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DROP OPENERS
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briefs
UNITE stages
second
roundup

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

INEZ — Operation UNITE executed a second drug roundup in as many weeks by serving warrants Thursday in Martin County.

In all, eight trafficking suspects were sought, with five being collared by the end of the day.

UNITE's Big Sandy Task Force manager Lee Weddington said, "Most of those we arrested were involved in selling Lorcet, Xanax, Valium or marijuana."

UNITE detectives teamed with Martin County Sheriff Garmon Preece and his deputies to make the arrests and processed all of the suspects at the Martin County courthouse before they were sent to the Big Sandy Detention Center for holding.

Arrested were:
■ Herman J. Endicott, 35, of Inez; trafficking in legend drugs, second-degree trafficking.

■ Danny J. Harris, 29, of Calf Creek; trafficking in marijuana, conspiracy to trafficking, one count of endangering the welfare of a minor.

■ Jennifer D. Harris, 24, of Calf Creek; trafficking in marijuana; second-degree trafficking, endangering the welfare of a minor.

■ John Waller, 44, of Tomahawk; trafficking in a controlled substance.

■ Mary Luster, 31, of Beauty; trafficking in a controlled substance.

2 DAY FORECAST



High: 38 • Low: 24



High: 46 • Low: 40

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ARH nurses plan to strike Dec. 12

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — More than 50 registered nurses at McDowell ARH hospital are planning to strike this month because of a contract change.

They are planning to join the picket lines on Dec. 12 with hundreds of full-time registered nurses working in nine

Appalachian Regional Healthcare hospitals in West Virginia and Kentucky.

The Kentucky and West Virginia Nurses Associations issued notices of their intent to strike on Nov. 29, 11 days after ARH announced an "early December" schedule change for its full-time registered nurses.

In 2001, ARH and the associations signed a modified schedule agreement

allowing nurses to be paid for a forty-hour work week, when in actuality, they worked three 12-hour shifts, or 36 hours per week (without overtime pay for nurses working more than eight hours a day). They reaffirmed the contract in October 2004.

ARH says the change came about after they analyzed staffing needs and found that "a substantial amount of nonproduc-

tive time provided by the modified schedule drains financial resources that could be utilized to provide system improvements in patient care."

Bill Riggs, the labor relations director for the Kentucky Nurses Association, says the schedule change will hurt, not help, patient care in ARH hospitals. The

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The Allen branch of Citizens National Bank was the target of a robbery Wednesday, the second time the bank has been held up this year.

photo by Tom Doty

Allen bank robbed for second time in six months

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — The Citizens National Bank Allen branch was robbed Wednesday morning by a knife-wielding white male who ordered everyone in the establishment to lie on the ground as he made his getaway after ordering a teller to fill a plastic bag, which the thief brought with him, with cash.

The robbery occurred shortly after the bank opened at approximately 9:11 a.m. and bore similarities to a June 28 robbery at the same branch.

"We really don't have any information on it at this point,"

said Citizens Executive Vice President Mark Wiete.

A worker in a neighboring business may have witnessed the vehicle that was used to escape the scene. The employee reported that a red Honda sped through their lot after the robbery and used it to turn around and head onto U.S. 23 going towards Prestonsburg. The employee also reported that the driver was a male with black bushy hair and that he was wearing a dark ball cap.

The robbery in June was similar in that it occurred just after the bank opened and the robber, who was never found, got away with an unspecified amount of cash in a

red vehicle. A red Jeep Cherokee was stopped that morning at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, but the driver was allowed to move on when it was determined that the car he was driving was the right color but the wrong model.

The June incident saw the perpetrator obscure his face with a canvas sack, whereas the suspect Wednesday used a scarf to cover his features.

The banks security officer, Pam Butcher, noted that the Kentucky State Police detective investigating the case was given film of the robbery which may contain a clear

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Student charged with making bogus bills

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A criminal justice major at Pikeville College was arrested Wednesday after college security guards walked in on senior Ollen R. Collett, of Salyersville, and found him trimming a dollar bill he had allegedly printed from his computer.

College security guards were searching dorm rooms in response to a burglary complaint and had already searched several other rooms in connection with that complaint when they stumbled upon Collett.

Collett, 21, was later arrested by the Pikeville Police Department at his dorm room in Wickam Hall.

Police were summoned to the scene by college security and an investigation has been opened by Det. Phillip Reed of Pikeville Police. Officers seized Collett's laptop computer and took into evidence several bills that were spread out on his bed. The bills included three \$100 bills, three \$10 bills, three \$5 bills and one single.

Police charged Collett with first-degree forgery and possession of a forgery device.

Collett was arraigned Thursday in Pike District Court. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for Dec. 8 to determine if there is enough evidence to present the matter to a grand jury.

Landlord charged with burning tenant's belongings

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

HUEYSVILLE — An elderly landlord is facing a felony charge after he allegedly burned his tenant's belongings.

Francis Winchester, 78, of Hueysville, was charged with one count of first-degree criminal mischief this week for an incident

that allegedly occurred on Nov. 14.

Kentucky State Police Trooper B.J. Caudill, who served the criminal summons, claims that Winchester removed and burned more than \$1,000 in property belonging to his tenant, Katie Collett.

Several miscellaneous

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Greathouse returns to head Dream Factory

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

After a little less than a year away, Jerome Greathouse is now back at the helm of the local chapter of one of the most successful local children's charities, The Dream Factory.

"I really hated giving it up to begin with," Greathouse said. "But, I had a lot of things going on in my personal life and I couldn't really give the organization my best ... and those kids deserve the best, so I stepped down."

Now that things are sailing

along a smoother course, Greathouse is rejuvenated and eager to get back to work helping Eastern Kentucky children who suffer from chronic or critical illnesses. "Thankfully, we still have our valuable supporters and I think we're all looking forward to working together again," he said.

The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky reaches out across 17 counties to help make the dreams of sick children come true. In the past five years, since Greathouse first became president of the local chapter, more than a dozen children have

had their lives enriched through the fulfillment of their dreams. Dreams ranging from the simplest wishes, such as in-home computer systems, to some that are larger, such as family vacation trips to Disneyworld and shopping sprees, are just a few examples of the dreams that Greathouse and his board of directors have overseen.

"Nothing is too big, or too small, if it's what a child wants," he said. "Of course, we do have limitations, but I've yet to see a disappointed child ... and that's what feels good. That's what keeps us all going,

seeing the smiles on these children's faces."

Currently, Greathouse and his board of directors are busily engaged in organizing, for the fifth year, the local chapter's annual Christmas party. Each child, as well as their family, that has been granted a dream under Greathouse's administration, is invited back each year to celebrate, renew friendships, and meet new friends. "It's really great, and we look forward to it all year long," he said.

"Sadly, some children who

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Oil, natural gas boom causing environmental concerns

The Associated Press

REDFOX — In the 1960s, Patty Amburgey's mother and aunts blocked coal trucks by lighting fires on a road in hopes of protecting their land from what they viewed as a threat. Now, Amburgey is fighting what some see as a new threat

— drilling for natural gas.

A West Virginia company's plan to put in a gas well and a new road leading to it would scar a ridgetop on her family's land in Knott County.

"They are taking away my birthright," she told The Courier-Journal of Louisville for a story published Sunday. "I

want to protect the land."

Amid a gas and oil drilling boom, Amburgey's situation illustrates the growing conflict between those who own the land and those who own the rights to mine for what's underneath it.

The state Division of Oil and Gas estimates it will issue as many as 1,700 drilling permits this year — more than 400 more than a year ago — adding to a total of 30,000 to 50,000 active wells.

It's the most activity in Kentucky in 20 years — and while it's profitable for the state, critics complain there's not enough oversight to ensure that the land is protected or people kept safe.

Some say state and federal regulations are too lax to adequately address the environmental destruction caused by well drilling and construction of roads to the wells, including the pollution of waterways from erosion and contamination of water wells.

There are fears that the growing web of gas and oil lines, with their potential to leak, catch fire or explode, could threaten the safety of people nearby.

When conflicts involving damages arise between landowners and the companies that own rights to tap the gas or oil underground, some say the compensation offered by the industry is usually inadequate.

"All of us had to sit back and watch the coal companies destroy our land," said Hager Trent, who has owned Trent's Grocery outside Whitesburg in Letcher County for 35 years. "Now we got the gas companies."

But more wells means more tax revenue for Kentucky. Revenue from the severance tax this year is on pace to be the highest in more than a decade — an anticipated \$27 million from natural gas extractions and \$5 million from oil. The growth in Kentucky also comes at a time when demand, especially for natural gas, is outpacing supply, industry officials said.

"If we are not out there drilling these gas wells ... we are not going to keep up with supply and demand," said John Gabbard, executive director of the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association. "People have to understand why we are doing this."

Amburgey's family, which has never owned mineral rights beneath its land, was offered \$4,800 by Equitable Production Co. of Charleston, W.Va., to be divided among 17 heirs, to cover potential damage caused by a well that could operate for decades, Amburgey termed the offer an insult.

Dave Spigelmyer, a spokesman for Equitable's parent company in Pittsburgh, said he was not familiar with its Amburgey proposal, but said his company seeks to resolve any issues before drilling.

"These folks are going to be our neighbors for a long time, and we realize that," he said.

As of this fall, Letcher County had more than 700 wells, among the most in

Kentucky. And Pikeville attorney Gary C. Johnson, a former state senator, said animosity between residents and the industry over energy development surface occasionally, said Judge-Executive William Deskins.

But while some companies "run roughshod," others are cooperative and "do the best they can" to protect the land, Deskins said.

And not everyone objects to the drilling. For example, Faye Fields, who lives in Letcher County, said she and her husband, Ed, are happy with the well that was drilled recently on their property. They own both the land and the mineral rights and have a contract with a driller under which they expect to get regular payments, based on what's extracted.

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real nice to keep the gates shut," and "they built a road for us."

Yet concerns about the environment and safety persist.

"Gas and oil is not a big (environmental) footprint by itself," said Hugh Archer, a former state natural resources commissioner who now is working to protect the ecologically sensitive Pine Mountain area of eastern Kentucky. "It's just those damn roads."

Archer is concerned that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Congress in an energy bill passed in July, exempted the oil and gas industry from some of the Clean Water Act's storm water and erosion control rules for drilling pads and roads totaling less than five acres.

Meanwhile, Kentucky oil

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Obituaries

Ocie Gayheart

Ocie Gayheart, 57, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, November 29, 2005, at King's Daughters Hospital in Ashland.

Born January 21, 1948, in McDowell, she was the daughter of the late Delmar and Alice Moore Gayheart. She was disabled.

Survivors include her family: Mabry & Molly Holbrook of Prestonsburg; Phillip Holbrook and Robert O'Brien, both of Prestonsburg, Johnnie Case of Garrett, Jean Ann Estep (John) of Nova, New York, Sandra Akers (Tony) of Dana, Audrey O'Brien (Todd), Gerrica Jacobs, and Jessica O'Brien, all of Prestonsburg, Rebecca Ousley and Victoria Kirk, both of Martin; brothers and sisters: Donnie Gayheart of McDowell, Ken Oesch of Saranne, Michigan, Cathie Schrenk of Lake Odessa, Michigan, Connie Terrill of Louisville, and Bonnie Donaldson of Mt. Sterling; and many friends.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 3, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Mabry Holbrook officiating.

Burial will be in the Bays Cemetery, on Abbott, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Martha Handshoe

Martha Handshoe, 80, of Gunlock, died Tuesday, November 29, 2005, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville.

Born December 22, 1924, in Magoffin County, she was the daughter of the late Sam and Sally Shepherd Howard. She was a homemaker and a member of the Living Word Pentecostal Church at Gunlock.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Handshoe.

Survivors include two sons: Haskell Handshoe and Virgil Douglas Handshoe, both of Gunlock; nine daughters: Joyce Gibson, Dora Jean Wireman, Charlene Osborne, Annis Shepherd, and Bernadine Gearheart, all of Gunlock, Gracie Evelyn Shepherd of Hueysville, Janice Carol Hale of Royalton, Lois Wireman of Albion, Michigan, and Rose Maggard of Hippo; a sister, Ida Wireman of Gunlock; 21 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren

and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Thurman Handshoe and Herman Handshoe; four brothers: Ellis Howard, Bill Howard, Ivory Howard, and Willis Howard; and four sisters: Della Shepherd, Elizabeth Howard, Alma Hale, and Noma Jean Ousley.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 3, at 1 p.m., at the Living Word Pentecostal Church, in Gunlock, with Carl Shepherd officiating.

Burial will be in the Handshoe Family Cemetery, in Gunlock, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

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Ruby Avonell Prater Puckett

Ruby Avonell Prater Puckett, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, November 30, 2005, at Riverview Healthcare Center.

Born March 3, 1920, in Brainard, she was the daughter of the late Henry Prater and Nora Adams Prater. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Chestnut Grove United Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jobie Puckett, on June 8, 2003.

Survivors include one daughter, Virginia P. Greene (Tom) of Prestonsburg; one granddaughter, Brenda Ratliff (David) of Prestonsburg, and two great-grandchildren: Tommy Greene and Teddy Ratliff.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 3, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Elders Ruben Lykins and Chester Adkins officiating.

Interment will be at Rubin Prater Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation will be Friday, December 2, at 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Services, Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Pallbearers: David Ratliff, Teddy Ratliff, Tom Greene, Darrell Calhoun, Phillip Ousley, Manis Prater, Amos Prater, and Bobby Prater.

The family has entrusted arrangements to Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)



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My mom was a pretty young lady and everybody loved and cared for her with Gods and Jesus love. Jesus cares for all of us in her family forever and every more. We will always be with her loving and caring and she will always be with us loving and caring forever and ever more. The family loves each other at all times. We love you mom.

By: Thomas Spraggs for his mother Peggy Spraggs.



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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Jonie Lynn Johnson, 19, to Gregory R. Mullins, 25, both of Martin.
 Bette R. Compton, 49, of Pikeville, to Johnny M. Flannery, 47, of McDowell.
 Connie Lynn Yates, 43, of Wyandotte, Mich., to Terry Manuel McKinney, 58, of Harold.

Civil Suits Filed

Maranda Wilburn vs. Lawrence Wilburn; petition for health care insurance.
 Lois Ferrell vs. Laurie Ferrell; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Anita Burke vs. Frankie C. Burke; divorce.
 Shirley Martin vs. Sandra Martin; divorce.
 Glenda Lovely vs. Chad Lovely; divorce.
 Tammy Adkins vs. Teddy Adkins; divorce.
 Bill J. Little vs. Nona Little; divorce.
 Hatton Allen Insurance Agency and Denzil Allen, individually vs. William Yates doing business as Billy Yates Agency, Yates Enterprises LLC, and/or Bill Yates Insurance Agency, complaint alleging breach of contract.
 Brandeis Machinery and Supply vs. Jane Coal Inc.; debt complaint.
 Heather Ousley vs. Ford Motor Company, Layne Brothers Ford Lincoln Mercury, Inc.; auto accident complaint alleging negligence and product liability.
 Vicky Johnson vs. David Gibson; divorce transferred from Magoffin County.
 Terry W. Miller vs. Sabrina Miller; divorce.
 Rosana Conn vs. Timothy Conn; divorce.
 Wesley McGlone vs. Linda McGlone; divorce.

Small Claims Filings

Kathleen and Robert Kinman vs. Chrissy Harper; unpaid rent and property damage complaint.
 Linda Spradlin vs. Donita Otto; unpaid rent complaint.
 Tackett's Stop and Shop vs. Kenny Johnson; unpaid grocery bill complaint.
 Speedy Cash Check Advance vs. Karla Perry; debt complaint.
 Speedy Cash Check Advance vs. Gerald Wicker; debt complaint.
 Speedy Cash Check Advance vs. John Hall; debt complaint.

Charges Filed

Robert Abrams, 58, Paintsville; felony theft by deception.
 Louie Moore, 39, Martin; public intoxication, assault.
 Agon Short, 37, Mousie; fleeing or evading police, two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment of police officers, driving on a DUI suspended license, reckless driving, speeding 26 miles or more over the speed limit, disregarding stop sign, license plate not legible, no or expired registration receipt, no or expired registration plate.
 Sascha Stanley, 19, Langley; harassing communications.
 Michael Shepherd, 26, Allen; public intoxication.
 Charles Hall Jr., 22, Banner; possession of marijuana.
 Amanda Howard, 22, Salyersville; public intoxication, controlled substance in improper container, illegal possession of a legend drug, possession or use of drug paraphernalia.
 Tammy Osborne, 26, McDowell; falsely reporting an incident, disorderly conduct.
 Paul Robinson, 50, Wayland; assault, possession of marijuana, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Ronald Muncy, 27, Columbus, Ohio; public intoxication.
 Phillip Morgan Joseph, 29, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
 Jarrod Nathaniel Belcher, 22, Mouthcard; public intoxication.
 Tommy Slaven, 46, Lexington; public intoxication,

disorderly conduct.

Joshua Henson, 20, Grethel; public intoxication, possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a moving vehicle, possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor.
 Kenny Akers, 19, Galveston; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Lorenzo Yascone Jr., 20, Pikeville; public intoxication, giving officers a false name or address.
 Charles E. Justice, 47, Martin; fourth-degree assault.
 Todd Hicks, 32, Granite Falls, N.C.; public intoxication, possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Walter Archer, 39, Royalton; public intoxication.
 Jessica Stumbo, 20, Martin; public intoxication.
 Berchel J. Henderson, 21, McDowell; public intoxication.
 Courtney Thomas, 19, Harold; assault.
 David N. Plummer, 29, Auxier; public intoxication.
 Eric Meade, 23, Printer; public intoxication.

Inspections

Dingus Mobile Home Park, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not systematically numbered, mobile home parking is not in compliance, lots not of required size, several lots have small accumulations of debris. Score: 92.
 Jenny Wiley Gift Shop, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Ice cream display freezer lacks conspicuous thermometer. Score: 99.
 El Azul Grande,

Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy to spot thermometers not present in all freezer and cooler units, proper hair restraints not in use, clean utensils improperly stored, wiping cloths improperly stored, no towels or soap at hand wash sink, garbage container in food prep area improperly covered, floor tile in disrepair. Score: 91.

Property Transfers

Brittany and Letha Carroll to

Ada and Thomas Wicker, property located at Salisbury.
 Jackie Estep to Monta Spurlock, property located at Goble Roberts.
 Lurana Howard to M.D. Trucking, property located at Brush Creek.
 Jewel and Paul Hunter to Jeffrey and Nancy Conn, property located at Cedar Trace Subdivision.
 Larry and Sharon Davis to Jackie Estep, property located at Goble Roberts.

Clara and Merle May to Debra and Jeffrey Head, property located at Merle May Subdivision.
 Brenda and Maurice Minix to Jessica and Lonnie Stapleton, property located at Emma.
 Earl Mulkey to Steven Conn, property located at Prater Creek.
 Dixie Stephens to Julius James Stephens, property located at Middle Creek.
 Ada, Tom, and Thomas Wicker to Mack Hagans, property located at Salisbury.

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Weight Loss Surgery Program for Morbid Obesity at Three Rivers Medical Center

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The procedure for people with morbid obesity is generally recommended because of the improvement in physical and mental health that can be achieved with the weight loss.

Left untreated, morbid obesity is a significant risk to life, and can lead to such conditions as high blood pressure, heart failure and heart attack, stroke, diabetes, certain cancers, sleep apnea, acid reflux, and other medical concerns. It can also be detrimental to emotional and psychological health.

Bariatric Surgery at Three Rivers Medical Center

The program is guided by a fellowship trained bariatric surgeon, Dr. Laura Velcu. Patients seeking treatment receive extensive pre-operative education and undergo a complete screening process, including a psychological evaluation, to help determine whether the surgery is appropriate for them. Patients are also required to attend support group meetings, where they receive vital information about what to expect following surgery, nutritional guidance, and other important aspects of the surgery and follow-up care.

As with any surgical procedure, weight loss surgery may present risks. Ask your referring physician or a bariatric surgeon if weight loss surgery is right for you.

About the surgeon

Dr. Laura Velcu, M.D. is fellowship trained in bariatric surgery, an intervention for weight loss to control morbid obesity. She received her medical degree from Carol Davila School of Medicine and Pharmacy. Dr. Velcu completed her surgical residency at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, New York. She also completed a surgical fellowship in complex and minimally-invasive surgery at University of Pittsburgh, Magee Women's Hospital, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Velcu is certified by the American Board of Surgery and a member of the American Society for Bariatric Surgery. She is actively involved with research in the field of bariatric surgery.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

Expectations weight loss surgery group meetings are being planned on a monthly basis. Please watch for additional details and forthcoming announcements about the support groups in the future.

For information, call Bariatric Surgery Program Coordinator Robin Barker, R.N. at 606-638-3813.



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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Republic, Columbus, Ind., on debate over troops in Iraq:

Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., started a firestorm with his call for withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq.

While it is proper to challenge the premise of Murtha's proposal it does a greater disservice to the troops who have stood in harm's way to label him and others as cowards.

Vice President Dick Cheney has come close to the edge in his criticism of those who are calling for a pullout, suggesting that they are betraying the troops.

The important point all Americans need to recognize is that we must have this debate. We should have had this debate before we plunged so far into this war, instead of rubber-stamping a popular president's action out of a fear that to raise questions would cost votes.

It is a debate that should have taken place during Vietnam, during the Korean conflict and, yes, even after Pearl Harbor.

To raise questions about going to war is not a betrayal of those we send to fight that war. It actually makes their sacrifices meaningful because it is the highest form of a free government.

Times Union, Albany, N.Y., on national student loan programs:

While Congress has been battling over how much to cut student loan programs, another aspect of this debate has been largely overlooked — namely, the move to prevent students and former students from refinancing their loans whenever interest rates decline. That's unduly punitive. The magnitude of the proposed cuts in student loan programs — \$14.3 billion in the House, \$8.8 billion in the Senate — is unjustified as well. The cuts are being touted as necessary to rein in government spending and keep the budget deficits under control. ...

The student loan programs would take a huge hit. They now amount to \$37 billion. Supporters of the cuts defend them largely on the grounds that much of the money represents unjustified subsidies to lenders, but even so, it means less cash for students who need to finance their education. ...

But when it comes to a double whammy, students and former students who are paying off their loans are in a special class. The House is said to favor making permanent a provision in current law that prohibits borrowers from renegotiating interest rates more than once in the lifetime of a loan. That contrasts with the flurry of refinancing whenever mortgage interest rates decline.

Back when Sallie Mae, a major education finance company, was a quasi-public agency, this provision made sense. But Sallie Mae is now in the private marketplace and, by some estimates, is enjoying profits of some \$1 billion a year. At the same time, the government shields lenders from bad student loans by denying borrowers the right to write them off by declaring bankruptcy. ...

At some point, though — sooner rather than later — Sallie Mae must be required to play by the rules of the private marketplace.

Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel, on falling gas prices:

Who would have thought gasoline at \$2.21 a gallon would seem so welcome? That price, the average for regular in Orlando last week, was 50 cents lower than the cost just a month ago.

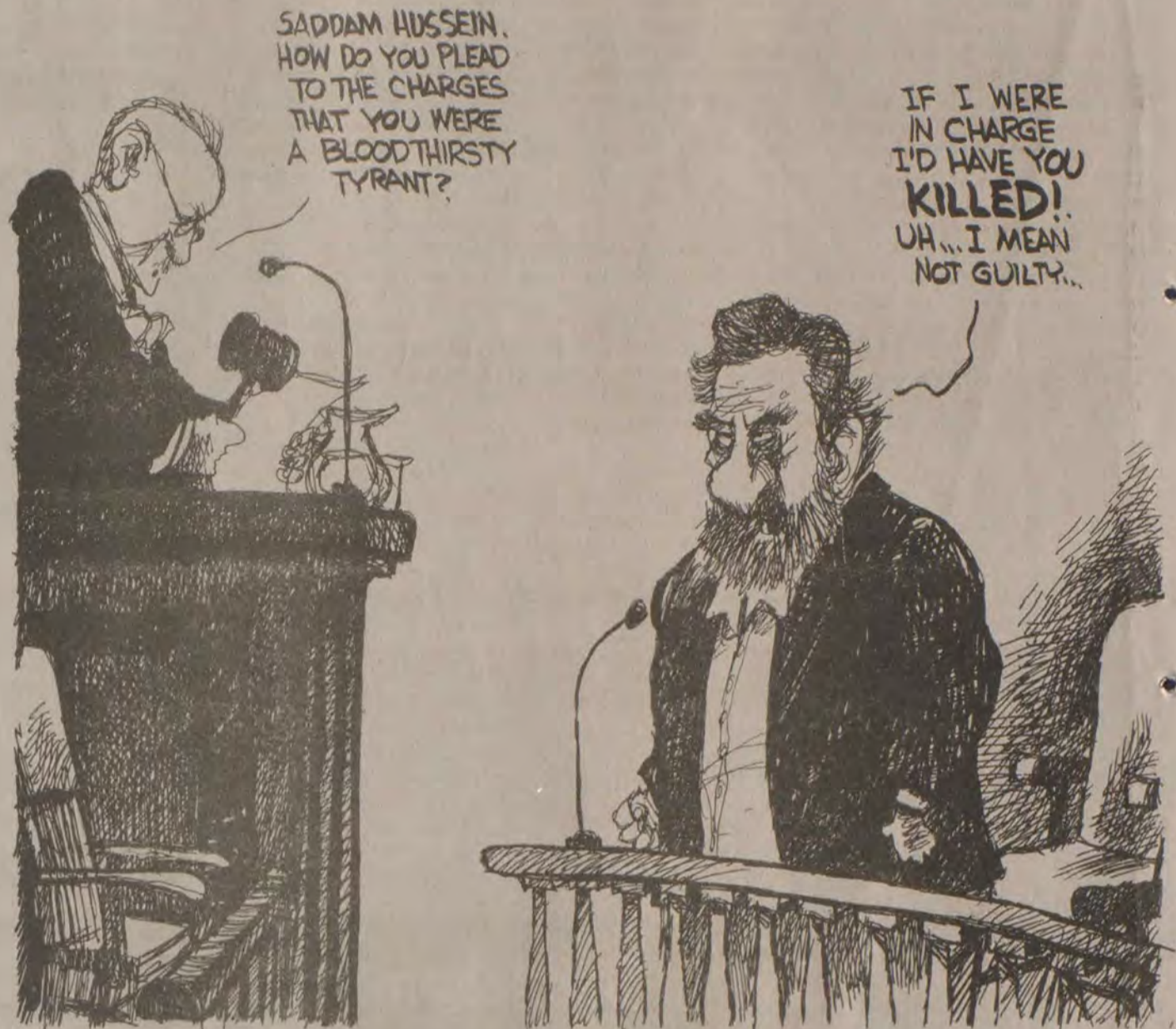
Gas prices, while still higher than a year ago, have fallen as Gulf Coast oil facilities damaged by hurricanes have come back on line and driving demand has eased. But Congress and President Bush would be foolish to let the drop deter them from aggressively pursuing an energy policy that reduces America's oil dependence.

The recent decline in gas prices doesn't signal an end to this country's energy problems. In the short term, many analysts believe gas prices will begin climbing again with the start of the 2006 vacation season. Over the long term, the growing demand for oil from China and India will continue to keep upward pressure on world energy prices. Meanwhile, homeowners who depend on heating oil and natural gas are still facing costs that have jumped at least 30 percent from last winter.

Last month, U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman asked an advisory board to investigate whether world oil production can keep up with demand. Some energy analysts fear the world is at or near its peak in oil production. If so, tight supplies could drive already high prices much higher in the future. Americans might some day be nostalgic for gas at \$3 a gallon.

Responding to high energy prices, Gov. Jeb Bush called this month for a state policy that promotes conservation and alternative fuels. That's a fine example for his brother and Congress to emulate.

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Guest Column

Partners to combat hunger

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PRESIDENT OF MAZON: A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER

Over the past several months, Hurricanes Katrina, Wilma and Rita ravaged our Gulf Coast states. Through our joint efforts with states, food banks, faith and community-based organizations, and schools, hundreds of thousands of the victims were able to receive meals and emergency food boxes at shelters, and more than 960,000 households received over \$550 million in emergency food stamps to feed their families. Food Banks across the country shipped more than 1,700 truckloads of food from their own inventories to the states across the affected region. While we are proud of the creativity and flexibility in meeting the needs, we remain steadfast in our combined effort to achieve real, lasting results in reducing and preventing hunger.

Combating hunger across America requires leadership, commitment and partnerships at all levels. Our nation's 15 domestic nutrition assistance programs including Food Stamps, school meals, commodity food donation programs and Women, Infants and Children (WIC), serve one in five Americans each day.

Our nation has a long and distinguished record of providing nutrition assistance to our children, low-income families and the elderly.

That's why we are working in a public-private partnership ensuring that all who are eligible know about the Federal nutrition assistance programs. Helping needy individuals and families access these programs with dignity and respect has been, and continues to be, a high priority for the President, Secretary Johanns, Under Secretary Bost and our partners. Our partners, including States, national anti-hunger organizations, food banks, faith and community based organizations, and schools are critical in our joint efforts to serve those in need.

Our combined efforts to make nutrition assistance more accessible to more people have been successful. Since 2001, 5.8 million more eligible people are receiving food stamps; 1.6 million more children receive a free or reduced price school lunch; over 1.5 million more children receive school breakfast and over 400,000 more women, infants

and children receive assistance through WIC.

These investments and achievements serve as the foundation for the work that remains to be done. But there is still need and with your assistance, we can do more to meet that need.

In the aftermath of the hurricanes, all of us are reminded that many of our fellow citizens continue to need help. And even today, many individuals and families who are eligible for our nutrition assistance programs do not participate. The American spirit is a generous one—we have witnessed the outpouring of courage, kindness and generosity over the last several months and throughout history. So, what more can be done?

As the holidays approach, you can positively affect the lives of others through some simple acts. Additional partners, individuals, and organizations are needed at the community, state and Federal level to ensure that all who are eligible for nutrition assistance can receive it with dignity and respect. In your community, through your local food banks, food pantries, and soup kitchens, you can help by volunteering time or donating money and food. You can help us to ensure that those in need know about our federal nutrition programs. You have the power to make a difference and we invite each of you to join us in reducing hunger right here at home.

Letters

Trump this if you can

In a recent advertisement in The Floyd County Times, paid for by Charles "Chuck" Meade, entitled, "Meade files for '06 election," Meade's claim to fame was being humble, the youngest in the House, and hard-working candidate for the people of Floyd County.

This is not the person residing on Cushaw who is known as Chuck Meade. In the article, Chuckles believes that he is now ready for the '06 term for representative and we should vote for him because of having won elections in '04. That statement should be an item in "Ripley's Believe It or Not." Oh yeah! He gained experience. I guess that would be finding his way to Frankfort and knowing where his chair is. That is my opinion, based on his taking credit for

things that weren't a result of his actions.

The way the article was written sounded like Chuckles was tooting his own horn!

In this article, Chuckles had a fundraiser with only 100 people pledging support. Five Frankfort politicians attended and tried to make Meade look good (impossible task). It is my belief that those people did not go to see Meade. They went to show support for the Frankfort politicians, which is only natural. After all, it was a Democratic pep rally for the incumbent.

Carroll really laid it on thick. Sen. Carroll said, "Meade was a friend to Floyd County and we needed to be proud of him." But Carroll failed to say what Meade had done that was so wonderful. (Guess one needs proof in the pudding, first.)

In my opinion, if Meade's article was a bucket, it wouldn't hold water.

Merlene Dingus
Martin

Hello from Pakistan

Once again, I'm writing to say hi and I love you, Mom.

If anyone is interested to know what's going on in Pakistan and my Marine Corps Life, please check out my homepage www.kodakgallery.com/raelynns_story and sign my guestbook. I would hear your comments.

I love you Kentucky. Please pray for me.

Mom, I promise I'll be home soon.
Cpl Raelynn Morrison
Van Lear

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Entertainment Extra

'Charlie Brown' leads holiday TV pack

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LOS ANGELES — Good grief, network executives said when they first saw Charles Schulz's "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

"They thought it was too slow," executive producer Lee Mendelson recalls being told by the powers-that-were at CBS in 1965.

But the special was an instant hit with critics and audiences. Forty years later, its ruminations on the spirit of Christmas, backed by a lilting jazz score by Vince Guaraldi, remain fresh and affecting.

Schulz, the creator of Charlie Brown and the rest of the "Peanuts" comic strip gang, never doubted that the program he'd written was good, Mendelson said. Schulz, who died in 2000, considered it his favorite of the "Peanuts" TV specials.

"I guess you can have an animated scene where you have a kid read from the Bible," Mendelson said of the show, in which Charlie is depressed by the commercialization of Christmas until he is reminded of its unchanged meaning.

The sermon falls to Linus. "I can tell you

what Christmas is about," he says, recounting the story of Christ's birth and ending with, "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, goodwill toward men."

"A Charlie Brown Christmas," directed by animator Bill Melendez, airs 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, on ABC. It's paired with "Charlie Brown Christmas Tales," based on Schulz's work and featuring each of the Peanuts characters, including Snoopy, in individual vignettes.

Among the other old favorites and newcomers marking the holiday season (all times EST, check local listings for PBS programs):

ANIMATION

■ "The Happy Elf," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, NBC. Harry Connick lends his voice and original songs to the story of Eubie the elf, who must rescue the unhappy town of Bluesville. The voices of Carol Kane, Lewis Black, Mickey Rooney and Rob Paulsen also are featured.

■ "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, ABC. Fred Astaire was the narrator for this 1970 tale about how Kris Kringle (Mickey Rooney) overcomes a

ban on toys in his native Sombertown and ends up becoming Santa Claus, the world's biggest toy distributor.

■ "I Want a Dog for Christmas, Charlie Brown!" 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, ABC. Rerun, younger brother of Linus and Lucy, gets more than he bargained for when Snoopy the beagle invites his brother, Spike, for a visit.

■ "Rugrats Chanukah Special," 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, Nickelodeon. Grandpa Boris and his old rival, Shlomo, perform in a play about the holiday's meaning and, with the help of the babies, find a way to reconcile.

■ "Frosty the Snowman," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, CBS. Jimmy Durante narrated the tale of the brave snowman pursued by evil Professor Hinkle on a mission to rescue the North Pole. Followed at 8:30 p.m. by "Frosty Returns," narrated by Jonathan Winters.

■ "A Rugrats Kwanzaa," 8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26, Nickelodeon. When Aunt T. arrives to celebrate the Kwanzaa holiday with the Carmichaels, little Susie learns

(See HOLIDAYS, page six)

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Several new releases hit the shelves this week, but your best bet for entertainment is a rerelease of a fantastic 1996 film which was given short shrift upon its original release.

"Mr. and Mrs. Smith" — A lot of attention was given this film when it was thought to be the movie which wrecked the marriage of Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston. Whether that's true or not, the film itself isn't worth much of your time unless you're a Brad Pitt or Angelina Jolie completist. The movie centers on a couple having marital problems (hmmmm ...). Turns out they have been lying to each other about their work for years. Each is a high-priced assassin so the plot eventually turns to their getting assigned to killing each other which, of course, will bring them closer together. It's all filmed competently by Doug Liman ("The Bourne Identity"), who handled this sort of material better in previous films.

"Sky High" — The perils of being a teenager are heightened in this comedy drama which focuses on a school for children of superheroes. Besides the peer pressure that is connected to the teen years, this bunch also has to worry about whether their superpowers will kick in as soon as their acne. The film wobbles a bit when it comes to exploring themes of adolescent pressure to live up to parents' expectations, but the action sequences are well handled and there is a sarcastic turn by Bruce Campbell as a phys-ed teacher who tests the super reflexes of students by dropping autos on top of them. Fun but ultimately just another teen comedy which misses the target that was well established by 1980s teen fare like "The Breakfast Club" and "Sweet Sixteen."

"March of the Penguins" — A French film crew spent 365 days in Antarctica to make this documentary which follows the trail of a tribe of emperor penguins. This was a box office success, rare for documentaries, and it's easy to see why. This one packs in everything you'd want from a mainstream release including comedy (they fall down a lot), romance (penguin mating rituals are intense, folks) and drama, as the penguins must protect their young from predators. It also clocks in at a lean 80 minutes with superb narration from Morgan Freeman.

"The Frighteners: Director's Cut" — Director Peter Jackson's 1996 horror/action/comedy finally gets back to DVD in an uncut edition that restores scenes that Jackson was forced to cut. This was Jackson's first big budget film and he puts it all on the screen in a tight tale of a psychic who gets paid to scare ghosts out of people's homes. Problem is that the guy is a huckster and the ghosts are his friends. Things begin to go sour when he spots a killer ghost who can also see him. Nobody believes him and he gets the blame for the killings, which forces him to go

after the killer specter. Jackson delivers here with great set pieces and a phenomenal cast that includes Michael J. Fox as the huckster, Jeffrey Combs ("Re-Animator") as a phobic FBI agent and Jake Busey as the killer spirit.

Next week look for the first installment in Marvel Comics latest film franchise, "The Fantastic Four."

Martial arts cinema took two hits this week with the death of comedian/actor Pat Morita and vandalism aimed at a statue of Bruce Lee that was erected in the Bosnian city of Mostar.

Morita was Oscar nominated for his role as a kindly martial arts instructor in "The Karate Kid" which led to several sequels and reestablished him after a series of costarring roles on popular sitcoms like

"M*A*S*H" and "Happy Days." Morita had a rough road to success. He developed spinal tuberculosis at age 2 and spent most of his childhood in hospitals, where he was wrapped in a body cast and told he would never walk. When the cast came off at age 11, he was sent to a Japanese-American internment camp to stay with his parents who were relocated there after the onset of World War II. A brief career at a rocket parts factory was abandoned when he decided to become a standup comic in the late 1960s. He died of natural causes at his Las Vegas home on Thanksgiving Day.

The Bruce Lee statue that was erected to symbolize common ground amongst the religiously divided people of Mostar, Bosnia, was erected last

Sunday to commemorate Lee's 64th birthday. Later that same evening, the statue was vandalized by a gang of hooligans who broke the nunchucks off the statue and littered the surrounding area with beer bottles. The park's manager noted that police would have caught the teens who did the damage had they been more "agile."

Vandals also made off with the block honoring Gregory Peck on the "Walk of Fame" on Hollywood Boulevard. Peck's was the fourth cement square stolen since the tradition of laying down cement blocks with the performer's hand prints and signature carved inside began in 1960. He joins Kirk Douglas, Gene Autry and Jimmy Stewart in that esteemed group. A new marker has already been commissioned.

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WEEKEND TV PREVIEW

SATURDAY EVENING		DECEMBER 3, 2005																
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23	TBS	(2-55) *** "As Good as It Gets" (1997) Jack Nicholson	*** "The Wedding Singer" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler	*** "Mr. Deeds" (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Comedy) Jennifer Lopez	*** "The Waterboy" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Comedy) Jennifer Lopez	*** "The Waterboy" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Comedy) Jennifer Lopez	*** "The Waterboy" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Comedy) Jennifer Lopez	*** "The Waterboy" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Comedy) Jennifer Lopez	*** "The Waterboy" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Comedy) Jennifer Lopez	*** "The Waterboy" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler	*** "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Comedy) Jennifer Lopez	
24	NBC	(4:00) Golf: Father-Son Challenge -- Final Day	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Crossing Jordan "Under the Weather" (In Stereo)	Medium (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "911" (In Stereo)	News	Saturday Night Live (In Stereo)	Great Performances "Cream Reunion Concert" (In Stereo)	Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band: HammerSmith	24 "9:00 AM - 10:00 AM" (In Stereo)	Becker (In Stereo)	Home Improvement	Soul Train Christmas	
25	PBS	(4:00) Great Performances	Tennessee Ernie Ford Family Christmas	Jim Brickman at the Magic Kingdom: The Disney Songbook (In Stereo)	Stalter Brothers Farewell Concert (In Stereo)	Great Performances "Cream Reunion Concert" (In Stereo)	Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band: HammerSmith	24 "9:00 AM - 10:00 AM" (In Stereo)	Becker (In Stereo)	Home Improvement	Soul Train Christmas	Great Performances "Cream Reunion Concert" (In Stereo)	Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band: HammerSmith	24 "9:00 AM - 10:00 AM" (In Stereo)	Becker (In Stereo)	Home Improvement	Soul Train Christmas	
26	ABC	(4:30) College Football: UCLA at USC (Live)	College Football: UCLA at USC (Live)	College Football: ACC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: ACC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: ACC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: ACC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: ACC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: ACC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: ACC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: ACC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: ACC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: ACC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: ACC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: ACC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: ACC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: ACC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	
27	WGN	Farscape "Look at the Princess: A Kiss is But a Kiss"	Race Car Driver	Race Car Driver	Tsunami on American shores	*** "Moonstruck" (1987, Comedy) Cher, Nicolas Cage (In Stereo)	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)	Sex and the City	Becker (In Stereo)	Home Improvement	Soul Train Christmas	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)	Sex and the City	Becker (In Stereo)	Home Improvement	Soul Train Christmas	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)	
28	CBS	(2:30) College Football: Army vs. Navy (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	College Football: SEC Championship -- Teams TBA (Live)	
29	FOX	Will & Grace "Will & Grace '23'"	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Friends (In Stereo)	Everybody-Raymond	Cops "Coast to Coast" (In Stereo)	Interrogation Room (In Stereo)	America's Most Wanted: Celebration (In Stereo)	News	Mad TV (In Stereo)	News	Mad TV (In Stereo)	News	Mad TV (In Stereo)	News	Mad TV (In Stereo)	
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31	ESPN	College Basketball: Oklahoma at Villanova (Live)	Gameday	College Football: Teams to Be Announced (Live)	Gameday	College Football: Teams to Be Announced (Live)	Gameday	College Football: Teams to Be Announced (Live)	Gameday	College Football: Teams to Be Announced (Live)	Gameday	College Football: Teams to Be Announced (Live)	Gameday	College Football: Teams to Be Announced (Live)	Gameday	College Football: Teams to Be Announced (Live)	Gameday	College Football: Teams to Be Announced (Live)
32	TNT	(3:00) "The Mask of Zorro"	American Confidential	Investigative Reports	City Confidential	City Confidential	Cold Case Files "Vanished"	Cold Case Files "Vanished"	Cold Case Files "Vanished"	Cold Case Files "Vanished"	Cold Case Files "Vanished"	Cold Case Files "Vanished"	Cold Case Files "Vanished"	Cold Case Files "Vanished"	Cold Case Files "Vanished"	Cold Case Files "Vanished"	Cold Case Files "Vanished"	Cold Case Files "Vanished"
33	TNN	*** "The Warriors" (1979, Drama) Michael Beck (In Stereo)	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos	Most Amazing Videos
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37	LIFE	"The Perfect Neighbor" (2005, Suspense) Perry King	"Stranger in My Bed" (2005, Suspense) Jamie Luner	"A Stranger at the Door" (2004, Suspense) Linda Purl	"Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jimmy Smiles	"Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jimmy Smiles	"Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jimmy Smiles	"Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jimmy Smiles	"Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jimmy Smiles	"Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jimmy Smiles	"Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jimmy Smiles	"Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jimmy Smiles	"Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jimmy Smiles	"Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jimmy Smiles	"Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jimmy Smiles	"Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jimmy Smiles	"Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jimmy Smiles	"Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jimmy Smiles
38	ESPN2	College Football: NCAA I-AA Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA	College Basketball: Arizona at Houston (Live)	Rodeo: Wrangler National Finals -- Second Round (Live)	Chopper	Fastbreak	Streetball	Chopper	Fastbreak	Streetball	Chopper	Fastbreak	Streetball	Chopper	Fastbreak	Streetball	Chopper	Fastbreak
39	AMC	(3:45) *** "Harlem Nights" (1989) Eddie Murphy	*** "The Ref" (1994, Comedy) Denis Leary, Judy Davis	*** "The In-Laws" (2003, Comedy) Michael Douglas, Albert Brooks	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne
40	HGTV	First Place	FreeStyle	Debbie Travis' Facelift	Get Color	House	Double Take	Small Space	First Place	reDesign (In Stereo)	Design-Dime	Design-Dime	City Gardener	Trading Up	Double Take	Small Space	First Place	
41	SCIFI	"Chupacabra: Dark Seas" (2005, Horror) Giancarlo Esposito	*** "Gargoyles: Wings of Darkness" (2004) Michael Parks	*** "The Hulk" (2003, Action) Eric Bana, Jennifer Connolly, Premiere	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	*** "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne	
42	HIST	Decoding the Past "Cults"	Decoding the Past	Decoding the Past	Decoding the Past	Decoding the Past	Rome: Engineering an Empire	Final Appr	NW Hunter	Trail adv	Rifleman	Roman Vice	Circle	Outdoor	Newave Motorsports	Season	Turkey	
43	TOC	Speed Zone	Fitz	Outdoors	Birdhunter	Outdoor	Hunting 201	Final Appr	NW Hunter	Trail adv	Rifleman	Roman Vice	Circle	Outdoor	Newave Motorsports	Season	Turkey	
44	HBO	(4:15) *** "Spanglish" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Adam Sandler (In Stereo) PG-13	*** "The Big Bounce" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Dennis Quaid, Topher Grace (In Stereo) PG-13	*** "In Good Company" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Dennis Quaid, Topher Grace (In Stereo) PG-13	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R
45	HBO2	Live	Countdown	*** "Head in the Clouds" (2004, Drama) Chariza Theron	*** "The Girl Next Door" (2004) Emily Hirsch	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R	*** "The Sopranos" (In Stereo) R
46	HBO3	(4:45) *** "Up Close & Personal" (1996, Romance) Robert Redford, Michelle Pfeiffer (In Stereo) PG-13	*** "Heart Hackers" (2004, Comedy) Jay Mohr, Isabelle Huppert, Premiere	*** "L.A. Confidential" (1997, Crime Drama) Kevin Spacey, Russell Crowe	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R
47	MAX	(4:00) *** "Scream" (1996, Horror) Neve Campbell	*** "Point of Origin" (2002, Drama) Ray Liotta, John Leguizamo (In Stereo)	*** "L.A. Confidential" (1997, Crime Drama) Kevin Spacey, Russell Crowe	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on Precinct 13" (2005, Action) Ethan Hawke (In Stereo) R	*** "Assault on									

Hunters take more than 100,000 deer so far this year

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Foul weather in Kentucky may have kept some hunters indoors, accounting for a slight reduction in the number of deer killed in the state so far this fall.

The official count from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources shows 100,359 deer had been killed as of Tuesday morning. That's despite a series of severe storms that brought high winds and tornadoes to parts of the state over the past month, the height of the fall

hunting season.

Although people who hunt with bows and muzzleloading weapons still have opportunities to get deer, the total harvest is expected to fall short of last year's 124,752, said Tina Brunjes, big game coordinator for the state wildlife agency.

Even with bad weather, the 258,379 hunters who bought deer permits killed more than 10 percent of the state's total deer population, which is estimated at 900,000. Wildlife biologists say thinning the herds is necessary to keep the animals from becoming overly abundant.

State records show hunters have killed more than 100,000 deer during each of the past five years in Kentucky, where hunting of all types netted more than \$21 million in sales of licenses this year.

Lynn Garrison, public policy director for the state wildlife agency, said biologists take their job of managing deer herds seriously because of the economic benefits to Kentucky. He said direct sales of hunting equipment, lodging, clothing, ammunition and other items associated with deer hunting total more than \$202 million a year in Kentucky.

Brunjes said the number of deer killed in the state by year's end will likely be close to the 2003 total of 116,540. She said about half of the deer killed this year were females, which is important in efforts to keep the deer population steady.

"I don't think we'll exceed last year's harvest, but we should be in the same ballpark," she said.

Brunjes said one of the key factors in the number of deer killed is weather, and the total number of animals taken could spike if Mother Nature cooperates during the Dec. 10-18 deer season for people who hunt with muzzleload-

ing weapons.

"What got us behind was the first Sunday of gun season — it rained that day. That eliminates half your baggers right off the bat," said Jerry Boone, owner of Boone's Butcher Shop in Bardstown, who is busy turning some 1,500 deer into venison for hunters in Nelson County.

Hunters who were able to kill deer find the venison tasty, Brunjes said.

"It is also very good for you, because it is completely lean," she said. "For a lot of folks, it is a very economical way to get a freezer full of meat."

Holidays

what it means to honor "the legacy of our great people," and what greatness comes from.

■ "Arthur's Perfect Christmas," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, PBS. Elwood City is abuzz with plans for the perfect holiday, whether Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa, but everything doesn't go as planned for Arthur, D.W. and their family and friends.

■ "Chanukah Stories," airing on PBS stations in December (check local listings). Two children's books, "The Tie Man's Miracle" and "Moishe's Miracle," were adapted for this special, featuring Jami Gertz and Bob Saget.

MOVIES

■ "Holiday Inn," 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, AMC. Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire star as two showmen whose New England country inn, open only on national holidays, becomes a success. The classic tune "White Christmas" was introduced in the 1954 film.

■ "Recipe for a Perfect Christmas," 9 p.m., Monday, Dec. 5, Lifetime Television. Bobby Cannavale, Christine Baranski and Carly Pope star in a romantic comedy about a fledgling food critic whose scheme involving her mom and a restaurant owner doesn't go according to plan.

■ "It's a Wonderful Life," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, NBC. Frank Capra's classic 1946 fantasy about troubled George Bailey (James Stewart) and his enlightening angel, Clarence (Henry Travers).

■ "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, ABC. Jim Carrey stars as the unpopular Grinch in the film based on the Dr. Seuss book. Christine Baranski and Jeffrey Tambor co-star.

■ "The Santa Clause," 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, ABC. Tim Allen stars as a man who becomes the unwilling successor to Santa Claus and has to quickly learn the ropes. Wendy Crewson, David Krumholtz and Peter Boyle co-star.

■ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, NBC. Clark Griswold's bad luck continues to dog him at Christmas, but at least his holiday bonus is coming. Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo star.

■ "Christmas Lights," 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 23, BBC America. Two lifelong friends — and rivals — become locked in a holiday house decoration contest that gets out of control and ultimately forces them to reflect on what really counts. Robson Green and Mark Benton star.

■ "I'll Be Home for Christmas," 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, ABC. College student Jake (Jonathan Taylor Thomas) is on a homeward holiday trek, determined to win back his girlfriend and get a '57 Porsche, to boot.

■ "Finding John Christmas," 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 25, CBS. Valerie Bertinelli, Peter Falk, David Cubitt and William Russ star in the tale of a woman whose search for her long-missing brother brings her together with a newspaper photographer and a helpful angel.

STOCKING STUFFERS

■ "Entertainment Weekly's Best Holiday Movies," 10:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, AMC. Actor French Stewart hosts this rundown of yuletide movie favorites.

■ "Creative Juice for the Holidays," 10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, DIY Network. Hosts Cathie Filian and Steve Piacenza demonstrate affordable holiday craft projects, including turning foam snowballs into snowmen and tomato wire cages into Christmas trees.

■ "The White House Christmas 2005," 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, HGTV. The special, with host Gail O'Neill, takes viewers into the holiday planning process for the White House and includes first lady Laura Bush's discussion of her choice for this year's theme.

■ "Christmas in Washington," 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, TNT. Rascal Flatts, Carrie Underwood and Ciara will perform at the annual event attended by the president, first lady and other prominent Washingtonians. Phil McGraw ("Dr. Phil") and his wife, Robin,

are the hosts.

■ "L.A. Holiday Celebration," 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, PBS. A multicultural program of music and dance with performers of African, Asian, European, Middle Eastern and Hispanic backgrounds marking the season. Elayne Boosler hosts.

■ "Soul Train Christmas Special," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, Wayne Brady, Eric Benet and Tiffany Evans host a slate of R&B stars performing holiday hits.

■ "A Home for the Holidays," 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, CBS. George Lopez and Jamie Lee Curtis are among those featured in this annual effort to spotlight the issue of adoption. Performers include Sheryl Crow, Mary J. Blige and the Goo Goo Dolls.

■ "Renee Fleming: Sacred Songs and Carols," 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, PBS. In this "Great Performances" program recorded at Germany's Mainz Cathedral, the opera singer is backed by an orchestra and full choir.

■ "Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir," 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, and 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, PBS. Audra McDonald and Peter Graves take part in a concert that includes African-American spirituals and contemporary favorites.

■ "A St. Olaf Christmas in Norway," 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, PBS. The choir of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., joins with a Norwegian girls' choir and mezzo Randi Stene in a program taped at Trondheim's Nidaros Cathedral.

■ "Christmas at Belmont," 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, and Sunday, Dec. 25, PBS (check local listings). Country singer Josh Turner, a Belmont University alumnus, is set to perform at the school's annual concert Hall, as are students, faculty and the Nashville Children's Choir.

■ "Creature Comforts — Merry Christmas Everybody,"

10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, BBC America. In short films from the makers of Wallace & Gromit, answers from Brits to pressing questions (how do hamsters handle indigestion?) come out of the mouths of animal characters.

■ "Walt Disney World Christmas Day Parade," 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 25, ABC. Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa host the 22nd annual telecast of the resort's parade, with guests including Vanessa Williams, Julie Andrews, Tiger Woods, Fantasia and Hayden Christensen.

■ "Live from Lincoln Center," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, PBS. The New York Philharmonic presents its annual New Year's Eve gala, featuring a program of Italian opera with soprano Angela Gheorghiu.

■ "Tournament of Roses Parade," 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 2, NBC. The 117th edition of the Pasadena parade includes performances by LeAnn Rimes, Toni Braxton and magician Lance Burton, along with the

flower-bedecked floats, parade royalty and many horses.

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■ "New Year's Eve with Carson Daly," 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, NBC. Daly rings in 2006 from New York City's Times Square.

■ "Dick Clark's Primitime New Year's Rockin' Eve 2006,"

10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, ABC. Ryan Seacrest joins Clark in hosting the celebration in Times Square.

■ "New Year's Eve Live," 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, Fox. Regis Philbin is the host for these Times Square festivities, including music, celebrities and a look back at the events of 2005.

LAST CHANCE PRESTONSBURG PAWN SHOP (HOCK SHOP)

Wednesday, December 7th,
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

This is the final day to redeem any pawned items at the Hock Shop. You must present your receipt, and pay in cash (original amount plus interest through June 1st). This will be the last opportunity, as all items not picked up will be auctioned on December 9th by American Way Auction Service. There are no exceptions. Jim Gambill, Auctioneer, 606-789-3538.

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Send letters to:
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The Floyd County Times P.O. Box 390
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

or drop your letter off at The Floyd County Times at 263 S. Central Ave. Prestonsburg

All letters need to be legible, have your full name, age and address.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING OFFICE AND TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES FOR HIGHLANDS MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING

Dr. Michael McDonald, Urologist, has relocated to Suite 2120 on the Second Floor. The new number for appointments is 889-6070.

Dr. Ric Ascani, ObGyn, Women's Health Associates, has a new telephone number for appointments - 889-6070.

Dr. Bruce Kinney, Ob Gyn, is now located in Suite 2127. For an appointment call 889-6041.

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County pays for cleanup while waiting for PRIDE funds

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court held a special meeting Thursday and voted to pay for a cleanup at Maytown despite the fact that they haven't received a PRIDE grant yet to cover the cost.

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson noted that the job was completed two months ago and that the contractor, Stacy Wolfe, shouldn't have to wait any longer for payment. The

court unanimously voted to approve the measure.

The court also held a work session to discuss the bridges of Floyd County. Several bridges have yet to be named and the court tossed around proposals for bridge names. Some proposals will have to be approved by the state so the court plans to prepare a list of names before the General Assembly meets. If the legislature can approve the titles while in session next January, then the court will also be able to avoid the cost of putting up signs, which Frankfort

will absorb if the legislature approves the names while in session.

Some that were discussed and appear headed for approval include officially naming the bridge that is located on Route 114, near the Attorney General's office, as the Bert T. Combs Bridge. It has been unofficially called the Combs Bridge but has yet to be awarded a sign designating it as such.

District 1 will see a name assigned to the big bridge at Emma. The court agreed that the bridge should be named after the late Flo Eddington. Judge

Thompson noted that Eddington campaigned for over 10 years to have the bridge built and that she deserved the honor.

District 2 may see the bridge at the upper entrance to Maytown, off Route 80, named the Ralph Owens Bridge, while the bridge at the junctions of Routes 979 and 23 could become the Paul Gearhart Bridge.

District 3 may soon have a bridge at Banner named after Isaac Williams.

Thompson noted that all of the magistrates should cruise their districts and

get back to him on other bridges that haven't been officially named and that he would be open to holding another work session to get the job done.

Thompson also discussed several projects that would be scheduled for the courthouse, which would include fixing a leak on the court floor which is dripping into the property valuation administrator's office and taking out some benches in the old courtroom to make room for future office space which the court should host.

McHugh loses bond money after being charged in Florida

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — William "Bill" McHugh, the former acting general manager for The Floyd County Times, saw his \$50,000 cash bond forfeited Monday in district court.

County Attorney Keith Bartley filed the motion three weeks ago, asserting that McHugh had violated the terms of

his bond when he had a violation of the law in Florida.

McHugh incurred the bond after being charged with four counts of sexual abuse by two Floyd County women in October. McHugh was originally granted a \$50,000 cash bond for each alleged victim, but it was later amended to \$25,000 per victim after a motion was made by McHugh's attorney Jerry Patton to reduce the bond. Patton argued that

McHugh, 51, had no criminal record and would show, with future appearances, that he was responsible enough to be freed on bond.

One month later, McHugh was arrested in Florida and charged with grand theft auto and the kidnapping three children. The incident occurred in Manatee County, where McHugh was accused of taking a silver Chrysler that had been left running in front of a bowling alley.

The car contained three minors and two of them possessed cell phones. One child called her father and McHugh allegedly took the phone from the youngster and hung up on the parent.

A second child in the vehicle is reported to have used a cell phone and called 911. The child was able to give directions, using area businesses, that allowed the Manatee County Sheriff's Department to locate the car. They

arrested McHugh without incident when he parked the vehicle at a Petsmart store in a strip mall.

McHugh is scheduled to be arraigned in Manatee County on Dec. 9. Since incurring the charges, two counts of kidnapping have been dropped after a hearing on Nov. 17. A motion was also made to reduce McHugh's bond, which had been set for \$1.5 million cash. The motion to reduce bond was denied.

Red Cross to use cards instead of vouchers

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Board of Directors for the Big Sandy Chapter of the American Red Cross met Wednesday at the agency's office.

The meeting was visited briefly by County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, who praised the agency's efforts in helping the county through the floods which have troubled the region. Thompson was thanked by chapter director Bobby Carpenter for the fiscal court's contributions to relief efforts in the wake of massive hurricane damage to the Gulf Coast.

"I realize how important the Red Cross is and so does the fiscal court," Thompson said. "What we've done is minor compared to what you do."

The meeting was highlighted by a report from Carpenter on the total money raised for the recent hurricanes in Louisiana and Florida. Carpenter proudly noted that area residents contributed \$300,000 and then showed a video of how the money was spent. Several board members were visibly moved by the images, which depicted food and shelter being provided to the shaken victims of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

Carpenter, who was appointed to the directorship of the Big Sandy Chapter this year, also made several proposals to the board, including a plan to switch over to prepaid credit cards for disaster victims rather than a voucher system. The board approved the switch after Carpenter explained that the vouchers are a setback for the

region because of its rural nature, which often forces victims to travel out of county to access businesses that honor the system. The cards would allow disaster victims to shop locally for emergency needs. The cards would also carry explicit instructions on their face prohibiting the user to purchase alcohol and tobacco products.

The board also approved Carpenter's request to send a formal letter to Morgan County's chapter to ask them to release Perry County to the Big Sandy Chapter, which has looked after the county's needs for several years even though they have only been an oral agreement to do so. Carpenter noted that Perry County is closer to Floyd than Morgan County and it would not be a considerable problem to include servicing them.

Carpenter also asked for a computer for the office in Prestonsburg which is currently getting by on his personal PC. The group agreed to lease a computer for two years, which was less costly and provided free servicing, rather than purchasing a replacement.

The board also voted to accept Doug Tackett as the new representative from Pike County.

Charge

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items, such as autographed baseball and football cards, mining equipment, clothes, mufflers, a baby crib, pictures and other "sentimental items" were destroyed, according to a list included in the file.

Winchester is scheduled for arraignment in the case on Dec. 14.

Caudill was not available for comment.

Robbery

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view of the suspect's upper face.

Butcher also wished to reassure bank customers who have been calling since the incident to express concerns about the bank's staff, noting that no one was injured during the incident.

Wednesday's robbery was one of two in the region

In Lawrence County, police arrested Chester Mollett, 54, of Louisa, after he allegedly held up the People Security Bank of Blaine at 8:08 a.m.

Mollett is being held at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Paintsville on one count of robbery and three counts of unlawful imprisonment.

Greathouse

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have been granted dreams in the past few years are no longer with us," Greathouse quietly said. "But we always make sure to honor them, anyway. Those attending the party will see their pictures and hear their names because we aren't going to forget them."

The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky is organizing a list of those individuals, businesses or organizations interested in sponsoring a child for the 2005 Christmas party. A minimum of \$50 a child is requested and the sponsoring individual, or organization, does the holiday shopping themselves.

"We aren't asking anyone to give us \$50," Greathouse said. "Anyone wishing to sponsor a child may shop for that child's gift, or gifts, themselves. In addition, we would invite that person, or their representative(s), to attend the party, eat a holiday dinner with "their" child and the child's family, and see the Kentucky Opry Christmas show with them."

The Mountain Arts Center and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin donate the MAC's banquet room and show tickets to the dream-granting organization each year. Reno's Texas

Roadhouse also donates a catered buffet each year.

"Without the MAC, Mayor Fannin and Reno's, we'd never be able to put together the Christmas celebration we do," Greathouse said. "We can never thank them enough for their generous support."

The 2005 Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky Christmas party is scheduled to be held on Friday, Dec. 16, at 5:30 p.m.

To learn more about sponsoring a child, or to volunteer your time or services to The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, call (606) 886-9828.

Strike

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schedule change is not a "mutually beneficial arrangement," he said, because with a 12-hour shift schedule, patients can receive 12 hours of care from two nurses, whereas an eight-hour scheduling arrangement provides patients with eight hours of care from three nurses.

"There's a whole myriad of reasons why we have evolved to this agreement [to strike]," he said. "This is a mutually agreed upon conditional contract made in 2001 and it was reaffirmed in 2004. It's a mystery to us why, one year later in 2005, ARH says it's something they want to change. It's a bit of a mystery to us. If they are having financial difficulties, we really don't think the proper place to address that is patient care and nursing care. If they are having financial difficulties, who else could they ask to take a 10 percent reduction in pay? ... I know the CEO of ARH makes a salary of more than \$450,000 a year and I know a whole lot of people who think

that's not financially feasible. In the year ending June 2004, I'll get correct here, he made \$431,704."

Riggs said KNA began discussing the issue with ARH on Nov. 8, and that ARH refused KNA's offer to hold off on the planned strike until an expedited arbitrator steps in to decide whether the contract should be modified.

"We agreed to an expedited arbitration process, if ARH would hold any implementation of the blatant violations of our contract in abeyance," he said. "We agreed not to do anything until the arbitrator decides, and we told them that if he doesn't decide in our favor, we would not strike. They refused. We believe we have bent over backwards and done everything we can possibly do ... It's targeted directly at nurses. It's on the backs of nurses and, to be honest, we just don't understand why."

ARH says paying the nurses

for four hours that they don't work each week is "unusual hospital-wide" in Kentucky and West Virginia.

Nurses in Kentucky generally make \$22 per hour, Riggs said.

In their announcement of the change, ARH said that they would work with collective bargaining representatives to explore other options, including the "limited use of 36 for 40" in some hospitals.

Candace S. Elkins, system director of marketing and business development for ARH, did not return inquiry calls.

Her assistant, ARH communications specialist Melissa Cornett, would not comment.

"Yes, we have received the notice and it has been referred to ARH management and legal counsel," Elkins said in a press release issued on Nov. 29. "We are evaluating the notice and how it relates to the contract, what it actually means, and how ARH will respond."

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Odds & Ends

■ **SALZBURG, Austria** — Prosecutors say a former fingerprint stylist put his hands under a passing train, severing a thumb and two fingers, to collect on an insurance policy.

The 35-year-old, whose name was withheld because of Austrian privacy laws, was charged with insurance fraud.

The suspect told police he was riding his bicycle in November 2003 when he lost control and rolled down an embankment. He said he rolled onto the tracks just as a train was passing by, losing a thumb on one hand and an index finger and a pinky on the other.

Insurance investigators became suspicious after discovering the man had taken out a \$1.17 million policy a few months earlier.

Attorney Karl Wampl said it was outlandish that his client would intentionally mutilate himself on the tracks, contending he could have used a power saw to cut off his fingers rather than risk death by faking a train accident.

The suspect has said he had accumulated about \$175,000 in

debts at the time he lost the fingers, prosecutors said.

If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in prison, authorities said.

■ **AUSTIN, Texas** — Two star-crossed lovers won't hear wedding bells anytime soon, under order of the Texas attorney general.

Paula Rector, the Kerr County Tax Assessor-Collector, sought permission before marrying her fiancée, a district tax appraiser. The couple worried their union would violate the state's nepotism law.

An opinion released Tuesday confirmed their fears, ruling that the couple could not marry and simultaneously retain their positions.

"Isn't that crazy?" Rector said. "We thought it was funny that we had to wait for an attorney general's opinion to tell us whether we could or couldn't."

The Kerr County Attorney had argued that the couple's plight did not squarely fit inside the law's provisions, because Rector doesn't have a voice in employment matters.

But the attorney general ruled that state law trumps love.

Rector, 54, says she's disappointed, but would wait until her retirement to marry her fiancée. She has served five terms in office and said she may not seek re-election when her current term ends in three years.

■ **LINCOLN, Neb.** — A 17-year-old Omaha girl who apparently tangled with a 76-year-old churchgoer has learned a lesson: Pick on someone your own age.

Pearl Fritts was dropping off her recycling when she heard someone behind her offered to help. When she refused assistance, Fritts said, she got clobbered.

"She just slammed my head against that bin," Fritts said. "I was so shocked."

So shocked — and now angered — that she whipped around and put up her dukes.

"I think she was surprised that a little old, gray-haired lady with glasses would come around swinging," Fritts said.

The teenager was taller, Fritts said, but couldn't have weighed more than 100 pounds.

The girl said she wanted Fritts' car, Fritts told police. Soon she realized Fritts wasn't about to give up the car and she ran. The girl was found and picked up at a nearby restaurant.

■ **TOKYO** — A Japanese man who skipped out on his cab fares after crisscrossing the country in a taxi won't be going

anywhere soon. Koichi Machida, 37, was sentenced to a year and eight months in prison, a court official said.

Machida had a tab of \$4,391.67 for three separate rides clocking a total of 1,240 miles, Aomori District Court spokesman Tsutomu Maekawa said.

Over the summer, Machida rode 620 miles from Inabe to Sendai, about 20 miles from Nagoya to Inabe, and about 600 miles from Toyohashi in central Japan to the northeastern city of Aomori, the spokesman said.

Machida told one driver family member was in critical condition, the spokesman said.

Today in History

Today is Friday, Dec. 2, the 336th day of 2005. There are 29 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 2, 1954, the Senate voted to condemn Wisconsin Republican Joseph R. McCarthy for "conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

On this date:
■ In 1804, Napoleon was crowned emperor of France.

■ In 1823, President Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

■ In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harper's Ferry the previous October.

■ In 1942, a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time, at the University of Chicago.

■ In 1970, the Environmental Protection Agency began operating under director William Ruckelshaus.

■ In 1980, four American churchwomen were raped, murdered and buried outside San Salvador. (Five Salvadoran guardsmen were convicted in the killings.)

■ In 1982, in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart in the chest of retired dentist Dr. Barney Clark, who lived 112 days with the device.

■ In 2001, in one of the largest corporate bankruptcies in U.S. history, Enron filed for Chapter 11 protection.

Ten years ago: In Germany, President Clinton told 4,000 American troops who were on their way to Bosnia-Herzegovina for peacekeeping duty to strike "immediately and with decisive force" if threatened. NASA launched a U.S.-European observatory on a \$1 billion mission to study the sun.

Five years ago: Al Gore sought a recount in South Florida, while George W. Bush flatly asserted, "I'm soon to be the president" and met with GOP congressional leaders.

One year ago: President Bush chose former New York police commissioner Bernard Kerik to run the Department of Homeland Security. (However, Kerik withdrew his name days later, citing immigration problems with a former nanny.) President Bush announced that Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns was his choice as the next agriculture secretary, replacing Ann Veneman. U.N. ambassador John Danforth resigned after five months representing the U.S. at the world body. Dame Alicia Markova, one of the 20th century's greatest ballerinas, died in Bath, England, at age 94. Pulitzer-winning poet Mona Van Duyn, the nation's first female poet laureate, died in University

City, Mo., at age 83.

Today's Birthdays:

Character actor Bill Erwin is 91. Former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig is 81. Actress Julie Harris is 80. Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III is 74. Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada is 66. Actress Cathy Lee Crosby is 61. Movie director Penelope Spheeris is 60. Country singer John Wesley Ryles is 55. Actor Keith Szarabajka is 53. Actor Dan Butler is 51. NBC news broadcaster Stone Phillips is 51. Actor Dennis Christopher is 50. Actor Steven Bauer is 49. Country singer Joe Henry is 45. Rock musician Rick Savage (Def Leppard) is 45. Tennis Hall-of-Famer Tracy Austin is 43. Rock musician Nate Mendel (Foo Fighters) is 37. Actress Rena Sofer is 37. Rock singer Jimi HaHa (Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 37. Actress Lucy Liu is 37. Rapper Treach (Naughty By Nature) is 35. Tennis player Monica Seles is 32. Singer Nelly Furtado is 27. Singer Britney Spears is 24. Actresses Daniella and Deanna Canterman ("Maybe It's Me") are 13.

Thought for Today:

"Misery loves company, but company does not reciprocate."
— Addison Mizner, American architect (1872-1933).

Boom

and gas regulators have identified 8,000 abandoned wells that may need plugging and reclamation, and they acknowledge there may be many more. The state pays for reclamation efforts out of a fund from the forfeited bonds of industry. And since 1984, it has plugged about 2,600 wells.

But at the current pace, it will

take more than 25 years to work through only the 8,000 abandoned wells that officials know about, said Rick Bender, director of the Division of Oil and Gas. And that's only if regulators can retain access to the fund, which contains about \$2 million and has repeatedly been a takeover target during lean budget years.

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Rebels fall in season's first game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN – Bordering rivals Allen Central and Knott County Central got together for a season-opener Tuesday night. After the two teams got out of the first period deadlocked at 17-17, Knott Central maintained a lead after every quarter. The Patriots got a game-high 27 points from Scott Mosley and beat the visiting Rebels 88-76.

The Patriots took a five-point lead into

the final period. Knott Central made enough free throws down the stretch to pull away.

Two different Knott Central players scored over 20 points in the season-opening win. Adam Dials poured in 22 for the Patriots. Dials ended the contest 10-of-17 from the free throw line.

Michael Lindon added in 10 points for Knott Central, which connected on four three-point field goals.

Knott Central was 28-of-43 from the stripe in a game that between the two

teams featured nearly 70 free throws.

Allen Central showed a lot of promise in the season-opener. The Rebels are looking to return to their winning ways.

"It was a winnable game," said Martin. "These guys plays hard; they want to win."

Four different Allen Central players fouled out.

The Rebels also struggled with long-range shooting. Allen Central finished the game 0-of-14 from beyond the arc.

"We're a decent three-point shooting team," Martin added. "We definitely are a better shooting team than what we showed."

Starting forward Josh Martin led Allen Central with a team-high 26 points. Justin Jacobs followed with 14 points. Tyler Slone and Farley Joseph both had 13 points for the Rebels.

The Rebels converted on 16-of-25 free throw attempts.

Ryan Collins and Josh Prater each had

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Josh Martin

Roy S. Martin
Classic * B3

Morris – Is he in or out?

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

The final chapter hasn't been written in the Randolph Morris era at

Kentucky, but thanks to Andy Katz of ESPN.com, the story has finally taken a dramatic turn.

And for those already weary of watching a Kentucky team that is better when its 22-foot of post play is on the sideline, it was also a problematic one.

Katz clearly beat UK to the punch on Wednesday night when he reported that the NCAA's membership services division had ruled that Morris' association with the sports agency SFX was deep enough to deprive him of his amateur status.

Katz's story was a fine one, with all his ducks in a row. He explained the facts clearly and had a three-paragraph statement from the NCAA. In fact, he had everything except a statement from State U, who declined to comment.

Boo hoo. It's time for the university to get out in front of these stories. You owe it to the tax payers who provide the test tubes and dry-erase markers for your campus. You owe it to us.

You owe it to yourself. In any event, the services division didn't so much say Morris can't play anymore as it clarified that he indeed is ineligible. What it did was shuffle the paperwork – UK must now go before the organization's reinstatement committee.

The good news if you're of the opinion that Morris should be allowed to play – or perhaps just sick of this whole story – is that the consensus is that the ball is expected to really get rolling now. According to Katz, NCAA spokesman Kent Barrett said he "expected the process to move swiftly from this point forward."

Allow me to bring some levity to this situation.

We're not talking about the return of Jamal Mashburn or Tayshaun Prince. This is Randolph Morris, who often appeared to be sleep-walking through these games we watch so pas-

(See BENTLEY, page two)



After playing Lynn Camp at Rupp Arena over the weekend in a scrimmage, Betsy Layne opened its season at home Tuesday night against Magoffin County. The Bobcats played even with the Hornets for one half before Magoffin County pulled away and claimed the win.

Betsy Layne feels sting of much-improved Hornets

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Just maybe the roles were reversed somewhat Tuesday night when Betsy Layne hosted Magoffin County in a season-opener for both teams. Betsy Layne entered the new season's first game riding a wave of lofty preseason billing. Magoffin County took to the floor following last season's 4-22 showing quite possibly on the outskirts of the 15th Region radar. All preseason rankings, predictions or anything remotely related wasn't on the minds of the visiting Hornets Tuesday night. Magoffin County made the most of an excellent third quarter and beat Betsy Layne 59-47 in the season-opener for both squads.

Junior forward Eric Arnett led Magoffin County with a game-high 23 points. Devin Rice added 13 points in the Hornet win. Several

players stepped up in the Magoffin triumph.

"Our kids played hard and really came together," said second-year Magoffin County head boys' basketball coach Neil West. "We were able to settle down and play well."

Magoffin County made the most of free throw chances down the stretch. The Hornets hit on 11 of 15 free throws in the game's final 3:15.

The Bobcats, which finished last season 16-10, ended preseason play over the weekend inside Rupp Arena in a KBA Showcase scrimmage against Lynn Camp.

The game was knotted at 23-23 when the two teams went into their respective locker rooms at the intermission break. Magoffin County eventually took over in the second half.

Senior center Wes Helton tossed in nine points for the Hornets and

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Lady Rebs drop opener

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK – The Jennifer Hopkins Era at Allen Central High School got off to a rocky start Tuesday in the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic at Pike County Central High School. Allen Central drew a tough opponent in the tournament's opening round. The Lady Rebels had the chore of taking on tournament host Pike Central. The Lady Hawks, under the guidance of first-year head coach Stephen Butcher, didn't disappoint their fans. The Lady Hawks broke away in the second half and rolled to an 85-54 win, spoiling Hopkins' coaching debut.

Junior Haley Ratliff – ranked in the preseason as the 15th Region's top player – led Pike Central with a game-high 32 points.

Pike Central took a 30-26 lead into halftime before pulling away in the second half.

Abby Coleman added 14 points for the

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Paintsville outlasts P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – The host Paintsville Lady Tigers, the subject of much hype in the preseason, got their season started on a winning note Monday night at home against Prestonsburg, beating the Lady Blackcats 43-28. Paintsville jumped ahead of Prestonsburg 15-5 in the first quarter. After getting down by double digits early on in the contest, Prestonsburg never fully recovered.

Senior Chelsea Jarrell, one of the 15th Region's top players, led Paintsville with a game-high 14 points. Kendra Carroll also reached double figures for the Lady Tigers, scoring 13 points.

Seven different players posted points for the Lady Tigers.

Prestonsburg head coach Jack Pack

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Alice Lloyd claims emotional win over rival Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – Down 10 points at halftime to rival Pikeville Tuesday night, Alice Lloyd stepped back and collected itself. Pikeville took a 44-34 lead over the Eagles into halftime of Tuesday night's non-conference meeting between the two NAIA men's basketball teams. The lead, however, was far from safe. Alice Lloyd got the 10 points back in the second half and forced an overtime. In the extra session, Alice Lloyd outscored Pikeville 10-6 and won, 83-79.

Former Floyd County Conference



Player of the Year Shawn Newsome led Alice Lloyd with a game-high 19 points. Newsome was one of four Alice Lloyd players to reach double figures in the

(See WIN, page two)



The Alice Lloyd College student section cheered on the Eagles Tuesday night in their home win over rival Pikeville College. Allen Central High School grad Shawn Newsome led Alice Lloyd in scoring with a team-high 17 points.

Lady Eagles 74, Midway 65

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – All five starters scored in double figures Tuesday evening as host Alice Lloyd beat Midway 74-65. Alice Lloyd went into halftime leading 36-27 and was able to hold the Midway women off in the second half.

Belicia Mullins led Alice Lloyd in scoring with a game-high 18 points. Amy Jackson added 13 points and seven steals for the Lady Eagles. Former Betsy Layne High standout Whitney Lykens netted 12 points and recorded a game-high seven steals for the Lady Eagles while teammates Kristal

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Bentley

sionately. Remember, this is the guy who at 6-feet-10 averaged 8.8 points and 4.2 rebounds per game last year.

Granted, those numbers dwarf Kentucky's current post production provided by the combination of Lukasz Obrzut, Shagari Alleyne and Jared Carter (5.0 points, 4.8 rebounds total from a trio that checks in at a combined 21 feet, 5 inches), but they're hardly All-American figures.

I wasn't a fan of Morris last season, and wasn't excited about his potential return. I thought he was lazy and rarely inspired and felt he thought he could get by on his reputation alone in his first season in the SEC.

Then when the time came to announce his intentions of entering the NBA draft, I certainly

didn't like how he handled himself. He refused to talk with Tubby Smith (and apparently other right-minded people who had a better handle on his potential draft status). When it came time to make his announcement, instead of going to the coach's office he — or more likely, one of "his people" — simply walked to the fax machine.

It wasn't until he sat unfilled through the entire draft that he decided a call to Coach Smith could possibly be in his best interest.

I didn't like a lot of things about Randolph Morris.

But the thing I disliked most about him was he obviously had no interest whatsoever in being at UK. None. He didn't look like it last year, didn't play like it and certainly didn't act like it in

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the spring.

He had a world-class talent but was a mediocre — at best — player.

So why are we to believe it would be any different this time around?

I understand he may slightly improve Kentucky's team, but some things are bigger than wins and losses. The coach should be. The team should.

But certainly the program must be. A couple of wins aren't worth it. Not for me.

Still it appears the university is willing to put its integrity and that of its coach to the side in the name of "best for the student-athlete" which easily translates to "win 20 instead of 16." I don't happen to be of the mindset that it's the way to go.

Soon we'll see if the NCAA agrees.

Rebels

four points for Allen Central. Alex Hammonds rounded out the Rebel scoring with two points.

ACHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

• UPCOMING GAMES

Dec. 6	Pike County Central, 7:30 PM at Betsy Layne, 7:30 PM
Dec. 9	Breathitt County, 8 p.m.
Dec. 10	Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	

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Hornets

Brandon Shepherd added six.

Brandon Kidd led Betsy Layne with a team-high 16 points. Derek Case followed with nine points for the Bobcats. In other Betsy Layne scoring, Bran-

don Thacker netted eight points and Pat Stapleton flipped in six.

Both Magoffin County and Betsy Layne will return to action Saturday. The Hornets will travel to the Harlan to play

Cumberland in the E.R. Gray Classic. Betsy Layne will also hit the road, traveling to Pike County to play Letcher County Central in the Shelby Valley Tip-Off Classic.

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Opener

Lady Hawks.

Liz Dingus paced Allen Central with 18 points. Alanna Cline added 11 points for the Lady Rebels. Sara Johnson, just missed double figures in the scoring department, flipping in eight points for the Allen Central girls.

Pike Central was back in action in its tournament Thursday night against East Ridge in a winner's bracket game. Results from the Pike Central-East Ridge game were unavailable at press time.

Allen Central will take on Knott County Central tonight in a loser's bracket game.

LADY REBELS: THE REST OF DECEMBER

Dec. 5	at Perry Co. Central, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
Dec. 13	Prestonsburg, 6 p.m.
Dec. 16	South Floyd, 6 p.m.
Dec. 19	Country Music Highway Classic (at Johnson Central)

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Eagles

Daniels and Chastity Fox added 11 points apiece. Daniels pulled down a game-high 16 rebounds, giving her the game's only double-double. Fourteen of the Alice Lloyd freshman forward's rebounds came on the defensive end.

Alice Lloyd got to the free-throw line 31 times and made good on 20 attempts.

Natalie Dial paced Midway

with 16 points. Tia Garrett pushed in 14 points for Midway and Melissa Isenberg added 10.

Paintsville High School graduate Desiree Haney, a sophomore, made the start at point guard for Midway. Haney had four points, three assists and two rebounds in the setback.

Alice Lloyd edged Midway in rebounding, 34-33.

The two teams combined for 50 turnovers.



Kristal Daniels

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Win

points department. K.J. Waterman added 18 points and nine rebounds for the Eagles. Brent Prichard and Corey Hairston both added 10 points. Prichard, a West Virginia native, pulled in 10 rebounds and recorded the game's only double-double.

Pikeville struggled from the free throw line, making less than half of its attempts (12-of-25).

The Bears (3-6) also committed 23 turnovers.

Reigning Mid-South Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week Napoleon Roberts entered the game in off of the bench and led Pikeville in scoring with 21 points.

Steve Sickler and Laneare Anderson added 12

points apiece for the Bears.

Pikeville won the rebounding battle, 42-39. Alice Lloyd (4-4) shot 13-of-21 from the free throw line and six-of-15 from beyond the arc.

ALC MEN'S BASKETBALL

UPCOMING GAMES

Dec. 5	Appalachian Bible
Dec. 8	at Kentucky Christian
Dec. 10	Bethel
Dec. 21-22	at Warner Southern Classic

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P'burg

left the season-opening setback feeling good about his team's

performance.

"I thought we played well,"

said Pack. "We just couldn't get the ball in the basket enough. Paintsville is a good basketball team — a legitimate top-three or four team in our region."

Meaghan Slone led Prestonsburg with nine points. Amber Whitaker and Darcey Hicks each had five points for the Lady Blackcats.

Prestonsburg battled back in the second quarter, outscoring Paintsville 10-7. The Lady Tigers (1-0) answered, though, outscoring Prestonsburg 14-8 in the third quarter.

Prestonsburg will return to the hardwood Saturday, traveling to Leslie County for a game against one of the 14th Region's top teams. Before opening the season Saturday, Leslie County will host 14th Region rival Owsley County tonight.

Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-Leslie County game is set for 7 p.m.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Josh Martin, Allen Central High School Boys' Basketball



Alanna Cline, Allen Central High School Girls' Basketball

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Michael Carver, Allen, took a 9-point buck in Floyd County. He was accompanied on the hunt by his sons.



Nathan Lafferty, a fifth-grade student at Allen Grade School, took his first deer, a six-point buck, Nov. 12 in Lawrence County while hunting with his father and friend.

Piarist boys fall to Red Bird, Cordia

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN — The Piarist School boys' basketball team dropped each of its first two games earlier this week, losing to both Red Bird and Cordia. Red Bird beat the host Piarist boys 86-29 Monday

night. On Tuesday, Cordia, playing at home, beat the Knights 67-30.

Piarist was back in action Thursday evening, playing on the road at Oneida Baptist Institute. The Knights are scheduled to host the June Buchanan School Saturday evening.

RED BIRD 86, PIARIST 29

PIARIST (1-0): Doyle 3, Hoskins 2, Baker 7, Hicks 3, Moak 7, Ousley 7.

RED BIRD (1-0): Davis 28, Jack 4, Peters 3, Roberts 5, Berry 17, E. Howard 8, Fogleman 6, Brock 8, Hacker 3, Hoskins 4.

Fort Campbell's Johnson is 2005 Kentucky Mr. Football

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — College coaches look at Micah Johnson and see different things — a linebacker, a defensive end, a fullback, a tailback, perhaps a tight end. But there's one thing about which they all agree: Whatever Johnson's position, the Fort Campbell High School standout is a terrific player.

That's also the consensus of a panel of sports writers and broadcasters from around the state, who selected Johnson over four other finalists as Kentucky's Mr. Football for 2005. The 6-foot-2, 265-pound Johnson, who started at both linebacker and tailback for the Falcons, is the first player known primarily for playing defense to win the award since Dennis Johnson (no relation) of Harrodsburg in 1997.

The other finalists for this year's award were Lexington Catholic quarterback Justin Burke, Covington Catholic quarterback Drew Ellison, Henderson County quarterback Will

Fidler and Pulaski Southwestern defensive end Josh Minton. Johnson received nine of a possible 16 votes. Burke received five votes and Fidler one, with one voter abstaining.

Rivals.com Kentucky recruiting analyst Jeff Drummond said Micah Johnson and Dennis Johnson share one other connection — the former is the state's highest-rated recruit since the latter signed with the University of Kentucky. Rivals.com projects Micah Johnson as a strongside defensive end in college and ranks him as the nation's second-best player at that position, Drummond said.

Johnson has received scholarship offers from more than 30 major colleges and is one of 78 players selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl — the nation's most prominent prep football all-star game — in January in San Antonio.

"He's got all the tools," Drummond said. "There isn't anything I haven't seen him do."

Blessed with 4.7-second speed in the 40-yard dash — "at

his size, that's just flying," Drummond said — Johnson dominated on both sides of the ball for Fort Campbell, which finished 12-1 and reached the Class 2A quarterfinals before falling to Owensboro Catholic. On defense, he had 120 tackles and forced five fumbles, and he rushed for 1,270 yards as a tailback. He also scored 29 touchdowns.

That followed a junior season during which he had 173 tackles, 1,273 rushing yards and 17 touchdowns.

"He has been gifted with a lot of different tools," Fort Campbell coach Shawn Berner said. "He's a fast kid, very mobile, and can move laterally very well. Obviously, he can punish people with a power-type game. He can run people over, but as big as he is, you wouldn't think he could do it, but he can also make guys miss."

Johnson is the youngest son in a military family that lived in several states — including Hawaii, Oklahoma, Georgia, Washington, California, Vir-

ginia and Texas — before moving to Kentucky before the 2004 season. Two of Johnson's brothers play college football: Nathaniel, at a California junior college, and Christian, an offensive lineman who started this season as a freshman at Kentucky.

Christian Johnson said he knows where Micah will attend college, but won't say where, although Kentucky is under consideration. Berner said Micah has not orally committed to any school, but Christian talks as if Micah someday will be his teammate with the Wildcats.

"When he comes up here, I know they will make him lose weight, so he's going to get faster," Christian Johnson said. "I can see him playing tailback, but I don't see him getting 20 carries a game. He really wants to play linebacker. That's where his heart is. He has a defensive mind-set."

Complicating the decision is the deployment to Iraq of the Johnsons' father, Army Lt. Col. Skip Johnson, who played college football at now-defunct

Bishop College (Texas). Micah and his father are extremely close, Christian said.

"I just tell (Micah) to keep his mind clear and to not let this stuff stress him out," Christian said.

If recent history is any indication, Micah Johnson will attend an in-state college. The 2004 Mr. Football, Curtis Puley of Hopkinsville, now is Kentucky's backup quarterback. Brian Brohm of Louisville Trinity, the 2003 winner, starts at quarterback for Louisville, and 2002 winner Michael Bush of Louisville Male is the Cardinals' leading rusher as a tailback after playing quarterback in high school.

Whichever school Johnson chooses, Berner has little doubt that Johnson can contribute immediately.

"The thing Micah will have to do," Berner said, "is adapt to the speed of the (college) game, but the physical aspect of it, he goes in and matches up very well with those type of players. He could make an impact on both sides of the ball."

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

BOYS' BASKETBALL

(Scores from Tuesday's games)

- Cordia 67, Piarist 30
- Estill Co. 61, Menifee Co. 60
- Fairview 70, Bath Co. 47
- Pullin Co. 68, Obion Co. Central, Tenn. 60
- Southwestern 70, Cumberland 57
- George Rogers Clark 52, West Jessamine 47
- Jackson City 80, Wolfe Co. 62
- Jackson Co. 80, Lee Co. 73
- Knott Co. Central 88, Allen Central 76
- Lex. Lafayette 95, Frankfort 48
- Madison Central 62, Madison Southern 53
- Maggoffin Co. 59, Betsy Layne 47
- Mason Co. 61, St. Patrick 20
- McCreary Central 80, Jellico, Tenn. 24
- Montgomery Co. 59, Powell Co. 53
- Riverside Christian 82, David School 41
- South Laurel 92, Knox Central 39
- West Carter 60, Raceland 43
- Berea 95, Nicholas Co. 76
- Model 66, Ky. School for the Deaf 12

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Barbourville 48, Evans 43
- Cordia 61, Piarist 31
- Cumberland Co. 69, Monticello 36
- Lex. Henry Clay 52, Elizabethtown 51
- Lex. Lafayette 78, East Jessamine 41
- Lex. Sayre 54, Evangel Christian 20
- McCreary Central 77, Jellico, Tenn. 30
- Perry Co. Central 88, Buckhorn 34
- Pulaski Southwestern 35, Casey Co. 29
- South Oldham 52, Lou. Jeffersontown 28
- Woodford Co. 67, Lex. Bates Creek 26
- Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic
- East Ridge 63, Knott Co. Central 62
- Pike Co. Central 85, Allen Central 54
- Scores from Wednesday's games
- Johnson Central 55, Belfry 45
- Leitcher County Central 65, Shelby Valley 53

State football finals get underway today

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The field is set for the 47th Kentucky High School Athletic Association State Football Finals scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville. Two teams are making a return trip to the championships from last year (St. Xavier and Owensboro Catholic) while St. Xavier is the lone returning champion.

STATE FOOTBALL FINALS SCHEDULE: Today — Class AAAA Championship, St. Xavier (14-0) vs. Trinity (Louisville) (12-2), 7:30 p.m.; Saturday —

Class AAA Championship, Bowling Green (13-1) vs. Lexington Catholic (13-1), 11:30 a.m.; Class AA Championship, Owensboro Catholic (13-1) vs. Russell (13-1), 3:30 p.m.; Class A Championship, Mayfield (11-3) vs. Newport Central Catholic (12-2), 7:30 p.m.

State Finals on the Web: Streaming can be heard at www.khsaa.org or www.khsaa.net

Calling the Games: Gary Ball, Bill Ransdell, Randy Wilson, Kevin Rengering and Mike Harmon. Bowling Green Station WKCT-AM

(930) will carry the Rawlings/KHSAA broadcast of the Class 3A game.

Single Session general admission tickets are on sale at any of the eight participating schools for an advance purchase price of \$7 each. Single session general admission tickets will be available at the gate on game day for \$10 each. An all-session general admission ticket will be available on game day at the gate for \$25.

A limited number of reserved seating in the Brown & Williamson Club Level will be available at the gate on game day for \$40 each (sold as a package only).

Admission gates will open at 6 p.m. on Friday and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Children under six will be admitted free.

Parking is \$5 per car per day for the State Football Finals. On Friday, lots will open at 3:30 p.m. On Saturday, parking lots will open at 8:30 a.m.

The next meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control is a special meeting to review appeals. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8 in Lexington. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA.

ACHS to host Roy S. Martin Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The Allen Central High School boys' basketball program will host the first annual Roy S. Martin Classic Saturday, Dec. 10 at J.E. Campbell Arena. The inaugural high school basketball event, held in memory of Roy S. Martin, a longtime supporter of Floyd County athletics and the father of ACHS coach Johnny Martin, who passed away earlier this year, will feature the host Rebels, rival South Floyd and two 14th Region teams.

Breathitt County and Hazard — two 14th Region boys' basketball programs coached by Floyd County natives — each will participate in the first-ever Roy S. Martin Classic. Breathitt County is coached by Brian Hall. Kevin Spurlock, who played and later coached at Allen Central High under Johnny Martin, guides Hazard.

The opening game at 6 p.m. will pit host Allen Central against Breathitt County. South Floyd is scheduled to play later at 7:30 in the nightcap.

PHS Varsity Basketball Cheer Clinic rescheduled

The Prestonsburg High School varsity basketball cheerleaders will hold their annual cheer clinic on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Prestonsburg High School gym. Registration will be held the day of the clinic at 10:30 a.m. Cost of the clinic is \$25 per individual, \$20 each for siblings and \$15 each for cheer squads of 10 or more.

The clinic is for those in grades preschool through fifth grade.

Participants will learn basic cheer skills, sidelines, chants and dances. In addition, they will participate in basic stunts and tumbling while also watching the PHS Varsity Cheerleaders perform.

Each participant will receive a clinic T-shirt and treat bag as well as a certificate of participation. Refreshments will be provided and each participant will receive free admission to the Breathitt County-Prestonsburg

boys' basketball game on Tuesday, Feb. 14 and be able to participate in a pregame cheer with the varsity cheerleaders.

For more information or to register, contact Leslie Ousley (874-0317, evening), Janie Hamilton (478-2139, evening) or Cindy Porter (886-1642/226-3447, day/evening). Pre-registration may be done over the phone or by returning forms to Ousley at Prestonsburg High School or Hamilton at Allen Elementary.

Adams A-team cruises past Stumbo

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Adams Middle School A-team boys' basketball squad returned to action Wednesday night against Floyd County foe John M. Stumbo. The Blackcats jumped out and led 18-7 in the first quarter. Adams went on to roll to a 55-23 win.

Tyler Hall and Michael Burchett each had 12 points for the Blackcats. Starting center Austin McKinney added 10 points for the Blackcats. In all, nine different Adams players posted points.

Adams held Stumbo to just three points in both the second and third quarters.

ADAMS 55, STUMBO 23

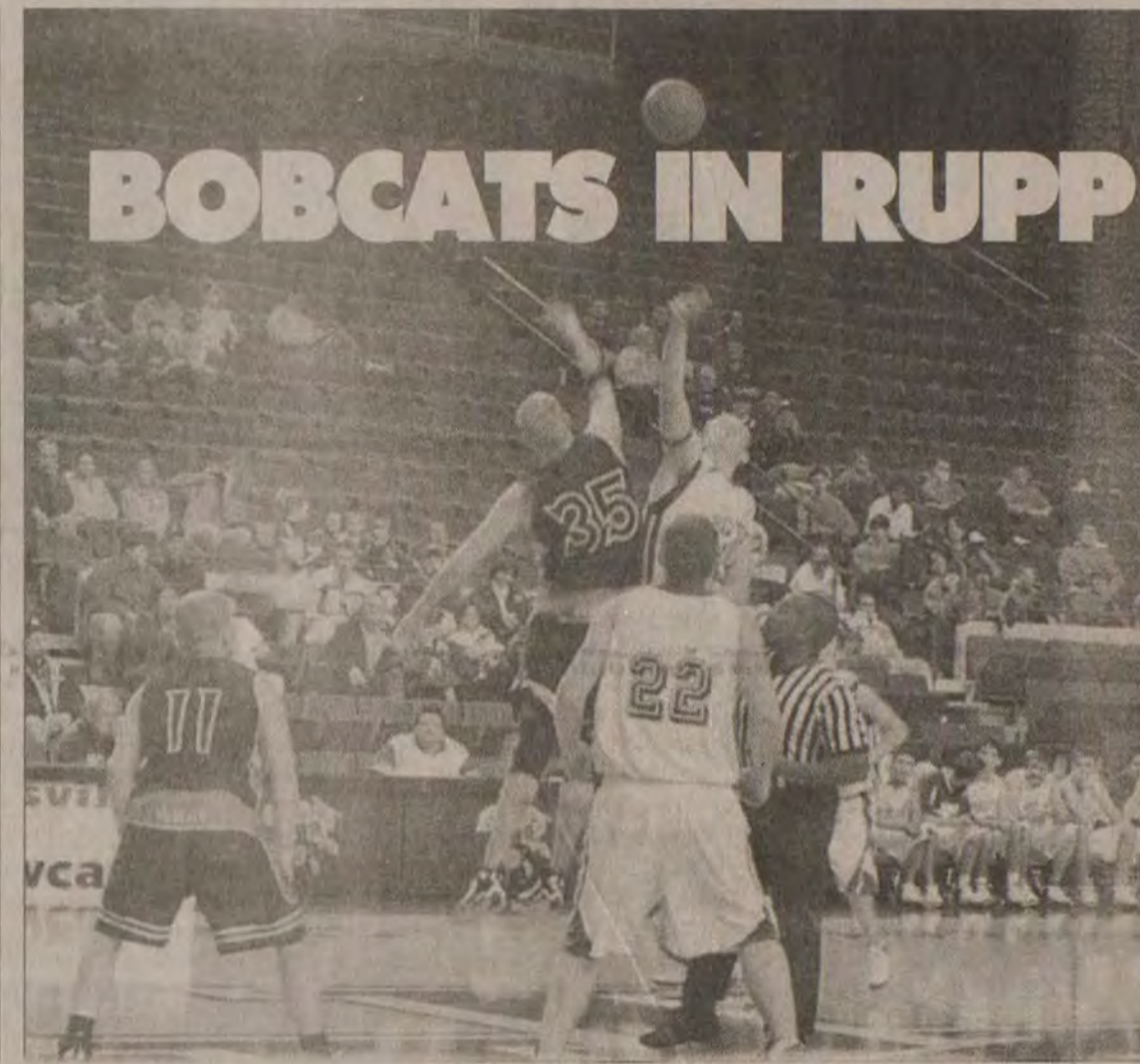
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B. Hall 12, A. McKinney 10,



photo by Jamie Howell

Adams guard Tyler Hall worked against the Stumbo defense. Hall and teammate Michael Burchett each had 12 points for the Blackcats. Burchett drained three three-pointer field goals and Hall knocked down two



BOBCATS IN RUPP



The Betsy Layne Bobcats got in a final pre-season tuneup over the weekend in Rupp Arena, home to the University of Kentucky men's basketball team. Betsy Layne took on Lynn Camp in its final pregame scrimmage.



UK FOOTBALL: After 3-8 finish, Kentucky expects improvement next season

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky football coach Rich Brooks spoke all season about how he sees the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel.

The offensive lineup the Wildcats (3-8, 2-6 Southeastern Conference) had on the field in the closing stages of a season-ending 27-8 loss to Tennessee was an indication not only of why he feels that way but also of how far Kentucky must go to be competitive with traditional SEC powers like the Volunteers.

A true freshman, Curtis Pulley, played quarterback most of the way against Tennessee, taking snaps behind a line that included three other true freshmen. Kentucky's top skill-position players — tailback Rafael Little, receiver Keenan Burton and tight end Jacob Tamme — are sophomores, as is its starting quarterback, Andre Woodson.

Defensively, the Wildcats' best players included sophomore linebacker Wesley Woodyard (the team's leading tackler with 100) and freshmen line-

backers Braxton Kelley and Ben McGrath.

"We have a lot of young guys who have gotten a lot of reps," Brooks said. "They haven't always been productive reps this year, but it will prepare them for what's ahead. That's our future, the young guys returning and the people joining on because they seem to have some life we can move forward with."

Brooks, who is 9-25 in three seasons at Kentucky, said the Wildcats need to "go into the offseason and get stronger and get healthy. We have a lot of guys who will have surgery this week after the season. We just have a lot of healing and lifting and conditioning to get ready."

Since the start of preseason practice, 29 Kentucky players either have undergone surgery or have surgery scheduled.

The sheer number of injuries forced coaches to rush young, inexperienced players into the lineup. The results were predictable.

"We were so close to having a great year," said senior Draak Davis, who shuttled from tailback, to wide receiver, and back

to tailback by season's end. "I think we proved that we can compete with anybody. There were always a few little plays that prevented us from winning games. We were always looking for that last thing to take us to the next level."

Kentucky's season began with promise, but the momentum didn't last long. A 38-14 loss at Indiana — a team Kentucky had beaten nine of the previous 10 seasons — started a four-game losing streak and reignited discussion of Brooks' future as coach.

Kentucky snapped the losing streak with a 13-7 win over Mississippi State on Oct. 29 and on Nov. 8, Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart announced that Brooks would be retained for a fourth season. The Wildcats responded with their best performance of the season, taking a 48-17 lead at Vanderbilt and holding off a late rally by the Commodores to win 48-43.

But the offense slowed to a sputter in season-ending losses to then-No. 14 Georgia (45-13) and Tennessee.

Little finished with 1,045

yards rushing — only the seventh time a Kentucky back has rushed for more than 1,000 yards in a season. His 1,982 all-purpose yards broke the school record of 1,922, set in 2002 by Derek Abney. Little likely will finish atop the SEC and in the top 10 nationally in that category.

Woodson and Pulley figure to have a spirited contest for the starting quarterback's job during spring practice. The offensive line should return intact, assuming the NCAA grants senior center Matt McCutchan a sixth season of eligibility, but the competition for starting jobs will be fierce, Brooks said.

Kentucky will need to replace key performers at receiver and in the secondary — including cornerback Antoine Huffman, who set a school career record with 27 pass breakups — and must find a new kicker for the departed Taylor Begley, who finished second on the school's career list with 36 field goals.

"We hope that the fans continue to support us, and we're going to continue to work hard,"

Woodyard said. "Football is a year-round sport, so we're going to take advantage of all the opportunities to improve."



Rafael Little

Huffman named finalist for AFA Sportsmanship Award

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The Awards and Recognition Association has announced 10 finalists for the inaugural ARA Sportsmanship Award — a new national award for NCAA Division I College Football — including Kentucky senior cornerback Antoine Huffman.

"We knew we would find outstanding role models

throughout college football, and we were not disappointed. Our selection committee will have a difficult time selecting one person to win the first ARA Sportsmanship Award," said ARA President Charles Miles. The ARA is based in Glenview, Ill.

Former Brigham Young University Head Football Coach LaVell Edwards chairs the selection committee. The 2005 ARA Sportsmanship Award recipient will be announced in mid-December.

The finalists for the 2005 ARA Sportsmanship Award are:

- James Anderson - Virginia Tech
- Antoine Huffman - University of Kentucky
- Luke Johnson - University of Southern Mississippi
- Matthew Leinart - University of Southern California
- Grayling Love - Arizona State University
- Ryan Neill - Rutgers University
- Ben Obomanu - Auburn University
- Devarick Scandrett - Middle Tennessee State University
- Scott Smith - University of California, Berkeley
- DeAngelo Williams - University of Memphis

Michael Bush returns to practice, probable for UConn

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm lay on a table in the training room at the Howard Schnellenberger Football Building on Tuesday afternoon, his torn right knee elevated and covered by a blanket.

Thankfully for the 16th-ranked Cardinals, Brohm was alone.

Junior running back Michael Bush, who'd spent parts of the last three weeks in the same training room recovering from a sprained foot, returned to practice and will probably play in Saturday's season finale at Connecticut.

"I'm a little rusty," said Bush, who dressed out for practice for the first time since injuring the foot in Louisville's 42-20 win over Pittsburgh on Nov. 3. "Today I was only going to go for a short period of time, but I told them to let me go and see how good I feel. Everything is feeling smooth. I might not be able to move like I want to, but everything is still fine."

Bush leads the Big East in

total offense (146.6 yards per game), and his 20 touchdowns rank second in the country behind Wisconsin's Brian Calhoun.

Considering freshman quarterback Hunter Cantwell will make the first start of his collegiate career against the Huskies, Bush's return couldn't come at a better time.

"I heard a couple of (players) say, 'He's back,'" head coach Bobby Petrino said. "I couldn't tell if they were talking about poltergeists or Michael Bush."

The way Bush ran during practice, the players might have seen a little bit of both. Though Bush said he felt a little slow, Petrino saw flashes of the back who scored two-or-more touchdowns in each of the eight games he's played in this season.

"He looked good to me," Petrino said. "He was cutting on it and moving pretty well."

When Brohm's season ended after suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in the third quarter of Louisville's 41-17 win over Syracuse last Saturday, Bush knew he couldn't wait any longer to return.

"(There was) a little bit of pressure (to come back), but at the same time I didn't want to come back and hurt myself (again)," Bush said. "I know with Brohm out and if I was out, the offense might be struggling a little bit. ... We may be a little slack, but we'll be OK."

Bush originally came to Louisville to be a quarterback before moving to running back at the end of his freshman year. But there's little chance of him returning to the position that he started at during his days at Male High in Louisville, where he was named Kentucky's Mr. Football following his senior season.

But Bush hinted he'd be open to the idea if things get rough either against UConn or in the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., on Jan. 2 against an opponent from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"I ain't even bringing it up," Bush said. "I let TV, radio bring all that up. If (Petrino) is listening, that's good, but other than that, I'm not going to say nothing."

The way Cantwell responded in his initial practice with the

first team, Bush will probably have to wait for Petrino to call a halfback option if he wants to pull up and throw.

"Hunter did a good job, he threw the ball accurately," Petrino said. "The players, the whole team actually, came out with a lot of enthusiasm. I was impressed with them."

It was the kind of response Petrino was hoping to see. Losing your starting quarterback 10 games into the season is never easy, but Petrino thinks his players have gotten over it, even if Brohm hasn't yet.

"He's not doing good, there's no question about that, but I do like his attitude," Petrino said.

Petrino said Brohm should have surgery sometime in the next week or 10 days. His rehabilitation should take anywhere from six to nine months, but the Big East's leading passer should return in time for his junior season.

USC QB Leinart receives Unitas Golden Arm Award

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — USC senior quarterback Matt Leinart, the 2004 Heisman Trophy winner, will be presented the 2005 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award.

The award was announced Wednesday by the Frank Camp Chapter of the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation.

Leinart, the third recipient of the Unitas Award in its 19-year history, has completed 233 of 351 passes this season for 3,217 yards and 24 touchdowns. Top-ranked USC is 11-0 heading into Saturday's game against UCLA.

Leinart is fifth nationally in passing efficiency and 12th in total offense (295.3 yards per game). He is 36-1 as a USC starter and has thrown for 10,095 yards and 95 touchdown passes in his career.

Leinart was chosen for the award by a select committee of football experts from across the

United States. Finalists included Brett Basanez (Northwestern), Kellen Clemens (Oregon), Brodie Croyle (Alabama), Jay Cutler (Vanderbilt), Drew Olson (UCLA) and D.J. Shockley (Georgia).

The award presentation will be Dec. 9 in Louisville.

Unitas played his collegiate career at the University of Louisville (1951-54), passing for 3,007 yards and 27 touchdowns.

He began his 18-year pro career with the Baltimore Colts in 1956 and played there until joining the San Diego Chargers for his final season. He completed 2,830 of 5,186 passes for 40,239 yards and 290 touchdowns during his 18-year NFL career, including touchdown passes in 47 consecutive games.

Unitas was recently selected as the top quarterback of all-time by the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Cutcliffe back with UT staff

TIMES STAFF REPORT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee head coach Phillip Fulmer announced Monday that David Cutcliffe has rejoined the staff as assistant head coach and offensive coordinator.

Cutcliffe, 51, was a member of UT's staff for 17 years, including six years as offensive coordinator, before leaving after the 1998 season to become head coach at Mississippi.

Cutcliffe compiled a 44-29 won-lost record with the Rebels from 1999-2004 and coached Ole Miss to four bowl victories against only one loss. He was the only Rebels coach in history to win at least seven games in each of his first five seasons before being named assistant head coach (offense)/quarterbacks coach at Notre Dame in January.

Cutcliffe reluctantly resigned that position with the Fighting Irish in June after undergoing triple bypass heart surgery in March.

Under Cutcliffe's tutelage as offensive coordinator from 1993-98, Tennessee twice led the Southeastern Conference in total offense and three times was the league's rushing leader. The Vols finished no worse than fifth in scoring offense including leading the SEC in 1993 and placing second

nationally with an average of 42.8 points per game.

The Vols were 63-11 during that span with three SEC Eastern Division crowns, two league championships and the 1998 national title. Cutcliffe received the Frank Broyles Award in 1998 as the nation's top assistant coach and was a finalist for the honor in 1997.

Coaching awards continued Cutcliffe's way during his Ole Miss tenure. He was selected SEC Coach of the Year in 2003 by his fellow league coaches and shared the Associated Press honor while leading the Rebels to a share of the SEC Western Division crown.

Cutcliffe attended the University of Alabama and received his bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation in 1976.

He returned to his alma mater, Banks (Ala.) High School, as an assistant coach for four years before being named head coach in 1980. His teams reached the Alabama state playoffs three times as an assistant and in both his seasons as a head coach.

Cutcliffe's workload at Tennessee, his first collegiate coaching position, documented the trust placed in him by Fulmer. Cutcliffe served as assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, filling all three positions capa-

bly and enthusiastically.

In the latter position of quarterbacks coach, Cutcliffe supervised the development of future NFL first-round draft picks Heath Shuler and Peyton Manning as they rewrote the Tennessee records book. Before them, Cutcliffe mentored Andy Kelly, who has gone on to a long and noteworthy career in arena football.

Cutcliffe has coached eight players who became first-round NFL draft picks, including Ole Miss quarterback Eli Manning and running back Deuce McAllister. The Manning brothers both were overall No. 1 draft picks.

INSIDE THE CONTRACT
Tennessee athletics director Mike Hamilton said Monday that David Cutcliffe has signed a two-year contract, with a base salary of \$275,000 and \$25,000 for media and apparel.

GRIDRON BRIEFS

Rice coach resigns

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Rice coach Ken Hatfield resigned one day after he defiantly said he didn't anticipate any staff changes

following a 1-10 season.

Less than 30 hours after Hatfield said he was looking forward to next season's opener, he announced his decision to step down after 12 seasons.

Rice lost 14 straight games between 2004-05, ending what had been the nation's longest Division I-A losing streak with a win over Tulane on Nov. 12.

Solich placed on probation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Ohio — Ohio coach Frank Solich will be put on probation by the university following his drunken driving conviction.

Solich also will publicly address his arrest and conviction and become involved in alcohol education initiatives on campus.

Solich appeared to be passed out when police found him Saturday night in his car,

which was facing the wrong direction on a one-way street and in drive. He had his license suspended for 180 days, was fined \$250 and ordered to complete a three-day driver intervention program.

Five Marshall players honored

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Three Marshall University football players were named to the All-Conference USA Second Team, while two more were named to the All-Freshman Team.

Sophomore running back

Ahmad Bradshaw, offensive lineman Doug Legursky and senior defensive back Chris Hawkins were second team honorees while punter Marty Biagi and defensive end Albert McClellan earned All-Freshman honors.

Bradshaw amassed 997 rushing yards in 2005, which

rank as the 12th-highest single-season rushing total in school history. His 1,459 career rushing yards in two seasons rank 16th all-time in school history.

Bradshaw also led the team with 56 receptions in 2005, while posting 381 yards and a touchdown.

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No. 10 Kentucky 75, High Point 55

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Rebounding, Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith said, is a mindset, and his point guard, Rajon Rondo, "has his mind set — to go get the ball."

Rondo, the Wildcats' 6-foot-1 point guard, has rebounded better than any of his teammates in all six games this season, and continued doing so Tuesday night, finishing with 10 boards along with 14 points and six assists — as No. 10 Kentucky beat High Point 75-55.

Ramel Bradley scored 14 points and Patrick Sparks added 13 for Kentucky (5-1), which won its third straight game while prepping for a showdown Saturday at Rupp Arena against defending national champion North Carolina.

During the preseason, Rondo hinted that his overall game had improved dramatically after a summertime stint playing for a USA Basketball under-21 team. Most Kentucky observers thought he was talking about his shooting, which was a weak area for him last season.

No one expected the sopho-

more from Louisville to turn into a miniature version of Dennis Rodman, but through six games, Rondo is averaging 10.8 rebounds per game and has recorded three double-doubles — all of the point-rebound variety. Thanks to his continued propensity for recording assists, he's flirted with a couple of triple-doubles.

"I don't know that we expect that out of him every night, but when he does that, it's a real plus for us," Smith said. "Rebounding has become a big part of his game."

Smith has said it doesn't bother him that on a team with three 7-footers, his point guard leads the squad in rebounds. Rondo also shrugs off that fact.

"Sometimes a big man will lead the team in assists," he said. "I'm capable of rebounding the ball."

Rondo had just two rebounds at halftime against High Point as the Panthers out-rebounded Kentucky 20-19. Kentucky trailed the Panthers (3-2) for a couple of minutes midway through the half and led only 34-30 at halftime.

"Our guys played hard, but we didn't play as smart as we have to play," Smith said.

Rondo set the second-half

tone for the Wildcats with six rebounds in the first four minutes, and Kentucky finished with a 43-35 edge on the boards. As a result, the Wildcats were able to take better shots, connecting on 55.2 percent of their second-half attempts. Their lead grew to 18 points with 8:19 left and peaked at 26 points.

"When Kentucky came out in the second half with a lot of energy and got the first nine rebounds, that really hurt us," High Point coach Bart Lundy said. "I thought Kentucky's intensity in the second half was better than it was in the first."

Smith freely substituted during the second half, even inserting seldom-used walk-on guard Preston LeMaster for more than four minutes while the game was still somewhat in doubt. Junior 7-footer Lukasz Obrzut, who, like most of Kentucky's centers, had struggled early this season, scored a career-high nine points.

"I just want to do what I've been taught by my coaches," Obrzut said. "I execute, run plays and shoot when I'm open. I want to go strong to the basket."

Enthusiasm over Obrzut's

solid play was tempered, though, by Smith's benching of another Kentucky center, Shagari Alleyne. Smith said Alleyne wouldn't play again until the junior had resolved unspecified academic issues.

"We've been through this before with him," Smith said of Alleyne. "He'll get the message, or else."

Kentucky sophomore swingman Joe Crawford did not suit up for the second straight game because of knee and hip injuries.

The Panthers went 1-of-19 from 3-point range. High Point's lone bright spot was the play of guard Arizona Reid, who had 29 points and 16 rebounds, each a career high.

High Point is a member of the Big South Conference and Smith's alma mater. It was the third time the Panthers played Kentucky since Smith became the Wildcats' coach in 1997. Kentucky won 102-49 in 2000 and 84-64 in 2002.

Smith was a guard for High Point from 1969-73. He led the North Carolina school, which then was in the NAIA, in scoring as a senior and still ranks fifth on the Panthers' career list with 1,589 points.

No. 10 KENTUCKY 75, HIGH POINT 55

HIGH POINT (3-2) — Konare 3-7 0-0 6, Dunn 1-5 0-0 2, Quick 0-6 0-0 0, Scott 4-15 4-6 12, Reid 12-19 4-5 29, Crowder 0-3 0-0 0, Jefferson 0-0 0-0 0, Stokes 2-2 0-4 4, Minnis 0-0 2-2 2, Lamons 0-0 0-1 0, Bowen 0-5 0-0 0. Totals 22-62 10-18 55.

KENTUCKY (5-1) — Perry 2-10 1-2 5, Sims 3-4 0-1 6, Moss 1-2 0-0 3, Rondo 6-9 2-2 14, Sparks 5-12 1-1 13, Stockton 2-4 0-0 5, Bradley 5-10 3-5 14, Obrzut 4-5 1-1 9, LeMaster 0-2 0-0 0, Thomas 2-4 0-0 4, Williams 1-1 0-0 2, Carter 0-0 0-2 0. Totals 31-63 8-14 75.

Halftime—Kentucky 34-30, 3-Point Goals—High Point 1-19 (Reid 1-1, Konare 0-1, Quick 0-1, Crowder 0-3, Dunn 0-3, Bowen 0-4, Scott 0-6), Kentucky 5-17 (Sparks 2-7, Moss 1-1, Bradley 1-2, Stockton 1-3, Perry 0-1, Rondo 0-1, LeMaster 0-2). Fouled Out—None.

Rebounds—High Point 35 (Reid 16), Kentucky 43 (Rondo 10). Assists—High Point 10 (Quick 5), Kentucky 21 (Rondo 6). Total Fouls—High Point 18, Kentucky 18. A-19,980.

Southern Cal 81, UC Riverside 48

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

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Redick's big shots helps No. 1 Duke hang on at No. 17 Indiana

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — J.J. Redick responded to Indiana's challenge the way he always does — by making big shots.

Redick scored 29 points, including six during a decisive late stretch, to lead No. 1 Duke past No. 17 Indiana 75-67 on Wednesday in one of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge's marquee matchups.

"I thought our kids were stronger," coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "We went down on three straight possessions late and gave the ball to our two seniors, Redick and (Shelden) Williams, and they scored baskets."

Duke (6-0) played an uncharacteristically erratic game to stay undefeated. Its top two post players, Williams and Josh McRoberts, spent much of the second half in foul trouble and the Blue Devils finished with 19 turnovers.

They also couldn't stop Indiana forward Marco Killingsworth, who finished with a career-high 34 points. Killingsworth did everything, hitting 15-of-20 shots, grabbing

10 rebounds, blocking two shots and continually drew fouls against Williams and McRoberts. His only 3-pointer of the game came during an 11-0 second-half run that gave Indiana its first lead at 59-58.

But Redick's supporting cast was stronger.

Williams finished with 13 points and nine rebounds. Greg Paulus added 13 points and Lee Melchionni had 12 for Duke.

The only other Hoosier in double figures was Marshall Strickland with 11.

In other games, it was: No. 4 Villanova 86, Rider 57; No. 5 Oklahoma 62, Tulsa 53; No. 6 Gonzaga 89, Portland St. 80; No. 9 Memphis 97, Jackson St. 70; No. 13 Michigan St. 88, Georgia Tech 86; No. 14 Iowa 45, No. 24 NC State 42; No. 19 George Washington 85, St. Francis, Pa. 68 and No. 23 Maryland 83, Minnesota 66.

Duke improved to 7-0 in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, and combined with Wednesday's other results, gave the ACC its seventh consecutive series win. This year, the ACC won 6-of-11 games played between two of the nation's strongest conferences.

The game also lived up to the hype. Indiana fans turned Assembly Hall into a sea of white, rather than its usual red, and were primed for an upset as they started chanting more than 20 minutes before tip-off.

The noise rattled both teams.

Indiana (3-1) threw the ball away four times in the first 3:09 and quickly found itself in a 16-2 deficit. The Hoosiers got as close as four in the first half and trailed 58-48 midway through the second half when Killingsworth sparked Indiana's big spurt, which ended with his one-handed dunk.

"They were pressing our guards and they were staying on our guys even when they drove," Killingsworth said. "They probably felt 'Let Killingsworth beat you.'"

He nearly did.

But Redick stabilized the Blue Devils.

He helped free Williams for three straight baskets late, then hit a 3-pointer to close a 9-4 run that gave Duke a 67-63 lead with 4:43 left. Two minutes later, he drove in for a nifty layup and completed the three-point play to make it 70-65. Indiana never got closer than

three the rest of the way.

Duke avoided a second straight upset to the Hoosiers, who won the last meeting in the 2002 regional semifinals at Lexington, Ky. The Blue Devils were also ranked No. 1 then.

"Wow! What a great game," Krzyzewski said. "J.J. just refuses to lose. He's one of those amazing players. That kid is really, really tough."

No. 9 Memphis 97, Jackson St. 70; At Memphis, Tenn., Rodney Carney scored 25 points and matched his career high with six 3-pointers for the Tigers.

Shawne Williams added 17 points for Memphis (5-1), which won its second straight after losing 70-67 to Duke in the finals of the NIT Season Tip-Off tournament.

Clinton Johnson led Jackson State (1-4) with 24 points.

No. 13 Michigan St. 88, Georgia Tech 86; At East Lansing, Mich., Michigan State's Paul Davis scored 22 points, and Georgia Tech's Zam Fredrick hit the rim on a shot from about 30 feet as time expired, giving the Spartans a victory in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. Michigan State (4-2) led the

entire game, but the Yellow Jackets (2-2) never let the home team get comfortable.

Davis scored 19 of his 22 points in the second half. Ra'Sean Dickey scored 24 points for Georgia Tech.

No. 14 Iowa 45, No. 24 NC State 42; At Iowa City, Iowa, Adam Haluska scored 18 points and Iowa held on to beat the Wolfpack in the final game of the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

North Carolina State shot 34 percent — just 50 percent from the free-throw line — and had 24 turnovers, which led to 17 Iowa points.

Cedric Simmons led the Wolfpack (5-1) with 13 points, 13 rebounds and a career-high six blocks.

No. 23 Maryland 83, Minnesota 66; At College Park, Md., Travis Garrison had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Maryland overwhelmed injury-riddled Minnesota in the second half in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

Nik Caner-Medley scored 16 points, and Mike Jones and D.J. Strawberry had 14 apiece for the Terrapins (5-1), who trailed by 15 in the early going and by six

Union remains perfect in AAC play

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WISE, Va. — Union College improved to 3-0 in Appalachian Athletic Conference men's basketball play as it rallied for a 71-54 win at UVA-Wise on Tuesday.

Trailing 30-21 at the half, Union nailed 60 percent (18 of 30 shots) in the second half, outscoring UVA-Wise 54-24 in the period en route to the 17-point victory. Union finished the game making 45.7 percent (21 of 46 shots) from the field after making just three of 16 shots (18.8 percent) during the first half.

Four Bulldogs scored in double figures with sophomore Kris Mills (Barbourville) leading the way with 16 points. Junior Chris Mullins (Mt. Sterling) added 15, while sophomore Jerrod Gibbons (Monticello) and Ryne Bretz (Carlisle) chipped in 13 and 11 points, respectively.

For UVA-Wise (4-6 overall, 1-3 AAC), Jarred Soles was the lone player to score in double figures, netting 17 points.

Union (8-2 overall, 3-0 AAC) will travel to Bluefield (Va.) College on Saturday for another conference contest at 6 p.m.

Tennessee 64, Murray St. 53

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Chris Lofton scored a game-high 18 points and spurred the game-breaking run as Tennessee beat Murray State 64-53 Wednesday night.

Major Wingate and Andre Patterson each added 11 for the Volunteers, who improved to 4-0 under new coach Bruce Pearl. Pearl, who led Wisconsin-Milwaukee to the NCAA Regional semifinal last season, was named coach at Tennessee last April.

Issian Redding had 14 points and Tyler Holloway 11 for Murray State (1-2). The Racers led 32-26 at the half and still were ahead 47-46 with 7:35 left when Lofton

started a 12-1 Tennessee run.

First, Lofton hit back-to-back 3-pointers and then connected on two baskets in transition.

A reverse layup by Lofton with 2:41 remaining put the Vols up 58-48.

Murray State shot 46.4 percent from the field in the opening 20 minutes but the Tennessee defense slowed the Racers in the second half, holding them to 28.6 percent.

At one point during the pivotal stretch, Murray State missed six straight shots. Murray State took their half-time lead on a 12-6 run, including consecutive 3-pointers by Holloway.

The game was played in Nashville's Gaylord Entertainment Center.



Below: Alice Lloyd College students stormed the floor following Tuesday's win over Pikeville. Later this season, Alice Lloyd will visit Pikeville for a second game.



LAST CHANCE
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(HOCK SHOP)
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THROUGH MY EYES

Memories returned

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Last Wednesday was a very busy day here at the Times. Had to get the Friday edition out early in order to be off for the Thanksgiving holiday, plus, lots of "guests" dropped by all day long to share our little holiday meal and to do a little catching up.

Before long, all that "catching up" had most of us in here "running behind."

It was almost six o'clock before I actually got enough free time to really look at the paper we had gotten together for that day. Opening section A and glancing at page 2, the page on which our local obituaries were printed, my eyes fell upon a familiar name - Marie B. Waddle, the mother of one of my very best childhood friends, Vikki.



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

Feeling awful that this passing had occurred without my knowledge, I quickly searched the obit

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POSTSCRIPT

Giving thanks

It's a week and a day after Thanksgiving. I'm late and, as is always the case, more than a dollar short.



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

Nevertheless, I'm of the opinion that every day should be a day of thankfulness. So for this writing, the critic will take a backseat, and the more positive me will reign, as I ponder some of the things for which I am thankful.

First, of course, I'm thankful for family members who love me enough to tolerate my failings and to appreciate my good points. I'm grateful for those who back me up,

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Smart house is smart idea for training

Imagine being at work and remembering the house temperature needs to be lower. Think about wanting to see how a child is doing while you are away from home. With a Smart House, adjusting the house temperature or seeing via video what's going on is all possible. And since the Smart House seems like such a smart idea, the Technical Campus of Hazard Community & Technical College already has begun creating such a home by renovating a house on campus.

"You can remotely determine what time the porch lights come on," said Danny Ingram, electricity faculty member, noting such Home Automation Systems are the new "must have" among homeowners. Ingram is working with Doug Adams, heating and air conditioning faculty member, to create such a home. "The beauty of this is that our students will have the skills to create a Smart Home and that will make them much more marketable," Adams said.

"We know if people see all the advantages

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Faculty members Doug Adams and Danny Ingram look at the wiring for a "Smart House." The home, located on the Technical Campus of Hazard Community & Technical College, will be renovated into a Smart House so students can learn how to install this new technology.



These books recently released by The University Press of Kentucky, celebrate Kentucky holiday traditions and regional foods.

Books with regional flavor, appeal make great holiday gifts

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Treasured Christmas stories, spun by some of the Commonwealth's most beloved authors, coupled with recipes of some of the region's most favored dishes, combine to make holiday gift-giving a welcome delight.

A keepsake of Kentucky's most-cherished Christmas traditions, "A Kentucky Christmas," edited by author George Ella Lyon, wraps a colorful package of poetry, fiction, essays, recipes, and songs into a wonderful holiday gift idea. Over fifty of the state's finest writers, including Times columnist Pam Shingler, Bobbie Ann Mason, Silas House, and Linda Scott DeRosier, among others, have contributed to this collection of holiday memories.

"A Kentucky Christmas" celebrates Ken-

tucky traditions from the first Christmas on the Falls of the Ohio to settlement days along the Cumberland to Appalachian country store windows on Christmas Eve. "The more voices we hear expressing the real experiences of Christmas," says Lyon, "the more room we have to enjoy the holiday."

George Ella Lyon is the award-winning author of more than thirty books for children and adults, including "With a Hammer for my Heart"; "Catalpa"; "Borrowed Children"; and "Mother to Tigers." She lives in Lexington, Kentucky.

Mark F. Sohn, professor, Pikeville College, has also authored a new book that is destined to become a regional favorite to be handed down through generations to come. "Appalachian Home Cooking: History, Culture, & Recipes" is an examination of the region's staple foods and ingredients of a distinct culinary heritage.

From biscuits and sausage gravy to chicken and dumplings, cornbread, green beans, fried chicken, and apple pie Sohn identifies and traces the history of traditional Appalachian foods while examining the impact of food in the life of southern mountain folk. He outlines the procedures used in preparing foods and explains how they were developed and modified through the years, often comparing or contrasting recipes and methods found outside the region. Dedicating chapters to vegetables, side dishes, corn, meats, breakfast traditions, and herbs and game, among others, Sohn details the specific elements, history, benefits, and uses of each ingredient.

In the book's preface, Sohn shares that he came to study Appalachian food through teaching a class in Appalachian studies at Pikeville College. "As part of that class, I organized Appalachian dinners, and my stu-

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THINGS TO PONDER

Are you looking up or down?

by Dr. Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

"Look up into the hills! Keep your hand upon the throttle and your eye upon the rail. Look for the silver lining. I saw the light. I saw the light. No more in darkness, no more in night. Now, I'm so happy..." Psychologically, these old songs and sayings encouraged everyone to stand tall and look forward to what was yet to come. Perhaps, the point was to keep one's thoughts on working hard and following a pre-determined path to reach a future goal, similar to a train with a schedule to keep

Then, there is the thought that if we are not looking up and about, we are more likely to miss what is going on about us, such as not understanding - seeing the light - what is needed and, so to speak, staying in the dark. The chants used for military marching is another way in which looking up and checking out your position is so important and emphasized as a thing to do; "Head and eyes up off the ground; Your dress is right and cover down (used to keep the group in a straight line)." Do you tend to walk looking downward? Are you slouchy and drooping? Is your body profile appearing to be a cousin to a "C"? You may be doing yourself in by your gait and especially your posture. When you stand with your arms down by your sides, are your palms facing back? Do you have your shoulders back and your eyes looking

ahead or are you unaware of the state of your posture and what it may reflect of you to others?

There was a brief caution about the possibility that mentioning one's posture may not be a very exciting subject, but then on the other hand, a person's posture seems to tie in so tightly into one's mental health and physical well-being. Similar to "we are what we eat," others judge us according to how we present our "package" overall. No one can contradict the importance of that almighty "First Impression." Of course, we all acknowledge that posture certainly is a big time contributor to the total outcome, if we are not the one being assessed, but we are not likely to think of "standing straight as a poker" when the occasion requires us to do so and we feel very insecure and anxious. There is also

the importance of sitting properly in a chair. How lovely is it to see people on talk shows busy "selling themselves," but failing to notice and keep check on their posture in the chair - legs, knees, and etc? These and other types of body language announce to the outside world how our inner selves are feeling and how much we value ourselves: sloppy and slumped posture is prone to indicate a depressed, overwhelmed emotional state. What do you want to correctly communicate indirectly through your body language?

One cannot forget the importance of the interaction of physical and mental well being. An example is that, when we stand tall, we can breathe deeper and thus blood circulates better, muscles are able to do

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Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Ponder

their job more effectively, whether they are to work or relax, and we can more adequately cope, solve problems, and obtain goals. We have heard through various media some long-term difficulties of the general drawbacks of poor posture, such as the negative impact of chronic back pain, respiratory problems, and skeleton-spine deformity. Also, we often become very tired from carrying around a mis-positioned body when we feel emotionally distressed and feel as though we do

not have the energy nor the motivation to care about how we look, much less what others think about us at the moment. It was very interesting that one researcher of pessimism and optimism gave tips for becoming an optimist and one was, "Adopt the straight posture and brisk stride of the optimist, use upbeat language (don't say you're tired, say you're recharging) and let others see you acting optimistically." This would also be a manner in which one could have a great psychological "posture"

no matter what one's height might be. Remember that the world is likely to recognize us by our posture whether we be up close or from afar. Can't you imagine what the flapper looked like in "Ain't she sweet. See her coming down the street."

Dr. Lineberger is a Licensed Psychologist with a private practice in Prestonsburg and provides professional psychological services, therapy and testing, for all ages.

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Eyes

for dates. Date of death, Sunday, November 20; date of funeral services, Wednesday, November 23, 1 p.m. Sadly, I realized that I had missed this wonderful woman's funeral. I would have very much liked to have been there.

I have always held close in my heart many memories of Marie, a light-haired woman with a wonderful sense of humor, a kind and gentle soul and one who held within her a fierce love for each of her children.

I remember that no matter how tired she may have been from a long day at work, Marie always found the time, and the energy, to run her daughter (and friend) to a school ballgame, movie; or Archer Park swimming pool; pick us back up; and even give us the money to make a quick stop in at the Dairy Queen for a hot dog and milkshake.

I couldn't begin to count the times I stayed nights and spent weekends at Marie's house. So often that I soon became to feel as though I were a part of the Waddle family. Marie prepared delicious meals, always made sure that we had plenty of snacks and handed out clean, dry socks after an afternoon of tromping through the early spring puddles along Abbott Creek.

Vikki and I spent many an afternoon exploring the hills above her family's home, as well as riding bikes along the winding country roads of Abbott. I remember one day, in particular, that we climbed over

a barbed wire fence to get into a field. I don't remember why we wanted in that field, but I do remember making a rather hasty retreat back out. And in that retreat, a piece of my clothing got hung on the barbed wire and I ended up with a nasty little tear just inside the tender flesh of my right knee. Hobbled home to Vikki's house, I'm sure I was quite a pitiful little sight but, once there, Marie was quick to gather together the Mercurochrome and band-aids and reassure me that I would, indeed, live.

In all the years since, as I have become an adult, not once have I ever passed by the turnoff to Abbott Creek without taking a moment to glance upon the hill at Marie's neat little home. Each time, I have wondered

about her and thought to myself that I would stop in and pay a little visit one day "when I have the time."

As all too often happens, work and responsibility take precedence over such things and time soon marched on without that little visit ever happening. Another reminder that priorities very often need to be reanalyzed.

I'll miss Marie and I will remember her always. And I hope the small token of remembrance that I dropped by my old friend's house last Wednesday night helped, in some small way, to ease the pain of her mother's passing. It was good to see you again, little Vikki. And, be watching out your door, 'cause I'm coming back for another visit.

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Editor's Notice: The Floyd County Times is happy to announce your engagement, new marriage, new baby, birthday or family reunion free of charge. However, space is limited and we can offer no guarantee of the exact day your announcement will run. Readers may opt to purchase ad space if these conditions are not satisfactory. With the purchase of a paid ad, run date, size and placement may be guaranteed.

Books

dents and their parents or grandparents prepared traditional dishes. With as many as 50 students in a class, these dinners were grand affairs that offered great choice. Semester after semester and year after year, my Appalachian dinners were an education in mountain food, and I took notes. I learned about moonshine, shucky beans, pawpaws, and cushaw," he writes.

"Appalachian Home Cooking" also provides specific meal plans and recipes. The second half of the book presents over eighty recipes in a cookbook format. A unique resource, the book also offers a listing of mail-order sources for dozens of providers of ingredients and products that may be hard now to find locally. Sohn also provides information about various food festivals and events across the South, along with a glossary of Appalachian food terms.

Mark F. Sohn is a food historian, columnist, photographer, recipe developer and professor at Pikeville College. He is also the food editor for "The Encyclopedia of Appalachia." In addition, Sohn studied culinary arts at L'Ecole de Cuisine, in Paris, France.

Originally published in 1904, "The Blue Grass Cook Book" gives credit where credit is due by outlining the ways in which African-American cooks have formed the shape of Southern cuisine. 100 years ago, when the book was first introduced, black cooks were seldom credited, or even mentioned, by Southern cookbook authors. Typically, the person credited with a recipe was the

wife of a landowner, whose kitchen staff was mostly, or entirely, comprised of African-Americans.

Minnie C. Fox, who compiled the book in 1904, along with her brother, the popular novelist John Fox Jr., were of a family that saw things in a different light. Although they could have afforded them, the Fox family did not own slaves on their estate in Bourbon County before the Civil War. In the book's introduction, written by John Fox Jr., Fox gratefully identifies the African-American cook as the "turbaned mistress of the Kentucky kitchen" and the nurturer of Southern hospitality.

"The Blue Grass Cook Book" contains the work of notable photographer A. L. Coburn, whose portraits capture both the dignity and the drudgery of the lives of his subjects.

A century later, many of the recipes in "The Blue Grass Cook Book" serve as interesting historical landmarks ("How to Dress a Terrapin," for example), but many others can still be prepared using ingredients and methods commonly at hand, including "Henry Clay's Favorite Dish," stewed rump roast with carrots and beef gravy.

Toni Tipton-Martin, past president of the Southern Foodways Alliance, is the coauthor of "A Taste of Heritage: New African American Cuisine."

Excerpt:

From "A Kentucky Christmas": "Alene," by Pam Shingler: "When the birds directed Alene to a cache of red-berried holly bushes in the third holler,

she decorated the house with a frenzy. She paid one of the Kestner boys to search the woods for mistletoe and evergreen boughs. She found a perfectly shaped spruce and had her cousin Junior cut it, haul it to the house and help her put it up in front of the big window in the living room. She wove the evergreen into wreaths, decorating one for the front and back doors and each of the five bedroom doors. She made a larger one for the driveway gate and smaller ones for the fireplaces. She hung three more, filled with sunflowers, nuts and berries, in trees for the birds who brought her soothing joy.

"She put red and green ribbons on the assortment of dolls she had collected as her family traveled the world and placed them around the house, each with a tag bearing a grandchild's name. She pulled out the boxes of decorations that had not been opened for four years and covered the tree with the fragile ornaments from Switzerland, Italy, Korea and all the countries they had lived in or visited. She made seasonal candle arrangements for each room and knitted stockings for every family member, filling each with carefully considered trinkets.

"She baked bread, strudels, pound cakes and cookies and froze them, along with soups and meat dishes that she could quickly put on the table when the house filled. She wrapped the gifts she had been accumulating since summer and arranged them under the tree. She hired Florida Belcher to help her clean her house and ordered a cord of seasoned wood..."

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Smart House

of a Smart House, they will want one," Ingram said. "When completed, we plan to have Open House viewing of this new technology." The house, presently situated to the left as entering the campus, is already for work to begin. Not only are Smart Houses geared for convenience, but for security and energy efficiency as well.

Dr. Jay K. Box, HCTC president/CEO, noted with a Smart

House, the temperature could be 72 degrees in a child's room and 68 degrees in the bedroom right next door. "We have the faculty on board ready to teach others how to create a Smart House. We hope to see more students enroll in our programs so they can learn this trade," Dr. Box said.

Meanwhile, the carpentry program at Hazard Community & Technical College offers another chance for those inter-

ested in the building portion of this project. Faculty member Mark Fields and his students are also learning their trade by creating House No. 12 on Annis Way in the Walkertown section of Hazard. The three-bedroom, two and a half bathroom home has 1,352 square feet plus a 210 square-foot bonus room. The house will provide a good home for a family upon completion.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Dec. 5, 7, 12 - Our Lady of the Way Community Education Dept. will present a program on AIDS/HIV to 8th grade students.

Dec. 6 - "Magic Me" will meet (weather permitting) until 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 8 - "Parent University," at Holiday Inn, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Presenters, lunch provided, and door prizes. All parents/guardians welcome.

Dec. 14 - Free clothing give-away at Graceway Church, on Rt. 80, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 14 - Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m.

Dec. 14 - "Connect with Kids" special on WYMT, "When Nobody's Looking," 7 p.m.

**Anyone interested in sponsoring a needy student for Christmas, please contact the YSC at 886-1297.

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. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School

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, 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.

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

Duff Elementary

School is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts must be dated Sept. 11, 2005 to March 11, 2006. Top three school winners will receive a gift. In anyone in the community would like to donate their receipts, they may mail them to: Duff Elementary, P.O. Box 129, Eastern, KY 41622; may also drop receipts off in school front office.

Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. 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 post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Mountain Christian Academy

Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.

Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

Dec. 6 - SBDM meeting, 6 p.m., in school auditorium.

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

Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. Watch for dates to be announced. If you need training, call to set up an appointment.

School will be participating in the Food City "Apples for Students" program, please save your receipts.

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

Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

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. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

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 Tristin Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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

Character Words for the Month - Respect and Togetherness*

Dec. 7 - Nominations for SBDM Council ("School-Parent Organization") will be accepted until 3 p.m., this date. Nominations must be turned into Robin Johnson, Dreama Bates, or Kim Hall, in main office.

Dec. 14 - SBDM Council election, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and again from 5-6 p.m., at the school. For questions about the nomination process or about the upcoming election/requirements, call 452-2131.

Monday's, 6 p.m. - School and resource center will host a Family Literacy program. We will read and study about different cultures/themes and then work on a related craft/activity. Refreshments will be served. Call the resource center to sign up.

Tuesday's and Thursday's, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Women's Exercise program, in school gym. FREE! If you would like to participate, contact the center.

Wednesday's and Thursday's, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., GED classes, in the Weeksbury Community Center. Classes are FREE.

Lost & Found: Located in the FRC. Items not claimed within two

weeks become the property of the resource center.

If you would like more information on the programs and services offered by the FRC, please call or come by for a visit. Center is located in the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Center hours are: Mon. thru Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone: 452-4553; ask to speak with Cissy Williams (coordinator) or Karen Williams (clerk). You may also leave a message and we will return your call.

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.

Adult Education & GED Schedule

Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Allen Elem. FRC, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Cliffside

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Allen FRC, Mud Creek Clinic, McDowell FRC, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 1-4:30 p.m. - David Craft Center, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Center, BSCTC.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC (Weeksbury Comm. Center), BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Wayland Senior Citizen Center, Dixie Apts., BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - St. James Episcopal Church; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Cliffside NNC, Mud Creek Clinic, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC, David Craft Center, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m., Martin Comm. Center, BSCTC; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.

Family Medicine



Chef Simpson's Rx for holiday cheer: Sticky date pudding



Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.
Associate Professor
of Family Medicine

In the month of December we celebrate many different religious and secular holidays, including Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza and New Year's Day. It's a busy time for almost everyone. So, in keeping with that holiday spirit, for the 14th year in a row, we will give our readers a break from the usual treatise on the diagnosis and treatment of illness. Instead, we'll discuss a delightful food recipe that provides sustenance and pleasure, rather than that usual discussion of human ailments. I hope that this year's recipe will be a special holiday treat for your family.

A few years ago, I had the good fortune to be able to travel to Australia. Following an afternoon of camel riding, I was treated to a delightful dinner that was capped off by something called "Sticky Date Pudding." First of all, the name is a slight misnomer, since it's really a cake rather than a pudding. As the name implies, however, it is slightly sticky.

Even if you don't like dates, you shouldn't be the least bit put off because it contains this tropical fruit. Sticky date pudding is a delectable cake covered with a toffee sauce that will satisfy anyone's sweet tooth. It is

easy to make and is best served warm with some rich, vanilla ice cream. Recently, I have seen similar recipes in cooking magazines called "Sticky Toffee Cake."

- Ingredients**
- 2 tablespoon butter
 - 3/4 cup sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 3/4 cup self-rising flour
 - 3/4 cup chopped dates
 - 1 cup boiling water
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Combine boiling water, baking soda and dates. Set aside for about 20 minutes, stir occasionally. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium mixing bowl, cream the butter and sugar, until smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each. Add in the date,

water and baking soda mixture, then vanilla, then flour. Bake in an 8 inch round or square pan for 30 minutes. You can also make these into muffins

Now for the best part: the sauce. First, the ingredients:

- 3/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 tbsps butter
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom (the secret ingredient)

Combine the brown sugar and whipping cream in a sauce pan over low heat. When this mixture is liquefied and warm, add butter, vanilla and cardamom. Mix over low heat. (I taste this and add more butter or cream if I think it needs some adjustment. The entire family is usually very happy to help with this process.)

Drizzle the warm sauce over the warm cake and add a topping of vanilla ice cream. I keep the extra sauce covered in the fridge. When the cake is gone, the sauce is great over just ice cream.

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Postscript

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feed me, support me, listen to me, include me and, from time to time, give me a hug and say, "I love you."

A very close second are my long-time friends, strung across the country from Arkansas to North Carolina, from Pennsylvania to Georgia. They've cheered me on and held me up through joy and sorrow, through my many moods — not all good. They've listened to my troubles, and they've celebrated my successes.

And, I'm thankful for newer friends who are growing into old friends, like comfortable shoes you can't imagine life without.

I'm extremely grateful, on the job front, to have a decent job with good benefits, which far too many people in our region do not have. Also, I'm grateful to have a job I love with an organization whose concept and mission I believe in and to work with creative, intelligent people whom I respect and am respected by.

I'm thankful this year that writers and other artists in our region are beginning to gain much-deserved attention from folks on the outside and, even more important, by our own folks. For most of our history, we Appalachians have been defined — nearly always inaccurately — by non-Appalachians. It's way past time we do the

defining.

Include in this gratitude block the traditional music of the mountains and the bluegrass music that's become so much a part of our culture. For too long, these musical genres were looked upon, negatively, as hill-billy music. That concept, thankfully, is changing.

I'm thankful, too, for the opening up of our mountains. I think of how the roads were when I was a youth. We literally had to bloom where we were planted. A 10-minute drive today was at least 30 minutes back then. Today's accessibility of one county to another would astound our grandparents.

Another thing I'm thankful for are good neighbors. In my little corner of Auxier, I'm fortunate to have neighbors who care about the appearance of the neighborhood and who take pride in cleanliness, neatness and friendliness.

More important, my neighbors look out for each other and care for each other.

God knows, there is more than enough to complain about and worry about worldwide. But I am grateful that we do have — even if only for a day — a time when we concentrate on giving thanks.

One more thing: thanks to you faithful readers for visiting with me each week. I appreciate you.

Weddings



Meade-Branham

Mr. William Raymond Branham and Ms. Jennifer Leigh Meade are pleased to announce their recent marriage. The couple were joined in holy matrimony on October 15, 2005 in a ceremony attended by friends and family. Best wishes to the happy couple!

Births/Birthdays



New Arrival

Shaleigh Grace Little was born on July 12, 2005, at 9:04 a.m., to proud parents Samantha Spence and Brandon Little. She weighed 5 lbs., 9oz. and was 19 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Betty and Eddie Little, of Wheelwright, and Gracie and Delbert Spence, of Tomahawk. Shaleigh has five uncles: Jonathan, Colby, Bradly, Weston, and Jarrett.

HRMC New Arrivals



November 16, 2005

- A daughter, Hannah Nicole Slone, to Jovina and Johnathon Slone

November 17, 2005

- A daughter, Allea Solaya Akers, to Candice Lea and Daniel Allen Akers
- A daughter, Chloe Ryan Arnett, to Trista and John Arnett
- A son, Dalton Andrew Allen Pickens, to Ercella and Richard Pickens

November 18, 2005

- A daughter, Annabelle Tiffany Holland, to Martha Lynn and Jason Holland
- A daughter, Kaylee Elizabeth Corbin, to Bernice and Victor Corbin

November 19, 2005

- A son, Lucas Shawn Hall, to Elisha Renee and David Hall
- A daughter, Alexis Nicole Davidson, to Elizabeth and James Davidson
- A daughter, Makensie Grace Watkins, to Rebecca and Jason Watkins
- A son, Benjamin Wyatt Carty, to Jeanetta and Arlen Carty

November 21, 2005

- A daughter, Shamara Eavan Akers, to Cynthia and Bart Akers
- A son, Ethan Carter Auxier, to Rebecca Jean Ratliff

November 22, 2005

- A daughter, Selena Paige Hall, to Kimberly and Gerald Hall
- A son, Gregory Lee Shepherd Jr., to Amy and Gregory Shepherd

November 23, 2005

- A son, Konnor Chace Darrel Bailey, to Jerri and Stevie Bailey

November 24, 2005

- A daughter, Lakin Lashea Maynard, to Misty and Kyle Maynard
- A daughter, Raegan Crin Wallen, to Leslie and Charles Wallen

November 28, 2005

- A son, Gatin Liahona Joseph Bentley, to Patricia and David Bentley
- A daughter, Michelle Lea Infniti Bentley, to Patricia and David Bentley



Prater-McKenzie

The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Prater, Jr. (Sadie), of David, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie, to David Lee McKenzie, Jr., the son of David McKenzie, Sr. and Jeannie McKenzie, of Staffordsville. Stephanie holds an associate's degree in medical assisting from the National College of Business and Technology as well as a diploma certifying her as a pharmacy technician. She serves as the pianist and song leader at Landmark Christian Church. She is the granddaughter of Bertha Prater, of Inez, and Lorretta Newsome, of Prestonsburg. David, a graduate of Johnson Central High School, is currently enrolled in the auto body repair program at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Mayo campus. He is also employed by Speedway and is a member of the Landmark Christian Church. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, April 15, 2006, at the McGinnis Gatehouse, in Inez. The gracious custom of an open wedding will be observed.



Happy 1st Birthday, Cheyenne!

Cheyenne Nicole Gearheart, the daughter of Connie and Kerry Gearheart, of Winchester, celebrated her first birthday on November 20, 2005, with a party held at Chuck E. Cheese, in Lexington. Cheyenne was born November 20, 2004, at the Sevierville Medical Center, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, in the Dolly Parton Birth Unit. She weighed 3 lbs., 10 oz. at birth and was cared for by a medical team from Knoxville Children's Hospital Neo-Natal Unit. Cheyenne is the granddaughter of Margie Spurlock Gearheart, of Hueysville, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Abney, of Stanton. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Minnie and Ellis Gearheart, formerly of Hueysville.

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Floyd County Devotional Page

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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 Vannucci, Minister.

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

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

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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; Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.

Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Hobert Meek, 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. Swanberg.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Expt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. 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 Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Graydon Howard, Minister.

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. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.

Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.

Lancer Baptist Church; 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter

Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.

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

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

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

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

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

Pleasant Valley Old Regular Baptist Church, Tinker Fork; Meeting time 1st Saturday & Sunday of each month, 3rd Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.; Moderator, Gary Compton; Assist. Moderator, Jimmy Conley.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

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

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Huysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

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

Return to your Bible

He who keeps the law is a discerning son, but a companion of gluttons disgraces his father.



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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

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

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

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.

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

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

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

EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bentrup, Minister.

METHODIST

Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 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 Pescosolido, Minister.

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Proffitt.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

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.

Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESBYTERIAN

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OTHER

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Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m., Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

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

Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister.

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Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Conley Fork of Spurlock, Prestonsburg; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

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

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Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister, 886-1003.

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday of each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Alken.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Line 358-2001; Darlene W. Amette, Pastor

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1/4 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428, Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.

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from those given above, except in emergency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given. Five (5) minutes prior to blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast, a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be one (1) prolonged blast of a siren. Also prior to detonations in emergency situations the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Peter Fork Mining Company, P.O. Box 2666, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Increment No. 2, of Permit Number 898-0011, which was last issued on August 6, 1996. The application covers an area of approximately 11.21 acres, located 2.0 miles south of Owsley, in Pike and Floyd Counties.

The permit is approximately 1.0 mile south from KY Route 1384's junction with Dog Fork, and located 0.5 mile southeast of Left Fork of Big Creek of Toler Creek. The latitude is 37°28'38". The longitude is 82°35'38".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 is a certificate of deposit in the amount of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00), which is the remaining bond, in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed on the permit area includes backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching, completed in the spring of 1987. Results thus far include the establishment of the approved post-mining land use.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 23, 2006.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 24, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, located at 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 23, 2006.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5467 TRANSFER

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Sly Branch Energy, Inc., 6166 KY Rte. 114, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to transfer permit number 836-5410 to MATT/Co., Inc., 439

Meadows Branch Road, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The new permit number will be 836-5467. The operation disturbs 34.63 surface acres, and underlies 1238.04 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located in Emma, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.85 mile northeast of Ky Rte. 1428's junction with US 23, and located 0.03 mile due west of the Levisa Fork of Big Sandy. The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37° 38m 27s, and longitude 82° 43m 50s.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 S. Lake Dr., Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

INVITATION TO BID

The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center is accepting bids on the construction of a 20'x40' metal pole building. The building will be 1 1/2 stories, built on a concrete slab. Bids are due by 4:00 p.m., on Monday, December 12, 2005. For more information, call Dennis Conley at (606) 886-1037, ext. 174. The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5481

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501, has filed an application for a permit for an underground mining operation, located 3.0 miles south of Langley, in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 5.45 surface acres, and underlies 397.70 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary is 403.15 acres.

The facility is approximately .8 mile north of KY 777's junction with KY 680, and located adjacent to Turkey Creek. The latitude is 37-29-19, and the longitude is 82-47-05.

The facility is located on the Martin and Wayland USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by the Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The permit underlies land owned by the Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Carl Dudley, Randy Martin, James Akers, Marty Tackett, Gaylord Martin, Ronnie Newsome, Staley Francis, Dwayne Moore, Thomas Martin, Clarence Brown, Willie Duff, and Franklin Scott. The operation will

affect an area within 100 ft. of a public road, KY 777. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

INVITATION TO BID

The Prestonsburg Park Commission has declared surplus a 1979 Boom Truck. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4 p.m., December 7, 2005. Vehicle may be inspected at Archer Park office. The commission reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Edford L. Clark, 263 Osborn Branch, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, Wesley Boyd, 1520 Champaign Road, Lincoln Park, MI 48146, Jacklynn Darling, 71 Spring Street, Morehead, KY 40351, Emmitt Branham, 2136 Ky. Route 979, Harold, KY 41635, and Edgar Martin, 10301 Ky. Route 979, Harold, KY 41635, own property located near Harold, Kentucky, and has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.40 miles south of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with Ky. Route 1426, near the community of Grethel, on 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 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0303 AMENDMENT NO. 2

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 125.06 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 380.95 acres, of which 250.25 acres underlie surface and/or auger, in another seam, making a total area of 840.22 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 Richard and Ryan Hamilton, Levi Blankenship, Bobby Page, Eddie Blankenship, Daniel Newsome, Ruby Hamilton, Pervis Hamilton, Walker and Jeromia Tackett, Maggie Hamilton, Keathy Enterprises Inc., Roger Paige, Hershel Tackett, Anthony Tackett, and Carmel and Marie Clark. The amendment will underlie land owned by

Richard and Ryan Hamilton, Arnold Turner, Levi Blankenship, Bobby Page, Eddie Blankenship, Freddie Blankenship, Daniel Newsome, Ruby Hamilton, Pervis Hamilton, Walker and Jeromia Tackett, Maggie Hamilton, Keathy Enterprises Inc., Roger Paige, Hershel Tackett, Anthony Tackett, and Carmel and Marie Clark. The amendment will underlie land owned by

Richard and Ryan Hamilton, Arnold Turner, Levi Blankenship, Bobby Page, Eddie Blankenship, Freddie Blankenship, Daniel Newsome, Ruby Hamilton, Pervis Hamilton, Walker and Jeromia Tackett, Maggie Hamilton, Keathy Enterprises Inc., Roger Paige, Hershel Tackett, Anthony Tackett, and Carmel and Marie Clark. The amendment will underlie land owned by

depth auger method of surface mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' 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, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 10 days of today's date.

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