brown shoes like Mommy.

That's what I want for Christmas
Lauren Alexis Dotson
Age 5
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy all year! I would really like to have a Hulk video game for Christmas this year. We'll leave you some cookies & milk!

Love,
Brett Collins
Age 5
Allen Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would really love to have some games for my Playstation 2. Me and my little brother will leave you some cookies & milk by the Christmas tree.

Thank you,
Christian Collins
Age 8
Allen Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Aariana Sparks. For Christmas I want Duck Duck Goose, Back to Me Pooh, Little Mommy doll, a grocery cart, Care Bears, My Little Pony, Princess Dress Up, Twinkleberries, and some Rainbow markers. I have been

very good and will leave some milk and cookies for you by the Christmas tree. I love you Santa.
Aariana Sparks
Age 2
Daughter of Greg and Angie Sparks
Grethel

Dear Santa,
My name is Madison Hall. What I want for Christmas is an Air-Flow Adventure, Triple Play Sportscenter, Arcade Alley Bowling, Whacamolie, Bullseye Ball, Big Air Ball Tower, Hydrostrike, My Photo Booth, Video Now, a microscope set with case, and a Trace and Draw Deluxe. I have been good this year and will leave you milk and cookies by the tree.

Madison Hall
8 years old
Daughter of Jody and Anita Hall
Harold

Dear Santa,
My name is McKenzie Hall. What I want for Christmas is My Little Alexa Girl, Bratz Cats, and Bratz Twins. I have been very, very good. I also want Onzies-Five's. I will leave cookies under the tree. Bring my Daddy and Mommy something too.

Love,
McKenzie Hall
6 years old
Daughter of Jody and Anita Hall
Harold

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob Perry. I want Jack Three and some new games for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree Christmas Eve. I have been very good this year.

Jacob Perry
8 years old
Son of Libby and Ben Perry
Grethel

Dear Santa,
My name is Bailey Grace-Ann Addington. I am 3 years old. I live at McDowell. I have tried to be a good girl this year. I hope I made the nice list.

Santa please bring me a baby doll, a Dora the Explorer doll house, a Barbie shopping cart, and a Furreal bear.

I will leave you milk and cookies if I don't eat them all! Please bring my Daddy a Christmas present too.

Please bring my baby sister, Laken, a little rocking horse. Hugs and kisses! XOXO
Bailey (Gracie) Addington

Dear Santa,
My name is Brooklyn Oneal Addington. I am in kindergarten at McDowell Elementary. I have tried hard to be a really good girl this year. Would you please bring me a Leapster, a Video Now, please make that a purple one, a Playstation and a Real Meal Oven.

I will leave you cookies and milk. We don't have a chimney so Mommy said just knock on the door and she'll let you in. Santa, I hope I am on the nice list.

Please bring my little baby sister, Laken, a baby doll. Hugs and kisses! XOXO
Brooklyn Addington
McDowell Elementary
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year so I was hoping to get some new toys for Christmas. I would like a Dora Talking Dollhouse and a new Ninja Turtle van with all the new ninjas. I would also like a new

necklace with my name on it because I lost mine. I need some new stuff to go with my Sweet Streets Dollhouse like the new hospital. You can find them at Wal-Mart. I hope you bring me some neat stuff Santa. I love you Santa Claus. Me and my bubby will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree.

Love,
Alyssa Hedrick
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy. This year for Christmas I want a big army boat that I saw in the Fingerhut book. It's gray. I also want an ESPN basketball goal so that I can practice being a good ball player. My favorite thing in the world is bulldozers. Just call my Pawpaw. He can tell you where to find the best ones. I also like tractors and all kinds of boats. There's one more thing that I would like to tell you about and that is a Twister RC. It goes on land, water, sand and snow. I like the red one. Wal-Mart only had two left. I hope you can get one for me. If I get these toys I promise to be good all year next year. I will leave cookies and milk under the tree. Thanks, Santa.

Love
Will Hedrick

Dear Santa,
My name is Whitley and I am 6 years old. For Christmas, I want six Barbie dolls and some Bratz dolls. I have been pretty good this year. I'll leave you some milk and cookies under the tree in case you want a midnight snack. Out of all of your reindeers, I like Rudolph because his nose is red and I like Dancer because she's pretty. Take care Santa and I hope you have a Merry Christmas too. I love you.

Love
Whitley McKinney
Daughter of Marty and Sheila McKinney
Martin

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob and I am 4 years old. For Christmas, I would like a bulldozer, a tractor, and a John Deere gator. I have been a pretty good little boy this year. I love you Santa and I will leave you some milk and cookies by the tree if my daddy doesn't eat them all. I will also sprinkle some food on the grass for your reindeer. Your reindeer are cool and I love Rudolph's red nose. Take care Santa and I will see you at Christmas.

Love,
Jacob McKinney
Son of Marty and Sheila McKinney
Martin

Dear Santa,
My name is Seth and I am 1 year old. I can't write yet so my mommy is writing this letter for me. For Christmas, I would like some new toys. I like anything that makes noise, lights up, and any kind of riding toys. Last Christmas I was only 5 days old so I didn't have a clue what the excitement was all about but I'm sure this year I'll have fun with all the pretty packages and bows and the new toys. I'll like anything that you can bring me but most of all I'll like spending time with my family. I'm a little scared of you Santa but I still like watching you. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love
Seth McKinney
Son of Marty and Sheila McKinney
Martin

Dear Santa,
My name is Danielle. I would like a pony, puppy, and a bicycle. I would also like a Mary Kate and Ashley movie or a Clifford Movie. I want a kitten. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you

for all the presents from all of the Christmas's before. I love you Santa Claus.

Love,
Danielle Lynn Thornsbury

Dear Santa
I want an electric guitar, Playstation 2 games, and Spiderman toys. Christmas is in your heart. To hear the bell ring you have to believe in Santa from the heart.

Devin Chaffins
1st grade
Jones Fork Elementary

Dear Santa
I want a motorcycle and a BB gun.

Matthew Combs
age 3

Dear Santa
I will get you super duper shoes, and give you a red nose for Rudolf, and some shiny boots and a shirt and a scarf. Santa Claus, I wish I was Cinderella. Christmas isn't about candy canes and trees, it is about shares and love. It's not about dresses, good stuff or new stuff. I want a Cinderella dress. If you get me something different it will be ok. I want a letter from you again. Cookies and milk are on the table. I want an ETO. I want a babydoll

with all the family, even a grandpa, Nikki, daddy, the boy, grandma and doggie.

Tell Mrs. Claus I have a costume like Mrs. Claus. I love you, Santa. Bye Santa Claus
Olivia Shepherd
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want an Xbox, Gamecube, 40 Playstation 2 games, and a Hot Wheel game where you make your own fuel. I want Slycooper 2 Band of Thieves for PS2 and a Kirby game for Gameboy. I want 40 puppies, 60 kittens and gerbil. And that's all.

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Marriage Licenses

Amanda Leneal Howell, 27, of McDowell, to David Lee Adams, 28, of Perry County.
 Misti Ann Howell, 27, of Pikeville, to Joshua Willie Bates, 23, of Prestonsburg.
 Diana Lynn Sparks, 46, of Logan, W.Va., to James Edward White, 41, of Williamson, W.Va.
 Megan Rae Robinson, 21, to Steven Lee Hamilton, 26, both of Pikeville.
 Melissa Slone, 21, of Martin, to Larry Akers, 37, of Prestonsburg.
 Verna Mae Elliott, 38, of Indiana, to Russell Neeley, 48, of Floyd County.
 Brenda Kay Goble, 53, of Martin, to Gregory Allen Montgomery, 37, of Ashland.
 Jessica Lynn Martin, 22, of Martin, to James Clinton Music, 27, of Pikeville.

Civil Suits Filed

Discovery Bank vs. Joshua Salyers, to collect a debt.
 Highlands Regional Medical Center vs. Franklin Scott, to collect payment owed.
 Heilig Meyers vs. Michael Tackett, for payment owed.
 Capitol One Bank vs. Rhonda Johnson, to collect credit card debt.
 Remit Corporation vs. Crissy Hamilton, to collect fees for medical services.
 Citi Financial East/West vs. Ernest Toler, to collect a debt.
 Boone Account Recovery Group vs. Jeremy Moore, to collect a debt.
 Branch Banking Trust Company vs. Gregory Akers, to collect a debt.
 James Roberts vs. Heather Music, to collect back rent.
 Equity One Inc. vs. Nathan Hoskins, to collect a debt.

Scott Scutchfield vs. Bobby Joe Tackett, to collect rent owed.

Church Housing Associates vs. Anthony Conn, to collect rent.

Church Housing Associates vs. Theresa Blackburn, to collect rent.

Columbia Credit Services vs. Robert Slone, to collect credit card debt.

U.S. Bancorp Consumer Finances vs. Dwayne Marsillett, to collect a debt.

Potter Clinic vs. Paul Rice, to collect a debt.

White Acre Enterprises vs. Deanna Payne, to collect a debt.

Charges Filed

Jeremy Rogers, 27, of Grethel; fourth-degree assault.

Jennifer Sellards, 23, of Allen; alcohol intoxication.

Roger Salisbury, 34, of Harold; alcohol intoxication.

Leonard Akers Jr., 49, of Banner; hunting without a proper permit.

Benny Mitchell, 61, of Dana; illegal taking of wildlife.

Marty Byron Lynch, 22, of Tram; disorderly conduct.

Randy Lee Ward, 31, of Prestonsburg; hunting without proper size shotgun.

Kimberly Slone, no age available, Banner; criminal trespassing, criminal mischief.

Michael Young, 19, of Robinson Creek; public intoxication.

Jason Scott Hill, 20, of Weeksbury; fourth-degree assault.

Michael Jason Akers, 24, of Grethel; alcohol intoxication.

Benjamin Franklin Dye, 34, of McDowell; violation of an EPO.

Charles Sexton, 47, of Martin; theft by unlawful taking.

Terry Tackett, no age available, Hi Hat; second-degree assault.

Jason Scott Hill, 20, of

Weeksbury; second-degree assault.

Sherri Mullins, 46, of Hager Hill; theft by unlawful taking.

Mardy Terry, no age available, of Hindman; theft by deception.

Laura Leonard and William McKinley Elliot to Jeanette and William Elliot, property location undisclosed.

Green Samons and Naomi Samons to Timothy Daniel DeLong and Amanda Gwen DeLong, property located at Arkansas Creek.

Nancy Tackett to Aaron B. Tackett, property located at Little Mud Creek.

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information.

•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.

•US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

•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."

•Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

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•A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

•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.

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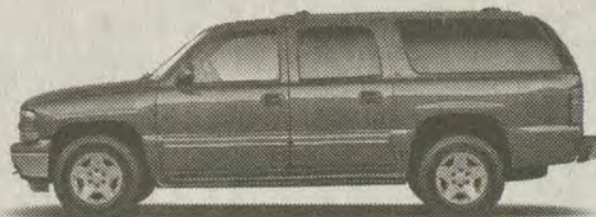
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Sparks takes place in Wildcat history

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Did you see the final seconds of The Game on Saturday?

Were you paying attention as the clock rolled toward Patrick Sparks time? If you were, I hope you saw what I did.

I saw a contrast in coaching. I saw one I loved and one I'm glad is somebody else's problem.

As the stage was being set for Central City's favorite son to etch his name in the storied history of Bluegrass Basketball, Tubby Smith stalked the court while Rick Pitino seemed to barely have a passing interest.



Rick Bentley

Tubby, the guy many wished wasn't needed in Lexington, is doing some of his most inspired coaching this season. We're seeing the fire in his belly, the glare in his eyes that has been missing too often since he left

Athens, Ga., for the commonwealth.

Meanwhile, Pitino was playing the closing seconds like Danny Zuko in Grease, like he's too cool for school. It was as if Da Coach didn't want to acknowledge that he needed to get excited coaching against his former team. It was like he wanted to prove again this year that he could sleepwalk past the Cats.

I've heard it said that Pitino vowed not to get caught up in basketball after losing his best friend and brother-in-law in the 9/11 attacks. While that is something we'd all do good to remember, I think game days are worthy exceptions, particularly when it's the biggest one on either team's schedule for an entire season.

I've gone on record before admitting that I'm not a huge fan of Pitino. I have all the respect in the world for him; the man is a terrific coach. But in my estimation, he made a major error in judgment after turning around the Kentucky program, and it's one the school has still not recovered from.

Pitino got the Kentucky program back on its feet using a group of kids still hanging around, largely unwanted, from the Eddie Sutton administration (it should be noted they weren't his favorites, either).

Odd, Sutton didn't want to recruit them and Pitino wasn't crazy about coaching them, because they will forever be known by the tag hung on them that sealed their fate in Kentucky lore - The Unforgettables.

See, it was three Kentucky guys - John Pelphrey, Richie Farmer and Deron Feldhaus - and an Indiana kid named Sean Woods who Pitino used to get this program back on its feet.

Then he turned his back on the instate talent.

You Pitino loyalists can say what you please, but history bears me out on this: Pitino was not a fan of Kentucky players.

(See BENTLEY, page two)

Lady Rebels win third straight

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - The Allen Central High School girls' basketball team has some added momentum heading into this year's Christmas break. After beginning the season a dismal 0-5, with losses to Pike County Central, Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Perry County Central and Betsy Layne, Allen Central, its last three times out, has resumed its old winning ways. Recently, in three games

spread out over less than one week, Allen Central recorded three wins.

The Lady Rebels hosted Breathitt County Monday night and came out victorious, winning 57-54. Breathitt County, considered by many to be a contender of sorts in the 14th Region, fought hard, but couldn't find the combination to beat host Allen Central. Visiting Breathitt County could do little to combat senior center Becky Thomas, who poured in a game-high 32 points. Breathitt County led Allen Central (3-5) early.

The Ladycats took a 15-8 lead out of the first quarter and led 32-26 at halftime. Allen Central turned up its play in the second half, outscoring Breathitt County 14-10 in the third quarter and 17-12 in the last period.

Yumekia Hunter added eight points for the Lady Rebels. Alanna Cline and Amanda Mills each had five points. Mara Biliter and Lyndsey Frasure each had two points.

(See WIN, page two)

Lady Blackcats handle Lawrence County



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg guard Meaghan Slone worked against a Lawrence County defender. Slone tossed in a game-high 18 points in Wednesday morning's win over Lawrence County.

Prestonsburg wins third straight with 64-49 win

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE - In most cases, it is never good to lose a game after holding a big lead. Prestonsburg did just that last week when facing the Allen Central Lady Rebels. Prestonsburg led Allen Central

22-7 early before falling by a final of 53-50. However, since that heartbreaking setback, the Lady Blackcats have reeled off wins over Johnson Central, Beth Haven and after yesterday, Lawrence County, 64-49. With the win over Lawrence County, the Lady Blackcats improved to 2-0 in the Country Music

Highway Holiday Classic.

Prestonsburg jumped out to an early 18-8 lead behind the play of Molly Burchett and Meaghan Slone. Lawrence County was hampered by turnovers throughout the game as the Prestonsburg pressure

(See BLACKCATS, page two)

Central overpowers Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - Betsy Layne's appearance in this year's Fifth Third Prime Time Classic ended in a losing note Tuesday.

The Ladycats, who registered one win in the tournament, beating Boyd County, fell to Louisville Central. The pre-season favorite in the 6th Region, picked to finish ahead of the likes of Butler, Iroquois, Fairdale and Holy Cross, Butler beat Betsy Layne in convincing fashion, winning 66-39. Central (6-5)



Kristal Daniels



Breann Akers

(See BETSY LAYNE, page two)

South Floyd 74, Shawnee 66

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - South Floyd got back on the winning track Tuesday morning in the Defenders of the Station Invitational.

South Floyd, playing in its fourth and final game of the Lexington tournament hosted by Bryan Station High School, beat Shawnee 74-66. The Raiders used a late fourth-quarter scoring onslaught to pull away. South Floyd outscored Shawnee 32-20 in the fourth quarter, breaking up a close, tight game.

Steven Stanley led South Floyd in scoring with a game-high 24 points. He was one of three Raiders to reach double figures.

Shawnee grabbed an early lead and

(See SOUTH FLOYD, page two)



Wright finishes season with a blast

Bertha Wright, 41, Emma, riding aboard her special built CR500R hillclimbing bike, for Kinzer Motorsports, and her longtime idol Willard Kinzer, of Kinzer Drilling, recently wrapped up another successful season. Willard, himself, and his son, Terry, were AMA National Pro hillclimbers.

Wright's dad, Ernest Burchett, and mother, Yvonne, got her started in the hillclimbing circuit in 1979. She loves them so much for getting her started in something she loves dearly. Along with her, her sister Lana, and niece Ciara, travel on the road as an all-woman pit crew, along with her friends. She is making many more friends along the way.

"I would like to thank Rodney and Patricia Ousley of Ousley Trucking, and Jimmy Wright, all of Emma," Wright said. Her mechanic, Joe Townsend, and owner

of Kawasaki of Hurricane, W.Va., is deeply appreciated for his support.

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Bertha Wright's new motto is: Pain is just weakness leaving the body.

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Bentley

In the interest of full disclosure, Smith has done only marginally better in keeping the bluegrass boys home. And, the ones he's had - Josh Carrier, Ravi Moss and Preston LeMaster come to mind - haven't exactly burned the barn down in their careers.

But now that seems to be changing thanks to a backcourt full of kids who grew up with their eyes firmly fixed on Rupp Arena.

One, a city kid from Louisville, earned enough respect from Pitino to get the coach to admit not recruiting Rajon Rondo was a mistake.

The other, a short, portly kid from western Kentucky, was the difference on Saturday as the state took a holiday to decide the annual bragging rights in the commonwealth's pastime.

Patrick Sparks decided the game with three free throws at the end of the game, but he won it with five three-point baskets that caused Dickie V

to hyperventilate.

As a result, the Cats enter the most cushy and restful portion of the schedule with one loss, and it may stay that way for a while. Having last week off for finals, the Cats played the Cards and in between there and opening league play on Jan. 5 against South Carolina are only on the court twice.

I'm sure all this downtime is driving the coaching staff nuts, having the players around with no classes and nothing else to do yet no games to play. It's the curse of having the holidays fall on Saturday this year.

The rest of the league is tuning up righteously. Monday night saw six SEC teams play, facing the following fodder: Delaware (the Blue Hens, by the way), Belmont and Lipscomb (both NAIA schools as recently as the late 1990s), East Carolina, Central Michigan and Florida A&M.

Before you tilt your head

back for a good, hearty belly laugh, remember, our SEC entry just played William & Mary and awaits a dreaded meeting with the Camels of Campbell University next Wednesday.

It's just not a great time for college basketball, unlike a year ago when the Cats played a murderer's row of a December schedule.

But it is a great time to be Orlando Smith. He got the monkey off his back with Saturday's win over his former boss, a terrific win for a young, largely unproven team that is getting little support from senior captain Chuck Hayes.

Given the choice, I'll take him over Mr. Pitino any day. No harm meant to Louisville's head man, but I love the fire I'm seeing in Smith.

Merry Christmas, everybody. That includes you Louisville fans out there like Sam Smith and the boys at WPRG.

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Blackcats

forced the Lady Bulldogs into 27 turnovers.

Lady Blackcat guard Meaghan Slone nailed a three-pointer with 6:04 left in the first half to give Prestonsburg a 25-15 lead.

An Amber Whitaker free-throw with 3:59 left in the first half gave the Lady Blackcats a 35-15 lead and the Prestonsburg team never relinquished the lead. Slone led the Lady Blackcats with 18 points. Darcey Hicks finished with 14 points and six rebounds for Prestonsburg

and the duo of Molly Burchett and Amber Whitaker each added eight points before fouling out. Prestonsburg led 39-26 at the half and 47-39 after three quarters. The Lady Blackcats outscored Lawrence County 17-10 in the fourth quarter to come away with the win.

Elizabeth Chaffin came in off the Blackcat bench to toss in seven points in the fourth quarter. Senior Chanel Music pitched in five points and Kelly Key round-

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ed out the scoring for Prestonsburg with four points.

Prestonsburg improved to 6-4 on the season while Lawrence County fell to 4-3. Lawrence County was led in scoring by Jenny Humphrey with a game-high 20 points. Scoring was as follows: Prestonsburg - Slone 18, Hicks 14, Burchett 8, Whitaker 8, Chaffin 7, Music 5, Key 4. Lawrence County - Humphrey 20, Frazier 10, Schaffer 9, Jude 3, Bobbitt 3, Delong 2, Adams 2.

Betsy Layne

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ran out to an early lead. The Lady Yellowjackets doubled

recovered.

A senior trio led Betsy Layne in scoring. Breann Akers, Kristal Daniels and Kristen Smith each had 10 points apiece. Kim Clark scored eight points and Whitney Tackett added a free throw.

Betsy Layne went 1-3 in the Lexington tournament, losing to Clinton County, Bullitt East and Central.

The Ladycats are scheduled to return to action Tuesday at East Carter against Highlands in the Queen of the Bluegrass tournament.



Kristen Smith

Win

Continued from p1

Allen Central's three-game win streak began on Tuesday, Dec. 14 with a 53-50 win over 58th District/Floyd County Conference rival Prestonsburg. On Thursday, Dec. 16, Allen Central beat South Floyd 57-41 for its second district/conference win of the season.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Meaghan Slone, Prestonsburg High School Basketball



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Lady Eagles edge Belfry

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - Host Johnson Central pulled out a hard-fought win Tuesday evening. The Lady Eagles beat visiting Belfry in the Country Music Highway Holiday Classic. The contest was the second in the event for both teams.

Johnson Central battled back from 11 points down in the third quarter and then upended the Lady Pirates late.

Johnson Central senior Alice Daniel hit a three-pointer to tie

the game at 56 with 50 seconds remaining. Senior Jayme Dials pushed the Johnson Central lead out when she hit a pair of free throws with 22 seconds left.

Johnson Central beat Beth Haven in its first game of the Country Music Highway event. In another opening game, Belfry edged Lawrence County in a game that featured an overtime period.

Late in Tuesday's game, Belfry's Mary Beth Johnson hit one of two free throws to cut Johnson Central's lead down to a one-point advantage. Belfry

then stole the inbounds pass, but came up short when Johnson missed a shot and Brittany Chapman missed the ensuing putback as the basketball rolled out at the buzzer.

Daniel paced a balanced Johnson Central scoring attack. She hit four of four three-pointers and scored 12 points to lead the Lady Eagles (5-1).

Amanda Moon connected on five three-point field goals and led Belfry in scoring with a game-high 20 points. Chapman tossed in 17 points for Belfry (5-3) and Shae Deskins added 16.

Eagles down Franklin County

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Johnson Central head coach Les Trimble saw his basketball team reel off its sixth win of the season Tuesday night. The Eagles, hosting the Country Music Highway Holiday Classic, beat Franklin County 73-67.

Johnson Central took hold

of the game in the fourth quarter, outscoring Franklin County 30-20 and moving on to the victory.

Before Johnson Central's late fourth quarter rally, Franklin County exited both the second and third quarters with advantages.

Senior Josh Stapleton led Johnson Central in scoring with 20 points, Nick Music scored 16 and Jamie McCarty added

13. Tony Hatfield netted 12 for the homesteading Eagles.

The game was tied at 14 at the end of the first period. Franklin County led 30-26 at halftime and 47-43 at the end of the third quarter.

Tyler Whitaker netted eight points for Johnson Central. Ryan Fannin and Justin Blanton, both of whom came in off the Eagle bench, scored two apiece.

Warriors top South Carolina team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLUMBIA, S.C. - East Ridge improved to 5-3 on the season Tuesday night. The Warriors, playing in the Chick-Fil-A Classic in South Carolina, beat Ridge View, S.C. 56-52.

East Ridge, the defending 15th Region Champion, outscored Ridge View 35-28 in the second half en route to the win.

Senior guard Aaron Branham caught fire for East Ridge, tossing in a game-high 31 points. Eight different Warriors scored in the winning effort.

Estill County 61, Pike

County Central 55 (OT): Estill County outscored Pike Central 12-6 in the overtime period to grab the win.

Junior forward Stuart Reese led Estill County in scoring with 16 points. Senior guard Corey Young added 12.

Anthony Gibson scored 13 points to lead Pike Central. Chase Snodgrass followed with 11 points.

Lawrence County 53, McGill Tolen, Ala. 43: Lawrence County, which trailed by one point at the end of the first period, outscored the Alabama team 14-5 in the second quarter and went on to

post the win in the Montgomery County Classic.

Senior center Derrick Endicott led Lawrence County in scoring with 19 points. Thomas Lewis added 16 points for the Bulldogs and Peyton Preece flipped in 10.

Wolfe County 63, Piarist 30: Eleven different Wolfe County players scored as the Wolves rolled over Piarist. Junior guard Cody Gilbert led Wolfe County (5-2) in scoring with 10 points.

Matt Doyle led Piarist (0-5) in scoring with a game-high 15 points. Jacob Moak added eight for the Knights.

Morehead St. 73, Taylor 58

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MOREHEAD - Morehead State senior forward Chad McKnight tossed in a career high 30 points en route to a 73-58 victory Tuesday night over Taylor.

The Eagles led 38-31 at the break only to see the NAIA Trojans score the first eight points of

the second half to take 39-38 advantage.

McKnights free throw with 17:42 remaining put Morehead State ahead 42-41, and the Eagles never relinquished the lead.

McKnight hit eight of 10 shots from the field, 14 of 18 from the free throw line and hauled down a team high 12



rebounds. Quinton Smith and Josh Reed also hit double figures with 18 and 11 points, respectively. Smith hit five 3-pointers while Reed added three.

As a team MSU finished the night 22 of 47 from the field, which included eight of 16 from three-point range. The Eagles also hit 21 of 29 free throws.

Taylor (9-5) was led by R.J. Beucler with 14 while Doug Bell chipped in with 13. Leading scorer Eric Ford did not play due to sickness.

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ETSU 102, Union 67

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JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — Reserve Travis Strong hit five 3-pointers and scored a career-high 22 points and lift East Tennessee State to a 102-67 victory Tuesday night over Union.

points or more.

The NAIA's Union (6-7) was led by Aaron Troutman with 20 points and nine rebounds, and Jerrod Gibbons with 18 points.

Union sliced ETSU's lead to 58-48 on two free throws by Max Hunter with 15:06 left. But the Bucs then went on a 10-2 run capped by a layup by

Strong that made it 68-50. The final score was the biggest margin.

ETSU had a 19-0 run the first half, capped by a 3-pointer by James Anthony that made it 35-10 with 6:31 left.

Ben Rhoda added 15 points for the Bucs and Dillion Sneed and Greg Surmacz had 10 each. Rhoda hit 6 of 7 from the floor

No. 18 Louisville 80, IUPUI 60

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Freshman Juan Palacios had career-highs of 25 points and 10 rebounds and No. 18 Louisville overcame



Juan Palacios

two key injuries to beat IUPUI 80-60 on Tuesday night in the first round of the Billy Minardi Classic.

Taquan Dean added 20 points and Larry O'Bannon had 14 for the Cardinals (7-2), who played without Ellis Myles and Otis George, their two leading rebounders.



Taquan Dean

The 6-foot-7 Myles, who leads Conference USA with 9.6 rebounds per game, sat out with a right hamstring injury. The 6-8 George is out 2 to 4 weeks with a stress fracture in

his foot.

Luckily for Louisville, the 6-8 Palacios bounced back quickly after having a scratched cornea in Saturday's 60-58 loss to No. 8 Kentucky.

Palacios wore protective goggles and went 9-of-12 from the field and 7-of-8 from the free throw line as Louisville gradually pulled away from the Jaguars (4-5).

Akeem Clark hit seven 3-pointers and scored 23 points for IUPUI.

Despite its thin front line, Louisville had a 33-22 rebound advantage.

Desperate for big men, Cardinals coach Rick Pitino started 6-10 freshman Terrance Farley, who had played only 6 minutes all season. Farley was dismissed from the team and then reinstated last week after breaking unspecified rules.

Farley played 4 ineffective minutes on Tuesday, then went to the bench and did not return.

Pitino tinkered

with some odd-looking line-ups the rest of the way. During one stretch, the tallest



Larry O'Bannon

Cardinal on the floor was 6-6 Lorenzo Wade, a freshman who had played only 46 minutes all season before Tuesday.

The Cardinals relied on 3-point shooting and pesky defense to build their lead.

Louisville led 35-22 at halftime after going 6-of-12 from 3-point range. The Jaguars shot 32 percent (8-of-25) from the field and committed 10 turnovers in the first 20 minutes.

Dean hit a 3-pointer and Palacios scored in the lane early in the second half, as Louisville pushed the lead to 19 points. The Jaguars got no closer than 13 after that.

The four-team Minardi Classic is named after Pitino's brother-in-law, who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center.

UK women too much for Nicholls State

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Freshman center Sarah Elliott charted her first career double-double to lead the University of Kentucky women's basketball team over Nicholls State 106-51 Tuesday in Rupp Arena.



Sarah Elliott

Elliott led five Wildcats in double digits, scoring a career high 24 points. She also charted a career-best 10 rebounds.

It was the second straight game UK had five players with double figure scoring.

The Wildcats (8-3) shot a season-high 60.9 (39-for-64) percent from the floor, including an 84.6 (22-for-26) clip from the free-throw line as all 11 players on the team scored at least two points. UK held Nicholls State (3-7) to just 30.8 percent from the field, as the Cats' bench out-scored the Lady Colonels' bench 61-30.

"It was a great win and a great team effort," UK Coach Mickie DeMoss said. "I thought that we did some really good things offensively and are executing well. We played well as a team. This team is growing up and we are playing better together."

Elliott achieved her first career double-double with 10

rebounds to complement an impressive 9-for-10 shooting from the floor. Senior guard/forward Sara Potts moved into sole possession of 12th place on UK's all-time scoring list with 15 points on 5-of-11 shooting, including three three-pointers. Potts brought down seven rebounds, while junior forward/center Jennifer Humphrey came one point shy of a double-double with 10 rebounds and nine points.

Freshman guard Samantha Mahoney added 13 points, including a perfect 5-for-5 from the charity stripe. Danyelle Payne and Eleia Roddy chipped in 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Kentucky opened the game with a potent offensive touch, scoring the game's first 19 points for a 19-2 lead. UK pushed its advantage to 22-5 at the 13:21 mark and Ten consecutive points by Elliott put the Cats ahead 32-10 with 9:44 remaining in the opening stanza.

"Sarah Elliott shot tremendously from the field," DeMoss said. "She certainly stepped up big tonight and finished her shots. I think she's somebody that we will be looking for as the season progresses." The Wildcats led 60-25 at the halftime intermission,

shooting a blistering 66.7 (24-for-36) from the field. Three players registered double figure points at the break with Elliott shooting a perfect 6-for-6 from the field for a team-high 14 points at the break. Kentucky connected on 87.5 (7-for-8) of their free throws and the Wildcats blocked six Nicholls State shots in the opening period. Kentucky's size made the difference in the first half, as UK out-scored Nicholls State 32-8 in points in the paint. The Cats held the Lady Colonels to just 29.4 (10-of-34) from the floor in the opening stanza.

UK carried the momentum of the first half into the second, scoring the first five points. The Cats extended their advantage to 40, 75-35, at the 12:16 mark and ended the game with the season's largest winning margin of 55. UK's 106 points were the most scored by a women's basketball team at Rupp Arena and the most since defeating Morris Brown 106-32 Dec. 23, 2002.

Nicholls State was led by Mameisha Bryant, who scored 13 points and grabbed five rebounds.

Kentucky will break for the Christmas holiday before returning to action Tuesday, Dec. 28 to face Xavier. Tip off is set for 2 p.m. ET in Cincinnati's Cintas Center. Fans can follow all of the action on WLXG AM 1300 with Chris Cross.

Georgia Tech 51, Syracuse 14

by MARK LONG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. — Maybe Georgia Tech coach Chan Gailey will ease up on Reggie Ball now.

Ball threw two touchdown passes, ran for another score and led the Yellow Jackets to a 51-14 victory over Syracuse in the Champs Sports Bowl on Tuesday night.

Gailey has been critical of his sophomore quarterback all season, and he reiterated this week that Ball will have to win back the starting job next spring.

Ball certainly stated his case against the Orange, finishing 12-of-19 for 207 yards with an interception, and had 38 yards rushing.

"I just let loose," Ball said. "I wasn't worried about proving anything. I know what I can do. I know what kind of leader I am."

Ball also got plenty of help.

P.J. Daniels ran 17 times for 119 yards and two scores, Calvin Johnson set a school record for touchdowns by a freshman with his seventh, and the defense set the tone by returning an interception for a touchdown on the second play of the game. The unit added a safety with 1:42 to play.

Even special teams played a role, blocking a punt in the first quarter that the Yellow Jackets (7-5) converted into a touchdown.

The loss was the worst in a bowl game for Syracuse (6-6) since the 1953 Orange Bowl, a 61-6 drubbing by Alabama. It also means more questions about the future of embattled coach Paul Pasqualoni.

Syracuse chancellor Nancy Cantor gave Pasqualoni a vote of confidence earlier this month, saying he would be retained for a 15th season. But the school also named longtime Southern California administrator Daryl Gross the new athletic director last week.

Gross replaces Jake Crouthamel, one of Pasqualoni's biggest supporters.

Gross dispelled rumors that he was already thinking about a replacement. However, he also

said he would evaluate the athletic department after he completes his move in late January.

Syracuse was making its first postseason appearance since beating Kansas State in the Insight Bowl to finish the 2001 season with a 10-3 record and No. 14 ranking. That improved Pasqualoni's career bowl record to 6-2.

Since then, the Orange have struggled to break even. They had to win three of their last four regular-season games to become bowl eligible this year.

Georgia Tech's dominance Tuesday certainly won't help Pasqualoni.

Chris Reis intercepted Perry Patterson's first pass and returned it 20 yards for a touchdown.

"From the first pass of the game, things seemed to go against us," Pasqualoni said. "It was just one of those days where nothing we did went well."

Syracuse looked to even the game when Patterson scored from 21 yards out, but Collin Barber pushed the extra point attempt wide right.

Georgia Tech then scored touchdowns on three consecutive possessions to pretty much put the game away before halftime.

"We punched them in the mouth, but they punched right back," Syracuse safety Diamond Ferri said. "They deserved to win."

Ball found Johnson for a 10-yard score to make it 14-6. After getting the ball back, Ball rolled right and found Nate Curry down the sideline for an 80-yard touchdown — the longest play of the season for the Yellow Jackets and the longest pass of Ball's career.

"He went out and performed extremely well, especially early in the ball game," Gailey said. "He's had a lot of criticism this year and suffered through a lot of adversity. I'm happy for him."

Syracuse went three-and-out on the ensuing possession, and Xavier McGuire blocked the punt to give his team the ball at the 14.

Ball completed a third-down

pass to the 2, and Daniels took it in from there.

Johnson burned cornerback Tanard Jackson and made a spectacular 51-yard catch over Ferri. He scored six plays later on an end around from the 5-yard line. The Yellow Jackets led 35-6 at halftime, and Ball's 11-yard TD scamper made it 42-6 with 3:48 to play in third quarter.

He was done for the night. So was Syracuse running back Walter Reyes. He sat out the second half after re-injuring his right shoulder.

Reyes, the second-leading rusher in school history, was hurt following an 18-yard reception early in the second quarter. He was forced out of bounds and landed awkwardly after vaulting an aluminum bench on the Georgia Tech sideline.

Besides his catch, Reyes also had 3 yards on five carries.

Reyes missed the previous two games after tearing three muscles behind his right shoulder on a vicious hit in Syracuse's double-overtime win over Pittsburgh on Nov. 6.

Improvements to Hagan Stadium underway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Ground has been broken at Cliff Hagan Stadium as the Kentucky baseball program's facility is in the process of being improved for the 2005 season.

Topping the project list is a brand-new bullpen pavilion

with batting cages that will serve as the home-team bullpen during games. The covered area will feature ample room for pitchers to warm up during games as well as an excellent practice facility for both pitchers and hitters.

The stadium facelift will continue with the extension of

brick wall all the way down the right-field line, matching the one on the opposite side of the field. The home dugout is also being enhanced.

Construction on all the new items is expected to be completed by the Wildcats home opener against Buffalo on Feb. 25.

Unger named to D-IAA ADA Academic All-Star Team

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOREHEAD — The honors continue for Morehead State University senior linebacker Craig Unger (Greenfield, Ohio/McClain HS). He has been named to the Seventh Annual Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star Team. Unger is also one of six finalists eligible for one of two



Craig Unger

\$5,000 Postgraduate Scholarships that will be awarded by the Association at the NACDA (National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics) Convention in June.

Unger recently returned from New York City where he was honored as one of 15 National Scholar-Athletes by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. The awards dinner was

held on Dec. 7 at the Waldorf-Astoria.

A two-time Pioneer Football League South Division Co-Defensive Player of the Year and a two-time NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major All-American, Unger completed his career at MSU as a member of three PFL South Division Championship teams. As a senior, he was credited with 101 tackles, 16 tackles for loss, six sacks and two interceptions. He has a 3.816 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) with a major in Business Administration/Finance.

AP tells college football bowl series to stop using its poll to determine rankings

by RALPH D. RUSSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The Associated Press has told the Bowl Championship Series to stop using its college football poll to determine which teams play for the national title and in the most prestigious bowl games.

The BCS has used the AP poll of 65 writers and broadcasters as a component in its rankings since the system was implemented in 1998 by officials from the nation's major football programs.

The AP said such use was never sanctioned and had reached the point where it threatened to undermine the

poll.

The AP sent BCS coordinator Kevin Weiberg a cease-and-desist letter, dated Dec. 21, stating that use of the poll is unlawful and harms the AP's reputation.

"We respect the decision of the Associated Press to no longer have its poll included in the BCS standings," Weiberg said in a statement Tuesday.

In its letter, the AP said some of its poll voters had indicated they might no longer participate because of concerns over having their reporters be so closely involved in the process of determining which teams play where.

"By stating that the AP poll is one of the three components

rankings, BCS conveys the impression that AP condones or otherwise participates in the BCS system," the letter said. "Furthermore, to the extent that the public does not fully understand the relationship between BCS and AP, any animosity toward BCS may get transferred to AP."

This season, the AP poll and USA Today/ESPN coaches poll were given more weight than ever in the BCS standings. Each poll accounted for one-third of a team's BCS grade and total points were factored in, not just ranking, which was the case before.

A compilation of six computer rankings made up the final third of team's BCS



Dillon Amburgey, a sixth-grade student at Pikeville Elementary, took home three first-place medals at this year's Kentucky Colonels' Sixth Grade Academic Showcase on December 4. He is an appointed member of the Pikeville Junior High Academic Team, which placed first overall of the six participating teams at the Showcase. He received medals for placing first in Science written assessment and first in Mathematics written assessment. He also shared first place wins with his team in Quick Recall and in overall team competition. Amburgey is an asset to his team and is commended for a job well done. He is the son of April Amburgey of Pikeville and the grandson of Willis and

Girls

- Barbourville 36, Fleming Co. 30
- Bell Co. 46, Sheldon Clark 36
- Casey Co. 54, Barbourville 36
- Clay Co. 56, Madison Southern 27
- Elliott Co. 94, Jackson City 27
- Franklin Co. 45, Whitesburg 41
- Garrard Co. 57, Monticello 42
- Gallatinburg P. Tenn. 77, Hopkins Co. Cent. 74
- Green Co. 57, Jenkins 39
- John Hardin 40, Dixie Heights 34
- Johnson Central 58, Belfry 57
- Lex. Christian 57, Russell 47
- Lou. Central 66, Betsy Layne 39
- Lou. Mercy 67, Wayne Co. 50
- Lou. Presentation 71, Jackson Co. 56
- Nicholas Co. 41, Lewis Co. 38
- Paris 56, Whitesburg 40
- Perry Co. Central 57, Hart Co. 53
- Prestonsburg 74, Beth Haven 48
- Pulaski Co. 60, Powell Co. 44
- Somerset 61, Harlan 34
- South Laurel 54, Newport Cent. Cath. 47
- Webster Co. 45, Estill Co. 18
- Wolfe Co. 65, Berea 37

Roush Racing lays 2005 Cup groundwork during Kentucky test

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — Roush Racing pooled its resources at Kentucky Speedway last week when driver Greg Biffle teamed with Crew Chief Robbie Reiser to begin laying the groundwork for a 2005 NEXTEL Cup program that could deliver the organization a third consecutive series championship.

The pilot of the No. 16 National Guard Ford finished the 2004 season with a win at Homestead-Miami Speedway and a career-best single season record that included two wins, four top-five and eight top-10 finishes.

Reiser, who won the 2003 series championship with No. 17 DeWalt Ford driver Matt Kenseth, had his team in range of the top five last season, but finished eighth in the first "Chase for the NEXTEL Cup" with two wins, eight top-five and 16 top-10 finishes.

Biffle budgeted his time between four cars and worked with Reiser under the new series rules that include a reduced spoiler.

"This is really important," Biffle said. "NASCAR has implemented a shorter spoiler and a lot of teams are trying to get a head start on that. We're one of them. We have four cars here today. We've never taken four cars to the racetrack before."

"We're trying to figure out what to build for 2005. We're going to go test at Las Vegas and California at the end of the month and we don't know what to take. We're trying to figure out what platform will be the best for driving on a racetrack. We have wind tunnel numbers, but you never know until you

get to the track."

Biffle spent a portion of his day in the same No. 16 he drove to Victory Lane in the 2004 season finale and noticed a measurable difference when driving it with the new spoiler.

"This is our baseline car," he said. "Believe it or not, we brought three other cars that have better down force numbers, but this car is the fastest car. We're scratching our head trying to figure out what's special about this car. I told them we need to put it in a museum, but I want to run it next year, because we'll win some races."

"The short spoiler is quite a bit different. We didn't even put the big spoiler on this car. We're technically never going to put it back on until NASCAR tells us to because we don't want to get a false sense of security. We did do it (on) back-to-back (runs) in Vegas and the car was slower by three- to four-tenths a lap with the short spoiler. It shows up more on older tires than it does on newer tires."

"We're trying to put on a better show and we're trying to make it (the series) more competitive, but there's just not enough spoiler on it to run side-by-side. Cars are going to be harder to drive, especially around people in a group."

Although he faces a firm set of challenges for the upcoming season, the Vancouver, Wash., native who turns 35 on December 23, is optimistic about making the "Chase for the NEXTEL Cup" in 2005.

"I'm focused on making the NEXTEL Cup Chase next year. We learned a lot with this race-car and came a long way as a team (in 2004)," Biffle said. "I got a lot better at places where predominately I'm not good as a driver. The team has gotten

better with racecars and we feel like we're in line to win about five races and compete everywhere we go. There isn't one racetrack I dread going to now. I'm excited to go Bristol, I'm excited to go Dover, I'm excited to go Loudon and Martinsville, just everywhere. We're really looking forward to next season."

Biffle also is excited about his limited NASCAR Busch Series schedule with Brewco Motorsports of Central City, and the No. 66 Duraflame Ford. He finished fourth in the 2004 standings after driving to five wins, 15 top-five and 21 top-10 finishes.

"I love running Busch races," he said. "That's what keeps me going in this sport of NASCAR because there's no pressure and it's a lot of fun for me."

"It's a little bit more difficult with Brewco being in Kentucky because I really like to go to the race shop and this (arrangement) doesn't afford me that opportunity that much. I can do it, but it's a little harder."

"I'm real excited about racing with them because those guys have great cars. Everybody I've worked with over there has been great and I'm excited they're switching to Ford. Our Ford Taurus is really good right now and we're working hard on it. Dodge is bringing out their new car, so we'll have some competition, but I feel good about next year and teaming up with Duraflame."

Joe Gibbs racing drivers Jason Leffler, Tony Stewart and Bobby Labonte also tested last week along with ppc Racing driver John Andretti, Haas CNC driver Mike Bliss and Labonte Motorsports driver Justin Labonte.

Charlotte leaders plan for more all-star hoopla

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.C. — Fearful of losing the Nextel Cup's annual all-star race, leaders from around the Charlotte region hope to beef up events surrounding the May race at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

They held a news conference Thursday to announce that they plan to hold daily events on each of the six days leading up to the May 21 running of the NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge.

There was no word on what any of those events might be, but organizers have prepared a \$600,000 budget, said Jennifer Woodford, public information officer for the city of Kannapolis, one of the local governments involved.

The 2005 race will be the 20th time in 21 years the all-star competition has been held at the track outside Charlotte.

But NASCAR has said it will consider holding the lucrative event at other tracks and will decide the race's home on a year-to-year basis. Local officials are eager to hold onto the race, which pumps an estimated \$94 million into the regional economy and is a highlight of two weeks of May racing at the track.

"We want the Nextel to be

here year after year after year," said Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory, who referred to the area as "NASCAR Valley."

"When you think of Augusta, what do you think of? The Masters. When you think of Pasadena, what do you think of? The Rose Bowl," McCrory said. "When you think of racing, we want people to think right here."

In 2003, community leaders organized a promotional campaign and hosted concerts with Uncle Kracker and the Goo Goo Dolls prior to the all-star race. This year, the band Live performed the afternoon before the race.

Besides concerts, organizers hope to put together a pit crew competition as well, speedway spokesman Jerry Gappens said.

"We just need to take it up to the next level," Gappens said.

The committee organizing events around the 2005 running includes five local governments and 15 other organizations, including the convention and visitors bureaus for Cabarrus County, Charlotte, Lake Norman and Mooresville.

"We realize the prestige of having the event here," Concord Mayor Scott Padgett said.

Daytona 500 qualifying races get facelift

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The qualifying races for the Daytona 500, which feature every Daytona 500 entrant and determine the starting lineup for the "Great American Race," will carry a new name and distance beginning with Speedweeks 2005.

The Gatorade Duel at Daytona, which has traditionally been two 125-mile qualifying races, will now be a pair of 150-mile qualifying races. The extra 25 miles, equivalent to 10 laps, will force teams to re-think their pit strategy as they fight to make the field for the Daytona 500, known as NASCAR's richest and most prestigious race.

In addition, there will be an extended break with live entertainment between the 150-mile Gatorade Duel qualifying races.

In recent years, NASCAR Cup teams had advanced their cars' ability to make the 125-mile distance without a pit stop, which was one thing that prompted the change.

"We're excited about adding a new twist into an already exciting day of racing," Daytona International Speedway president Robin Braig said. "The new distance to the Gatorade Duel at Daytona will give Daytona 500 entrants 10 more laps to fight to make the field for NASCAR's signature event."

This is the second time in the history of the event that the distance has been

changed. From 1959-1968, the Daytona 500 qualifying races were each 100 miles. Beginning in 1969, the race was extended to 125 miles.

"In addition to creating a more competitive racing environment for entry into the Daytona 500, the Gatorade Duel at Daytona will deliver an even more compelling and memorable experience to the race fans," Scott Paddock, senior manager, sports marketing for Gatorade, said. "We at Gatorade are very proud of our long standing relationship with Daytona International Speedway and the role we play in fueling the hydration needs of the sports' drivers and teams."

The Daytona 500 uses a different qualifying procedure than any other race in the world. On Budweiser Pole Day: Sunday, Feb. 13, only the fastest two cars earn their starting spots for the Daytona 500.

The fastest qualifier will earn the pole for both the Daytona 500 and the first 150-mile Gatorade Duel qualifying race. The second fastest qualifier earns the outside pole for the Daytona 500 and will start on the pole for the second 150-mile Gatorade Duel qualifying race.

Drivers qualifying in odd-numbered positions will compete in the first Gatorade Duel race while drivers that qualify in even-numbered positions duke it out in the second Gatorade Duel race.

The top 14 finishers, not including the polesitter in the first 150-mile qualifying race, will line up behind the Daytona 500 pole sitter; while the top-14 finishers, not including the outside pole sitter in the second 150-mile Gatorade Duel qualifying race, will line up behind the outside Daytona 500 pole sitter.

Currently, the next eight Daytona 500 starting positions (31-38) are awarded to the drivers with the fastest speed after pole qualifying. The final five positions (39-43) are given to teams that are entitled to a provisional starting position per NASCAR's entry blank for the event.

Also on tap the same day as the Gatorade Duel at Daytona will be NASCAR Busch Series, NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and Crown Royal IROC practice sessions as well as Florida Dodge Dealers 250 Truck Series Bud Pole Qualifying under the lights.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWLS

Today (Friday, Dec. 24)

Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: \$750,000
UAB (7-4) vs. Hawaii (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 27

MPC Computers Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Payout: \$750,000
Fresno State (8-3) vs. Virginia (8-3), 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Motor City Bowl
At Detroit
Payout: \$750,000
Toledo (9-3) vs. Connecticut (7-4), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Payout: \$1.2 million
Iowa State (6-5) vs. Miami (Ohio) (8-4), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Insight Bowl
At Phoenix
Payout: \$750,000
Oregon State (6-5) vs. Notre Dame (6-5), 9:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 29

Houston Bowl
Payout: \$1.1 million
Texas-El Paso (8-3) vs. Colorado (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Payout: \$1.55 million
Ohio State (7-4) vs. Oklahoma State (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 30

Continental Tire Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Payout: \$750,000
Boston College (8-3) vs. North Carolina (6-5), 1 p.m. (ESPN2)

Emerald Bowl
At San Francisco
Payout: \$750,000
New Mexico (7-4) vs. Navy (9-2), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Payout: \$2 million
California (10-1) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
Payout: \$750,000
Troy (7-4) vs. Northern Illinois (8-3), 11 p.m. (ESPN2)

Friday, Dec. 31

Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Payout: \$780,000
Alabama (6-5) vs. Minnesota (6-5), Noon (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Payout: \$1.5 million
Purdue (7-4) vs. Arizona State (8-3), 2 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: \$1.35 million
Boise State (11-0) vs. Louisville (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Payout: \$2.2 million
Miami (8-3) vs. Florida (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 1

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Payout: \$3 million
Tennessee (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (7-4), 11 a.m. (FOX)

Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Payout: \$2.75 million
Wisconsin (9-2) vs. Georgia (9-2), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Payout: \$1.6 million
Florida State (8-3) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: \$5.187 million
Iowa (9-2) vs. LSU (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Payout: \$14.5 million
Michigan (9-2) vs. Texas (10-1), 5 p.m. (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Payout: \$11-14 million
Utah (11-0) vs. Pittsburgh (8-3), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 3

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Payout: \$11-14 million
Auburn (12-0) vs. Virginia Tech (10-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Tuesday, Jan. 4

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Payout: \$11-14 million
Southern Cal (12-0) vs. Oklahoma (12-0), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 15

Gridiron Classic
At The Villages, Fla.
North vs. South, 11 a.m. (ESPN2)
East-West Shrine Classic
At San Francisco
East vs. West, 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 22

Hula Bowl
At Maui, Hawaii
Aina vs. Kai 7, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, Jan. 29

Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.



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Left: Darcey Hicks defended Wednesday morning as Lawrence County tried to inbound the basketball. Prestonsburg Coach

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THROUGH MY EYES

Oh, what a night!

Last Saturday was a wonderful day. Starting things off mid-afternoon was the Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky's annual holiday banquet, an event I look forward to each and every year.

I will always remember the first day I met Jerome Greathouse, president of the organization for the past four years. I like to tell the story of how Jerome walked into our office and straight up to my desk in early 2001 and stuck out his hand and said, "Hello, Kathy, my name is Jerome Greathouse and I'm the new president of The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky. Our area's Dream Factory office has had a few problems, but I'm here to tell you that we are up and going once again and that I'm going to make this one of the best offices ever."

Straight to the point, no beating around the bush, this man told me what he was going to do and then invited me to sit back and watch him do it. Or rather, not just "sit back" and watch him do it, but to grab my camera, pad and pen and "tag along" and watch him do it.

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POSTSCRIPT

Since most of the oldest generation of our family has died, my cousin Lena Butcher (Lois, to us) has inherited the role of holiday host. The role is a natural. She has several children and they've always been accustomed to crowds around the table and around the tree.

As her family grew, so did her house. Now it is a perfect place for family doings, with a big kitchen, a big living room and two sitting areas that flow from one to the other. The yard is expansive, running to the creek in front and a generous holler in the back (a welcome home for my former dog

Bubba who protects the home from deer, rabbits and squirrels).

Over the years, Lois has hosted the local family for the major holidays: Easter, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas and various birthdays. The atmosphere is always warm and full of laughter. The table is always laden with mountain traditional food, no matter the near

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Board member donates toys to service area schools

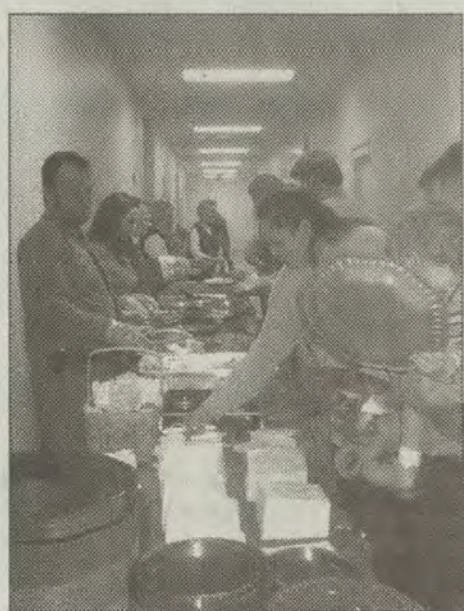
Mickey McGuire, Floyd County Board of Education member, presented gifts to both the Prestonsburg Elementary Resource Center and the Clark Elementary Resource Center on Monday afternoon. The gifts were donated by McGuire, his office staff, and by those who attended McGuire's annual Christmas party. "People

always want to bring a gift each year," McGuire said, "so this year, I just told them, bring a toy for a child that we can give to children who may not receive very much for Christmas. And, they did. The center directors both told me that they knew children who will now

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Floyd County Board of Education member, Mickey McGuire, and Clark Elementary Youth Service Center Director, Pam Meyer, are pictured with a portion of the toys that were donated by McGuire's office and guests of his annual Christmas party.



photos by Kathy J. Prater
A Christmas feast of turkey and dressing, baked ham, vegetables and dessert was served by employees of Reno's Texas Roadhouse.

Ann Bunger, of the Dream Factory Louisville headquarters, assisted children with selecting souvenir teddy bears prior to dinner being served. Each child present received a teddy bear and an official Dream Factory t-shirt.

2004 Dream Factory Christmas Banquet mix of sweet, some sad, moments

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky held its fourth annual Christmas banquet this past Saturday, at the Mountain Arts Center. Catered by Reno's Texas Roadhouse and sponsored by generous area supporters, Christmas dreams came true for the children and families in attendance.

A delicious dinner of turkey and dressing, baked ham, mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables, plus pumpkin pie and lots of Pepsi-Cola filled children's tummies with warmth while local

sponsors put big smiles on their faces with presents, stuffed animals and Dream Factory t-shirts.

Though all was festive and hearts were light for the most part, some sadness did fall as Jerome Greathouse, president of the organization for the past four years, announced his resignation and took a moment to remember those children touched by Dream Factory dreams who have since passed away - Christy Ann Hamilton, who passed away February 15, 2004, and Justin Lee Wright, who passed away on July 1, 2003.

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Chris Waugh, Floyd County Court Clerk, was all smiles as tiny Abigail Coleman opened her "Dora the Explorer" gift set. Dora is Abigail's favorite television character.

THINGS TO PONDER

'Tis Christmastime, hope all your family is fine

(This is an article that continues to present the individual and family issues that need to be identified and adapted as necessary for everyone to have the expected enjoyment of the holiday season. Hope you enjoy it.)

'Tis the last week before Christmas and all through the house, everyone is stirring and the house is a mess. The dishes are piled high in the sink and the clothes are dirty, cause all have been shopping in a big hurry. Supposedly, all are busy getting ready for the holiday that is automatically expected to bring warm feelings, good

cheer, and cement our love for our fellow man. Some folks seem to think that it will come together like the visions of sugarplums dancing in their head as shown repeatedly on TV. Instead of being nestled and calm, it seems it is a screaming match at times; children without rules run about. Moms are so upset that dads are quarreling about money that they don't have, being spent on ridiculous items, just because someone wants them for Christmas. Some moms are also upset that dads are drinking too much, plus cursing and hitting. The question becomes, "When do they settle down for a long winter's nap?" The poor and the sick ask, "When can we get the bustling over and get on with business as usual?"

Besides buying all the gifts for Santa to

bring down the chimney, there's all that "meeting and eating" at each major household of the family. Children will have to be rushed out of bed to go visit Grandpa just so many minutes, before trooping to the "other" MamMaw's for Christmas dinner. Instead of a luster of midday by new-fallen snow, many little feet will track mud in the house. But, oh! Someone has forgotten! Dad and mom divorced during the long hot summer and that brings on more things that must be remembered, such as visits counted by the hours and done by the legal books with three hours "here" on Christmas Eve and four hours "there" on Christmas afternoon. Thus everyone will feel as though THEY have had a chance to enjoy the children's Christmas. However, the purpose of Christmas may be forgotten.

Everyone will finally gather at the table with care, in some households the men will sit at the "first table," while women will wait in the kitchen. At other households, the grandmother will fix up all the trimmings and you know them by name - turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, cranberry mess, pickles, and olives. Then the young adults will arrive just in time to enjoy the combination of aromas connected with "good" past childhood memories. They will be shocked when the worn out matriarch lays her apron down by the stove and without a word, gives a nod, and up the staircase she goes. While in flight and straight up to bed for the rest of the day, she thinks, "Now, dash away! Dash away!"

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Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Eyes

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Which I did, and which he did, as well.

Jerome reopened the Eastern Kentucky office of the Dream Factory with only about \$1,800 to get things rolling. As of this past Saturday, The Dream Factory account is in excess of \$60,000. And that's with the completion of about 21 successful dreams behind them.

So much for the rumors that Jerome is stepping down from his post due to having run the local office into debt.

Financially, the office is in great shape for now. But, as Jerome is quick to remind us, the dreams the Dream Factory grants are not cheap. Each dream runs in the neighborhood of around \$5,000 and that's with

such organizations as Give Kids the World - Orlando, and Disney World helping out. Depending on the specific needs, and desires, of the child involved, dreams can go well over the \$5,000 limit, and it doesn't take long for the funds to begin to dwindle away.

Which is even more testimony to what a great job Jerome has done. To have granted 21 dreams and still manage to keep the office in such great fiscal shape has been no easy task for its president.

Which is exactly why, I suppose, that Jerome is stepping down from the post for the time being. "I just need some time for myself," he said. Something that is surely understandable, but

even so, doesn't make it any easier to say good-bye to Jerome.

He reassures me that he has left the local office in "good hands," with new president Joy Hall and I'm sure that Joy is going to do a great job, after all, I spoke with her just yesterday afternoon and she was already preparing to grant her first dream as new president.

So, we wish Joy all the success that Jerome has seen, and if she experiences only half of that, she will be in great shape. But as for all the kids who I've witnessed first-hand to grow to love that big ole' teddy bear we call Jerome, as well as for myself, we sure hope that Jerome doesn't stay away for long.

Guess you could say that's

our dream for now.

Up for granting this one, Jerome?

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Can't mention last Saturday and not mention how incredibly awesome and stupendous the Kentucky Opry Christmas Show was - again.

Not often am I at a loss for words (well, at least when I'm writing, anyway), but when it comes to trying to describe the wonder and emotion experienced when attending this special Opry show, I can only say that if you haven't seen it, then buy your tickets for next year - now!

Having attended now for the past several years, courtesy of the Dream Factory, it struck me

on Saturday evening how each year, I happen to see the same folks again and again. Not just the Dream Factory crew, but people like Johnnie and Kay Ross, my cousin Sandy Travis and daughter, Heather, Marty Childers, Alicia Hughes, and always, one of the dear sisters, or more, from Mt. Tabor. It's pretty evident that attending this spectacular show has become a family tradition for our local folks. And what better way to enjoy celebrating this wonderful season than to share this show with those we love at Miss Billie Jean's Mountain Arts Center?

Making the Saturday show even more special was getting to see Kory Caudill on stage once again. Being away at college,

Kory wasn't available for each of the performances, but lucky for those in attendance Saturday evening, he was able to pound that piano for us in the way that only he can.

Ron Vanover was, again, riveting, as was Ashley Hall, Kristin Everage and every single other member of the Opry, and that's not to forget the Junior Pro kids. I know that it takes each and every one of the performers, crazy ole' Munroe, Keith and the entire gang, plus their sound and stage crews to make up the wonder that they treat us to each year. Thanks, guys, for making our Christmases so merry, and here's hoping that yours is great, as well.

Across the Miles at Christmas

*If I could have a Christmas Prayer, I'd love for you to know,
This message comes across the miles, because I love you so.*

*I would not ask for diamonds, a fancy house, or car,
I'd rather spend an hour with you, no matter where you are.*

*I'd love to see you smile again, a moment of tender bliss,
To make another memory from one precious little kiss.*

*I can feel your arms around me, holding me so tight,
I feel your presence everywhere, each day and lonely night.*

*I close my eyes and think of you, although we're miles apart,
Our love grows deeper every day, with warmth that fills my heart.*

*You're my soul's inspiration, although you act so tuff,
I'll love you till the day I die, you're my diamond in the rough.*

*Just look up at the stars tonight, and feel my presence there,
We'll walk together hand in hand, if only in a prayer.*

*God keep you safe and free from harm till you return to me,
And I will keep you in my heart, while waiting patiently.*

I love you, Merry Christmas!

*by Frances A. Cantrell,
in honor of loved ones far away and all American soldiers*

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duplicates: ham and turkey, mashed potatoes and potato salad and sweet potatoes, rolls and corn bread, cake and pie, and on and on.

Christmas is more of the same. Plus, gifts pile up under the tree and line the floor in every direction. Children and adults alike take away armloads.

This year, the gathering will go forward, but with a few accommodations.

I suspect the scene will appear to be taking place in a home for broken bodies. It has not been a good year for Lois' family. Early in the summer,

one of her daughters had to have knee surgery and still walks with a noticeable limp. Another daughter had to have minor heart surgery. The oldest son fell off a tractor and broke his leg, which has not healed very quickly, causing him to need a cane to walk with.

Last week while Christmas shopping, Lois fell on a sidewalk and broke her leg. She's confined to a wheelchair for an indefinite period.

The rest of us have our own list of achy joints, but, all in all, we're pretty well off.

Lesser folks might say,

Let's just not even have a Christmas gathering this year. But thankfully, I don't come from lesser folks.

At this writing, various family members are planning what to cook and take to Williamsport on Saturday. It may not be as tasty as Lois' good cooking is. But this is the season, isn't it, of the old phrase, It's the thought that counts.

After all, as good as the food is, it's still the getting together that makes the holidays worthwhile.

To you and yours, have an excellent holiday.

Ponder

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Dash away all!" Similar to dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, the men and the kids make scarce of the pies.

While laying there resting with her eyes closed, the "grandmother of the day" has her own fantasies. What if someone inquired about what she wanted to do? Why did they not know that she was so tired of being responsible for it all? Who will be saying, "Thank you for everything and next year it's on me?" Then Granny may hear the dishwasher and even the little ones pitch-

ing in. Why they will be getting things together! Won't that be clever! She may start to see that the crew really does care and that she had nothing to dread. Granny will be so proud that her best linen will be made as white as the snow. Her eyes how they will twinkle when she thinks of the scene! She will feel so merry! She will even begin to feel like a right jolly old queen.

As she comes down the stairs after resting a night, Granny will sure be pleased when she sees the great sight. There will be one smiling face

after another. They will be happy for making a difference in showing her that others really do care. The wads of wrapping paper and long pieces of ribbon will now be out of sight after the team makes it all, as clean as a thistle. Then everyone will truly hug each other with care and so proudly say, "I'm so glad that we are all here." Finally at the end of the day, the mob will begin to drive out of sight, Granny and Grandpa will exclaim, "Happy Christmas to all and isn't it nice to be quiet!" Merry Christmas!

McGuire

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be assured of a Christmas present due to this donation."

Approximately fifty presents were collected that will be distributed to families through the two resource centers.



Rebial Reynolds, Prestonsburg Elementary Youth Service Center Director, with a few of the toys and gifts donated to area children by McGuire's office.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation.

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School

Turn in Food City receipts and General Mills box tops to home room teachers!

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, 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 appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550

or 478-9751, ext. 310.

Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

Duff Elementary

School is collecting Food City receipts again this year! Receipts must be dated Sept. 12, 2004 - March 12, 2005.

Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); 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. 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 Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

Please collect Food City receipts! School goal is \$500,000 in receipts. Anyone in the community may mail receipts, in care of PES, to 236 North Lake Drive, or drop them off at the school office.

The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

School is participating in the "Apples for Students" program.

Please turn in your Food City receipts to office or send with a student. Thanks!

Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

Walking track open to public.

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.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

Lost & Found located in 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.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

"Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If items not picked up within 2 weeks, they become the property of the resource center.

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

Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

BSCTC, Prestonsburg campus: Mon., Wed., Fri. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tue., Thur. - 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jason Cassell - 886-3863, ext. 67219. Room m207 (second floor, Library).

Auxier Lifelong Learning Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Lucille Fuchs - 886-0709.

Martin Extended Education Service Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Vanessa Tackett - 285-5111.

Wayland EESC: Mon., Wed. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Vanessa Tackett - 358-3400.

Wheelwright: Mon., Wed. - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Penny Fell - 452-4324.

McDowell: Tue., 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

For more information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.



Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



Panic attacks may have no apparent cause, can mimic heart attack

Question: I have started having these spells where I get real nervous, my heart pounds, I break out in a sweat, and I get a headache. I am a 20-year-old college student. My mom says I am having panic attacks and I need medicine. Do you think these are panic attacks, and are there other things than medicine to treat them?

Answer: Everybody feels panic now and then. It could be as a result of an immediate threat to your health, like a fire or an accident. Or, you may feel panicked before speaking to a large group of people or while going through a job interview.

While this kind of panic is normal,

some people experience true "panic attacks" that seem to come out of the blue for no obvious reason. These attacks have many of the symptoms you describe. The person may be walking down the street or sitting at home and suddenly tremors start, the heart starts racing, and he or she feels a great sense of fear. The person may also sweat profusely, experience chest pains, have shortness of breath, become weak and dizzy, feel like fainting, and have abdominal pain. Sometimes, the symptoms can feel like a heart attack. Each panic attack can last from a few minutes to a half hour.

People who experience these panic attacks are said to have panic disorder

— a relatively common problem that most often strikes young women between the ages of 20 and 25. About 2.4 million Americans of both genders have panic disorder. While we don't know exactly what causes this disorder, it seems to run in families and can be related to stressful life events.

Panic disorder is defined medically as "sudden, and repeated episodes of intense fear associated with physical symptoms." These attacks are spontaneous and often it is difficult to determine what triggers the attack. In some people the fear of having an attack becomes so great that

they develop another problem called agoraphobia. This disorder — which literally means "fear of the market" — can be so severe that people won't even leave their homes.

Medications, such as antidepressants can be used to treat panic disorder in many people. Another treatment, cognitive-behavioral therapy, which deals with a person's attitudes and perceptions of the panic disorder, can be successful. Many people with panic

disorder have other problems such as underlying depression or substance abuse issues. These must be dealt with if they are present. Many people have recurrences of their panic disorder after treatment, and they need medication and/or therapy for long periods of time.

The good news is, once you know what you have, you should be able to "get through" a panic attack by using one of several strategies. These may include sitting in a quiet place, breathing into a brown paper bag, or just talking softly with a friend until the symptoms have passed. Once a person with panic disorder knows that they are not having a heart attack or other such life threatening medical problem, they can weather the storm of an attack. Also, some people are able to figure out what triggers their attacks. They can, then, avoid those stimuli and actually prevent the attacks from ever taking place.

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Dream Factory

Greathouse acknowledged the ways in which these children, as well as all Dream Factory dream recipients, had touched the lives of the members of the organization. Being overcome with emotion, Greathouse had to leave the podium and allow daughter, Jennifer Greathouse, secretary, to finish the speech for him.

"We'll never forget Christy Ann, Justin, or any of our kids," she said. "We've loved each and every moment we've spent making their dreams come true."

The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky is a chapter of the national Dream Factory wish-granting organization, and under Greathouse's presidency, was recognized nationally with an award for outstanding service in 2003, at the national convention held in New York.

"Jerome has done a great, a simply great, job of granting the dreams of children in eastern Kentucky," said Ann Bunker, director, Louisville office. "We hate to see him go, and we hope to see him come back. And, for the record, he is leaving this office in great financial shape."

Joy Hall, of McDowell, was introduced as the new president

of the Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky. Hall acknowledged that she has some "pretty big shoes to fill," but vowed to do her best with the responsibility.

The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky grants the dreams of children who are chronically or critically ill. Among the types of dreams often granted are department store shopping sprees, trips to vacation resorts such as Disney World, Give Kids the World, Dollywood, and others, and wishes for such things as computers, swimming pools or other such items that a child may wish for.

A child does not have to be in danger of dying, although some are, in order to have a dream granted by the Dream Factory, as is commonly believed. Most any chronic, or critical, illness situation will qualify a child for the granting of a dream.

If you know of a child who may qualify for a Dream Factory dream, you may contact Joy Hall at any of the following numbers: 377-2053, 377-6515, or 377-6272. You may also write to: Joy Hall, President, The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, P.O. Box 732, McDowell, KY 41647.

Those children attending

Saturday's banquet, and their sponsors, included: Kayla Hall - Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and Karen Lowe, of Pepsi-Cola; Ashley Blackburn - Floyd County District Judge James Allen and Dana Hall, of Pepsi-Cola; Andrew Vangore - Gary Dotson, Prestonsburg Fire Department Fire Chief, and Mike Biliter, of Pepsi-Cola; Richard Rohr - Ken Ratliff, of Pepsi-Cola, and Anonymous; Cory Prater - Terry Kinzer, of Kinzer Drilling, and Greg Keene, of Pepsi-Cola; Curtis Jarvis - Dr. Angela Maggard and Tonetta Childers, of Pepsi-Cola; Casey Johnson - Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul H. Thompson and Joe Mollett, of Pepsi-Cola; Andrew Stambaugh - Debbie McCoy and Chris Little, both of Pepsi-Cola; Michael Tackett - Bobby Carpenter, Prestonsburg Fire Department Fire Marshall, and Ernie Gullett, of Pepsi-Cola; Bethany Osborne - Dr. Angela Maggard and Dewayne McKinney, of Pepsi-Cola; Mark Holbrook - Atty. Gerald DeRossett and Ed Farmer, of Pepsi-Cola; Brian Clouse - Tobacco Max and Devon Akers, of Pepsi-Cola; Breanlian Marie Cottrell - Addie Spradlin and

Kevin McDonald, of Pepsi-Cola; Justin Clouse - Teena Spears, of First Commonwealth Bank, and Sandy Austin-Feltner, of Pepsi-Cola; Anita Burchett - Tobacco Max and Glenda Rhea, of Pepsi-Cola; Abigail Coleman - Floyd County Court Clerk Chris Waugh and Vickie Lambert, of Pepsi-Cola; Justin Eric Stacy - Tobacco Max and Gerald Robinson, of Pepsi-Cola; Kevin Radschweit - Tim Johnson, Prestonsburg Fire Department, and Debbi Preston, of Pepsi-Cola; and one anonymous child sponsored by Floyd County Circuit Court Judge Eric Hall and Erwin Williams, of Pepsi-Cola.

The law offices of Eric C. Conn, Rudd Equipment Co., Highlands Regional Medical Center, First Commonwealth Bank, Pepsi-Cola of Eastern Kentucky, The City of Prestonsburg, the Mountain Arts Center, and Reno's Texas Roadhouse were among the proud sponsors of the 2004 Dream Factory Christmas Banquet.

In his closing speech, Greathouse commented, "You can't have a good administration and be able to do the things we've been able to do without a

lot of good people behind you. We've been fortunate to have had a lot of good people behind

us. I know that this good work will continue for the children in our area."



Christy Ann Hamilton received a Wal-Mart shopping spree from The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky in August, 2001. She passed away on February 15, 2004.



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Terry Kinzer, right, of Kinzer Drilling, along with Greg Keene, of Pepsi-Cola, sponsored Cory Prater, shown here with his mother, Dawonna

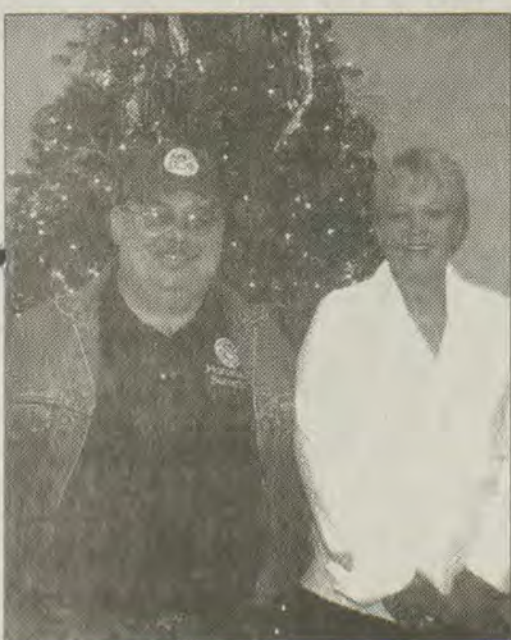


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Jerome Greathouse, who has served as president of The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky for the past four years, officially resigned his post at the annual Christmas banquet, turning the helm over to Joy Hall,

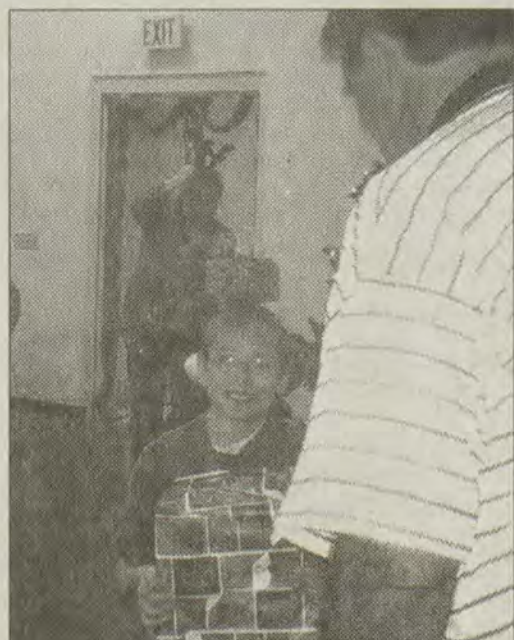


photo by Kathy J. Prater
Kevin Radschweit was all smiles as he accepted gifts from his sponsors, Tim Johnson, of the Prestonsburg Fire Department, and

Merry Christmas from Heaven

I still hear the songs,
I still see the lights,
I still feel your love,
On cold wintry nights.

I still share your hopes,
and all of your cares,
I'll even remind you,
To please say your prayers.

I just want to tell you,
You still make me proud,
You stand head and shoulders,
Above all the crowd.

Keep trying each moment,
To stay in His grace,
I came here before you,
To help set your place.

You don't have to be,
Perfect all of the time,
He forgives you the slip,
If you continue the climb.

To my family and friends,
Please be thankful today,
I'm still close beside you,
In a new special way.

I love you all dearly,
Now don't shed a tear,
Cause I'm spending my
Christmas with Jesus this year.

Love,
Christy Ann Hamilton

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vanuoco, Minister.
New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 60 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloo, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
Auxiliary Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
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Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J. 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.
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Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Com Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.;
Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Jim Fields, Minister.
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swenberg.
Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Egt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Buddy Jones, Minister.
First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborn, Minister.
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First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, Minister.
Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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ALTHOUGH THE ISRAELITES MAY HAVE ESCAPED FROM EGYPT AS A MOB OF STRAGGLING REFUGEES, MOSES KNEW THIS CONDITION MUST BE CHANGED! AND HE WAS RIGHT—THE PEOPLES THEY RAN INTO DURING THEIR DESERT WANDERINGS WERE UNFRIENDLY AT BEST, WHEN THEY WEREN'T DOWN-RIGHT WARLIKE! TO SURVIVE, IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE ISRAELITES TO DEVELOP INTO A STRONGLY ARMED FORCE, CAPABLE OF WITHSTANDING THOSE WHO WOULD DESTROY THEM. SO IT BECAME THE DUTY OF ALL MEN, AGES TWENTY TO FIFTY, TO BEAR ARMS, TO BE READY FOR BATTLE AT A MOMENTS NOTICE! THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT THESE MEN NUMBERED 603,550 WARRIORS FROM ALL THE TRIBES WITH AN EXCEPTION TO THE TRIBE OF LEVI, WHO WERE EXEMPT AS THE PRIESTHOOD. EVEN THEIR ENCAMPMENT WAS LAID OUT WITH MILITARY STRATEGY, THE TABERNACLE OF GOD BEING PROTECTED IN THE CENTER OF AN AREA WHICH COVERED SOME TWELVE SQUARE MILES.

BY THE TIME JOSHUA FINALLY LED THEM INTO CANAAN TO CONQUER THE PROMISED LAND, THE ISRAELITES MARCHED AS BATTLE-TESTED VETERANS, SKILLED IN THE ARTS OF WAR FROM MANY DESERT CAMPAIGNS!

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CATHOLIC
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CHRISTIAN
First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.
Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.
Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.
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Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.
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CHURCH OF GOD
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First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
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METHODIST
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Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pascosoldo, Minister.
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Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.
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Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
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Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.
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NOTICE
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0303 Amendment No. 1 in accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located near Craynor of Floyd County. The amendment will add 119.64 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 274.06 acres, of which 184.58 acres underlie surface and/or auger in another seam, making a total area of 583.31 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road, and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Jennifer and Jessie Akers, Dinah Clark, Arnold Turner, Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, Ray and Mary Hall, Elzie Hall, Flora K. Preston, Phil

NOTICES

812-Free

FREE PALLETS: can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

900-Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that Leonard Hall, P.O. Box 219, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 1.2 mile west of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with KY Route 1426, near the community of Harold on Little Mud Creek in Floyd County Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky

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The amendment will underlie land owned by Jennifer and Jessie Akers, Dinah and Jack Tackett, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Carmel and Marie Clark, Arnold Turner, Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, Ray and Mary Hall, Elzie Hall, Flora K. Preston, Phil and Betty Hall, Darin Carroll, Wallace and Melinda Hamilton, Walker and Jeromia Tackett, Roger and Shirley Paige, F. W. Newsom Heirs, and Carmel Lee and Ollie Tackett.

The operation will use the area, contour, and extended depth auger method of surface mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

the amendment is owned by ACIN LLC, Ellen K. Hall, Eva June Vance, Johnson Family Trust, Polly Howell, Jacqueline Harrison, Willie B. and Anna Lou Mitchell, Anthony Cerullo, and Russell C. Walker. The permit will underlie land owned by Ellen K. Hall, Eva June Vance, Johnson Family Trust, Jacqueline Harrison, Willie B. and Anna Lou Mitchell, Polly Howell, Nicky W. Taylor, Donald E. and Betty Brown, Gracie Brown, Trena Brown Cecil, Russell C. Walker, Geneva Henson, Anthony Cerullo, Fred Henson Estate, Edith Henson, Marvin E. Flannery, Millie Tackett Estate, Amanda and Mildred Osborne, Oley Hall Estate, Lulu M. Newsome, Robert and Amanda Everage, Brad Newsome, Denny Newsome, Lonnie and Effie Bentley, Amos and Francis Little, ACIN LLC, Clark Heirs, Doris Newsome, Johnny

and Dinah Bentley, Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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Pursuant to Application Number 898-5937, Amendment #3

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.5 mile south of Beaver, and situated in both Pike and Floyd County. The amendment will add 6.35 acres of surface disturbance, and 391.46 acres of underground area, making a total area of 397.81 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment is located approximately 1.1 mile south from the intersection of KY 979 and Tackett Fork Road, and located on Tackett Fork Road of Mud Creek of the Big Sandy River.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell and Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be affected by

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