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briefs

Floyd district judges seeking reelection

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — District Court Judge James Allen traveled to Frankfort on Thursday to file his intention to seek another term as a district judge for Floyd County.

Allen added to his workload for 2006 by agreeing to officiate a "truancy court" for county schools, which will handle cases of area children with too many unexcused absences. The program will be handled through the Administrative Office of the Court. Truancy issues were a hot topic at several schools last year when principals stuck by new guidelines which prohibited seniors from attending their proms if they failed to account for multiple absences from school.

Next week District Judge Eric Hall also plans to file for another term on the bench.

Hall has added Drug Court to his schedule and currently has 32 active participants in the program which aims at rehabilitating drug addicts through an intensive program rather than placing them in jail.

Defendant found dead on day of trial

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — The trial for an accused child sex abuser was canceled Wednesday, after authorities found his body at the old train depot in Martin.

Circuit Judge John David Caudill filed a warrant of arrest for Martin resident Larry Owens, who

failed to show up for trial, at approximately 9:28 a.m. Wednesday.

An hour later, Caudill, in his office, appeared downhearted.

"This isn't the way the system is supposed to work," he said.

His comments came after he heard about the death of Owens, 50, who officials believe died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

"It's probably the worst moment of my legal career," Owens' attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, said. "The state police called the judge's office and advised that they had found what they assumed to be Larry and I had to tell the family. When Larry didn't come to court today, the family was really concerned that Larry intended to hurt himself based on information they learned early this

morning."

Pillersdorf said he was "stunned" to learn what happened. Owens, he said, had a chance for acquittal.

"When you're a criminal defense lawyer, you understand that your clients are under tremendous amounts of pressure and stress," Pillersdorf said, "and I had no indi-



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Larry Owens

COCAINE BUST



KVE officers (left to right) Levi Belcher, Jamie Fields, Jamie Rose and Keith Justice confiscated more than \$41,000 worth of cocaine and other drugs from six arrests made during the holiday season.

KVE finds pound of cocaine during holiday arrests

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE — Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Officers confiscated thousands of dollars in drugs and money during the holiday season.

Beginning on Dec. 26, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Officer Jamie Fields made a traffic stop on U.S. 23 in Pike County. While conducting the stop, Fields was notified that the

driver of the 1991 Dodge vehicle, Kevin W. Hopkins, was a fugitive from Tennessee. Further investigation led to the arrest of Hopkins' passenger, Shanna M. Reed, of Pikeville, for possession of cocaine.

On Dec. 28, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officers Levi Belcher and Keith Justice made an additional traffic stop on US 23 in Pike County which led officers on a foot chase when Robert

Bowling, of Dorton, fled from his vehicle. Belcher and Justice apprehended Bowling, who was allegedly found in possession of a large quantity of cocaine.

Days later, KVE officers arrested Micky Newsome, of Virgie, for possession of cocaine during a traffic stop.

Information gained from the traffic stops resulted in two

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Masked men rob drugstore in Wheelwright

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — Three masked men robbed the Family Drug Store in Wheelwright Thursday morning.

Kentucky State Police Information Officer Scott Hopkins said officers responded to the scene after receiving the call at approximately 9:54 a.m.

The men were wearing hoods and scarves to conceal their faces and they used "various" handguns and long guns (shotguns and rifles) during the robbery, Hopkins said.

Owner and pharmacist Sherry Goeing, who was not present during the robbery, said the men were armed with shotguns and rifles when they entered the store on Route 306 shortly after it opened Thursday morning. The men and began threatening employees, she said, and demanding money and drugs.

One man, Goeing said, stood guard at the store entrance while the other two men "herded" five employees to a back office area.

"My husband told them that they didn't have any drugs back there," Goeing said. "He told them, 'If you

don't hurt anybody, I'll give you whatever you want.'"

The men threatened to "come back and burn the building down tonight" if employees did anything to stop them, Goeing said.

Her husband, owner and pharmacist Michael Goeing, was unavailable for comment.

Hopkins said the men, who are considered armed and dangerous, fled the store and the city of Wheelwright in a white Hyundai Elantra with tinted windows. They took over 5,200 hydrocodone pills and more than \$500 in cash from the store's cash register.

Hopkins described the men as being "of average height." Goeing said the men appeared to be in their 20s or 30s.

No one was injured during the robbery.

The pharmacy closed its doors to the public and postponed filling prescriptions as investigators collected evidence at the scene Thursday afternoon.

Detectives Eddie Crum and Joey Howard continue the investigation.

Anyone with additional information is urged to contact the KSP at (800) 222-5555 or (606) 433-7711.

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High: 33 • Low: 21

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Otter Creek inmate's death believed to be from natural causes

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — Officials at Otter Creek Correctional Center are investigating the death of an inmate who reportedly died of natural causes on New Year's Eve.

Sarah Au Mau, an inmate who was transferred to the facility from Hawaii, was transported to McDowell ARH on New Year's Eve after she reportedly suffered health problems. She was later sent to Hazard ARH, where she died.

Steve Owen, director of marketing and communications for the prison's parent company, Corrections Corporation of America, would not disclose specifics about the investigation because of patient privacy regulations.

The corporation issued a press release, affirming

that a "close review" of Mau's medical records by CCA's medical team indicated that her medical care was "appropriate and provided promptly, in a quality manner."

The prison's medical staff appeared to follow all medical standards protocol, in line with CCA policy, the press release said.

"It is with great regret that we ever have a loss of life of inmates in our care, with no exception being given to those that are of natural cause, as this one appears to be," it read.

Information assessed from the coroner and medical examiner are still pending, Owen said.

CCA's chief medical officer has provided a full review of Mau's medical treatment to Hawaii's medical team.

Owen refused to provide information as to Mau's age, cause of death or reason for incarceration.

Five face charges related to stolen checks

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Five people were arrested this week after they were allegedly linked to checks that were reported stolen on Dec. 20.

Heather Barnett, 31, and Kevin Woods, 20, were arrested Tuesday when they were linked to the Dec. 20 robbery that saw a checkbook stolen from a woman's residence.

James Ricky Lewis, 22, of Betsy Layne, was apprehended for that incident when he allegedly tried to cash a stolen check at a Betsy Layne bank. Lewis has since been

referred to Drug Court and may join the 30 subjects already enrolled in the program, which is run by District Judge Eric Hall. Under the drug court guidelines he will be evaluated for admittance and would then have to attend a rehabilitation program before joining the others in Drug Court who must submit to regular drug screenings and court appearances to talk about their challenges and progress for two years.

Woods was picked up Tuesday by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and charged with two counts of

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Obituaries



Ruby Josephine Bayliss
Ruby Josephine Bayliss, 70, of Wabash, Indiana, died Saturday, December 24, 2005, at 1:47 a.m., at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born August 11, 1935, in Weeksbury, the daughter of Brown and Dora (Gillispie) Sammons.

She married William H. Bayliss on December 19, 1958, in Columbus, Ohio; he died January 24, 1994.

Ruby retired from General Tire of Wabash, where she was a production worker. She had also worked at Vernon Manor Children's Home. She was a member of Wabash Freewill Baptist Church on Erie Street.

She is survived by her two sons, William H. Bayliss and Carl (Shelly) Bayliss, both of Wabash; her four step-daughters, Paula (Tom) Shepherd of Fishers, Sharon Wells of Old Town, Florida, Carol Graves of Wabash, and Delores Porter of Rushin, Florida; her three grandsons, Chris Bayliss of Wabash, James Bisher of Saragosa, Florida, and Colt Bayliss of Wabash; 16 step-grandchildren; five sisters, Carolyn Sue Sanders of Wabash, Mary Ann (Carlus) Adkins of Tennessee, Leona (Adrian) Campbell of Wabash, Pauline Fraley and Opal Mollette, both of Kentucky; and three brothers, Joe Sammons of Wabash, Doug (Nadine) Sammons of South Carolina, and George (Karon) Sammons of Lagro.

She was preceded in death by her brother, David Sammons.

Funeral services were held at Wabash Freewill Baptist Church on Erie Street, on Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at 10:30 a.m., with Revs. Bill Bowling and Manford Fannin officiating.

Burial was at Falls Cemetery, under the direction of Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Manchester Avenue Chapel in Wabash.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Ruby, may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society.

Darci Radabaugh, Jamie Johnson, Jessica and Michael England, Leslie and Paul Joshua England.

Funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 5, 2006, at Defenbaugh-Wise-Schoedinger Funeral Home, 151 E. Main St., Circleville, with Pastor Lynn Summers officiating.

Interment was in Floral Hills Memory Gardens, Circleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of the Library, 1160 N. Court St., Circleville, Ohio 43113.

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Noralene Tackett Hamilton

Noralene Tackett Hamilton, age 73, of Prestonsburg, passed away on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, in the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington.

She was born September 29, 1932, in Beaver, the daughter of the late William "Bill" Tackett and Hattie Hamilton Tackett.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Zion Old Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel.

She is survived by three daughters: Wanda Sexton, Debbie Johnson, and Janet Salisbury, all of Prestonsburg; six brothers: Donald Ray Tackett of Grethel, Bobby Tackett of Alabama, John D. Tackett and Randy Tackett, both of Hi Hat, Ronnie Tackett of Wheelwright, and Larry Tackett of Teaberry; and three sisters: Irene Bohn of La Habra, California, Patty Fowler of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Billie Faye Henson of Prestonsburg; her grandchildren: Leanna Newsome, Ginger Scott, Jason Johnson, Rachel Salisbury and Sarah Salisbury; her great-grandchildren: Patrick Johnson, Derek Newsome, Megan Scott, and Alex Scott.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four sisters: Eartha Deitz, Lucy Kraft, Betty Sue Kiser, and Gladys Tackett; and one grandson, Stevie Johnson.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 6, at 11 a.m., at the Zion Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Martin Cemetery, in Martin, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was after 5 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home, and after 10 a.m., Friday at the church.

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Phyllis C. Hefner



Phyllis C. Hefner, age 67, of Lima, Ohio, died Thursday, December 29, 2005, at the Springview Manor Nursing Home.

Born March 13, 1938, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Sherman J. and Rebecca Mosley Centers.

She is survived by her husband, Clark W. Hefner, whom she married on April 27, 1957.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Heidelberg Reformed Church, and the Heidelberg Womens Guild. She enjoyed cooking and sewing.

Other survivors include two sons: Jim C. (Cindy A.) Hefner, and Scott A. (Christina M.) Hefner, all of Lima, Ohio; one daughter, Janet C. (Terry L.)

Dotson of Harrod, Ohio; one brother, Jack R. Centers of Gomer, Ohio; six grandchildren: Josh Dotson, Renee Dotson, Kory Hefner, Melissa Hefner, Kevin Hefner, and Charlee Hefner.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers: Dalman, George, Jim and Paul Centers; and two sisters: Peggy Stelmack and Pansy Goble.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at 11 a.m., at Chiles and Sons-Laman Lewis Chapel, with pastor Bob Pepple officiating.

Burial was in the Memorial Park Cemetery, under the direction of Chiles and Sons-Laman Lewis Funeral Homes, Lima, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donors choice.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed through the website: www.chiles-lamanfh.com

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James E. (Jimmy) Little

James E. (Jimmy) Little, 73, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

Born January 9, 1932, in Auxier, he was the son of the late John and Ethel McKenzie Little. He was a retired railroad employee; a U.S. Army Korean War veteran; and a member of the Clear Creek United Baptist Church of the New Hope Association.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Mae Dawson Little.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Clement Dean and April Little of Williamsburg, Ohio; a daughter, Delana Gwen Davis of Wheelersburg, Ohio; a brother, Johnny Little of Marion, Indiana; a sister, Gloria Stephens of Florida; six grandchildren: Kellie, Josh, Kevin, Jeremy, Lacey and Brandi; and a great-grandchild, Alexander.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Doris Evelyn Stewart; and a son-in-law, Dean Davis.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 7, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ruben Lycans, and others, officiating.

Burial will be in the Boyd Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home—with nightly services at 6:30 p.m.

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James Perry (Pedo) Osborne

James Perry (Pedo) Osborne, 76, of Martin, died Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born July 22, 1929, in Martin, he was the son of the late Perry and Mary Skeans Osborne. He was a retired construction worker, a U.S. Army Korean War veteran; a member of the V.F.W. in Lancer; American Legion Martin Post 283; and a member of the Garrett D.A.V. Chapter 128.

Survivors include three sisters: Ruth Preston of Colorado, and Jean Osborne and Pauline Noblitt, both of California; five

nephews: Walter Preston, Robert Noblitt, Scott Noblitt, Jesse Osborne, and Brent Osborne; three nieces: Jamie Noblitt, Cindy Tucker, and Mary Lee Preston; great nieces and great-nephews; Jess, Molly, Austin, Rachel and Thomas; a goddaughter, Jami Eulene Ratliff Slone; and his favorite companion, Sargent Sully (his dog).

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Jackie Osborne and Billie Osborne.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 7, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Glenn Hayes officiating. Military services will be conducted by D.A.V. Chapter 128 of Garrett.

Burial will be in the Osborne Cemetery, in Hite, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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Larry Winston Owens

Larry Winston Owens, 50, of Martin, died Wednesday, January 4, 2006, in Martin.

Born January 24, 1955, in Martin, he was the son of Leora Cole Owens and the late Canie Owens. He was a contract laborer.

In addition to his mother, survivors include four brothers: Ronnie Owens of Grethel, and Michael Owens, Terry Owens and Wendell Owens, all of Martin; and three sisters: Jeanette Bray of Allen, and Anita Curry and Barbara Collins, both of Martin.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 7, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ted Shannon officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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George Howard Ramey

George Howard Ramey, age 92, of Alexandria, formerly of Langley, husband of Thurla Click Ramey, passed away Monday, January 2, 2006, at the St. Luke East Hospital, Ft. Thomas.

He was born July 4, 1913, in Portsmouth, Ohio, the son of the late William Ramey and Cora McCoy Ramey.

He was a self-employed barber for 29 years in Maytown, from 1945 to 1974. Mr. and Mrs. Ramey were married for 68 years. He was a WW II Navy veteran, a member of John W. Hall Masonic Lodge No. 950, F&AM, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Maytown.

Survivors include his wife, Thurla; two sons: Glen Ramey of Alexandria, Stanley (Diane) Ramey of Falmouth; one grandchild, Timothy Ramey, and two great-grandchildren: Allison Ramey and Alyssa Ramey.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Kathryn Nixon.

Funeral services for George Howard Ramey will be conducted Saturday, January 7, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Bob Varney officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in

Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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Stoney Lee "Red" Slone

Stoney Lee "Red" Slone, 39, of Clinton, Tennessee, formerly of Blue River, died Thursday, December 29, 2005, at Fort Sanders Sevier Medical Center, in Sevierville, Tennessee.

Born December 26, 1966, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of Clara Irene Goble Slone of Buckeye, and the late Henry "Red" Slone. He was a construction worker for Sequoyah Limited, LLC.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Meadows Slone.

Survivors, in addition to his wife and mother, include: his son, Brandon Isaiah Slone; and daughter, Brittney Leigh Slone, both of Clinton, Tennessee; brothers and sisters-in-law: Roger (wife, Connie) Slone of Buckeye, William "Bill" (wife, Mollie) Slone of Banner, Steve (wife, Margie) Slone of Prestonsburg; sisters and brothers-in-law: Rebecca "Becky" Clark, Patricia Ann "Bo" (husband, William) Burke, and Patty Sue (husband, Bobby) Carpenter, all of Prestonsburg, and Mary Jane (husband, Chuck) McCoy of Printer; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, Henry (Herbie) Slone Jr.; and a sister, Norma Blair and John Blair.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 2, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby Carpenter officiating.

Burial was in the Slone Family Cemetery, in Buckeye, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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Joe P. Tackett III

Joe P. Tackett III, 68, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born December 16, 1937, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Joseph Patterson Tackett Jr., and Dorothy Hereford Tackett. He was a former wholesale tire dealer for Tackett Tire Sales.

Survivors include three brothers: Thomas James Tackett of Prestonsburg, Robert Lowe Tackett of Lexington, and

Robert William Pearson of Anchorage, Alaska; one granddaughter, Felicia Nicole Fryer of Southgate.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 7, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Larry Adams officiating.

Interment will be in the Hereford Family Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Visitation is Friday, from 5 p.m., until 9 p.m.

The family has entrusted arrangements to Carter Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers: Tom Bo Blackburn, Tom Hereford III, Mike Wells, Bill Bob Callihan, Brian Collins, John DeRossett, Gerald DeRossett Jr., Rodney Ousley and James DeRossett.

Honorary pallbearers: Dr. Charles Arnett, Gary Wright, Fred Goble, Joe "Bucky" Burchett, Ken Wells, John L. Harris, Dr. Ron Leslie, Jack Stumbo, Buford Crager, Bruce Howard, Bill Smith, David May, Gerald DeRossett, and Monty Rice.

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Virgie Adkins Woods

Virgie Adkins Woods, 51, Andrews, South Carolina, formerly of Floyd County, passed away on Monday, January 2, 2006, in the Georgetown Memorial Hospital in Georgetown, South Carolina.

She was born at Martin, on May 15, 1944, the daughter of Elizabeth Frasure Adkins Park of Martin, and the late Henry Lee Adkins.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Jesus of Latter Day Saints of Georgetown, South Carolina.

Surviving other than the mother is, the husband, Glen F. Woods; two sons: Anthony Robinson of Martin, and Billy Reynolds of Andrew, South Carolina and a step-daughter, Glenna Castillo of Peirston, Indiana; three sisters; Wanda Lee Bentley of Murray, Vermont, Marcella Skeans of Lexington, and Brenda Joyce Samons of Georgetown; three grandchildren: Christian Castillo, Chase Castillo and Conner Castillo.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 7, 2006, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Pete Grigsby Jr. officiating.

Burial will be in the Martin Cemetery, in Martin, under the professional care of Hall

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Card of Thanks

The family of Gobel Martin would like to thank all friends, neighbors, and family who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, cards, prayers, and consoling words.

A special thanks to ministers, Ted Shannon, Jimmy Hall and Harry Hargas, for their words of comfort, as well as the singers from the Drift Pentecostal Church and the First Baptist Church of McDowell; the Left Beaver Fire and Rescue Squad Department, the Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officers, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF GOBEL MARTIN

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Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great-grandfather, Friend

We little knew, that morning that God was going to call your name, In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, Part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

You left peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, But, as God calls us one by one, the chain will link, again.

A man with a heart of gold, your memory inspires us, We are blessed because we had you in our lives.

We love you, and miss you very much.

Margaret, Shirley, Keith, Carrie, Megan, Brandi, and Matara

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Donnie Ray Nelson (1-2-05)

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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Roxana M. Huff, 34, to Carl Brent Huff, 34, both of Martin.
Joyce D. Everidge, 45, of Martin, to Samuel R. Wilcox, 49, of Springfield, Ohio.
Katrina Marie Johnson, 32, of McDowell, to Eugene Tackett, 42, of Melvin.
Melissa Kay Baker, 34, of Whitesburg, to Melvin R. Crager, 40, of Auburn, Ind.

Civil Suits Filed

Bank One Delaware NA vs. Chris Gilley; debt complaint.
Grange Mutual vs. Sam Burchett; debt complaint.
Lonna Castle vs. Highlands Hospital; wrongful termination complaint.
NCO Portfolio Management vs. Randall Hollifield; debt complaint.
Charles Harless vs. Maudie Harless; divorce.
Jacqueline Woods vs. Ronnie Woods; divorce.
Worldwide Assets vs. Terilyn Salyer; debt complaint.
Angelina Slone vs. Jeff Slone; auto accident complaint.
Forrest Lewis vs. Marie Castle and James Pennington, doing business as P & C Properties; property damage complaint.
Dora Johns and Mary F. Webb vs. John M. Slone and Debra Slone; complaint regarding mineral rights reserve (allegation of unapproved deed change).
Timothy Allen vs. Bizzack Inc.; property damage complaint.
Billy Robinson vs. Robert Skeans; auto accident complaint.

Small Claims Filings

Checkeder Flag Checking vs. Barry Collett; debt complaint.
Checkeder Flag Checking vs.

Debbie Brown; debt complaint.

Checkeder Flag Checking vs. Linda Johnson; debt complaint.
Checkeder Flag Checking vs. Margaret Hall; debt complaint.
Checkeder Flag Checking vs. Carla Gibson; debt complaint.
Checkeder Flag Checking vs. Samuel and Ella Collins; debt complaint.
Checkeder Flag Checking vs. Dorton Ray; debt complaint.
Checkeder Flag Checking vs. Anthony Greer; debt complaint.
Checkeder Flag Checking vs. Lonnie Hall; debt complaint.
Checkeder Flag Checking vs. Lola Hall; debt complaint.
Checkeder Flag Checking vs. David Adams; debt complaint.
Checkeder Flag Checking vs. Sarah Thomas; debt complaint.
Checkeder Flag Checking vs. Sherry Jacobs; debt complaint.
Checkeder Flag Checking vs. Angie Moore; debt complaint.
Checkeder Flag Checking vs. Gary Holbrook; debt complaint.

Charges Filed

Phillip J. Whitaker, 24, Redfox; driving under the influence, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance.
Freddie Combs Jr., 25, Bulan; harassment, public intoxication, third-degree criminal mischief, disorderly conduct.
Gary Kinzer, 50, Pikeville; public intoxication.
Sandra Moss, 52, Kite; public intoxication.
Jonathan Shepherd, 20, David; fourth-degree assault.
Krystal Maynard, 22, Pikeville; public intoxication, three counts of use or possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.
Scott Varney, 30, Raccoon;

public intoxication.

Wade Laney, 23, Paintsville; public intoxication.
John Robinson, 24, Sidney; public intoxication, possession of marijuana, two counts of use or possession of drug paraphernalia.
Casey Huffman, 30, Van Lear; public intoxication.
Glenda Blanton, 47, McDowell; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.
Kenneth Spriggs, 24, Drift; public intoxication.
James Crider, 20, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Property Transfers

Deborah and Randy Akers to Elk Horn Coal Company, property located at Big Mud.
Doug and Michelle Anderson to Elberta Howard, property located at Porter Addition.
George and Sandra Archer to Debra and Jerry Kinzer, property located at Briarwood Subdivision.
Gary Blackburn to Marie and Wes Blackburn, property location undisclosed.
Arthur and Daniel Branson to Jess and Dorothy Stover, property location undisclosed.
Arleen Rose Brown to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located at Big Mud.
Edie Cain to Marie and Wes Blackburn, property located at Richmond Subdivision.
Cendant Mobility Relocation Company to Marsha and Richard Frye, property located at Prestonsburg.
Carmel and Marie Clark to ALEX and Beverly Carroll, property located at Big Mud.
Craig Click to Crystal and Wesley Frazier, property location undisclosed.

Robert Collins to Charles and Della Bradley, property located at Prestonsburg.

Judy Crowe to Elberta Howard, property located at Porter Addition.

Carla and Greg Crum to Ballard and Patty Robinson, property location undisclosed.

Winston Dillon to Debra Slone, property location undisclosed.

Phyllis Dotson to Kevin and Melinda Dotson, property location undisclosed.

Carol and Jeffrey Fern to Marie and Wes Blackburn, property located at Richmond Subdivision.

Christine and Francis Gambone to Cendant Mobility Relocation Company, property located at Prestonsburg.

James Edward and Jimmy Goble to Kinhag Development Company, property location undisclosed.

Frank and Susan Greene to Marie and Wes Blackburn, property located at Richmond Subdivision.

Hall and Hylton Development Company to Cynthia and Orville Adkins, property located at Penbrook Branch.

David and Elaine Hall to Shannon Slone, property located at Wheelwright.

Roy Hall to Deloris Martin, property location undisclosed.

Nora Hicks to Bobby Sexton, property location undisclosed.

Kimberly, Richard and Timothy Hites to Richard and Timothy Hites, property location undisclosed.

Joe and Lanna Howard to Elberta Howard, property located at Porter Addition.

Patricia Hunter to Elaine and Trevor Jones, property located at Little Mud.

Shane Janekselo to Marie and Wes Blackburn, property located at Richmond Subdivision.

Tabatha Johnson to Eral and Rebecca Lawson, property located at Left Beaver.

Josephine Kerns to Marie and Wes Blackburn, property located at Richmond Subdivision.

Larry and Melissa Kidd to Lois and Larry Kidd, property location undisclosed.

Larry and Sherry Kimbler to Amy and Earnest Kimbler, property location undisclosed.

Anna, Betty, Carrie, Fred, Harold, Harry, Ida, Jimmy, Katherine, Mark, Michael, and Virginia Layne, Betty, Billy, Jacky, and Cathy Leedy to Marie and Wes Blackburn, property location undisclosed.

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Notes left by miners told loved ones they weren't suffering

by ALLEN G. BREED
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TALMANSVILLE, W.Va. Some of the 12 coal miners who died following an explosion left notes behind assuring family members that their final hours trapped underground were not spent in agony, a relative said Thursday.

"The notes said they weren't suffering, they were just going to sleep," said Peggy Cohen, who had been called to a makeshift morgue at a school to identify the body of her father, 59-year-old mining machine operator Fred Ware Jr.

Cohen said a note was not left with Ware's body, but that she planned to retrieve his personal belongings later Thursday to see if he left one in his lunch box. But she said the medical examiner told her notes left with several of the bodies all carried a similar message: "Your dad didn't suffer."

Ware was among a dozen miners who were found after 41 hours inside the mine. They were found at the deepest point of the Sago Mine, about 2 1/2 miles from the entrance, behind a fibrous plastic cloth stretched across an area about 20 feet wide to keep out deadly carbon monoxide gas.

Cohen said her father had the peaceful look of someone who died from carbon monoxide, and the only mark on his body was a bruise on his chest. "It comforts me to know he didn't suffer and he wasn't bruised or crushed. I didn't need a note. I think I needed to visualize and see him."

The sole survivor, 26-year-old Randal McCloy, remained in critical condition in a coma in a Morgantown hospital Thursday with a collapsed lung, dehydration and other problems.

A spokeswoman for Gov. Joe Manchin said autopsies on the dead should be completed either late Thursday or early Friday, and his office indicated that if the families want him there, he would attend all the funerals.

Families of the victims are

considering legal action, said Amber Helms, whose father, fire boss Terry Helms, was among those killed.

"It's the biggest thing that's going to happen after these miners are put to rest," she said Thursday on NBC's "Today."

In other developments, federal and state investigators were at the mine Thursday seeking a cause for Monday's explosion. Coal mine explosions are typically caused by buildups of naturally occurring methane gas or highly combustible coal dust in the air, but what exactly triggered that explosion remained unclear.

The Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette reported Thursday that a federal contractor that monitors thunderstorms detected three lightning strikes within five miles of the Sago mine within a half hour of Monday's explosions. The contractor, Vaisala Inc., said two of the strikes, including one that was four to 10 times stronger than average, hit within 1 1/2 miles of the mine.

David Dye, who heads the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration, said that in addition to the cause, investigation will also probe "how emergency information was relayed about the trapped miners' conditions."

Just before midnight Tuesday, families received word that 12 miners were alive. Bells at the church pealed and politicians proclaimed the rescue a miracle before the truth emerged three hours later. At that point, the families' joy turned instantly to fury, with one man lunging at coal company officials.

Ben Hatfield, chief executive of mine owner International Coal Group Inc., said that the Ashland, Ky.-based company did the best it could under extreme stress and exhaustion, and that officials "sincerely regret" the families were left to believe for so long that their loved ones were alive.

"In the process of being cau-

tious, we allowed the jubilation to go on longer than it should have," a choked-up Hatfield said.

He said the initial mistake resulted from a miscommunication among the rescue crews. Another ICG executive, vice president Gene Kitts, suggested the misunderstanding resulted because the rescuers who reached the victims were wearing full-face oxygen masks and used radios to report their findings to their base.

One of the dead was discovered several hundred feet from where the others had barricaded themselves in the maze-like mine. Hatfield said that miner, found near a belt used to move coal to the surface, was apparently killed by the force of the

blast.

As for the other group of a dozen miners, ICG's Kitts said the rescuers realized McCloy was alive when they heard him moan, and he may have been the farthest away from the bad air. Doctors said McCloy's youth may also have helped him survive; most of the other miners were in their 50s.

A fund to provide financial support to the miners' families has been established by ICG with an initial contribution of \$2 million, company Chairman Wilbur L. Ross said Wednesday.

"No amount of money can take the place of a loved one," he said in a statement, "but the families do have financial needs

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Before God we are all equally wise — and equally foolish."

— Albert Einstein

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Herald Bulletin, Anderson, Ind., on Patriot Act:

President Bush has made it abundantly clear why some provisions of the Patriot Act should be modified or eliminated before being extended for an indefinite period.

His admission that he authorized spying wiretaps on telephone and Internet communications between American citizens and those in foreign countries, without bothering to get easily attainable warrants, shows how power can be abused, whether that power is real, implied or imagined.

What is the president's excuse for violating a law and negating basic rights of U.S. citizens? The same as for everything else the administration does or seeks to do: Fighting terrorism.

The U.S. Constitution very carefully outlines the powers, duties and responsibilities of the president. Bush has been operating the executive branch far outside the narrow corridors delineated in that precious document.

To say the Patriot Act is perfect and should remain as originally adopted is to say Congress does not possess the intelligence or ability to improve it. We do not believe that. We do fear partisan bullheadedness will stand in the way of using that intelligence for the good of the country.

The Buffalo (N.Y.) News, on Bush and Clinton:

It's an old but good story. Former adversaries make peace, and maybe even forge an unexpected friendship. The tale has been told and retold for centuries, in fiction and in fact, and in uncounted variations.

Sometimes, though, the story holds a meaning that goes deeper than the mere discovery of an unlikely camaraderie, however uplifting that may be. Sometimes, it has redemptive power that radiates beyond two individuals, to the factions they represent.

It's probably too much to expect that kind of benefit to flow from the friendship that has developed between former presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton, but it would be a fine thing if it did. The nation's politics have become so vituperative and so unforgiving over the past quarter-century or so that it would do us all good to remember the fundamental truth behind one of the nation's favorite aphorisms: more unites us than divides us.

The election of 1992 may not have been as ugly as last year's unfortunate contest, but it was nasty enough, with then-President Bush dismissing his opponent as a "bozo," while then-Gov. Clinton insisted that the president who made a show of buying socks during a recession was out of touch. It featured all the usual bruised feelings that elections produce, especially when the incumbent winds up evicted.

But called to service this year by the current President Bush, the two former leaders not only responded - raising money for tsunami victims in Asia, and hurricane victims on the Gulf Coast, among other duties - but formed a friendship that observers say is real and respectful. The far left and the far right object, of course, and no wonder. Such a rapprochement threatens their emotionally satisfying and financially rewarding ability to demonize the other.

But that model of political discourse has hurt the country, discouraging the very compromise that democracy requires while driving down voter participation. The new friendship between two former foes won't change that on its own, but it highlights the artificiality of much of the posturing that passes for governance. And it suggests that if they want it, Americans can have a more respectful and effective government than they have lately been given.



Guest Column

Pundits disguising their own Iraq failures

by PETER HART
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Polls showing grow opposition to the Iraq War and an increasing distrust for the White House. Thus one might think that the press corps would be willing to re-examine how the threat from Iraq's supposed weapons of mass destruction was used to lead the country into war. But for many pundits, the origins of the Iraq War are old news.

As the "Washington Post's" David Broder argued on NBC's "Meet the Press," there's no point in raising such questions: "This whole debate about whether there was just a mistake or misrepresentation or so on is, I think, from the public point of view largely irrelevant. The public's moved past that. The public wants to know what we're going to do next in Iraq."

When Sen. John Kerry accused Vice President Dick Cheney of making "misleading" arguments about the state of the intelligence on Iraq, "U.S. News & World Report's" Gloria Borger was unimpressed: "Ah, 'misleading.' Didn't we live through that argument already? In fact, wasn't that in the Democratic talking points in the 2004 election? Are we still arguing over who lied or did not

lie about WMD?"

Borger doesn't explain why these old debates are worth nothing more than a roll of the eyes. She does, however, try to argue that her attitude conforms to public opinion: "Democrats and Republicans may not be over the finger-pointing, but the public has moved beyond the blame game—and is clearly growing impatient." Her evidence: a poll that "shows that 51 percent of Americans would like to elect someone other than their current politicians to Congress." How that demonstrates a public unwillingness to debate the pre-war Iraq intelligence is not clear.

Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly spun the issue in terms of politics: "You got to know that a lot of Democrats, particularly on the far left, far left, OK, are undermining the president's position in the world, in the world, by calling him a liar, saying that he juiced up the intelligence, that he knew it was false, and invaded anyway. This hurts not only the United States everywhere in the world, but it hurts our military people as well." But a Pew poll in early November (11/3-6/05) found that 43 percent of respondents believed the White House lied about Iraq's WMD programs. Such poll numbers suggest that, by O'Reilly's standards, more than two-fifths of Americans are on the "far left."

O'Reilly's colleague Brit Hume, on the other hand, took the position that public opinion, at least for now, is irrelevant: "The Iraqi forces and the U.S. forces are winning. Iraq is moving for-

ward. This is all happening. It's unfolding. And when it does and proceeds to its logical conclusion, this war will, for all intents and purposes, have been won. Iraq will not be a terrorist state, and the world will be better off and the public will, in the fullness of time, know that. You can't expect the public to get it right every minute of every day at all times." An odd stance to take for the main anchor of a news outlet whose slogan is, "We report, you decide."

While elite journalists argue that public debate is somehow incapable of tackling more than one important question at a time, their real concern may be that a robust discussion of pre-war intelligence could very well leave all sides — Republicans, Democrats and the mainstream media as well — looking culpable for the Iraq War. That could explain why some in the press have long been opposed to examining the White House's record of deception.

One can certainly understand why many in the media would be reluctant to revisit a period in which they and their colleagues failed to do the most fundamental job of the press, which is to serve as a reality check on government claims. To avoid such a look back, however, only prolongs their dereliction of duty.

Peter Hart is an analyst with the media watch group FAIR (Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting). FAIR is the New York City-based, national media watch group that offers well-documented criticism of media bias and censorship.

Letters

Center thanks donors

On Dec. 22, Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, hosted its third annual "Toys for Tots" Event in the Center's gymnasium.

The event began at 11 a.m. and involved approximately 700 area children receiving toys, refreshments, fruit, cookies and a chance to speak with Santa himself. Because of the success of this event and the heartwarming experience that those of us at the Center had the chance to be a part of, we wanted to

take a moment to thank the many businesses in the community that helped with this event and to show our appreciation for the outpouring of donations from the Floyd County residents.

Several local businesses acted as "drop off points" for toys, while some donated numerous gifts, fruit, etc. Either way, we could never have had such a wonderful party for the children without the overwhelming generosity of everyone involved. The students and staff of the Center went "above and beyond" in their tireless, hard work in gathering, sorting and wrapping over 1,400 gifts!

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Entertainment Extra

Pure torture: Horror movies return to their grisly roots

by CHRISTY LEMIRE AP MOVIE WRITER

NEW YORK — Today's horror movies are more likely to be dripping with blood than irony, with films like "Wolf Creek," the "Saw" series and this week's "Hostel" representing a return to their grisly, low-budget '70s roots.

While the "Scream" trilogy grossed hundreds of millions of dollars in the late 1990s with characters who winked at the camera in playful mockery of the genre's conventions, horror flicks like "Hostel," Eli Roth's follow-up to his gory 2003 debut "Cabin Fever," will show you a character whose eye is dangling from its socket after a long afternoon of torture.

"Self-referential, ironic humor ran its course," said Roth, a 33-year-old writer-director who grew up loving the graphic slasher movies of the 1970s and '80s and also cites Asian cinema as an influence.

"Kevin Williamson did it brilliantly," he said, referring to the writer of the original "Scream." "At the same time 'Scream' was huge, 'Dawson's Creek' was the most popular show. ... People got tired of that. That was the gimmick. Even

Kevin Williamson got tired of that.

"I think scary movies are back," Roth added. "People clearly don't want to see a horror movie to laugh."

Lions Gate Films apparently thinks so, too, having released several of the really grisly horror movies that have come out in the past few years: Rob Zombie's "House of 1,000 Corpses" and its sequel, "The Devil's Rejects," about a family of redneck serial killers; "Saw" and "Saw II," about a kidnapper who torments his victims with elaborate mind games; the French "High Tension," about two young women who are terrorized in the woods; and now "Hostel," which follows a trio of 20-something guys on a European vacation that begins as an orgy of sex and drugs and descends into brutal, bloody sadism.

Lions Gate President Tom Ortenberg says this particular kind of horror movie is alluring because "it's got touches of realism that audiences today can relate to."

"We're never going to outspend the competition in the marketing or production of a movie. We're not going to blow people away with the latest mil-

lion-dollar special effects. We're never going to do that better than the studios," Ortenberg said. "What we can do as well or better than the studios, perhaps in retro fashion, is a realistic, gut-level, visceral horror movie that doesn't rely on special effects, and audiences are responding to that."

While they're not exactly critical favorites — the first "Saw" received only 45 percent positive reviews on the Rotten Tomatoes Web site, with "Saw II" earning just 35 percent positive reviews — these movies can be enormously profitable. "Saw" had a \$1 million budget and grossed \$55 million-plus; the sequel cost \$4 million and grossed nearly \$87 million.

"Our economic model is much different than the studios," Ortenberg said. "When a Rob Zombie movie like 'The Devil's Rejects' grosses \$17 million, or Eli Roth's first movie grosses \$20 million, that's very successful for us."

Meanwhile, the Weinstein Co. is in theaters with the low-budget "Wolf Creek," about a madman who targets tourists in the Australian outback. Harvey and Bob Weinstein released the star-studded "Scream" trilogy and several other horror movies

under the Dimension Films branch of their former company, Miramax.

Bob Weinstein, who ran Dimension, bought "Wolf Creek" for \$3.5 million a month before it screened at last year's Sundance Film Festival because "it was very hard-edge, very real," he said. The company released it on Christmas Day amid the family films and Oscar contenders.

"There were a lot of comedies out in the marketplace, a lot of prestige movies for older audiences. We thought this was for younger audiences," Weinstein said. "We felt there would be an opening in the marketplace that wanted to see something like this at this particular time."

Paul Dergarabedian, president of the box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations, believes this kind of graphic fare is making a comeback because "when people want to be scared, they really want to be scared." "With video games and all the entertainment options, it really takes a lot to impress audiences today," Dergarabedian said. "The level of violence and gore cannot be too intense for a lot of

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

The new year got off to a slow start with only one new release of note that you may have missed during its theatrical run. Otherwise one 1970s flick and a surprisingly deep sci-fi television series rounded out the ranks.

"Wedding Crashers" — Vince Vaughn and Luke Wilson paired for this comedy which follows two guys who habitually crash weddings to meet women for one-night stands. The film starts out well with plenty of banter as the two make the rounds of receptions, but takes nosedive when it switches over to romantic comedy mode when one of the guys becomes infatuated with a young lady. Christopher Walken has a great time as the father of a bride.

"Broken Flowers" — Bill Murray gives another understated performance in this drama about a middle-aged man who is forced to confront old flames when he learns he has a 19-year-old son. This one is uneven but benefits from Murray with more depth than the dialogue gives him.

"The Cave" — Viewers stayed away from this one last summer and they had the right idea. Yet another "Aliens" clone, only this time it all takes place as spelunkers investigate the world's deepest cave. They find parasites which can transform their hosts into monsters but you'll only find a tired retread of a sci-fi plot which has been done to death. Cole Hauser stars and suffers here as an agent he probably has already fired after this and "Paparazzi" failed to give him any juice after a promising debut in "Good Will Hunting."

"The Valachi Papers" — Charles Bronson got a rare chance to show his acting chops in this gangster effort which is heavier on the drama than the action. It's a true story about a mafia thug who turned state's evidence after an attempt was made on his life while in jail. Not as melodramatic as the "Godfather," yet very compelling with strong supporting performances by Lino Ventura and Joseph Wiseman.

"Alien Nation: The Complete Series" — Before the success of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" producer Kenneth Johnson proved that a mediocre film could make for great tele-

only lasted one year but has managed to stay alive with four made-for-television films that further explored the relationship between a human cop and his alien partner. The series followed what would happen when

aliens become assimilated into our culture after crash landing here in a slave ship. The series evolved into an intense drama which used the alien perspective to explore concepts such as sexual identity, race relations and

family bonds. Great stuff with a monster or two thrown in as well.

Next week look for Jason Statham back again as one tough chauffeur in "The Transporter 2."

WEEKEND TV PREVIEW

Table with columns for SATURDAY EVENING and JANUARY 7, 2006. Rows list channels (TBS, NBC, PBS, ABC, WGN, CBS, FOX, ESPN, TNT, A&E, CNN, HBO, HBO2, HBO3, MAX, DISN, SHOW, TMC) and programs like 'Overboard', 'The Book of Daniel', 'Nature', 'NFL Football', 'WGN News', '48 Hours Mystery', 'MAD TV', 'CSI: Crime Scene Investig.', 'The Sopranos', 'The Contender', 'The Bill Engvall Show', 'The Contender', 'The Bill Engvall Show', 'The Contender', 'The Bill Engvall Show'.

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Democrats propose raising Kentucky teacher salaries

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Cat Timmerman doesn't want to leave her job as a kindergarten teacher in Jefferson County, but she doesn't rule out the idea of moving to neighboring Ohio where people in her profession earn an average of \$8,000 a year more than she does.

"I grew up in Kentucky," Timmerman said Thursday, lamenting the fact that she and her Kentucky colleagues even face such a quandary. "My family is here. I have roots here. So, absolutely, I want to stay in Kentucky."

Democratic leaders Thursday said they want to remove the temptation for Kentucky teach-

ers to move to neighboring states for higher wages by providing pay hikes totaling about 13 percent over the next four years from the current \$41,619 a year.

The plan, which would cost some \$53 million a year over the next four years, calls for Kentucky's 46,000 teachers to receive wages equivalent to their counterparts not only in Ohio, where the average teacher makes 48,977 a year, but also Illinois, where teacher income averages more than \$56,000 a year.

"It's not a matter of whether we are going to do it," said Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, chairman of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee. "We are going to do it."

Moberly and other Democratic leaders, including House Speaker Jody Richards, had no specific pot from which to draw the money.

"We can find the money," Richards said. "While it's quite a bit of money, it's certainly doable, and our teachers and our students around this state deserve that."

Republican leaders, including Gov. Ernie Fletcher, voiced no opposition to the Democratic proposal.

"Teacher pay is an issue the governor campaigned on, and one which we've been working on for several months," said Jodi Whitaker, spokesman for Fletcher. "Teacher pay in Kentucky does need to be in line with other states in the region.

We're glad the House agrees with us, and we look forward to working with them on this issue."

Whitaker said details of the Fletcher administration's proposal for teacher pay raises will be included a budget speech scheduled for Jan. 17.

Timmerman said she would feel more confident that substantial raises were forthcoming if the Democratic leadership could have made clear where the money would come from.

"There's over \$1 billion going to be available in the next biennium in new revenue," Moberly said. "So it's a matter of prioritizing."

The Kentucky Education Association, one of the state's most politically influential orga-

nizations, is pushing for the raises.

"There is no more important job, no more critical job for the future of Kentucky," said Charles Main, spokesman for the Kentucky Education Association. "We're training the next generation of Kentuckians — wage earners, taxpayers, voters and leaders. We just would like to see Kentucky make an investment in the future commensurate with the importance of the job that our people do."

Kentucky ranks 34th out of 50 states and the District of Columbia in the rate it pays teachers. The highest in the nation is Connecticut, which

pays an average salary of \$59,846.

The average salaries for Kentucky teachers in 2003-2004 was \$41,619 a year. The national average was \$46,752 for 2003-04.

Of the seven states surrounding Kentucky, five — Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia — pay their teachers more. Missouri and West Virginia pay less than Kentucky.

Richards said he has heard too many examples of teachers leaving Kentucky to go to other states.

"We need to stop that brain drain, and we intend for this stop it," he said.

Gambling advocates shower legislators with campaign money

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Advocates of expanded gambling gave legislators \$81,000 in campaign contributions in the last three months of 2005, according to reports filed with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance.

The money came as the General Assembly prepared to kick off the legislative session, which began Tuesday in Frankfort.

The horse industry has mounted an all-out push to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot to allow casino gambling at racetracks. But legislative leaders said the money won't sway their opposition.

The Kentucky Equine Education Project, which has launched an ad campaign to promote its agenda, gave \$61,000 to 90 legislators, including House and Senate leaders in

both parties. Of that, \$35,500 went to Democrats, who control the House, and \$23,500 went to Republicans, who control the Senate.

KEEP also gave \$2,500 each to the Senate Democratic Caucus and the House Republican Caucus.

Six legislators gave the money back. Sen. Katie Stine, R-Southgate, gave back \$1,000. Rep. Joe Bowen, R-Owensboro; Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville; Rep. Rick Nelson, D-Middlesboro; Rep. Mike Denham, D-Maysville; and Rep. Adrian Arnold, D-Mount Sterling, all gave back \$500 checks.

Churchill Downs' PAC, which gets its contributions primarily from board members and officers, gave \$8,000 to Democrats and \$4,500 to Republicans.

The Kentucky Thoroughbred

Association's PAC gave the Senate Democratic Caucus campaign fund \$2,500.

Sen. David Boswell, D-Owensboro, filed bills Tuesday that would allow casino gambling at racetracks and at other locations around the state. "I think it has a better chance today than ever before," he said.

But key leaders in both chambers have consistently opposed adding slots or other forms of gambling to the pari-mutuel, lottery and charitable wagering already allowed in the state.

"I'm not for the expansion of gambling and I'm not going to be for the expansion of gambling," said Sen. David Williams, R-Burkesville, Senate president.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher, also a Republican, opposes gambling, leaving pro-gambling Democrats wary of going too far out on the political limb.

Study critical of state's care for children

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A six-month study by a children's advocacy group was critical of the care provided to abused and neglected children in Kentucky's social service system.

The report, titled "The Other Kentucky Lottery," was released Wednesday in Frankfort.

"If you live in the right county and get the right worker, you're going to win," said Terry Brooks, executive director of Kentucky Youth Advocates, which helped conduct the study.

The study was based on a confidential survey of 255 social workers, school officials, families and others around the state who called a hot line or sent e-

mail responses.

The purpose was to warn that Kentucky's social-service system needs more money and better management, said David Richart, who wrote the report and is executive director of the National Institute on Children, Youth and Families in Louisville.

State officials said they have requested more money and are trying to fix the problems.

"We need to support our people, we need to supervise them, we need to train them and give them the tools they need to do their job," said Dr. Eugene Foster, who oversees social services for the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

The survey found that people

were frustrated by delays, bureaucracy and lack of resources, Richart said. People also said the cabinet is too quick to remove children from homes instead of trying to keep families together, he said.

Foster said the cabinet seeks to remove children permanently from homes only as a last resort. "The evidence is that we reunify many more children with their families than we remove," he said.

The study found that the cabinet is supervising about 2,440 children in homes because of abuse or neglect — about 1,000 more than five years ago. The number of social workers has increased from about 1,300 to 1,500 over that period, accord-

ing to statistics provided by the cabinet. Funds for social services have stayed flat or been cut in recent years because of the state's fiscal problems, the study said.

Cocaine

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search warrants being obtained for follow up investigation with additional persons. As a result of this, Kermit Keen Jr., of Shelbyana, and Amy J. Holbrook, of Elkhorn City, were arrested on charges of drug trafficking and possession of cocaine.

In total, KVE officers produced approximately one pound of cocaine with a street value of just over \$41,000. Officers also seized one gram of rock cocaine,

78 prescription pills, three handguns, two vehicles and approximately \$8,600 in cash.

"Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement is dedicated to drug enforcement throughout the state," said KVE Regional Communications Officer Jeff Jacobs. "The importance of our holiday arrests shows that drug trafficking and possession will not be tolerated and will be enforced vigorously."

Checks

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forgery after he allegedly cashed a check on the robbery victim's account at Video Magic 2000 in Martin. He was also charged with two counts of possession of a forged instrument. Woods was arraigned Wednesday and placed under a \$5,000 cash bond. His preliminary hearing has been scheduled for Jan. 9.

Barnett, who has been ordered to stay away from Walmart after pleading guilty to a theft charge in November 2004, was also arrested on Tuesday but was later released on a \$5,000 surety bond after being charged with possession of a forged instrument. Her arraignment has been set for January 31.

Sabrina L. Johnson, 19, of Harold, was also arrested and

charged with two counts of forgery using the same account. She has been released on a surety bond and is due back in court on Feb. 15 for her arraignment.

On Wednesday morning, James Matthew Woods, 22, of Allen, turned himself into the Floyd County Sheriff's Department when he learned he, too, was being sought in the investigation. Woods was arraigned Thursday morning and placed under a \$2,000 cash bond for allegedly trying to cash two checks drawn on the robbery victim's account at a Citizens National Bank and the Allen Double Kwik. Woods was also set for a preliminary hearing on Jan. 9 to determine if his case will be waived to the grand jury.

Dead

cation that he was contemplating this. As far as the case against him, it was not that strong. I told the family I thought his chance of being acquitted was 50-50.

"We were ready for trial today ... You do this job because you care about these folks. They are accused of doing bad things, but you care about these folks."

Owens' family, Pillersdorf said, is "badly splintered."

Floyd County Sheriff Department Lt. Greg Clark, who responded to the scene shortly after 9 a.m., along with investigating officer Kentucky State Police Det. Scott Hazlette, said Owens apparently shot himself in the face with a shotgun. CSX workers called the KSP after finding the man's body at approximately 8:45 a.m., KSP Information Officer Scott Hopkins said. Deputy Coroner Glenn Frazier said he pronounced Owens dead at the scene at 9 a.m., but the time of the shooting isn't apparent. The body was positively identified by fingerprints that were analyzed in Frankfort.

Hopkins could not confirm whether a suicide note was recovered during the investigation, which Hazlette is continuing.

Indicted last April, Owens was facing one count of first-degree sexual abuse and one count of intimidating a participant in a legal process. He was scheduled to go to trial in November, but it was rescheduled until this year. Owens failed to reach a plea agreement with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office during a pre-trial conference in July and he has been out on bond since May.

According to the indictment, Owens, who was arrested on Jan. 20, 2005, was accused of sexually abusing a 7-year-old female, and of threatening a male who reportedly witnessed the abuse by allegedly telling him that "if he told anyone he would kill his mom and he would be taken away." The alleged criminal acts took place during 2004.

Attorney Stacy Marshall, who was prosecuting the case on behalf of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, did not return inquiry calls.

"This case was not unlike many other child sex abuse cases my office has handled over the years. Almost all of these cases have resulted in convictions," Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said in a written statement Wednesday.

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"Mr. Owens' case was set for trial this morning. Only after he failed to appear, did we learn what had happened. This is not the outcome that the Commonwealth desired or expected. It was also not the outcome desired by the victims. Our sympathies go out to the family of the defendant. However, our greatest sympathies will always lie with the children who are victims of sexual abuse."

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U.S. General Services Administration

Mine tragedy could hurt recruiting efforts

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Coal companies, already hurting for new miners, could find it more difficult to recruit additional employees after the tragic deaths of 12 miners in West Virginia this week, officials said Wednesday.

Kentucky and West Virginia together need an additional 4,500 coal miners immediately, according to estimates from the U.S. Department of Labor. But many of the positions are going unfilled because of a lack of a qualified or willing labor force.

Bruce Ayers, president of Southeast Community College in coal-dependent Harlan County, said he believes the West Virginia tragedy will affect availability of new hires.

"There's no question about it," he said. "We're trying to introduce a new generation to mining. It's difficult to overcome the images from West Virginia."

Jim Booth, president of Booth Energy in Inez, acknowledged that the mine disaster could hurt his recruiting efforts, but he said he is hopeful it will not. He said his company is among those that have unfilled openings because of the miner shortage.

In an effort to ease the shortage, Gov. Ernie Fletcher on Wednesday appropriated \$120,000 to pay for creation of the Kentucky Coal Academy to recruit and train new coal miners. He also announced an additional \$50,000 for University of Kentucky scholarships for students studying to become coal mine engineers.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of the West Virginia miners who lost their lives this week," Fletcher said at a news conference. "This tragedy reminds us of the dangers involved in mining, and the importance of a continuously educated and trained mining work force."

The fatalities caused Kentucky officials to take a closer look at the company that owned the West Virginia mine, International Coal Group of Ashland.

Mark York, spokesman for the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, said the state had issued 109 citations in 2005 to five underground mines and seven surface mines in Kentucky operated by the company.

Kentucky mine inspectors had issued 66 closure orders to the company last year after finding safety violations, York said.

Of those, 49 were issued to underground mines owned by the company in Knott County alone.

Environmental and Public Protection Secretary LaJuana Wilcher said labor, industry and government need to work together to ensure the safety of mines.

"We always also have to have the recognition, and God forbid that it should happen, that that same type of accident could happen in Kentucky tomorrow," she said.

The federal government stepped in last month to help ease the miner shortage in Appalachia, providing grants totaling \$6 million to train new coal miners in Kentucky and West Virginia.

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said a lack of trained miners has hindered the mining industry in filling blue-collar positions created by an upswing in the coal-field economy. Part of the problem, he said, is a false perception that coal mining is more dangerous than other occupations. He said that perception will be fueled by the West Virginia mine disaster.

Jobs in manufacturing and construction, Caylor said, have far more workplace injuries, illnesses and deaths.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported 5,703 workplace fatalities in 2004. Of those, 1,224 were in construction; 829 in transportation and warehousing; 659 in agriculture, forestry and fishing; 459 in manufacturing; and 152 in mining and oil and natural gas extraction.

The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration reported 25 deaths in coal mine accidents that year.

Fletcher said the number of coal mine fatalities has fallen substantially in Kentucky during the past 30 years. The industry averaged 38 deaths per year during the 1970s, 24 during the 1980s and 12 during the 1990s.

The state had five coal mine fatalities in each of the past two years.

"Our goal is to eliminate all mining fatalities in Kentucky," Fletcher said. "We have initiated several actions to achieve that goal."

Fletcher said his administration has hired an additional seven mine safety inspectors with plans to hire seven more. He said his administration also is pushing for drug testing.

Fletcher said he also has ordered a study of retreat mining, a dangerous method of

extracting coal that claimed the lives of 17 miners in southern Appalachia over the past eight years. He said that study is expected to be completed in early February.

Kentucky will use the federal funding to purchase mining simulators for training centers at community and technical college campuses in Cumberland, Hazard, Madisonville and Prestonsburg.

West Virginia will use its funding to establish mine training and placement centers at West Virginia University and at southern West Virginia community colleges. The centers will provide traditional classroom instruction, plus hands-on training with simulators like those used in Kentucky.

Coal operators say high prices for coal have led to more mining activity and the need for more miners. Meanwhile, the coal industry is preparing for mass retirements because the average age of Kentucky coal miners is now 48, said Bill Higginbotham, a former coal operator who now heads the Kentucky Coal Academy.

"Half of the work force is expected to retire in five to seven years," Higginbotham said. "High school graduates can go into the mining industry and earn \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year. This provides an opportunity for a good life."

Horror

people. Horror fans in particular are very keen on seeing the most intense, violent images they can.

"Some might say it's a reflection on society, how desensitized we've become to violence," he added. "I still believe people know the difference. It's a vicarious thrill. I look at it more as entertainment: You can have that fear but in a safe environment."

The trend toward old-school terror has spread to television with Showtime's "Masters of Horror" series, in which veteran directors including Tobe Hooper, John Landis, Dario Argento and Takashi Miike have created one-hour original programs.

Joe Dante's contribution, titled "Homecoming," takes traditional zombie movie imagery and turns it into an indictment of the war in Iraq: Soldiers return from the dead not to eat people's

brains but to vote the president out of office who sent them into battle.

Dante, a Roger Corman protégé whose films include "The Howling" and a segment of "Twilight Zone: The Movie," pointed out that zombie films have always had underlying social statements, from 1950s West Indian movies about race and class to George A. Romero's 1968 classic "Night of the Living Dead," with its subtext about the Vietnam War.

"It didn't seem to me like much of a stretch to use that template for a political story," he said. "The great thing about the 'Masters of Horror' series is that it was an opportunity that already existed — in lieu of money or time I was given creative freedom, so I was able to sneak in a political story into this series that I probably never would have gotten made."

As for the renaissance of grisly horror, Dante said: "Everything goes in cycles."

"After about 15 years, there's a whole new group of people who haven't seen this kind of material. In the world we live in, we like to push the envelope, so today's gory horror movies are gorier than the last generation's gory horror movies. There is a limit to what you can do to horror, and frankly I thought we reached it in the mid-'80s, but apparently not."

And more are on the horizon — specifically, remakes of the classic movies that provided the inspiration for this new wave in the first place. "When a Stranger Calls" is scheduled for release in February, with "The Hills Have Eyes" (from "High Tension" writer-director Alexandre Aja) following in March.

In October, expect a "Texas

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Chainsaw Massacre" prequel — there's already been a remake of the iconic film, which grossed \$80 million in 2003 — as well as "Saw 3." Autumn also brings "Grind House" from Weinstein, in which horror aficionados Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino join forces to co-direct. John Jarratt, the serial killer from "Wolf Creek," is the star.

"Everyone has a fascination with death," said Roth. "Violence is cinematic. It looks great on film. It's a great release watching the bad guy get it — seeing someone get brutally maimed in a movie, your worst nightmare, you see it and scream about it and it feels great."

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as well."

The explosion was West Virginia's deadliest coal mining accident since 1968, when 78 men died in an explosion at a mine in Marion County, an hour's drive from here. That disaster prompted Congress to pass the Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969.

Sago was the nation's worst coal mining disaster since a pair of explosions tore through a mine in Brookwood, Ala., on Sept. 23, 2001, killing 13.

At a vigil attended by about 200 people in Sago on Wednesday night, the Rev. Wease Day said the days ahead will bring funerals and mourning for the victims, but insisted they must also include a celebration of the lives that were lost. He spoke specifically of Ware, a fellow parishioner who

lived across the road from the church and was so good-natured he didn't mind being awakened to be asked to help with sanctuary repairs.

"We need to be sad. We need to pray for the families," Day said, "but we also need to be joyous."

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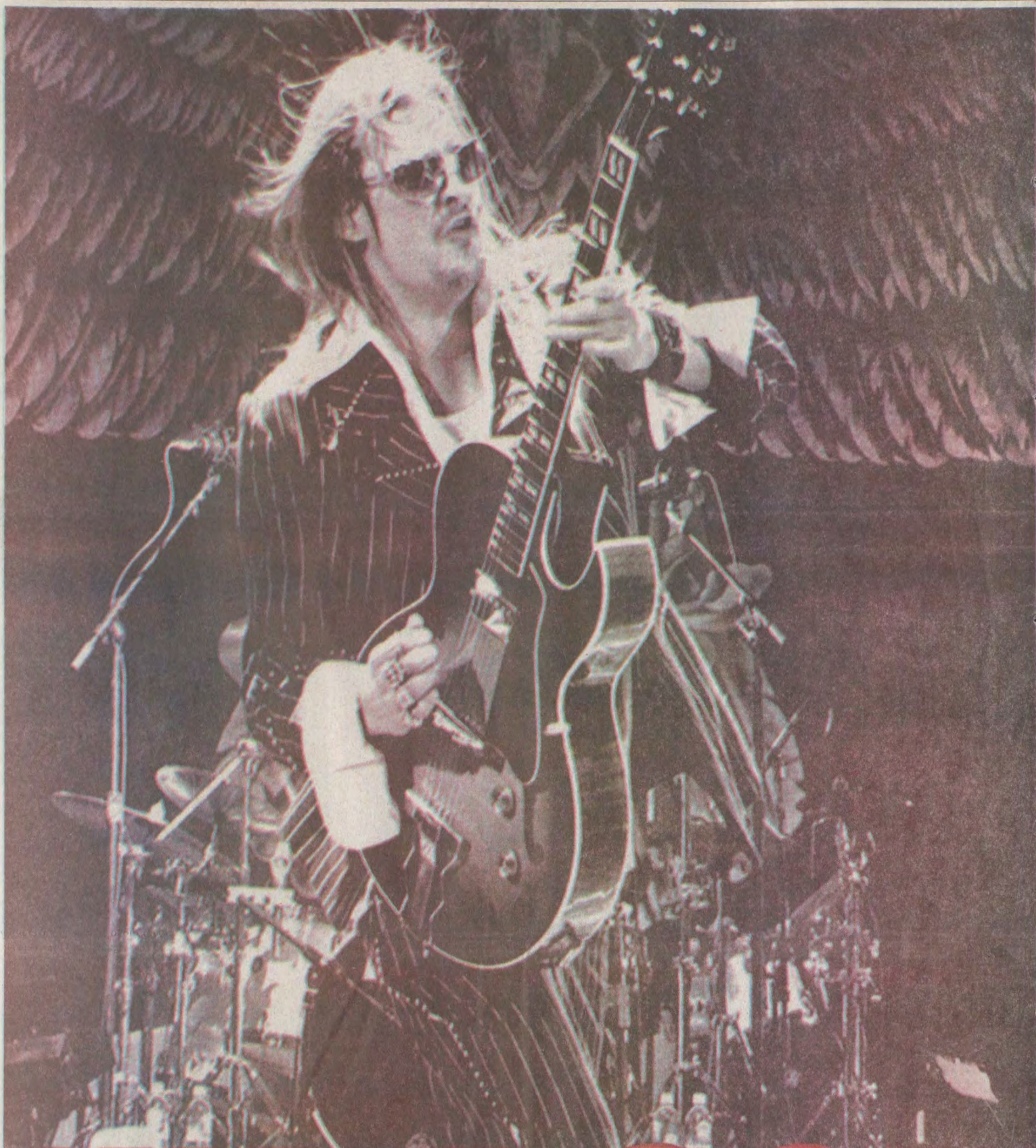
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Betsy Layne-South Floyd matchup key in district race

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Betsy Layne High head boys' basketball coach Brent Rose has the tough task of leading his team into hostile territory tonight at the road at Raider Arena, home to the South Floyd High Raiders. After an 0-3 outing last week in the Berea Invitational Tournament, Betsy Layne got back on the winning track Tuesday night with a 75-25

win over the outmanned David School squad. The Bobcat mentor is looking forward to tonight's pivotal 58th District game.

"It should be a great game," Rose confided. "Both teams have good guards, nice outside shooting and strong inside games. With the style both teams play it should be a great game for the fans to watch."

Rose feels both teams are playing good basketball.

"I know South Floyd played well in the

Paintsville tourney and we made some good improvements even though it didn't result in victories at the Berea tourney. I know Coach (Barry) Hall will have his team well prepared so it should be a lot of fun."

The three-game skid in the Berea tournament was the second one of the season for the Betsy Layne Bobcats. Betsy Layne, despite the three tournament losses, played well,

(See **MATCHUP**, page two)



Junior Ethan Johnson is averaging just over 14 points for defending 58th District champ South Floyd.

Notes at week's end

by **RICK BENTLEY**
 TIMES COLUMNIST

Notes and quotes to wrap up a week that can't end soon enough:

■ College football's season came to an end early Thursday morning when Matt Leinart scrambled to run the clock out and then threw a pass that sailed out of bounds, and along with it the title of the greatest college football team of all time.

But man, has a football season ever ended with such a spectacular bang?

Go back to Tuesday night and consider the terrific triple-overtime effort offered up by Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden ... wait, I mean,

Penn State and Florida State. Yes, it was late ending – around 1 a.m. Wednesday – but a triple-overtime outing is about as good as one can ask.

Never before have coaches brought more combined wins to a single football field than Joe Pa and the southern gentleman, and they didn't disappoint. It wasn't a thing of beauty – missed field goals kept the game going, and going, and going – but it was still something to see.

The Orange Bowl set the stage perfectly for a letdown in Wednesday's Rose Bowl, the national championship game. But by the time the final minutes were played out, it was clear USC and Texas were up to the challenge.

The problem was, USC wasn't up to stopping Vince Young. The Texas quarterback and Heisman runner-up threw for 267 on 30-of-40 and ran for 200 yards and three scores on 20 carries, and on the last drive, clearly was going to win or lose the game himself.

Think about those numbers – 60 times he took the ball into his own hands, and in 50 of those, he succeeded, gaining 467 yards (ital) by himself. (ital)

(See **BENTLEY**, page two)

BK Motorsports heads south for first race

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN – Brandon Kinzer Motorsports (BKM) will start off the 2006 campaign at the Talladega Short Track in the Ice Bowl event. Racing at the Alabama track is scheduled to get underway today and run through Sunday.

Some changes are in place for BK Motorsports. Longtime well-respected crew chief Gary Winger joined the team in early November, replacing departing veteran crew member Earl Cline.

The new arrival reunited current BKM crew chief Jimmy Cabral with Winger. The two worked together at Freddy Smith Racing with much success during the mid-late 1990s.

The team's engine and chassis programs took a turn in a different direction as well in the off-season. Jay Dickens Racing Engines and Rocket Chassis will be the weapon of choice for BKM in 2006, replacing Gaerte Engines and Barry Wright Race-

(See **KINZER**, page two)



The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team will hit the dirt again at Talladega Short Track.

photo courtesy of Brandon Kinzer Motorsports

COCA-COLA HOOPS CLASSIC



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg found itself facing an early deficit versus 14th Region contender Letcher County Central.

Letcher Central blasts Blackcats

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK – Prestonsburg didn't get off to a good start Tuesday night in its Coca-Cola Hoops Classic opening round game against Letcher County Central. Letcher County Central hitting shots at a blistering pace in the first half, coupled with Prestonsburg's slow start, spelled defeat for the Blackcats. Eli Warren, dashed and slashed his way to a game-high 24 points and Alex Williams had 16 to lead Letcher County Central. First-year head coach Raymond Justice saw his team jump out to a 7-0 lead and lead throughout.

The Cougars exited the first quarter with a 19-7 lead. Letcher

Central took a 43-25 lead into half-time, thanks in great part to shooting at a blistering clip from the outside.

Prestonsburg showed some life in the third quarter, outscoring the Cougars 26-18. The Blackcats were able to get the deficit back into single digits before Letcher County pulled out a late burst and left the third period with a 61-51 advantage.

Senior forward Sean Leslie led Prestonsburg with 16 points. Lewis Barnette had 14 points and Michael Stephens added 11 for the Blackcats. The loss was Prestonsburg's second straight.

Prestonsburg was back in action

(See **BLACKCATS**, page two)

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- Dec. 28 Hopkins Co. Central, 48-62 (L) (Farmers Bank Snowball Classic)
- Dec. 29 Holy Cross (Louisville), 61-45 (W) (Farmers Bank Snowball Classic)
- Dec. 30 Woodford County, 54-59 (L) (Farmers Bank Snowball Classic)
- Jan. 3 Letcher County Central, 69-88 (L) (Coca-Cola Hoops Classic)

Four players average double figures for Raiders

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – A balanced basketball team can go a long, long way. South Floyd High has a balanced basketball team. Four of five South Floyd starters are averaging double figures in the scoring department. One of the four starters, senior center Ryan Little, stands tall just one rebound away from a double-double in points and rebounds.

Senior point guard Ryan Johnson leads South Floyd in scoring, assists and steals. He is averaging 20.4 points, five rebounds, 5.5

(See **BALANCE**, page two)

Brown gets first coaching win over Bethel

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Senior center Chris Carroll scored 20 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to help interim head coach Dale Brown to his first collegiate win, a 75-49 victory over Bethel (Tenn.) College.

Brown has been named interim head coach replacing Randy McCoy, who announced his resignation this week due to health concerns. He had coached the Bears in losses on both Saturday and Monday.

A member of Rick Pitino's famed Unforgettables at the University of Kentucky in 1991-92, Brown was hired by the college in

(See **BEARS**, page two)

Disc golf course opens at Jenny Wiley

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – Flying discs have been let go in Floyd County, but it is no cause for alarm.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park has opened an 18-hole, championship caliber disc golf course. It is the first-ever disc golf course in the state park system and one of only a handful in Eastern Kentucky.

Disc golf is played just like traditional

(See **DISC GOLF**, page three)

Bentley

I would never go so far as Woody Paige did on yesterday's "Cold Pizza" when he opined that it could have been the greatest college football game ever...

How about this - 2004 Heisman winner Leinart and 2005 trophy holder Reggie Bush were not the best player in the Rose Bowl.

But an easy case could be made that they weren't second and third, too.

Consider this - backup, yes, second-string tailback LenDale White of SC gained 124 yards on 20 carries and scored three times, giving him a whopping 27 touchdowns on the season.

Let me mention one more time he's the backup to the Heisman winner.

Leinart didn't have a bad night, 29-of-40 for 365 with a score and an interception. And Bush ran for 82 yards, caught for

95 more and return kicks for an additional 102. But when the rubber hit the road and it was 4th-and-1 with two minutes to play, Bush was on the sideline and Leinart was simply a supporting player as the call went to White on the biggest play of the season for the Trojans.

During Tuesday's UK game, Martin Newton made some of the dumbest comments I've ever heard someone say on television.

I like him normally, although never mistake him for a neutral member of the working media. He's there to regurgitate what the powers behind the scene feed him, and on this night, he was in rare form.

Comment No. 1 came during the pregame, when he was talking about next week's return of Randolph Morris. Remember, Morris averaged eight points and four rebounds a game last year.

... and we all saw how powerful he could be during the NCAA tournament when he averaged 10 points and five rebounds a game," he said with

glee. Wow. Didn't realize he raised his production that much. Maybe I should reconsider my stance.

Newton later offered that Kentucky's slow start on Tuesday was the result of a lack of home games. Translation: My bosses don't want to play in Louisville or Cincinnati, and doggone it, they shouldn't have to!

Never mind that those games get the state's team out where real fans have an opportunity to see them play without paying out the nose for seats in the Hyatt. If the

powers that be don't want to play there, they shouldn't have to.

And finally... The news has been filled with reports coming from Pikeville College about the resignation of Randy McCoy. And while I have a gentleman's agreement to steer clear of writing about the college, I'll make one exception here.

When I started working in the media Elkhorn City had a new coach. His name was Randy McCoy. I didn't realize then how big a name he already had in

coaching circles or the impact he'd have on my life over the next two decades.

Randy once told me there was no such thing as bad press, a stance I believe he's come off of, but he has always been fair with me. We've made many long trips together, spent many hours in an automobile together and have shared many stories together.

Randy and I have laughed together, cried together, celebrated together and mourned together.

And we've always, every step

of the way, been friends. I trust we always will be.

For the first time in the last 28 years, Randy is putting himself before his team and before coaching, and we wish him the best.

And then, somewhere down the road, maybe he'll be back on the sidelines yelling at officials and barking at me to guard somebody from my seat on press row, which has actually happened and still causes Josh Childers to double over in laughter.

Good luck, Coach.

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Blackcats

in the Pike Central tournament last night against Morgan County. In another tournament game last night, Pikeville was pitted against Breathitt County.

Results from both tournament games were unavailable at press time.

Belfry 61, Morgan 60: Matt Maynard and Jamie Case each had 19 points apiece as Belfry, the 15th Region runner-up last season, held off Morgan County Tuesday evening in the first game of the Pike Central tournament. The Cougars made a big comeback in the second half. Nathaniel Peyton paced

Morgan County with a game-high 20 points. Keith Haney flipped in 19 points for the Cougars.

Belfry, under the guidance of second-year head coach Randy Casey, took a 30-23 lead into halftime.

The Pirates came into the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic game fresh off of a record-breaking performance. The 111 points Belfry scored versus Sheldon Clark on Dec. 30 broke the all-time school record of 110, set in January 1979, in a 110-50 win over Feds Creek.

Pike Co. Central 79,

Breathitt Co. 45: The Coca-Cola Hoops Classic resumed play Wednesday evening with the host Pike County Central Hawks rolling to a 79-45 win over Breathitt County. The Bobcats, coached by Floyd County native Brian Hall, got off to a slow start and played from behind throughout.

Senior Brad Lowe led the Hawks with a game-high 28 points. Pike Central led the Bobcats 44-24 at the half. The Hawks outscored Breathitt County in all four quarters.

Coca-Cola Hoops Classic at

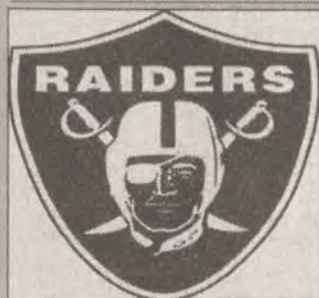
Pike County Central High School Letcher Co. Central 88, Prestonsburg 69

LETCHER CO. CENTRAL (7-4) - Williams 16, Warren 24, Wright 3, Banks 17, Hogg 2, Miles 5, Gibson 13, Sexton 1, Collins 4. PRESTONSBURG (3-6) - M. Stephens 11, Herrick 5, Barnett 14, McGuire 5, Leslie 16, Mullins 2, Hall 8, Hughes 3, N. Stephens 5.

Letcher Co. Central.....19 24 18 27-88 Prestonsburg.....7 18 26 18-69

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Heather Dean, South Floyd High School Girls' Basketball



Derek Case, Betsy Layne High School Boys' Basketball

Matchup

holding leads in each game. The Bobcats opened the season with three straight losses before getting on the positive side with back-to-back-to-back victories, two of which came over district foes Allen Central and Prestonsburg.

South Floyd hasn't played since Thursday, Dec. 29 when it defeated Carroll County 58-53 in the Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic. The Raiders, winners of their last two games, posted a 2-1 mark in the Tiger tourney, also defeating Alexander, Ga. The Raiders already own a district win over Allen Central.

The South Floyd Lady Raiders will host the Betsy Layne girls first tonight. The Lady Raiders were in action last night, hosting Paintsville. Prior to last night's game, South Floyd last hit the hardwood on Friday, Dec.

30, coming up short on the road against June Buchanan. Playing at the home, the June Buchanan's girls prevailed 66-63.

The Betsy Layne girls hung tough, but dropped their third straight game Monday versus visiting Prestonsburg as the Lady Blackcats pulled out a 51-47 victory. The Betsy Layne girls were due back in action at home last night against Shelby Valley.

Tip-off for the South Floyd-Betsy Layne boys' basketball game is set for 7:30 p.m. The girls' teams from the two schools are scheduled to hit the hardwood at 6.

GAMES ON TAP Tonight's boys' basketball Ashland Blazer-Fairview, 7:30 p.m. East Ridge-Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m. Jackson City-Jenkins, 8 p.m.

Knott County Central-Leslie County, 8 p.m. Magoffin County-Johnson Central, 6:30 p.m. Paintsville-Sheldon Clark, 8 p.m. Piarist School-OBI, 6 p.m. Russell-Boyd County, 7:30 p.m. South Floyd-Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m. Tournament

Coca-Cola Hoops Classic at Pike Co. Central Tonight's girls' basketball Belfry-Phelps, 7:30 p.m. Knott County Central-Leslie County, 6 p.m. Magoffin County-Johnson Central, 6:30 p.m. Paintsville-Sheldon Clark, 6:30 p.m. Piarist School-OBI, 7:30 p.m. South Floyd-Betsy Layne, 6 p.m. West Carter-East Carter, 7:30 p.m.

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Bears

July as an assistant to McCoy. He will handle the head coaching chores the remainder of the season.

Carroll, a 6-8 senior from Williamson, W.Va., had nine offensive rebounds and three steals. He did his damage in solid fashion, hitting 8-of-12 from the floor and 4-of-5 from the line. Carroll led the bears to a 43-33 rebounding edge.

Bethel, ranked 25th in the NAIA Div. II poll, struggled all night, hitting only 33.3 percent from the floor and 1-of-14 (7.1 percent) from the arc. The Wildcats also hit only 14-of-30 (46.7 percent) from the free throw

line. The Wildcats are now 13-2 on the season, with both losses coming in Eastern Kentucky - a Dec. 10 loss at nearby Alice Lloyd.

Bethel pulled within one, 6-5, with 17:34 left in the first half. From there, Pikeville scored 21 of the next 27 points to blow the game open. The Bears ran away thanks to four three-pointers, including back-to-back treys by junior Marcus Jones and ending with consecu-

tive triples by senior Emanuel Tekie.

Carroll was followed by three teammates in double figures. Junior Troy Williams had 11 off the bench, while Tekie and Jones had 10 each. Williams grabbed seven rebounds as well.

Bethel, meanwhile, had only one player in double figures, as freshman Aaron Jacques scored 11. He was followed by senior Myron McCrary added nine and five rebounds

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SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



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Kinzer

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a class act and definitely will be a great addition to the Rocket Chassis family."

Quality Oil and Gas, Beaver Bail Bonds, Ultra-Shield Race Products, F.A.S.T. (Fresh Air Systems Technologies), Out-Pace Racing Products, LLC, Mason Racin', Scott Performance Wire, and Dirt Racing Outreach have all joined BKM as sponsors for the 2006 season.

"I really feel that 2006 is going to be a good year for all of us with the Motorsports program," said veteran Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer. "We really aren't going to chase any points series except for the 2006 Southern Nationals. We're gonna hit alot of the bigger shows at Eldora and a similar schedule to what we did last year."

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Balance

assists and 2.5 steals per outing. Senior Mason Hall averages 14.2 points per game for the Raiders, making him the team's second-leading scorer. One of the area's most prolific three-point shooters, Hall also averages three assists and two rebounds per contest.

Ethan Johnson, the lone junior in the South Floyd starting lineup, averages 14.4 points and two rebounds per game. Johnson, in his first season as a full-time starter for the Raiders, gives South Floyd yet another consistent long-range shooter.

Little is averaging 13.7 points and 9.2 rebounds per game. Quite possibly the 15th Region's top bigman, Little is also in his first season as a starter.

The balanced scoring was evident for the Raiders in last week's stint in the Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic.

"We got a real good effort in

the Paintsville tournament," said South Floyd Coach Barry Hall.

Senior T.J. Hall, also in his first season as a South Floyd starter, averages 2.5 points and 2.3 rebounds per outing for the Raiders. One of the top South Floyd High football players, T.J. Hall has made seven-of-nine free throw attempts while playing out of the starting role.

Ryan Johnson and Mason Hall entered the season as South

Floyd's only two returning starters.

Senior Justin Slone, playing out of the sixth man role for South Floyd, averages 4.3 points and 3.2 rebounds per game. Slone has entered a game and given South Floyd a spurt many times out this season. He is averaging 16.4 minutes of playing time per game.

Matt Little, Lyle Johnson and Brock Slone are among South Floyd's other top reserves.

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Lady Blackcats hold off Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Prestonsburg was able to accept the challenge of taking on host Betsy Layne in both of its home gymnasiums head on Tuesday evening. It wasn't easy, but Prestonsburg held off Betsy Layne, beating the defending 15th Region girls' basketball champion 51-47 for a second time this season in a clean 58th District sweep of the longtime Floyd County rival. The game was

moved from the Dome to the Betsy Layne High School gymnasium when the Dome's roof sprung leaks and allowed rain to fall through. Prestonsburg, which now owns two district wins over Betsy Layne and another over Allen Central, had to play from behind early on as the host Ladycats also led during the district tilt. Betsy Layne led 10-9 in the first period. Prestonsburg also went into halftime trailing Betsy Layne, which held a slim 24-23

lead. The third quarter opened up more than the Dome roof had for visiting Prestonsburg. The Lady Blackcats went on a tear in the third period and rolled into the final quarter with a 41-29 lead. Amber Whitaker led Prestonsburg with 14 points. Meaghan Slone, Lindsey Fields and Brittany Collins chipped in 11 points apiece. Elizabeth Chaffins and Pam Slone had two points each for Prestonsburg (4-5).

Betsy Layne eighth-grader Megan Hamilton led all scorers with a game-high 22 points. Senior Candice Meade added 10 points for the Ladycats while teammates Kaitlin Lawson and Whitney Tackett tossed in six apiece. Lindsey Martin flipped in three points for the Ladycats (1-10). Both Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne were back in action last week. Betsy Layne was playing host to Shelby Valley. Prestonsburg was in action at the Fieldhouse against Pikeville.



photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg's Amber Whitaker (12) worked against Betsy Layne's Whitney Tackett and Megan Hamilton (4).

Estill 'engineers' win over Rebs

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Allen Central battled back from an early deficit only to fall short Wednesday night in the Crusader Classic at the June Buchanan School. Estill County, a newcomer to the 14th Region, held off a late Allen Central charge, beating the Rebels 68-63. The loss was Allen Central's eighth straight. The Rebels dropped three games in Paintsville last week at the

Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic. Estill County grabbed an early lead over the Rebels and led 22-15 at the end of the first quarter. The Engineers took a slim 35-32 into halftime. Allen Central battled back to tie the game at 49-49 at the conclusion of the third quarter. Three different Estill County players reached double figures in the win. The Engineers connected on eight three point field goals and finished 10-of-12 from the free-throw line.

Josh Martin paced Allen Central with a game-high 23 points. Ryan Collins pushed in 13 points for the Rebs and Tyler Slone added 10. The Rebels connected on 10-of-15 free throw attempts while making just one shot from beyond the arc. The Rebels were back in action in the Crusader Classic Thursday night against host June Buchanan. Results were unavailable at press time. June Buchanan 98, Piariest School 49; In another Crusader Classic game Wednesday, the homestanding

Crusaders jumped out to an early lead and leveled visiting Piariest School. Sophomore Clark Stepp and eighth-grader Tate Cox were among the leading contributors for host June Buchanan.

ALLEN CENTRAL REBELS UPCOMING GAMES

- Jan. 10 Johnson Central
- Jan. 17 at Sheldon Clark
- Jan. 21 David School

KHSAA NOTEBOOK

Boys' basketball state trophy coming to Knott

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — For the third consecutive year, as part of its title sponsorship of the Boys' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament, National City will be touring the Boys' Championship trophy. First stop on this year's tour will be Monday, Jan. 9 at the Scott at Dixie Heights game. The state trophy will visit Knott County Central High School Jan. 10-14 for the WYMT Classic.

On the tour, students are able to pick up scholarship application forms on each stop or access the form through the KHSAA website. Again this year, 16 boys and 16 girls (one boy and one girl from each region) will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship courtesy of National City.

Scholarship recipients will be honored with a reception prior to the Championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16® as well as being recognized on the floor during the contest.

The scholarship application deadline is Friday, Feb. 24. For additional information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

Jan. 9 — Scott at Dixie Heights
Jan. 10-14 — WYMT Classic at Knott County Central
Jan. 17 — Middlesboro at North Laurel
Jan. 27 — Ashland Blazer at Boyd County
Feb. 3 — North Laurel at South Laurel and Male at DuPont Manual
Feb. 6 — Warren Central at Bowling Green
Feb. 7 — North Hardin at Oldham County
Feb. 14 — Danville at Casey County
Feb. 17 — Madison Central at Franklin County
■ The KHSAA will begin its weekly basketball stats rankings on Thursday, Jan. 12. Stats will be posted on the KHSAA website under the basketball sports link. Rankings will be compiled weekly throughout the remainder of the regular season. A final season ranking (including postseason games) will be conducted on April 15. Individual school-by-school stats

reports are posted on the Riherd's/KHSAA Scoreboard as they are received from member schools.

■ Tickets to the 2006 National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments continue to be on sale through the KHSAA office or online at khsaa.org. At this time, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are available. Lower arena seats are priced at \$108 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$58 each. Tickets will be on sale through the KHSAA until Feb. 24. Beginning March 3, tickets will only be available through the Rupp Arena (boys) and Diddle Arena (girls) box offices and/or the venue's respective online ticketing agent.

UPCOMING KHSAA CALENDAR

- Jan. 11-12 — KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, Lexington
- Jan. 30-Feb. 4 — Swimming & Diving Regionals
- Feb. 3 — Draw Show for 2006 State Basketball Tournaments — WKYT-TV, Lexington and other cable outlets

Feb. 16-18 — State Wrestling Tournament, Frankfort
Feb. 17-18 — State Swimming & Diving Championships, Lexington
Feb. 20 — KHSAA Special Appeals Meeting, Lexington
Feb. 24 — Deadline for National City/KHSAA Sweet 16® scholarship applications
Feb. 27 — March 4 — District Basketball Tournaments
March 6-14 — Regional Basketball Tournaments
March 14 — Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet, Lexington Center Bluegrass Ballroom
March 15-18 — National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16
March 22-25 — Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16
The next meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 11-12 at the KHSAA office in Lexington. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA.

HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS ROUNDUP

Shelby Valley wipes out Williamson, W.Va.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROBINSON CREEK — Host Shelby Valley led 21-7 at the end of the first quarter and never looked back Tuesday night en route to a 73-26 win over Williamson, W.Va. Mitch Riddle led Shelby Valley in scoring with a game-high 18 points. Cade Riddle added 12 points for the Wildcats as 12 different players posted points. Shelby Valley went into halftime with a 38-14 lead and also outscored

the West Virginia opponent in each of the last two quarters. Johnson Central 72, Boyd County 63; In Paintsville, host Johnson Central battled back from an early deficit and beat Boyd County. The Lions left the first quarter with a 21-9 lead. Boyd led 38-27 at halftime before falling apart in the second half. The Golden Eagles outscored Boyd County 26-6 in the fourth quarter. Senior Kyle Rice paced Johnson Central with a team-best 16 points.

Jamie McCarty and Justin Blanton each had 15 points for the Golden Eagles. Sheldon Clark 73, Lawrence County 66; In Inez, the host Cardinals got double figures scoring from four different players and beat rival Lawrence County. Foreign-exchange student Juan Lomeli led Sheldon Clark with 20 points. Jaryd Crum pushed in 17 points for the Cardinals and Brandon May added 11. Hensley had 10 points for Sheldon Clark.

Shawn Thompson led Lawrence County with a game-high 25 points. Three Lawrence County players reached double figures. Sheldon Clark led Lawrence County 35-18 at halftime, but had to fight off a second-half comeback bid. Phelps 67, Hurley, Va. 44; Charlie Hunt led nine Phelps scorers with 16 points as the Hornets rolled past Hurley, Va., a longtime foe. Phelps outscored the Virginia team 13-2 in the first period.

Kentucky Afield TV moves to new Saturday slot

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Outdoors enthusiasts now have more time to get out of the woods and off the water before settling down to enjoy another episode of "Kentucky Afield" television. Beginning Saturday, "Kentucky Afield" will air each Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Eastern time/7:30 p.m. Central time on KET affiliates. The airtime for the

Sunday repeat of the show will remain 4 p.m. Eastern/3 p.m. Central. This week's show offers a hunting potpourri ranging from rabbit to pheasant to elk. Join host Tim Farmer as biologists measure antlers from the two biggest elk taken during the 2005 elk hunt to determine whether there's a new Kentucky record. The show also features a pheasant hunt plus an Owen County rabbit hunt. Viewers should stay

tuned for a special rabbit recipe from the owner of Harry's Café in Frankfort. "Kentucky Afield," a production of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, is the longest continuously running outdoor television show in the nation. It is a companion program to Kentucky Afield magazine. To view program schedules or to subscribe to Kentucky Afield magazine, visit fw.ky.gov on the Internet.

Bobcats scratch David, 75-25

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne recaptured the win column in a big way on Tuesday, defeating David School 75-25. The Bobcats never trailed in the game, outscoring the David School 15-5 in the first period. Thirteen different players worked their way into the scoring column for host Betsy Layne. Justin Collins led Betsy Layne in scoring with a team-best 12 points. Shane McKinney and Sam Keathley followed with 10 points each. Betsy Layne's

car managed eight points in the lopsided win. Brennan Case, Adam Roberts, Colbert Craft and James Lafferty each had six points for host Betsy Layne. Betsy Layne was the superior team throughout. The Bobcats outscored David 24-6 in the third period, building on their 31-14 halftime advantage. Senior forward Derek Case dumped in five points for the Bobcats while Pat Stapleton, Brandon Kidd, Trai Witt and Brandon Blair all had two apiece. Blake Stumbo led David with 14 points. Stumbo was the only player to reach double figures for the Comets.

pointers. In other Comet scoring, Joe Tiller chipped in five points and Nathan Robinson added four. Steffon Wright rounded out the David scoring with two points. The Comets (0-15) dropped three games last week in the Rose Hill Invitational. David, coached by attorney Ned Pillersdorf, is scheduled to return to action Monday on the road at Piariest. The David School is in its first year as a member of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA). Betsy Layne will visit South Floyd's Rader Arena tonight for a 58th District game.



Senior forward Derek Case (34) had five points in Betsy Layne's 75-25 win over David School.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

BOYS' BASKETBALL (Tuesday's scores)

- Buckhorn 72, Owsley Co. 63
- Cawood 80, Cumberland 66
- Corbin 78, Middlesboro 70
- Cordia 60, Jenkins 46
- Danville 76, Monticello 46
- Elliott Co. 47, East Carter 43
- Fleming Co. 61, Bath Co. 49
- Hazard 78, Knott Co. Central 61
- Johnson Central 72, Boyd Co. 63
- Lee Co. 74, Wolfe Co. 54
- Lex. Christian 63, West Jessamine 56
- Lex. Lafayette 87, Madison Central 79
- Lex. Sayre 80, Burgin 47
- Lex. Bates Creek 80, Lex. Paul Dunbar 71
- Lexington Catholic 72, Grant Co. 49
- Matewan, W.Va. vs. Phelps, ppd.
- McCreary Central 68, Whitley Co. 46
- Pineville 83, Williamsburg 42
- Rowan Co. 72, Menifee Co. 51
- Russell 63, Raceland 47
- Shelby Valley 73, Williamson, W.Va. 26
- Sheldon Clark 73, Lawrence Co. 66
- Western Hills 66, Rockcastle Co. 52
- Coca Cola Classic Tournament
- Belfry 61, Morgan Co. 60
- Letcher Co. Central 88, Prestonsburg 69

(Wednesday's scores)

- Phelps 67, Hurley, Va. 44
- Pike Co. Central 79, Breathitt County 45
- (Coca Cola Hoops Classic)
- Crusader Classic
- Elliott County 68, Allen Central 63
- June Buchanan 98, Piariest School 49

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (Tuesday's scores)

- Adair Co. 55, Campbellsville 31
- Cawood 54, Cumberland 45
- Evarts 48, Lynn Camp 42

Disc Golf

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golf; however, players use a flying disc instead of a ball. The disc is thrown from a tee area to the "hole," which is an elevated metal basket. H.B. Clark, a professional disc golfer from Bowling Green designed the Jenny Wiley course. It features "championship" tees for professional players and "recreational" tees for a relaxing family outing. Featuring a signature 18th hole with an elevated tee, Clark says the par 62 course stacks up well against any course in the country. "In disc golf it's all about two things — objects and elevation," he said. "Jenny Wiley has a good mix. There are open shots, tight shots, curves to the left and curves to the right. It should be a destination . . . a place that top travel pros like to throw and a place where family campers still won't be overwhelmed." Disc golf is a growing sport throughout the country. The Professional Disc Golf Association has more than 16,000 members. It is popular because it is affordable (play will be free at Jenny Wiley) and accessible to all ages. Although open for play now, the course at Jenny Wiley will be officially dedicated in the spring. It is expected to play host to a PDGA event in 2006. Additionally, there will be a regular league at the park, and the park will rent and sell discs to casual players, according to Park Manager Scott Ringham. The course will be open basically from dawn to dusk. Guests could even play after sunset, however, with a glow-in-the-dark disc.

What is it?

The word petroleum is from the Latin words *petra* (rock) and *oleum* (oil). Petroleum can be found in three basic forms; liquid, gas and solid. Liquid petroleum is often referred to as crude oil. Gaseous petroleum is generally called natural gas. The solid form of petroleum is known as bitumen.

Origins

Most geologists think petroleum developed due to the heating and compression of ancient plants and marine animals. This is why petroleum is considered to be a fossil fuel. Once formed, the petroleum moved through rock layers and collected in underground traps or reservoirs of porous and permeable rocks (like water in a sponge).

Common petroleum trap formations

An anticline formation resembles an arch.

A fault results from a surface crack.

An stratigraphic trap can be found in horizontal layers.

A salt dome trap is often identified by a hill.

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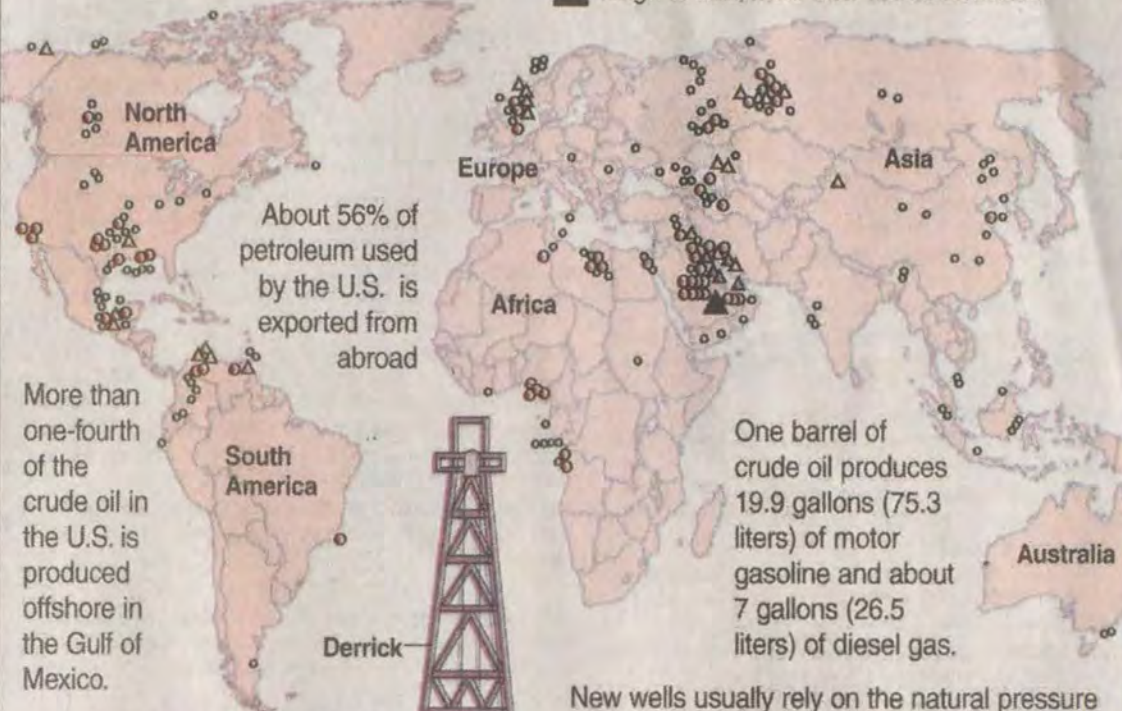
Petroleum

The world production and consumption of petroleum for 2005 is estimated at approximately 84 million barrels per day. Petroleum supplies about two-thirds of the world's energy. Widespread use of this natural resource has resulted in environmental challenges as well as economic difficulties and political strife — sometimes leading to war.

Location, location

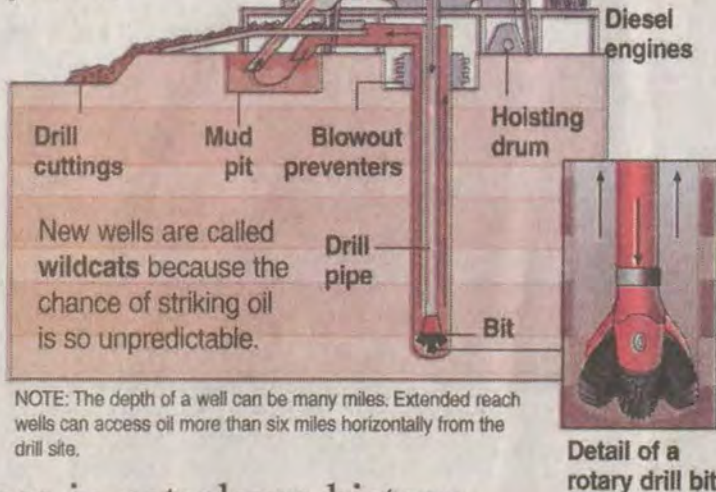
The map indicates the largest oil fields. There are more than 5,000 oil and gas drilling companies in the world.

- Giant oil field, 450 million to 5 billion barrels
- Group of 5 giant oil fields
- ▲ Supergiant oil field, 5 billion to 100 billion barrels
- ▲ Group of 5 giant oil fields
- ▲ Mega oil field, more than 100 billion barrels



Drilling

Prospectors use seismic (sound wave) technology to identify rock formations and prospective petroleum sites. Once located, a huge drilling rig is built. A rotary drill uses a derrick to support the giant drill.



Offshore

Offshore wells use jack-up rigs, semi-submersible rigs or drill ships to reach oil below the ocean floor.

Refining

Refineries take crude oil and change it into a variety of products. This is done by heating and separating the crude oil into fractions and treating the chemically changed petroleum with other substances and chemicals.

Top producers in 2004

The Middle East was the largest oil producer in 2004, supplying 29 percent of the world's oil. North America supplied 19 percent and the remaining 52 percent was distributed in more or less equal amounts around the world.

Total oil production in millions of barrels per day.* One barrel equals 42 gallons (159 liters).



*Total oil production includes crude oil, natural gas liquids, condensate, refinery gain and other liquids

Top consumers

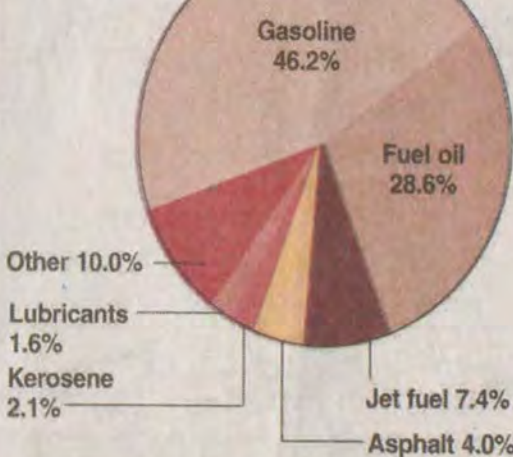
The United States uses more than twice as much oil than any other country.

2004 total oil consumption (demand) in millions of barrels per day.



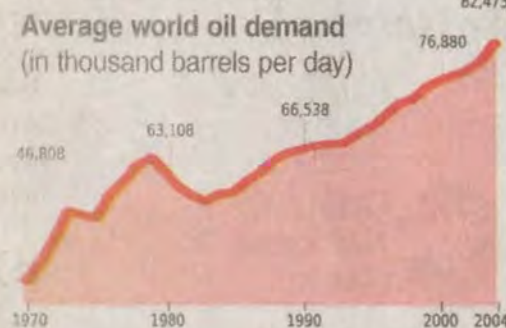
Other uses

Most petroleum is used to produce energy. But there are many other petroleum products: Ink, crayons, candles, bubble gum, detergent, furniture polish, deodorant, tires, ammonia, medical drugs, food packaging, industrial lubricants, fertilizers, insecticides and plastics.



A limited supply

Petroleum is a non-renewable energy source — which means when we use it all, there won't be any more. Some estimates suggest that if the world continues to use oil at its current rate of approximately 77 million barrels per day that the Earth's oil reserves will last about 50 years. Advances in technology, conservation and use of alternative energy sources may help the reserves last longer, but so far, oil demand is rising, not decreasing.



Looking back: Some milestones in petroleum history

<p>3,000 B.C.: Mesopotamians used rock oil as an adhesive, for caulking, medicine and on roads.</p> <p>Roman oil lamp</p>	<p>A.D. 600-700: Arab and Persian chemists mixed petroleum and quick lime to make "Greek fire".</p> <p>James Miller Williams</p>	<p>1858: James Miller Williams drilled the first commercial oil well in Canada at Oil Springs, Ontario.</p> <p>1859: In the United States, Edwin L. Drake launched the first successful commercial oil well near Titusville (in Pennsylvania).</p> <p>Edwin Drake</p>	<p>1920: The United States was home to 9 million automobiles and gas stations were being built to keep up with the demand.</p> <p>1950s to present: Oil became the most used energy source because of automobiles.</p>	<p>1993: For the first time, the U.S. imported more oil from other countries than it produced.</p> <p>2005: President Bush renewed his call for Congress to authorize oil exploration in Alaska's Wildlife Refuge.</p> <p>President Bush</p>
<p>2,000 B.C.: The Chinese refined crude oil in lamps and for heating homes.</p> <p>Egyptian oil lamp</p>	<p>1750: Native Americans near Fort Duquesne (Pittsburgh) were observed lighting fire to an oil slicked creek in a religious ceremony.</p>	<p>1890s: The invention of the automobile increased demand for gasoline. Before gasoline, kerosene for heating had been the major oil product.</p>	<p>1960: The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) was formed by Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.</p>	<p>1973: Arab Oil Embargo — several Arab OPEC nations stopped selling oil to the United States and Holland.</p>

SOURCES: World Book Encyclopedia, World Book Inc.; U.S. Energy Information Administration; Society of Petroleum Engineers; The Houston Museum of Natural Science; University of South Carolina — Geology Department; The Drake Well Museum; Oil Museum of Canada

Very puzzling

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THROUGH MY EYES

A fitting farewell

"Are you going to write about your mom this week?" a dear friend asked only a few days ago. "If so, then please make sure you email your column to me," she said.



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

As most of you most likely already know, my mother, Ruth Prater, passed from this life on December 25, 2005. And, yes, I will eventually write a column about my mom, but not this week. Her passing has been too recent and the wounds still too raw to attempt such an undertaking at this time.

I will however, extend my many thanks to those of you who helped make my mother's funeral an event worthy of her generous spirit.

To the good people at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, you have helped me to see just what a truly honorable profession you are engaged in. The services you offered my family, and the genuine caring and compassion you exhibited toward us, have left me completely awe-struck. To each of you, I offer a sincere "thank you" from the very bottom of my heart. To Robert "Bob" Allen, thank you so very much for delivering my mother's eulogy. The warmth in your remembrances truly honor my mother's life and friendly personality. She was always proud to be your neighbor.

To Bishop Ken Carriere, Angie, Staci and Josh, thank you so much for your contributions. The words and the music were most special, reverent, and inspired.

To my dear friend, Bonnie Howell, thank you for serving as pianist, thank you for taking your valuable time to prepare a beautiful slideshow of pictures and song celebrating my mother's life, and, most importantly, thank you for being the best friend a lucky gal like me could ever have.

To my dear sweet, precious, Aunt Barb and Uncle Jerry, thank you for your unending support and for standing by me in my mother's final days. You gave me strength that I could never have mustered without you.

To Annette Mosley, thank you so very much for opening your shop on a holiday "day off" to allow me to make arrangements for my mother's flowers, and, thank you, also, for the "couple" of extra roses you added to the beautiful spray. The flowers couldn't have been more beautiful than if they had been delivered from the hands of angels them-

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Maxine Eldridge



Epp Laferty



Francis Branham



Lowell Varney



photo by Kathy J. Prater
The wall containing the Hall of Fame Cafe memorials makes for an impressive sight upon entry into the facility's dining hall.

2nd Annual 'Hall of Fame Cafe' ceremonies held at Riverview Manor

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

It began last year and continued again this year, and, according to Missy Allen, Administrator, Riverview Health Care Center, honoring residents of their facility with induction into the center's "Hall of Fame Cafe" is something that will be perpetuated year after coming year.

"Our residents are very deserving of these honors," Allen said, "and it honors us to honor them."

This year, the Hall of Fame Cafe inductees were treated to a celebratory evening on December 8, 2005, when family and friends alike showed up dressed in holiday finery to pay special tribute to the lives of four very special individuals: Mrs. Francis Branham, Mrs. Margaret Maxine Eldridge, Mr. Epp Laferty, and Mr. Lowell Varney.

Following a buffet of holiday delights that included shrimp cocktail, swedish meatballs, fresh vegetables, dip, an assortment of cheeses, and decadent desserts galore, the four honorees were introduced to the audience by Allen, who then presented biographical readings and pictorial slideshows highlighting the lives of those residents being formally inducted into the Hall of Fame Cafe that evening.

Allen introduced Mrs. Francis Branham, of Prestonsburg, who, along with husband Robert, owned and operated Arrowood Hardware, later renamed Branham Hardware, for over twenty years in downtown Prestonsburg. Born in Floyd County, at Tram, in 1934, Francis later graduated from Betsy Layne High School, where she enjoyed sports and cheerleading,

before attending education classes at Prestonsburg Community College and Morehead State University. A member of the Community Methodist Church for forty-eight years, Francis loved to sing at church and for the members of the Prestonsburg Women's Club, of which she was also a member. Francis says she now enjoys watching cooking shows, sewing, and visiting with her daughter and grandchildren.

Mr. Epp Laferty, born in Prestonsburg in 1928, joined the armed services when he was 17 years of age. Mr. Laferty spent his time in service as a member of the military police guard, touring the countries of Guam, Japan, and Germany. Upon his return to Floyd County, he served as a deputy sheriff for the county, operated an automobile service station, drove a TNT truck, and transported Floyd County school children as a member of the school district's transportation department. Epp says he now enjoys visiting with family and friends and talking about his life and military service.

Mr. Lowell Varney, born in 1936, at Crum, West Virginia, is a graduate of Crum High School. Mr. Varney has worked as a licensed barber, a coal miner and construction worker. Mr. Varney has also enjoyed a successful musical career, recording twelve gospel and bluegrass albums during his lifetime. Mr. Varney is an accomplished banjo picker who has performed with such well-known names as Earl Scruggs, Ralph Stanley, the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers, and Hilo Brown. He had a role playing the banjo in the feature film, "The Kentucky Woman." Mr. Varney has also appeared on WSAZ's "Saturday Night Jamboree," as well as hosting the "The Lowell Varney Show" on

radio for two years, followed by airing for several years on the television stations WCHS and Oak Hill TV. Mr. Varney enjoys visiting with his two daughters, family, and friends, and listening to music.

Mrs. Margaret Maxine Eldridge, honored posthumously at the December event, was born in 1919, in Boyd County. Maxine and her husband, Ed, owned and operated Ed's Surplus Store, in Paintsville, for over forty-seven years. Mrs. Eldridge, who held business degrees in typing and bookkeeping from Mayo Technical School, was an active member of the First Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School classes and for which she regularly visited and helped serve dinners at local assisted living homes and to female inmates lodged in local jails. Maxine loved to can and her canned goods were often displayed in her store, the OSCAR Center, located at Oil Springs, and at various festivals throughout the state. Maxine was a member of the Democratic Women's Club and had been presented with a Key to the City of Paintsville for her honorable and outstanding contributions to her community.

Participating in the Hall of Fame Cafe ceremonies, in addition to Administrator Missy Allen, were: Ms. Rebecca Haywood, Mr. Doug Cox, Mr. Bill Donovan, Ms. Lana Calhoun, and Ms. Donna Wells.

Mrs. Allen wishes to thank all those who helped to make the evening a success, along with sending special thanks to the family of Keith Whitley, Dwight Whitley, Ricky Skaggs, Patty Loveless, Loretta Lynn, Diamond Rio, Marlow Tackett, for the items they donated for display, and to Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin.

THE FLYLADY

The last New Year's resolution you will ever make

by MARLA CILLEY

Have you been living in CHAOS (Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome)? Do you feel like you're being pulled in ten different directions at the same time? Do you run around multi-tasking but never seeming to finish anything? Are you searching for the magic pill that will stop all this chaos and help you find some peace in your life?

Here we are, embarking upon a brand new year. Every year we resolve to change something about our lives and home and every year too many of us set ourselves up for failure. I don't

ever want my readers to feel this kind of defeat again. This is why I have come up with a new year's resolution that is going to change your lives forever.

My new year's resolution for you would be to never make another new year's resolution. I want you all to be good to yourselves this year. Setting yourself up for failure by making broad resolutions just means that in three weeks you are going to be beating yourselves up again. This has to stop.

In January of 1999, I made my last New Year's Resolution. I woke up like every other red-blooded American

female and resolved to "get organized." I had said these same words each new year that I could remember as an adult. That particular year I figured out why I had never accomplished what I set out to do. I would start out gung-ho and, in a couple of weeks, I would miss a day of adhering to my resolution and then with my perfectionist tendencies, would beat myself up because I had "no discipline." Then I would say to myself that I had "messed up" and just forget the whole thing. When I was studying why my resolutions had never stuck; I realized that I had been mean to myself and I had tried to do too much

too fast. I piled on before I ever got started by making elaborate lists to follow. But this time, I resolved, was going to be different; I had a simple plan and I am here to tell you that it worked.

My plan was to be good to myself by not putting too much on myself. Part of my discovery was that I didn't have any structure to my day. I needed a routine, but routines are not automatically established. I had to go about building a routine much like you learn a new aerobic dance step or a new song. Practice one part and then when you can do that, add another part.

I decided to practice only one habit for a whole month. I know that psychologists say that it takes three weeks to learn a new habit. Well, for me, I decided right off the bat that I would give myself an extra week by taking the whole month of January to practice just one habit; then, if I missed a day, I had an automatic grace period built into my plan. Because of the grace period, I didn't have to beat myself up, either. My first "babystep" was in learning to shine my kitchen sink and in keeping it shiny. The end result of

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my plan was truly amazing. The only thing I had to do was shine my sink every day. From that shining sink grew a positive attitude and a smile on my face. I was so surprised to get up in the morning and be greeted by that shining sink. I was not beating myself up and I think this is the key to taking babysteps.

Think back to last year and your resolutions; did you resolve to lose weight and exercise more? Did you have a plan? In most cases, the answer is "no." Instead of making resolutions, let's take babysteps in order to accomplish the same thing. At the same time, we have to realize that our perfectionism is going to make us want to throw the baby

out with the bathwater. Do not allow yourself to do this ever again. My desire is for you to FLY ("Finally Love Yourself")! You can do this if you will not set yourself up to fail!

In the weeks to come, we will explore ways in which you, our dear readers, may begin to rid yourselves of your CHAOS and learn to FLY!

Editor's Note: To learn more about ridding yourself of CHAOS, check out Marla's website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net, or see her book, "Sink Reflections," published by Bantam.

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Eyes

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selves. To my cousin, Judy, thank you so much for sharing your beautiful home with my family and providing a place where we could come together for a wonderful meal to share memories of "Aunt Ruth" and growing up days of youth. And, thank you, also, for being such a good niece, and friend, to my mother throughout the years. She always loved your visits, as she did visits from all of her nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. "Imie Jean," Phyllis, Bonnie, Greg, Terry, Jan, Aunt Bernice, Karen, Uncle Charles and Aunt Mary Ruth, my mother loved you each and every one in a very special way. She was most proud of her heritage, her parents, her siblings, and each of her nieces and nephews.

To my cousin, "Darby," thank you for honoring my parents and my family by providing such a beautiful final resting place for my mom and dad. They both so loved "Middle Creek," their families and the natural beauty of the land in which they are now a part of. Thank you so much for allowing us the security of knowing that our parents rest in a tranquil spot of untarnished beauty.

To my cousin "PeeWee" thank you for sharing your memories of my mother, and to cousin Connie, thank you so very much for opening your beautiful heart and home to my family at at time when we all pitched in and handled my "hide away" a bit and take refuge in one another's caring arms.

And, last but not least, a resounding "thank you" to my publisher, Josh, my "boss," Ralph, and to everyone here at the Times who pitched in and handled my responsibilities here at the office during my absence, and for the love and caring you offered me upon my return. This place may drive me a "bit nuts" at times, but no one could ever ask for a better group of individuals with which to associate themselves than I am blessed to work with each day.

I've never been prouder to be a member of this community. And, if I've forgotten anyone, please forgive me and rest assured that though my little pea brain may have not been fully engaged this day, you are, nonetheless, always remembered and never forgotten within my heart.

In my mother's memory, may God bless you all.

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.

New Arrivals

Highlands Regional Medical Center

- December 8, 2005 A daughter, Cheyenne McKenzie Kidd, to Marica and Bradford Kidd
- December 8, 2005 A daughter, Abigail Janease Collett, to Dena and Lucky Collett
- December 8, 2005 A son, James Walter Lee Moore, to Crystal Dawn Bowling
- December 9, 2005 A daughter, Alexis Faith Akers, to Kelly and James Akers
- December 9, 2005 A son, Joseph Brook Amburgey, to Brandi and Brock Amburgey
- December 9, 2005 A daughter, Trista Gail Wooton, to Emily Marie Roark
- December 12, 2005 A daughter, Madison Marie Salyers, to Helen and Shawn Salyers
- December 13, 2005 A daughter, Cadence Nicole Whittaker, to Myra Sue Ratliff
- December 13, 2005 A daughter, Jordyn Grace Burnett Hall, to Trenda and Gregory Hall
- December 13, 2005 A son, Joshua Blake Perry, to Elizabeth and Roy Perry
- December 14, 2005 A daughter, Makayla Lynae Pratt, to Connie White
- December 14, 2005 A daughter, Kristian Danielle Melton, to Crystal and Wallace Melton
- December 14, 2005 A son, Joshua Cameron Allen, to Tiffany Elizabeth

Allen

- December 14, 2005 A son, Mark Anthony Lee Fugate, to Frances Landon
- December 15, 2005 A son, Jaxson Dwight Williams, to Kimberly R. Williams
- December 15, 2005 A daughter, Keisha Leighann Brown, to Jassica Claressia Hunt
- December 16, 2005 A son, John Cameron Combs, to Lora and John Combs
- December 16, 2005 A son, James Landon Hughes, to Heather and James Hughes
- December 16, 2005 A daughter, Brianna Nicole Webb, to Ashley and Christopher Webb
- December 17, 2005 A son, Reid Harryson Patrick, to Taza and Mitchell Patrick
- December 18, 2005 A daughter, Allison Faith Yates, to Cristy and Timmy Yates
- December 18, 2005 A son, Kenneth Ray Harris, to Anita Kay Hayden
- December 19, 2005 A daughter, Carlee Raygan Pinson, to Kimberly and John Pinson
- December 20, 2005 A son, Lucas Owen Wolford, to Kellie and Joshua Wolford
- December 20, 2005 A daughter, Linsey Isabella Bleivins, to Freda and Kelvin Bleivins
- December 20, 2005 A daughter, Joselyn Kylee Marie Hall, to Jackie and Joshua Hall

- December 21, 2005 A daughter, Jaden Rylee Ward, to Paula and Shawn Ward
- December 21, 2005 A daughter, Victoria Eva-Ellen Lackey, to Ila Dalbeck
- December 21, 2005 A son, Mathew Selton Slone, to Reba Jacobs
- December 22, 2005 A daughter, Chrissy Shania Shiana Napier, to Heather Lynn Napier
- December 22, 2005 A son, Aaron William Hoover, to Nora Mae Hoover
- December 22, 2005 A son, Derek Isaiiah Gibson, to Dena Ann Gibson
- December 22, 2005 A daughter, Kaylee Dakota Hall, to Mary and James Hall
- December 22, 2005 A daughter, Autumn Kayle Grace Hensley, to Brenda and Timothy Hensley
- December 24, 2005 A son, Cameron Jackie Ritchie Jr., to Tawynia Williams
- December 24, 2005 A daughter, Jasmaine Starr Bradford, to April and Jay Bradford
- December 25, 2005 A daughter, Amber Lysha Troutt, to Stacie Neace
- December 25, 2005 A son, Jaycob Dayne Johnson, to Angelia and Tommy Johnson
- December 26, 2005 A daughter, Madison Suzanne Henson, to Malinda Sue Joseph
- December 27, 2005 A daughter, Kada Anabelle O'Bryan, to Tiffany and Shane O'Bryan

JWT Theatre preparing for 2006 auditions

Jenny Wiley Theatre is pleased to announce auditions for its upcoming 2006 season. Performers, both professional and amateur, are invited to attend the Theatre's local casting call. The local auditions will be held at the Mountain Arts Center, on Friday, January 27 from 5pm - 9pm and Saturday, January 28 from 10am - 4pm. The Theatre offers both paid and volunteer positions and employs professional theatre talent from across the nation. The summer season productions include The Music Man, Footloose, Nunsense, and The Legend of Jenny Wiley. Fall and Holiday productions are soon to be announced. Performers are asked to prepare a song and a short

monologue. An accompanist will be provided. A Capella singing is acceptable, but auditioners must sing with piano to demonstrate ability to match pitch. Tapes and pre-recorded accompaniments are discouraged. Therefore, there will be no stereo or tape player provided. Be prepared to move - some performers may be asked to demonstrate movement skills and/or be taught a short dance combination as part of the audition. Jenny Wiley Theatre offers a unique opportunity to work in a professional theatre environment, and these auditions extend that opportunity to the local community. JWT is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Not sure what to expect at an audition? Read on. Jenny Wiley Theatre and

the Mountain Arts Center present A Professional Audition Workshop. For even the most experienced performers, auditioning can be a nerve-racking event. What to sing, what to wear, and where to find a monologue? Gain insight from industry professionals who understand the process, and learn how best to prepare for that all-important two-minute audition. Receive specific feedback on your current audition materials and individualized instruction as to how to strengthen your overall performance. An intense experience, the Professional Audition Workshop offers anyone ages 8 and up all the tools and feedback they need from experienced professionals to prepare a quality audition. Saturdays, January 7 and

January 14, 2006, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, at the Mountain Arts Center. Instructors: Misty Daniels, professional actor/singer and Scott Bradley, JWT artistic director. Fee: \$50. To register, call the MAC at 606-889-9125 or 888-MAC-ARTS. Don't delay! There is limited space and the class will be filled on a "first-come/ first-served" basis. Please bring a prepared song and a memorized monologue to the workshop. Jenny Wiley Theatre is a non-profit organization and receives funding from individuals, corporations, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paintsville Tourism, the Kentucky Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Kentucky Department of Travel.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

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

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

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

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. 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. Tele-

phone: 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



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Q My doctor says I am prediabetic. My blood sugars have been in the 180 range in the mornings and my hemoglobin A1C has been around 8. My doctor has not started me on any medications because he is watching me and does not want to bring my sugar down "too fast." He has been watching me for about a year. My friend says I need medications, and that I have been watched too long. Who is right?

A Based on the information that you have given me, I would say your friend is right, not your

doctor. Since you specified that the readings were in the morning, I'm assuming that the blood was drawn before you ate breakfast. With this type of "fasting" test, your 180 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL) level would put you in the diabetic range — not the prediabetic range.

For the record, most authorities say that your fasting blood sugar is normal if it's in the range of 70 mg/dL to 100 mg/dL. Prediabetes is usually classified as a fasting blood sugar between 100 mg/dL and 125 mg/dL.

Let me also clarify another point. While we do not want a person's blood glucose to go too low, there is really no

such thing as bringing your sugar down too fast.

I am hoping that in the last year your doctor has counseled you on diet, exercise and weight loss. In some cases it is acceptable to "watch" a patient for a few months while he or she makes lifestyle changes, but a year is a bit long, considering your glucose and hemoglobin A1C levels.

Diet is the key to controlling your blood sugar. Your doctor should prescribe the diet that he wants you to have. Eating a low-calorie, low-fat, low-sweets diet can improve your sugar and promote weight loss. I'd recommend eating reasonable amounts of food at the same times every day, rather than a cycle of skipping meals and then "binging." This can stabilize your sugar. Keep in mind that not eating for long periods of time can be just as harmful to your glucose levels as overeating.

Daily walking or some sort of exercise for at least 20 minutes is impor-

tant. This helps to lower your sugar as well as promote weight loss. Exercising every day is better than a few times a week as it promotes a good habit. Every other day activities are too easy to put off until tomorrow.

You should be monitoring your blood sugar on a regular basis, two to four times a day. And yes, you should ask your doctor to put you on medication since your sugars are outside of the normal range. If your doctor will not do that, you should find a physician that specializes in diabetic care and consult him or her regarding your treatment. Your body will function better with a normal sugar level, and there is no benefit to you to simply watch a chronically elevated sugar.

Now let me end with a bit of good news. If you get treatment for your diabetes and change to a healthier lifestyle, there's a decent chance that in a year or so, you might be able to cut back or eliminate your diabetes med-

ication. A real key here is getting your weight to a normal or near-normal level. I know this may appear to be a difficult goal, but if you follow my dietary and exercise advice, you can improve your health little by little, day by day.



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Mallory is 3!

Mallory Evan Crum celebrated her third birthday on December 14, 2005, with family and friends. Mallory is the daughter of Mitch and Debbie Crum, of McDowell. She is the granddaughter of Arthur and Gaylena Fannin, of Price, and Mitchell and Teresa Crum, also of McDowell.



Alex is 1!

Alex Joseph Begley celebrated his first birthday on November 10, 2005, with an "Elmo" theme party held at the Wayland Community Center. Alex is the son of Larry Joe and Rhonda Begley. He is the grandson of Donald and Freeda Horne, of Lackey, and Larry and Suzette Begley, of Hazard. Alex received many nice gifts and enjoyed celebrating his special day with family and friends.



Clark-Davis

Sara Elizabeth Clark, the daughter of Jon and Sharon Clark, of Harrodsburg, and Ryan Walter Davis, the son of John and Jackie Davis, of Paducah, and Bobby and Sharon Craine, of Golconda, Illinois, were joined in marriage on Saturday, September 17, 2005, at Central Christian Church, in Lexington. The Rev. Dr. Michael Mooty officiated.

The new bride is the granddaughter of R.D. and Eunice Peyton, of Salvisa, and Annis Clark and the late Charles Clark, of Garrett. The groom is the grandson of Helen Davis and the late Lowell Davis, of Paducah, and the late Hillis and Audrey Walter, of Metropolis, Illinois.

Rachel Clark, of Atlanta, Georgia, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Christa Dahmann, of Florence, Lavin Graviss, of Louisville, Nikki Johnson, of Lexington, and Michelle Merimee, of Louisville, served as bridesmaids. Rick Alexander, of Pearland, Texas served as best man. Mark Hurst, of Atlanta, Georgia, David Ramage, of Louisville, Ryan Roberts, of Paducah, and Andy Stubblefield, of Louisville, served as groomsmen. Terry Clagett, of Louisville, Clay Leavell, of Lexington, and Alex Nolan, of Kirkwood, Missouri, served as ushers. Gretchen Schultz, of Lexington, and Misty Freeman, of Atlanta, Georgia, served as readers. Jane Higgins, of Berea, and Gretchen Copley, of Lexington, distributed programs. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Talon Winery and Vineyards at Fairview Farm. The couple now reside in Lexington.



Taylor is 1!

Taylor Nicole Hamilton celebrated her first birthday on January 4, 2006, with family and friends. Taylor is the daughter of Toby and Shonna Hamilton, of Harold. She is the maternal granddaughter of Ernest and Emma Hall, of Galveston. Her paternal grandparents are Larry and Joy Hall, of Printer, and the late Phillip "Roger" Hamilton. She is the great-granddaughter of Bamie Taylor, of Tennessee, the late Flotina Jones, of McDowell, and the late Edna Rogers, of Galveston.



Bryce is 5!

Bryce Hall recently celebrated his fifth birthday at Pin Zone Bowling Alley with a "Batman" theme party. Bryce is the son of Eric and Kim Hall, of Wayland. He is the maternal grandson of Richard and Carolyn Bellamy, also of Wayland. His paternal grandparents are Palmer Hall, of Cleveland, Tennessee, and Ann Tignor, of Wayland.



Presler-Spradlin

Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison Presler, II, of Princeton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Emory Ann Presler, to David Walter Spradlin, the son of Mrs. Nancy Hall Niles of Wesley Chapel, Florida, and David Bruce Spradlin, of Greenville, South Carolina.

Emory is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison Presler, of Princeton, and the late Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Louard Cash, Sr. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, and is a general practice dental resident for Kentucky Clinic, in Lexington.

David is the grandson of Mrs. Aileen Hall, of Betsy Layne, and the late Walter Hall, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lee Spradlin, of Paducah. He is a graduate of the University of South Florida.

Wedding vows will be exchanged on Saturday, May 27, 2006.

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 New contest and prizes awarded monthly



Chicken &
Vegetable Stir-Fry

SOUP UP YOUR DIET

FAMILY FEATURES
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) MyPyramid symbolizes a personalized approach to healthy eating, allowing you to choose from a variety of options in each food group to meet your needs based upon your age, gender and level of physical activity.

Adding soup to your meal plan is a quick and simple way to help you meet the new recommendations. Most prepared soups are moderate in calories, low in fat and provide a good source of nutrients, as well as vegetables, lean meats and grains. There are also many varieties of soups to choose from, including reduced- and low-sodium selections, so you're sure to find a soup that's right for you!

Visit Campbell's Center for Nutrition & Wellness at www.campbellwellness.com for articles on ways to choose foods that meet the new MyPyramid recommendations. And get a FREE copy of Campbell's *Soup for Life Plan*, a flexible meal plan that you can customize to help you to meet your individual MyPyramid requirements.

Following are some "souper" delicious ideas that can help the whole family put MyPyramid into practice!

Chicken & Vegetable Stir-Fry

Prep/Cook Time: 25 minutes
Serves: 4

- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 3/4 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (Regular, Certified Organic or Natural Goodness)
- 1 tablespoon low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 pound boneless chicken breast, cut into strips
- 5 cups cut-up vegetables (use a combination of broccoli florets, sliced carrots and green or red pepper strips)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder or 1 clove garlic, minced
- 4 cups hot cooked rice, cooked without salt

MIX cornstarch, broth and soy sauce.

SPRAY nonstick skillet with vegetable cooking spray and heat 1 minute. Add chicken and stir-fry until browned. Remove chicken. ADD vegetables, ginger and garlic, and stir-fry until tender-crisp. STIR in cornstarch mixture and cook until mixture boils and thickens. Return chicken to skillet and heat through. Serve over rice.

Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving (with Swanson Chicken Broth): Calories 413, Total Fat 4g, Saturated Fat 1g, Cholesterol 74mg, Sodium 633mg, Total Carbohydrate 59g, Dietary Fiber 4g, Protein 33g

Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving (with Swanson Certified Organic or Natural Goodness Chicken Broth): Calories 413, Total Fat 4g, Saturated Fat 1g, Cholesterol 72mg, Sodium 469mg, Total Carbohydrate 59g, Dietary Fiber 4g, Protein 34g

MyPyramid contributions (per serving)

- Vegetables: 1 1/4 cups
- Grains: 2-ounce equivalent (Substitute whole grain brown rice for white rice in this dish and you add 3 grams of fiber and whole grain to your meal.)
- Meats & Beans: 3-ounce equivalent

"Souper" Ways to Meet Your MyPyramid Goals

Guide to MyPyramid based on a 2000 calorie reference diet*

- Vegetables: 2 1/2 cups
 - Fruit: 2 cups
 - Grains: 6 ounces (make at least 3 ounces whole grains)
 - Dairy: 3 cups of milk or milk products
 - Meat & Beans: 5 1/2 ounces
- *Visit www.mypyramid.gov for your individual needs.



Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Serves: 1

1 serving (8 ounces prepared) Campbell's Healthy Request Tomato soup

Turkey Sandwich: 2 slices Pepperidge Farm 100% Whole Wheat Whole Grain Bread, 2 ounces sliced turkey breast, 1 teaspoon mayonnaise, 2 pieces leaf lettuce and 2 tomato slices

1 cup total carrot sticks, celery sticks and red pepper strips

Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving with Campbell's Healthy Request Tomato soup: Calories 457, Total Fat 9g, Saturated Fat 2g, Cholesterol 50mg, Sodium 869mg, Total Carbohydrate 67g, Dietary Fiber 10g, Protein 29g

MyPyramid contributions (per serving)

- Vegetables: 1 1/2 cups
- Whole Grains: 2-ounce equivalent
- Meats & Beans: 2-ounce equivalent

Soup has been called a "secret weapon" for weight loss success because you can actually eat more to weigh less. Because soup is a "low-calorie-dense" food, you can fill up on fewer calories and stay satisfied longer.

Why does soup work?

- **More for less!** You can eat larger portions of water-rich foods, like broth-based soups, which have relatively few calories per serving.
- **Variety!** With so many soup options, you can enjoy a different soup every day.
- **Satisfaction!** No matter what your personal goals, soup can add taste, variety and satisfaction for a plan you can stick with.
- **Nutrition You Need!** Cutting calories can often result in cutting nutrients your body needs. Choosing foods like soup that are low in calories but provide fiber and important vitamins and minerals, such as calcium, iron and vitamins A and C, can help ensure that losing pounds doesn't mean losing out on nutrition.



To get a FREE copy of Campbell's *Soup for Life Plan*, customize your own meal plans or obtain product information and recipes, visit www.campbellwellness.com.

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Breakfast Omelet Sandwiches

Prep/Cook Time: 15 minutes
Serves: 2

- 1/2 cup chopped fresh mushrooms
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped tomato
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup cholesterol-free egg substitute
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 slices Pepperidge Farm 9 Grain Natural Whole Grain Bread

SPRAY nonstick skillet with vegetable cooking spray. Heat skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms, green pepper, tomato and onion. Cover and cook until softened. Remove from skillet. Wipe out skillet with paper towel.

SPRAY nonstick skillet with vegetable cooking spray. Heat skillet over medium heat. Add 1/4 cup egg substitute and top with half the cooked vegetables. Cook until set but still moist on top, lifting edges of omelet with spatula. Sprinkle with half the cheese and fold in half. Place on 1 bread slice and top with another. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving: Calories 236, Total Fat 3g, Saturated Fat 0g, Cholesterol 1mg, Sodium 430mg, Total Carbohydrate 35g, Dietary Fiber 7g, Protein 16g

MyPyramid contributions (per serving)

- Vegetables: 1/2 cup
- Whole Grains: 2-ounce equivalent
- Meats & Beans: 1-ounce equivalent

