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## Board to borrow \$700K for tech

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Just as it "takes money to make money," so also does it take access to new technology to help kids keep up in today's ever-

changing world.

With that in mind, the Floyd County Board of Education recently voted to take advantage of a no-interest loan opportunity in order to purchase new instructional technology items for Floyd County students.

Through the KISTA Loan Program, the school district will receive a five-year, no-interest loan in the amount of \$708,960, to be used to purchase LED projectors and SmartPads for each classroom, 480 total, in the district.

Supt. Paul Fanning said that the

board members were initially "concerned" in regard to problems that could arise in paying back the funds, but ultimately decided to move forward with the decision to take advantage of

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### briefs

### Detour on Route 979 starts today

GRETHEL — Traffic on Route 979 in Floyd County, now named Eula Hall Highway, will be detoured between mile points 15 and 16 starting today. This is part of the ongoing Minnie to Harold Connector roadwork.

Mary Westfall-Holbrook, construction engineer for Highway District 12 of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, explained that traffic will be re-routed through the new roadway cut area that is almost four miles from US 23.

The detour will go into effect at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 8. Holbrook urges motorists to drive carefully and more slowly than usual until they get used to the detour.

### 3 DAY FORECAST

**Today**  
Sunny  
High: 31 • Low: 16

**Tomorrow**  
Sunny  
High: 43 • Low: 25

**Sunday**  
Partly cloudy  
High: 50 • Low: 31

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### ARTISTIC CHRISTMAS



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Nature photographer Kenny Mitchell, left, enjoyed conversing with those that visited the Christmas Open House Tuesday evening, sponsored by the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce and the Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. Local artists were on hand to discuss their various crafts, tantalizing treats from Made from Scratch were offered to all, and each visitor received a complimentary "Star City" Christmas ornament. Santa was also on hand to hear Christmas wishes and hand out gingerbread boy cookies.

## Union says Pike nursing home understaffed

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Pike County nursing home is facing allegations of substandard care for its patients, according to a report released by a labor union Wednesday.

Area legislators, community leaders and nursing home caregivers gathered together on Wednesday to discuss allega-

tions regarding the quality of patient care at Pikeville Health Care Center, which is managed by Home Quality Management. Over the past three inspection cycles, the facility has been cited for patient care violations, including lack of needed care to residents, residents not receiving proper hygiene and the facility being dirty and in disrepair.

According to a statement

from Service Employees International Union, Pikeville Health Care Center has staffing levels 20 percent below state averages. Governmental research shows that facilities in which nurse aides provide fewer than two hours of care daily to each resident are at substantially greater risk for quality problems. Nurse aide

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## Regional SS director retiring

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Forty years of government service will soon come to a close as a Social Security district manager in the Big Sandy area retires.

Jim Kelly, district manager of the Big Sandy Social Security Administration in Prestonsburg, announced earlier this week that he will retire on Jan. 2.

Kelly began his career in Social Security in Charlotte, N.C. He also served in Tennessee, Virginia, New York City, Washington D.C. and the Atlanta and Philadelphia regions.

"I have enjoyed working and the Social Security Administration. He also expressed that he will miss all of the fine people that came to the office for service.



Jim Kelly

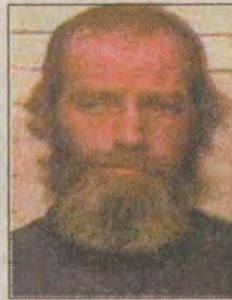
Kelly will continue to serve on the Big Sandy Council on Aging, the Sandy Valley Transportation Board, the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation, Johnson County Senior Citizens Board and the East Kentucky Veterans Coalition. He will continue to reside in Flat Gap with his wife Mary Jo.

Kelly said he wished to thank all of the elected and public officials that have provided much assistance to him

## Murder, rape case sent to grand jury

by ALEX SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County man who was arrested last week and charged with the murder of 56-year-old Margaret Hall waived his formal preliminary hearing Wednesday, preferring that his case be heard by a Floyd County grand jury.



Tony Ray Tackett

Bond will remain at \$1 million for 44-year-old Printer native Tony Ray Tackett, who was arrested Nov. 29 after an eight-month investigation conducted by Kentucky State Police.

Hall's body was discovered April 1 off a strip-mine road near Big Branch at Harold. She was last seen alive March 18 and had been reported missing on March 30, according to KSP.

A spokesman for the KSP post in Pikeville said Hall and Tackett had met each other in the past but did not know the specifics of the relationship.

Det. Stuart Howard of KSP charged Tackett with rape and unlawful impris-

onment in addition to the murder charge. In the criminal complaint filed against Tackett, Howard alleges that the death of Hall was allegedly caused when Tackett strangled her to death by suffocating her with an unknown binding device.

The citation also alleges that Tackett allegedly restrained Hall by binding her hands and arms behind her back,

subjecting her to serious physical injury. The rape charge was filed because Tackett allegedly forcibly engaged in sexual intercourse with Hall while she was physically restrained.

Similar charges have been brought against Tackett in the past when he faced a third-degree rape charge in Floyd County in 1993 and an unlawful imprisonment charge in 1991 in Pike County. Both cases were dismissed.

Despite the fact that Tackett has been arrested and is awaiting a decision by the grand jury, the investigation is still ongoing. Detectives working the case have yet to rule out the possibility that other suspects could have been involved.



photo by Alex Smith

Former Kentucky Wildcat guard Jeff Shepherd spoke to parents and teachers about commitment and effort as part of the Parent University program at the May Lodge in Prestonsburg Thursday. There are 15 centers in Floyd County where parents can attend meetings and talk about issues that are important in the lives of their children. Current issues the groups are focusing on include school attendance, drugs, health and internet safety.

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# Obituaries

## Paul Edward Blackburn

Paul Edward Blackburn, age 42, of Prestonsburg, passed away Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at the Jewish Hospital, Louisville.

He was born September 19, 1964, in Endicott, the son of Archel Blackburn of Prestonsburg, and the late Emma Jean Lewis Blackburn.

In addition to his father, his survivors include two daughters: Nikki Nicole Blackburn of Blue River, and Ashley Dawn Blackburn of Stoutsville, Ohio; four brothers: Gary Blackburn of Prestonsburg, Rodney Blackburn of Canton, Ohio, Stevie Blackburn of Prestonsburg, and Scottie Blackburn of Millersport,

Ohio; two sisters: Charolette George of Prestonsburg, and Debra Burns of Columbus, Ohio; and a granddaughter, Sophie Grace Stephens.

Funeral services for Paul Edward Blackburn will be conducted Saturday, December 9, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clergymen Jim Smith and Bill Collins officiating.

Burial will follow in the Blackburn Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is after 6:00 p.m., Thursday, at the Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

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## Alvin Eugene Davenport Sr.

Alvin Eugene Davenport Sr., age 83, of Nicholasville, formerly of Pike County, died Monday, December 4, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital East in Lexington.

Born March 20, 1923, in Winding Gulf, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Clarence and Manilla Christian Davenport. He was a retired coal miner; a member of U.M.W.A.; and a U.S. Marine World War II veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Claudia Odell Lovell Davenport.

Survivors include two sons: Alvin E. Davenport Jr. (Brenda) of Prestonsburg, and Calvin A. Davenport (Susie) of Nicholasville; two stepsons: Delburn Boggs of Radford, Virginia, and Samuel J. Boggs of Hillsville, Virginia; a step-daughter: Sharon Huffman of Pikeville; three brothers: Les Davenport of Maple Valley, Washington, Charles Davenport of Blackwood, New Jersey, and Max Davenport of Honolulu, Hawaii; three sisters: Henrietta Hinson of Macon, Georgia, Margaret Schroeder of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Myrtle Smith of Canada, Kentucky; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Clarence Davenport, James Davenport, and Jack Davenport.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 6, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating. Military services were conducted by Chapter 18, Auxier D.A.V.

Entombment was in Gethsemane Gardens in Prestonsburg.

Visitation, was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

## Alma Johnson Ditto Meade

Alma Johnson Ditto Meade, age 90, of Melvin, widow of Vernon Meade, passed away Monday, December 4, 2006, at her residence.

She was born December 8, 1915, in Wales, Ky., the daughter of the late K boy Johnson and Josephine Johnson.

Survivors include two sons, Gordon Ray Ditto, and his wife, Annette of Cynthiana, and Ganes Ditto, of Melvin, and his wife, the late Fayetta Ditto; a daughter Trula Mae Meade of Melvin; a sister, Icy Jones of Melvin; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two grandsons: Rusty Little and Kenny Ray Ditto.

Funeral services for Mrs. Meade will be conducted Friday, December 8, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with

Clergymen Louis Ferrari and Donald Daniels officiating.

Burial will follow in the Newman Cemetery, in Hi Hat, with the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is after 5 p.m., Wednesday, at the Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

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## William L. (Joe) Burchett Sr.

William L. (Joe) Burchett Sr., of Wabash, Indiana, died at 9:15 a.m., Thursday, November 16, 2006, in McCConnellsburg, Pennsylvania.

He was born in Floyd County, Ky., the son of William R. and Margie (Harmon) Burchett on June 9, 1939.

Survivors include his wife, Lana Maples Burchett, and two sons: William L. Burchett Jr., of Wabash, and Gregory L. (Wendy) Burchett of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Mrs. Chuck (Angie) Douglass of Wabash; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Russell (Debbie) Waldon of Wabash; two sisters: Mrs. Michael (Wanda) Nose of Wabash, and Mrs. Jerry (Karen) Martin of Prestonsburg; 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

He was a truck driver for Schilli of Kokomo. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, and a former member of the



And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. Revelation: 21:4

Wabash Moose Lodge No. 1195. He had a love of fast-pitch softball and also enjoyed music, playing in a band at one time.

He also loved to travel.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, November 21, at McDonald Funeral Home, Eddingfield Chapel.

Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

Memorials may be made to the Wabash County Hope Foundation Oncology Department, 710 N. East St., Wabash, IN, 46992.

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Dr. Faruque Ahmed, General Surgeon, has joined the Medical Staff at Highlands Regional Medical Center and opened an office practice in Suite 2 of the Riverview Complex near the Medical Center. Dr. Ahmed is a graduate of the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and served his Internship and Residency in General Surgery at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockway, New York. As a General Surgeon, Dr. Ahmed will perform minor surgical procedures, laparoscopic procedures, and more complicated abdominal procedures.

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# For the Record

## Marriage Licenses

Erica Deon Bradford, 20, of David, to James Dean Elkins, 23, of David.

Geraldine Harris Chaffin, 51, of Prestonsburg, to Vonnie Gorman Chaffin, 65, of Prestonsburg.

Sara Rose Fraley, 22, of Prestonsburg, to Jared Stewart Lyon, 21, of Salyersville.

Amanda Nicole Hunt, 21, of Prestonsburg, to Arthur Jay Thomas Hicks, 19, of Prestonsburg.

Tonya Dee Newsome Sanders, 32, of Teaberry, to Kenneth Ray Goble, 39, of Ivel.

Tracy Lynn Davis, 28, of McDowell, to Nathan Shawn Mosley, 30, of McDowell.

Charlene Ousley, 51, of Blue River, to Marvin Keith Johnson, 50, of Blue River.

Amanda Ann Blackburn, 25, of Drift, to Dwayne Ray Osborne, 33, of Drift.

Carlotta Zappa, 48, of Printer, to Paul L. Williams, 45, of Printer.

Lilly Marie Sparks, 26, of Auxier, to Michael Joe Fairchild, 34, of Auxier.

## Civil Suits Filed

MRC Receivables Corporation vs. Delilah Blackburn; to collect debt

McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital vs. Johnny W. Ray; to collect debt

McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital vs. Michael Williamson; to collect debt

Cash Express vs. Reynold Dillon; to collect debt

Palisades Collection LLC vs. Crystal A. Burdzilaskus; to collect debt

CACV of Colorado, LLC vs. Hattie L. Robinson; to collect debt

First Resolution Investment Corp. vs. Janice James; to collect debt

Motorists Mutual Insurance Co. vs. Shane Stone; to collect debt

Black Acre Enterprises LLC vs. Ruby Goble; to collect debt

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Kennis Lucas, Sr.; to collect debt

Capital One Bank vs. Thomas and Carol Meade; to collect debt

Carmencita Miller Prater and Brenda Burke vs. Tammy Griffith; eviction

Capital One Bank vs. Shelia M. Alley; to collect debt

Capital One Bank vs. Helen Newsome; to collect debt

Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Timothy V. Ray; to collect debt

Capital One Bank vs. N. Tackett; to collect debt

Mark Tackett vs. William N. Hall; compensatory and punitive damages

Billie Jewel vs. Malinda Kendrick and Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company; compensatory and punitive damages

Jessica Kidd vs. Joseph Don Kidd; dissolution of marriage

Norman Chaffins vs. Jennifer Chaffins; dissolution of marriage

Discover Bank vs. Mary Stone; to collect debt

Elizabeth Stiltner vs. Clinton Stiltner; dissolution of marriage

Robbie Batteiger vs. Roberta

Young; order for change of venue

James Avery Goble vs. Erica Goble; dissolution of marriage

Timmy D. Yates vs. Cristy M. Yates; petition for health care insurance

Charla Ann Goble vs. Matthew Thomas Goble; dissolution of marriage

Tracy Stanley vs. Jennifer Conn; compensatory and punitive damages

Tracy Mullins vs. George Alley; compensatory and punitive damages

Misty Collins vs. Jason Collins; dissolution of marriage

Clarence Bentley vs. Kathy Bentley; dissolution of marriage

Layne Bros. Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Inc. vs. Robert Tussey and Tussey Building Erectors; compensatory and punitive damages

McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital vs. Chester McCarthy; to collect debt

Peggy Lawson vs. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; compensatory and punitive damages

CACH, LLC vs. Sabrena Stepp; to collect debt

Ethel McKenzie vs. Shanna McKenzie; petition for health care insurance

Ethel McKenzie vs. Christoph McKenzie; petition for health care insurance

Bridgett Case vs. Arnold Mosley; petition for health care insurance

U.S. Bank vs. Katherine Thornsby; to collect debt

Ruby J. Preston vs. Jessica A. Johnson; compensatory and punitive damages

Capital One Bank vs. Thurston Endicott; to collect debt

Crystal and Bertha Hall vs. Derrick S. Coleman; compensatory and punitive damages

## Small Claims Filings

Housing Authority of Martin vs. Christina D. Wallen; to collect debt

Busy Bee Septic Systems vs. Dan E. Hall; to collect debt

## Charges Filed

Kenneth R. Perry, 40; second-degree assault

Kathy Mullins, 38; first-degree wanton endangerment, leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance

Charles Johnson, 55; first-degree wanton endangerment, fourth-degree assault

Elray Cline, 22; second-degree burglary, public intoxication controlled substance, third-degree possession controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence

Tony Ray Tackett, 44; first-degree rape, murder, first-degree unlawful imprisonment

Kermit Murphy, Jr., 40; second-degree assault

Ernest Little, 41; second-degree assault

## Inspections

Wal-Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at laundry or handwashing sink. Score: 98

Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center, Prestonsburg, regular

inspection. Violations noted: Food not protected during storage, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Score: 96

Hot Rod Pizza, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezer units storing potentially hazardous foods, operators not providing and using chemical test kits where chemical sanitization methods are employed, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, improper storage of single service articles, floors not clean, floors not in good repair, attached equipment not constructed properly on walls and ceiling, light fixtures not shielded as required, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 90

Hardee's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food not protected during storage, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 97

Crider's Grocery, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezer units storing potentially hazardous foods, non food contact surfaces of equipment and utensils not clean, improper storage of single service articles, attached equipment not constructed properly on walls and ceiling. Score: 96

Jan's Mobile Home Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all mobile home lots are properly numbered, mobile home lot sizes not in compliance, park lacks sufficient number of approved individual garbage cans, accumulation of debris in the upper end of the lot. Score: 92

B&C Parkway, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezer units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, operators not providing and using chemical test kits where chemical sanitization methods are employed, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, improper storage of clean equipment and utensils, toilet room doors not self closing, light fixtures not shielded as required, lighting not provided as required. Score: Food, 94, Retail, 94

John M. Stumbo Elementary, Grethel, regular school inspection. Violations

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2002 Dodge Dakota 4X2	\$ 6,950
Local Trade, All Power, Automatic	\$ 7,480
2002 Chevrolet Astro	\$ 7,480
Super Clean, Mini Van, 3rd Row, Good Miles	\$ 7,950
2004 Dodge Caravan SXT	\$ 7,950
Deal Doors, V6, Local Trade, Good Buy	\$ 8,953
2000 Chrysler 300M	\$ 8,953
Leather Seats, All Leases, Great 2nd Car	\$ 9,450
2004 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT	\$ 9,450
Leather, Rear DVD & AC, Quad Seats, Local One-Owner	\$ 9,950
2004 Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$ 9,950
All Power, Good Miles, Really Clean, Great Buy	\$ 9,950
2001 Dodge Grand Caravan	\$ 9,950
One-Owner, Local Trade, Good Miles & Clean	\$ 9,960
2001 Dodge Ram 1500 4X2	\$ 9,980
Local Cab, 3rd Wheel, Local Trade	\$ 10,940
2005 Dodge Neon	\$ 10,940
Automatic, V6, Low Miles, Red & Rocky!	\$ 10,980
2006 Chevrolet Cobalt	\$ 10,980
Automatic, A/C, Factory Warranty Remaining	\$ 11,460
2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser	\$ 11,460
Power Equipment, Low Miles, 2 To Choose from	\$ 12,860
2005 Hyundai Elantra	\$ 12,860
Sunroof, All Power, Low Miles, Warranty Remaining	\$ 12,960
2005 Pontiac Grand Am	\$ 12,960
GT Model, V6, 2-Door, Local Trade	

**2006 Chevrolet Malibu**  
All Power Super Clean Car w/ Low Miles... \$13,873

**2003 Ford Ranger 4X4**  
Est. Cab, Edge Package, Local Trade, One-Owner... \$13,955

**2002 Dodge Ram 1500**  
Quad Cab, 4X4, Sport, One-Owner... \$15,680

**2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo**  
4X4, Sport, One-Owner Trade... \$15,985

**2004 GMC Envoy**  
Chrome Wheels, 308 Miles, Very Clean, Local Trade... \$16,950

**2002 Toyota 4-Runner**  
Limited, V6, Sunroof, Local Trade... \$16,950

**2006 Chrysler Pacifica**  
Lease, Warranty Remaining, 19K Miles, New Tires... \$18,650

**2006 Dodge Charger**  
All Power, Hot, Good Looking Machine, Low Miles... \$18,875

**2004 Ford F350 4X4**  
Crew Cab, Power Mirror, Local Trade, Super Clean... \$20,975

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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

— Albert Einstein

## Amendment 1

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## Guest View

### Editorial roundup

#### The Ironton (Ohio) Tribune, on American dependence on oil:

For the first time in 25 years, the number of miles driven by Americans has dropped.

A study just released by the Boston-based Cambridge Energy Research Associates reveals that the average American drove 13,657 miles a year in 2005, down from 13,711 miles in 2004.

Is it a significant drop? No. Is it a significant statement? Yes.

Although America's dependence on foreign oil likely will not be solved in the next few years — or decades for that matter — America's attitude is changing.

Despite an increase in population, more people than ever are choosing alternate forms of transportation — mass public transit, walking, bike riding and others.

... Although this study is very good news for those who think attitudes need to change, it is only the beginning. However, a sea change in driving habits coupled with alternative energy sources will be the only way to end the grip of dependency.

#### The Ithaca (N.Y.) Journal, on Iraq and American consumerism:

Last Saturday's newspapers and television news programs described unprecedented mayhem in Iraq's rapidly escalating civil war, which isn't a civil war until George Bush says it's a civil war.

But the fighting in Iraq had to share front page space with fighting of another kind, which had broken out across the United States the day before on Black Friday, the start of our monthlong celebration of Christ's nativity.

... We saw supplicants, awash in the spirit of the season, stampeding into retail outlets well before dawn, pushing, pummeling and in some instances brawling with one another for possession of a plasma television, whatever that is.

... All right, there's nothing new about a fool and his money. But what is new is that it all seems to be taking place in two parallel universes. Men and women returning from the hell of Iraq use a seldom-heard word disconnect to describe the difference between there and here. Not so much the physical difference, but an attitudinal difference.

They have come from a place where survival is as uncertain as chaos is certain, to a place where the main uncertainty is whether Toys R Us will get a shipment of Elmos before Dec. 25, where that war that dishonest politicians say is being fought to protect them is as remote as those hellishly expensive ATVs that may or may not be still rolling around on the surface of Mars looking for information that will one day provide health insurance for 40 million Americans who don't now have it. ...

#### Star Tribune, Minneapolis, on congressman-elect Keith Ellison's announcement to take the oath of office on the Qur'an:

You've gotta hand it to Keith Ellison, Minneapolis' congressman-elect: He's not even in the House yet, and he's got wingnuts falling out of the trees on their empty heads.

When Ellison announced that he would take the oath of office on the Qur'an, right-wing radio gasbag Dennis Prager went into high indignation mode. Ohmygod, Prager fumed, Ellison can't be allowed to do that; it "undermines American civilization." Using the Qur'an is akin to a racist taking the oath on a copy of Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf," he fulminated: "Insofar as a member of Congress taking an oath to serve America and uphold its values is concerned, America is interested in only one book, the Bible. If you are incapable of taking an oath on that book, don't serve in Congress."

... If the wild talkers scrunch up their brows and focus really, really hard, maybe even they will recall that freedom of (and from) religion — that which motivated the Pilgrims to brave the Atlantic — is the paramount value Ellison will swear to protect. Scrunch a little more, and perhaps they will even recall that the Constitution specifically prohibits any religious test for members of Congress. Requiring someone to put their hand on a Bible would seem to fill the "religious test" bill quite well. ...



## Letters

### Summary was insufficient

After a brief lapse in our subscription, as of last week, we are once again receiving The Floyd County Times. With the Dec. 1 issue, you make me a bit uneasy about our having done so. Your incomplete reporting in the Civil Suits Filed distorts an issue and fails to adequately inform the public.

Two individuals notified me that Pauline Bentley, of Allen, is suing me! That item in your Civil Suits Filed reports, "Pauline Bentley vs. Judy Parsons; verified petition and affidavits to declare results of Allen city elections void." I would have preferred that your staff would have done a complete listing of the entire group which received a summons this past week.

The civil summons I and others received this week states that Pauline Bentley and Jerome Kinzer have filed action against the following: Judy Parsons, Raymond Parsons, Terry Parsons, Cindy Bentley Parsons, Ernestine Burchett Hall, Chris Waugh, Floyd County Clerk, Floyd County Board of Elections and the City of Allen. To have summarized that list in your civil suits column unfairly gives the impression that Pauline Bentley is suing me, personally. I doubt that all your readers have followed the recent reporting of the election issue and would not be in a position to know what you intended in your brief summary.

For the record: I made an unsuccessful bid to serve on the commission of the city of Allen. Though I was willing to invest the time in dealing with the interest of the city of Allen, I did not have the time to cam-

aign and, therefore, did no campaigning. Further, I voted absentee ballot in the recent election, as I was to be in Texas at the time of the election. I returned to Kentucky on Nov. 8, following the elections. The irony is I am now facing a lawsuit for those same elections!

To those who freely initiate lawsuits in our communities, I ask you to think twice before resorting to legal means when things do not serve your purposes. If you felt there were elections issues that needed an investigation, it may have better served our town to have requested an inquiry by the State Board of Elections. To attorneys in our communities who receive a "whole variety of issues" which clients wish to dispute, please consider the possibility that your actions may serve plaintiffs' motives but might slander the reputation of others.

And to The Floyd County Times, may I remind you of your own published policy that appears in the letters guidelines? "The Times reserves the right to reject or edit any letter deemed slanderous, libelous or otherwise objectionable." Your partial reporting that "Pauline Bentley vs. Judy Parsons; verified petition and affidavits to declare results of Allen city elections void" is objectionable to me and my family, may very well slander my reputation and — with the current lawsuit — leaves me questioning if public service is worth the trouble it brings with it.

Space would surely have allowed a complete listing of those filing suit and the total list of defendants listed in the lawsuit. We, your readers, are entitled to fair, complete and accurate reporting.

Judy Parsons  
Allen

### Taxes won't solve energy problems

No one knows exactly what the recent Congressional leadership change holds in store for us. I sincerely hope it does not bring about a return to the mindset that pits government against the U.S. corporations that supply our nation with energy.

Every consumer in America was upset over last year's gasoline and heating oil prices. Unfortunately, instead of attacking the root causes and really working to solve our energy predicament, some politicians seized upon this public discontent to make headlines for themselves by calling for windfall profits taxes on oil companies. If there was ever a situation that doesn't call for more taxes, this is it.

If only it were that simple. Wouldn't it be nice if we could just punish U.S. oil companies, making them suddenly come to their senses and drop prices back to levels we like? But it's not that simple, and we all know it.

It's a global oil market, and global supply and demand imbalances are causing the record high prices we've seen and — without a doubt — will see again in the future. Getting a handle on this is going to require pragmatic legislative agendas that address key issues like increasing domestic production, upgrading our woefully inadequate refinery capacity and creating a tax climate that encourages investment in energy companies.

Let's see if the new Congressional leaders are up to it.

Richard Reed  
Jeffersontown

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# TV's holiday scene filled with movies, specials and even Garrison Keillor on New Year's Eve

by LYNN ELBER  
AP TELEVISION WRITER

LOS ANGELES — The New Year's Eve TV scene is getting an offbeat party crasher — Garrison Keillor of "Prairie Home Companion" radio fame.

Keillor will escort 2006 out the door with a PBS special from the former long-time Nashville home of the Grand Ole Opry, the show that inspired his own homespun-with-a-twist public radio broadcast.

There are other holiday newcomers — among them John Goodman as Santa Claus and Janice Dickinson bringing her own brand of Christmas cheer — but viewers can once again find comfort and joy in such stalwarts as the Grinch and James "It's a Wonderful Life" Stewart.

Among the program highlights (all times EST; check local listings for encore airings):

**ANIMATION**

■ "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, CBS. The 1964 special in which Rudolph and buddies Hermey the Elf, Yukon Cornelius and the Misfit Toys rescue Christmas. And then there's the magic of Burl Ives' voice.

■ "Frosty the Snowman," 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 8, CBS. Jimmy Durante is the narrator as jolly soul Frosty (voice by Jackie Vernon) takes center stage.

■ "Frosty Returns," 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, CBS. John Goodman does the voice honors as Frosty and Jonathan Winters narrates the snowman's further adventures.

■ "Holiday: The Christmas That Almost Didn't Happen," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, ABC. Rusty Reindeer is on an identity hunt and Santa's "Nice 'N Naughty O'Matic" is down, imperiling his annual giveaway. Fred Savage, Fred Willard and Gladys Knight are among the voices.

■ "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, ABC. This version of Theodore Geisel's tale of the hostile Grinch vs. Whoville marks its 40th anniversary. Boris Karloff narrates and voices the role of the Grinch.

■ "I Want a Dog for Christmas, Charlie Brown!," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, ABC. Snoopy's holiday plans mean that his brother, Spike, may have to step in to keep ReRun company during Christmas vacation.

**MOVIES**

■ "The Polar Express," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, ABC Family. The animated ver-

sion of the story about a boy who takes the train ride of a lifetime. Tom Hanks voices the conductor.

■ "Santa Baby," 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, ABC Family. Jenny McCarthy plays a hard-driving executive who comes home to help out her ailing dad, Santa Claus (George Wendt), in the family business.

■ "The Year Without a Santa Claus," 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, NBC. John Goodman stars as a downcast Santa who feels he's lost popular support. Can he and a child help each other believe again? Delta Burke, Harvey Fierstein, Carol Kane and Michael McKean co-star.

■ "A Christmas Wedding," 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, Lifetime. Eric Mabius of "Ugly Betty" and Sarah Paulson of "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip" star in the tale of Yuletide wedding plans gone awry.

■ "Elf," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, CBS. Will Ferrell, James Caan and Mary Steenburgen star in the story of a North Pole-raised man who hunts for his roots in New York.

■ "It's a Wonderful Life," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, NBC. The holiday fable reaches a landmark: It's been 60 years since James Stewart and Donna Reed first reminded audiences about

(See HOLIDAYS, page seven)

# Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Two summer movies hit the shelves this week with very little competition for your rental dollar.

■ "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" — Johnny Depp and the rest of the gang return in this better than average sequel which ups the ante in terms of energy, action sequences and tropical settings. This was the top box office draw this summer and spawned a rediscovery of pirates by youth across the country who held pirate themed birthday bashes and trick-or-treated in full buccaneer regalia. The film works and totally delivers on the entertainment front, though some fans may not be happy with the cliffhanger ending which should get sorted out when part three hits theaters in

2007.

■ "Miami Vice" — Crockett and Tubbs make the leap to the big screen in director Michael Mann's film version of his own series which originally starred Don Johnson and Philip Michael Thomas. Here he reinvents the franchise and adopts a darker tone as the pair go up against a powerful Florida drug lord. Lots of explosions and intrigue follow, though this doesn't hold a candle to Mann's other crime fare, which includes "Heat" and "Manhunter." Collin Farrell and Jamie Foxx acquit themselves well despite a lack of chemistry.

■ "Beerfest: — The Broken Lizard troupe (which also made "Super Troopers") are back with this comedy about an ancient drinking festival in Germany. An American suds aficionado gets wind of the competition after

attending a funeral and assembles a band of American beer drinkers to crash the festival and bring their time honored drinking trophy home to the states. Not as much fun as it sounds, but there are enough laughs here to make it worth a watch.

■ "The Quick and the Dead" — It had to happen, and director Gerald Knott deserves some recognition for being the first filmmaker to combine a zombie flick with the "spaghetti western" genre. A mysterious virus turns 75 percent of the population into the walking dead circa the old west, which creates a new class of bounty hunter anxious to get paid for killing the fiends all over again. Fast moving and gory enough for fans of both film styles.

■ "Mission: Impossible: Season 1" — The classic series finally hits DVD this

week. This is the season one cast and does not feature Peter Graves. The group is led here by a guy named Gill who is played by "Law and Order" star Steven Hill. He and his team, which includes Martin Landau, Barbara Bain and Greg Morris, take the dirty jobs that the CIA won't touch. Many of the plots are impossible to decipher if you miss the opening gambit wherein Gill gets his mission parameters via an exploding tape, but DVD should solve that problem for fans of intelligent suspense.

Next week look for the Oliver Stone docudrama "World Trade Center" and laugh it up with Will Ferrell in "Talladega Nights."

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# Odds & Ends

■ **SAN FRANCISCO** — Five-year-old Gabby Supapo stuck her nose up in the air and sniffed. "Oreos," she declared. Not exactly what the California Milk Processor Board had in mind when it outfitted five San Francisco bus shelters with ads embedded with the smell of just-out-of-the-oven chocolate chip cookies.

The scented bus shelter advertisements made their U.S. debut Monday, according to Louis Zafonte, spokesman for New York-based Arcade Marketing, which designed the ads to encourage milk drinking.

"Scent is a primary driver of memory," Zafonte said. "When you smell baby powder or chocolate chip cookies, everyone feels good."

To overcome the frequent blasts of exhaust and the funky whiffs that often permeate a big-city bus shelter, scented oils were sandwiched between cardboard cards emblazoned with "Got Milk?" and affixed to shelter walls.

It costs about \$30 per shelter, Zafonte said, and the smell should last one to two weeks depending on the location. The displays will last about a month.

Critics have complained the ads could be offensive to the poor and homeless who can't afford to buy sweet treats.

But shoppers near the Union Square shelter simply thought the ads were cute. "It makes me want to go to Starbucks," said Gabby's mother, Ithrene Supapo, 25.

■ **COLUMBIA, S.C.** — A man accused of speeding down Main Street in Anderson has been charged with drunken driving. What was unusual was that he was driving a float in a Christmas parade at the time.

When officers caught up to 42-year-old David Allen Rodgers, he had an open container of alcohol in the truck he used to haul the children and adults on a float for the Steppin' Out Dance Studio, Anderson Police spokes-

woman Linda Dudley said.

Witnesses said Rodgers was driving in line in Sunday's parade when he pulled out to pass a tractor in the float. Rodgers sped down Main Street and ran a red light, while a witness on the float called 911 on a cell phone, police said.

Officers started chasing Rodgers, who didn't stop for three miles. Once he pulled over, he tried to attack an officer, Dudley said.

Rodgers, whose child was on the float, faces more than three dozen charges, including DUI, 18 counts of kidnapping and assaulting an officer, authorities said.

A woman who answered the phone at Rodgers' home would not talk to a reporter and a message left at the dance studio was not returned Monday.

■ **KNOXVILLE, Tenn.** —

Officials say a longtime employee at the University of Tennessee has admitted literally nickel and diming the school out of \$20,000.

James Everett, 48, was suspended with pay on Nov. 20 on suspicion of stealing quarters, nickels, dimes and paper currency from library copying machines. Everett was in charge of collecting the money from the machines.

During questioning, Everett, a 19-year UT employee, "did make a statement and was subsequently fired," UT spokeswoman Amy Blakely said Monday.

An audit of exact losses was under way, but it was estimated he stole about \$20,000 over the past two years. Blakely said the report was turned over to the Knox County district attorney general's office.

Everett told WATE-TV on Friday that he is getting an

attorney and "trying to see what's going on."

■ **SLIDELL, La.** — The Louisiana State Police have almost \$500,000 that the owner can claim. As long as they do it before the end of the month.

The St. Tammany Parish district attorney's office and State Police recently published public notice of the pending forfeiture of \$498,665 seized during an Oct. 14 traffic stop in the Slidell area. Police believe the cash is drug money.

The money was discovered after Trooper Bryan Madden pulled over the tractor-trailer for careless driving. The driver and passenger, whom police did not identify, were "nervous and evasive," according to the notice.

The money was discovered in a hidden compartment inside the truck cab, and the driver disavowed any knowledge of it, according to Cook. "He had just picked it up, and

he didn't know anything about its origin," he said.

The driver was cited with careless driving, but he and the passenger were not arrested, police said.

The money — large bills,

wrapped in rubber bands and vacuum-sealed — will be forfeited to the state 30 days after publication of the public notice, which appeared Nov. 30.

## Tech

the no-interest offer.

According to Fanning, \$1 million of coal severance funds allotted to coal producing counties by the state General Assembly will be used to pay back a large portion of the borrowed \$708,000. The school district will receive \$83,963.28, which will reduce the first- and second-year payments to \$57,828.72. The possibility exists that coal severance funds will also be appro-

priated for the remaining three years.

"I'm pretty conservative and so my recommendation was for borrowing less, which would have meant less equipment purchased," Fanning said. However, he said, the board voted to spend more, insuring that all district classrooms, in each school, receive the new equipment.

"And that's okay," the superintendent said.

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## Union

levels at Pikeville Healthcare were reported to be 7.5 percent below this threshold.

"The elderly are at risk because HQM isn't providing its residents with the quality of care they need to be safe," said quality care advocate Stephanie Stevenson. "Family members trust nursing homes to give their loved ones the

care and dignity they deserve."

Sandra Adams, legal counsel for HQM, and Linda Damron, administrator at Pikeville Health Care Center, were contacted for comment, but were unavailable.

"HQM could do so much better to preserve their fragile residents' safety and dignity," said Stevenson.

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■ "Christmas Do-Over," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, ABC Family. A man has the chance to change his past by reliving a difficult Christmas. Jay Mohr and Daphne Zuniga star.

■ "The Road to Christmas," 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Lifetime. Jennifer Grey stars as a photographer who's not sure she has the right fiancé in the frame.

■ "A Perfect Day," 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, TNT. A first-time novelist's success threatens his relationship with his wife and daughter. Rob Lowe, Paget Brewster, Frances Conroy and Christopher Lloyd star.

■ "Meet the Santas," 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Hallmark Channel. In the sequel to "Single Santa Seeks Mrs. Claus," Nick Claus (Steve Guttenberg) and Beth (Crystal Bernard) plan their Christmas Eve wedding.

■ "Miracle on 34th Street" marathon, noon Sunday, Dec. 24, AMC. The 1947 film starring Maureen O'Hara, Edmund Gwenn and Natalie Wood airs through Christmas morning, with the original black-and-white alternating with a colorized version.

■ "A Very Married Christmas," 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, CBS. A man finds his life and marriage falling apart during the holidays. Joe Mantegna, Jean Smart and Charles Durning star.

■ "The Christmas Card," 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25, Hallmark Channel. A soldier (John Newton) wants to say thanks for the touching Christmas card he received in Afghanistan, addressed to "a member of the U.S. Army," and finds the unexpected.

STOCKING STUFFERS

■ "Nigella Bites: Christmas Holiday," 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, Food Network. Reducing stress in the kitchen and boosting holiday happiness is cook Nigella Lawson's gift to viewers.

■ "White House Christmas 2006," 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, HGTV. Robin McGraw, wife of Dr. Phil, peeks inside as decorators, bakers and volunteers prepare the mansion for the holidays.

■ "What's with that Christmas House?," 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, HGTV. Host George Gray tours lavishly and uniquely festooned homes to discover why and how people do the darndest things.

■ "Christmas with the Dickinsons," 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, Oxygen. How does supermodel-turned-TV-personality Dickinson spend her holidays? Auditioning male models for a "Hunky Santa" promotion, making a music video and maybe a meal.

■ "Christmas Out of the Box," 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, National Geographic Channel. Science and history are the tools employed to examine aspects of the holiday ranging from retailing to reindeer noses to Bethlehem's most famous starry night.

■ "A Home for the Holidays," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, CBS. This effort to raise awareness about adoption gets a boost from stars including Rod Stewart, Five For Fighting, John Legend, Laura Dern, Angie Harmon and Rene Russo.

■ "Walt Disney World Christmas Day Parade," 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 25, ABC. Regis Philbin, Kelly Ripa and Ryan Seacrest are the hosts for the show set to include pop stars Beyonce, Daniel Powter and RBD and "High School Musical" cast members.

AULD LANG SYNE

■ "New York

Philharmonic: Audra McDonald Sings the Movies for New Year's Eve," 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, PBS. The Broadway star calls the tune for New Year's with a "Live From Lincoln Center" show that includes standards by Ellington, Gershwin, Arlen and more.

■ "Garrison Keillor's New Year's Eve Special," 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, PBS. The host of "A Prairie Home Companion" and his merry public radio team celebrate the evening at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium on "Great Performances."

■ "Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve 2007," 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, ABC. Clark, rebounding from a 2004 stroke, is joined by co-host Ryan Seacrest for an evening of music and revelry, the 35th edition of Clark's New Year's Eve show.

■ "New Year's Eve with Carson Daly," 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, NBC. Daly does the year-end honors from New York's Times Square, backed up by rock band Panic! At the Disco. A pre-show special airs at 11 p.m. on MSNBC and Bravo.

■ "New Year's Eve

Special," 11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Fox. Where, oh where to celebrate the holiday? Times Square, of course. The special promises hot artists, celebrity interviews and a look back at memorable moments of 2006, all from the "epicenter" of the big countdown.

■ "From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2007," 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 1, PBS. The "Great Performances" series is again on hand for the annual broadcast of the Vienna Philharmonic's New Year's Day celebration. Zubin Mehta conducts, Walter Cronkite hosts.

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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Christmas promises - better than wishes

by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR

Christmastime commercialism. Marketing gone amuck. But boy, does it work. We are all guilty of it - spending every last available dime in an attempt to say "I love you." And don't most of us have about all the "stuff" we could really possibly need? But Christmas gift giving isn't about "needs," you might say, it's about "wants." Christmas wishes come true and that sort of thing.

When my children were born, I said that I didn't want to teach them that Christmas was all about gifts and Santa Claus and credit cards and debt. I have always been content with small, homemade gifts (okay, maybe not "always" - we may have to "x" out those selfish teenage years). But, somewhere along the line, I succumbed. And even still do.

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## Holiday eating without guilt

by Leanne Ely

One thing I have learned, especially around the holidays, is that the process of losing body clutter is a journey...not a destination. It's also a process that doesn't go on holiday when we do. We are either on task or we're not.

Being "off" so to speak, is an invitation to trouble. It's putting your guard down and going back to old behaviors. "Just this once" and "this little bit won't hurt" and "well, I'm only eating half" are red flags that you're rationalizing.

(See DIVA, page fifteen)

"Meet the Big Sandy Singers" is a continuing series of articles about the members of The Big Sandy Singers, a musical group comprised of students from Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The students, who receive scholarships for their participation in the group, share a love for music and the performance arts. They are led by director, Laura Ford Hall, a former member of the KY Opry. The group will release their second album, "Going Home," on December 16.



Susan, right, is pictured here with her sister Crystal. Susan's mother had written on the back of the photo, "Susan's singing away in the background (again)."

## Meet the Big Sandy Singers... A continuing series

### Susan Scott

Susan Scott has been a member of the Big Sandy Singers for over a year now. She has sung for many years and discovered her love for singing at a very young age. "I've always sung," she said. "My birth mother would write on the back of the pictures 'Susan's singing away again.'" "My parents got a lot of joy from hearing me sing in the house. It made me happy to make them happy. My adoptive mother is 69 and my adoptive father is 70, and I am still singing for them." In fact, Susan made a solo album on campus at the Big Sandy Production Studios and dedicated the album

to her father. "Making the album was an unbelievable experience for me, and to make it for my father was the most wonderful thing about it."

Susan is a junior in college and is majoring in Elementary Education P-5. She currently holds an Associates Degree in General Education and is working towards her Bachelors.

On the Big Sandy Singers new album "Going Home," Susan sings a beautiful version of "Over the Rainbow." The Big Sandy Singers get requests for her to sing that song at performances very often.

"I love the Big Sandy Singers because we get to sing at many different places; supporting the community and college," Susan said. "I think our work is important when we bring a 'go to college' and

'drug free' message to our high school students. I enjoy the fact that we are a group of friends and not just a group of singers."

Susan is the wife of Brandon Scott of Martin and the daughter-in-law of Grace and Burl Scott, also of Martin. Her parents are Billy and Sue Bishop of British Columbia, Canada. She is also a full-time mother to 13-year-old Kaden. Susan is very involved in her church, the Morning congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where she works with the youth group.

"I am very excited about the release of our album," Susan said. "I am so thankful that we have a college administration that allows us students to have such wonderful opportunities."



Reca Conn



Even as a small child, Reca was beginning to love music and drama. Here she is "performing" as early as age 3.

### Reca Conn

Reca Conn is one of the newest members of the Big Sandy Singers. She joined the group following the August-round of auditions. Reca is a junior in college majoring in education. She also is the current BSCTC Music and Drama Dept. Workstudy Assistant. Her job keeps her very busy, as she works all performing arts events at BSCTC, and not just Big Sandy Singers shows.

Reca's interest in music began at a very young age. "When I

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### FLY LADY

## How do I love myself?

by Marla Cilley

Love is a word that is very deceptive, maybe even illusive if we look at it as a noun. It is not something that we can buy and hold in our hands, it is a word that is filled with action. Love is a verb. This word is not just a feeling, it is a doing. For years, all I ever wanted was to feel loved. That did not hap-

pen because I was looking for love in all the wrong places (as the song says). I was not going to find this love coming at me and surrounding me as a fog. I was not going to feel this love from other people. I was searching so hard for this love that I never dreamed that it was hiding right inside of me. The reason we have a hard time finding this love is that the clutter we have in our heads is standing in the way. When we can address this most personal of our Body Clutter we will begin finding what we are looking for.

Men and women equate love much differently. For a man to show love he often reveals it in actions; checking our tires, changing the oil - he is "doing"

something. He may not be good at sentimental cards and flowers, which is how we women equate love. This is why we need to look at the various ways that love is expressed. How do you love your children? You feed them, dress them, bathe them, and do things for them. We do the same thing for the critters in our lives. We scratch their ears and rub their bellies. Robert explained this to me just this morning. Last year, our hound dog Lucy died and we got another sweet hound dog. He said that he could sit in his chair and think about how much he loves this new dog or he could get up and go over and pet her. Then he would be loving on her and she would feel his love for

her. It would not be a passive experience just for him but a shared event for both of them.

Then he turned this around. He said when we are loving ourselves we are the giver and the recipient at the same time. That is when he headed out the door to play in the woods. This is one thing that he loves to do. When you are doing things that you love; you are loving yourself. With our FLYing way of life we only surround ourselves with things we love. We turn chores into blessings and release the stress from our lives by using routines to put us on autopilot. These are all forms of love

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# FLOYD COUNTY Around Our Schools

## 'Christmas Through the Eyes of A Child'



Reta Adams



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Brittany Hodge



Hannah Howard



Amanda Johnson



Danielle Lafferty



Justin Owens



Ronnie Neil Adams



Cindi Sammons



Kayla Shepherd



Kayla Vanderpool



### Student writings – Allen Central High School

I gave my best gift to my boyfriend a few years ago. It was our first Christmas together. When he moved here from Lexington he had to give away his dog. He had that dog ever since he was six years old. He was so hurt that he had to give her away that he didn't want to get another one. His mom would always suggest getting another dog that looked just like her. But he never would because to him it just wouldn't be the same. I couldn't figure out what to get him for Christmas. So I thought that I could try to find the people that they gave the dog to. I finally contacted them but they said she passed away but the good news was that she had puppies and that I could have one. I told his mom about it and she let me give him a puppy for Christmas and he loved it. Now the two of them are inseparable.

Kayla Shepherd  
12th Grade

What Christmas means to me is the celebration of Jesus Christ and his life. It is also the time to spend with your family and spread joy through everything you do. It is a time of peace and love and no anger. It is a time to forgive, and forget everything that is wrong and just be happy you have someone to love. Christmas is not a time to ask what I can get but what I can give to another person, how can I make a difference in a child's life and make them happy for at least one day. This is what Christmas means to me.

Ronnie Neil Adams  
11th Grade

My most memorable Christmas

would have to be when all my class gave tons of gifts to this family who didn't have much. We all got together and bought new clothes and toys for them all. When we gave those gifts to the children and saw their faces light up with enjoyment, I knew that would always be my most memorable Christmas ever.

Stephanie Calhoun  
11th Grade

Christmas to me is the one time of year that my whole family gathers to share in closeness, food, and gifts. I have often said that Christmas is not about gifts or food, but about having one day with your whole family and celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior. So I ask each and every person who hears this to take a moment this Christmas to just spend some real time with all of your family and friends.

Jeremy Davis  
11th Grade

Christmas means to me a time of giving and receiving, but mostly giving—giving love and joy to others around you. Also, it's a time of spending time with family and close friends; getting together and sharing memories and ideas of what to do to spend the holidays. Also, it's a time of slowing down your hectic schedule and spending the time to celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus as a whole family instead of going to other places like the mall or the movies. Take time to stay at home or go to someone's house and spend the time together.

Amanda Johnson  
11th grade

My favorite Christmas memory would have to be from several years ago. Now it may not seem like much but this memory holds a special place in my heart. My cousin,

Jeremy and I were never really close. However, on this day, things were about to change. It was ice cold that day and my family had gathered for our annual Christmas dinner. I was still depressed because I had lost my uncle only a month earlier. So I hid myself upstairs in the family room, watching "24 Hours of 'A Christmas Story'" on TBS. While I was doing this, my cousin Jeremy came up the steps with a plate of food and said, "dining room is too crowded, if it's okay, I will sit up here with you." This struck me as strange considering we had only spoken five times our entire lives but from that morning to that evening we sat and talked and bonded. This is my favorite Christmas memory.

Justin Owens  
11th Grade

Christmas isn't about getting presents and eating a big dinner. It is about the birth of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is about celebrating His birth. Christmas is also about the gift of giving because it is better to give than to receive. It is about spending time with family and friends and showing everyone how much you love them. Christmas is a beautiful and special time of year for us to celebrate our Lord's beautiful birth. This is just what Christmas means to me.

Danielle Lafferty  
11th Grade

One of my favorite Christmas gifts didn't come in a box or package. It was no gift you could buy in a store. This gift I received not only on Christmas but everyday of the year. Jesus Christ was born on December 25th, now known as Christmas. He died for each and every one to show his love to the world. No other gift could be better than the love we receive and the glory I feel from the

Lord, so Merry Christmas and God Bless!

Cindi Sammons  
11th Grade

I have many wonderful memories of Christmastime from when I was little. There are some memories that I remember bits and pieces of but one still lingers on in my mind. Every Christmas my great granddad or Pap, as I called him, would happily pass out the presents to all of the family one by one. I remember how happy and cheerful he was as he called out each and every name and how anxious we all were to quickly rip open the presents. Pap would always wear this silly Santa hat and we would all laugh. Christmas isn't the same without my granddad. He will always be in my heart and I will never forget him. But, I definitely won't forget him and his bright smile at Christmastime.

Brittany Hodge  
10th Grade

When you think of Christmas you think of gifts, love, and fun. But, it's so much more than just getting everything you've been wishing for or rushing through the shopping malls at last minute trying to find that perfect gift for that perfect someone. Sure, all of these things come along with Christmas, but it seems like everyone has forgotten the true reason that we celebrate Christmas, the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. When Christmas time rolls around, I enjoy seeing the smiling faces on little children getting just what they wanted, and of course I enjoy opening a few gifts myself, but I always remember the real reason that we celebrate. So this Christmas, just remember how it all began so long ago, in a manger in Bethlehem.

Hannah Howard  
10th Grade

Christmas isn't just about all the presents and things that you think you absolutely cannot live without. Christmas is about being with the people you probably couldn't see yourself living without. It is about time spent with the ones you love most and rejoicing in the birth of baby Jesus. Christmas is to be a time of love and laughter among you and your family and friends—the ones that matter most to you. Sometime during this wonderful occasion stop and ask yourself, "What would I ever do without these people in my life?" You'll be surprised of how different life would be without all these special people in your life. This may be short but words can't describe how Christmas really makes you feel.

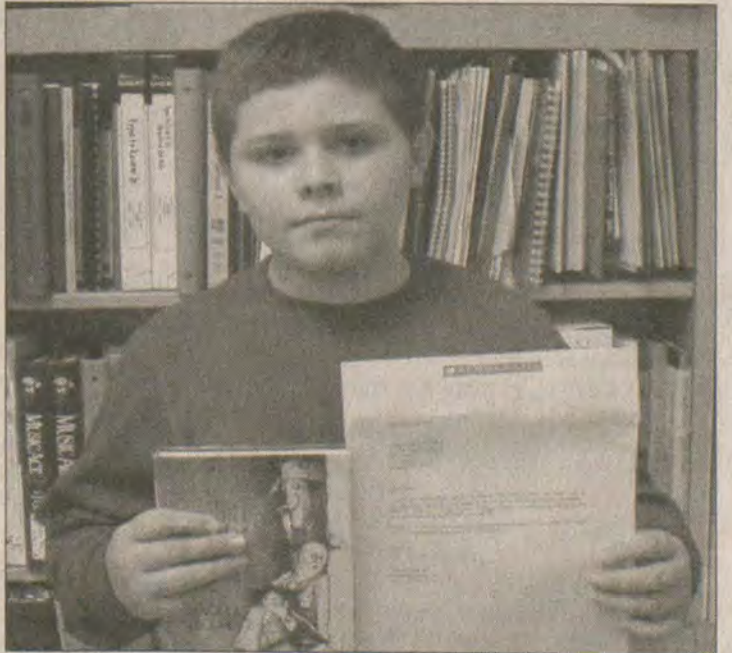
Kayla Vanderpool  
10th Grade

Christmas time  
Is one of a kind  
When you speak with your heart  
Not your mind  
It's not about gifts  
And presents galore  
But it's about something  
Oh, so much more  
Christmas is about  
Love and caring  
Special people  
Always sharing  
It's about the love  
That your heart can mend  
About finding yourself  
The person within  
Christmas is a beautiful  
Time of year  
When friends and family  
All grow near  
Christmas time  
Is the greatest you see  
The best thing  
Ever to me  
Reta Adams  
9th Grade



Dinner in the Valley

On Friday, November 17, May Valley Elementary hosted approximately 200 family and friends for Thanksgiving Dinner with MVE students.



Duff student wins Scholastic Magazine contest

Tanner Blake Shepherd was a recent winner in the *Storyworks "Bad Luck" Contest*, a nationwide writing competition held by Scholastic Magazine. His prize was a free copy of the new book written by Angel Woolfe, *Anvri Crump and her Amazing Clones!* The judges wrote that Tanner, "did a great job organizing his ideas and using examples from his life." The students, staff, and faculty at James A. Duff Elementary School are very proud of Tanner's accomplishment. Tanner is a fourth grade student in Mrs. Sheilah Ratliff's class. He is the son of Marvin and Janet Shepherd of Hueysville.



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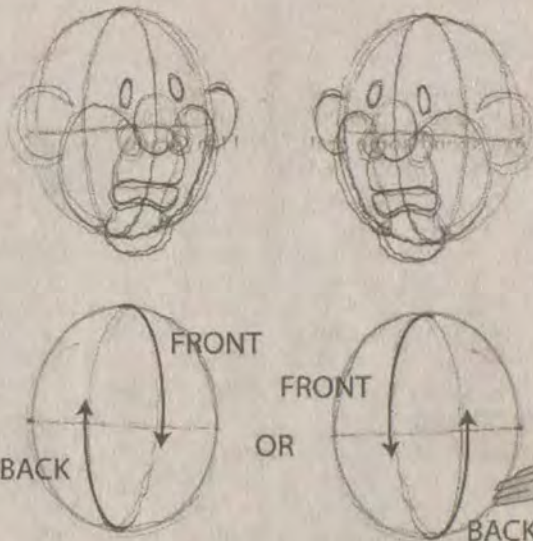
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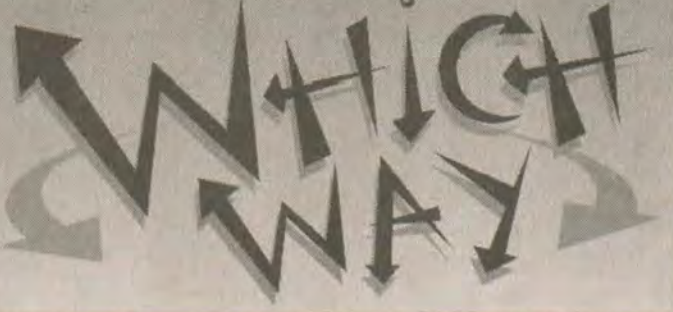


Thinking three dimensionally is the key to great drawing.



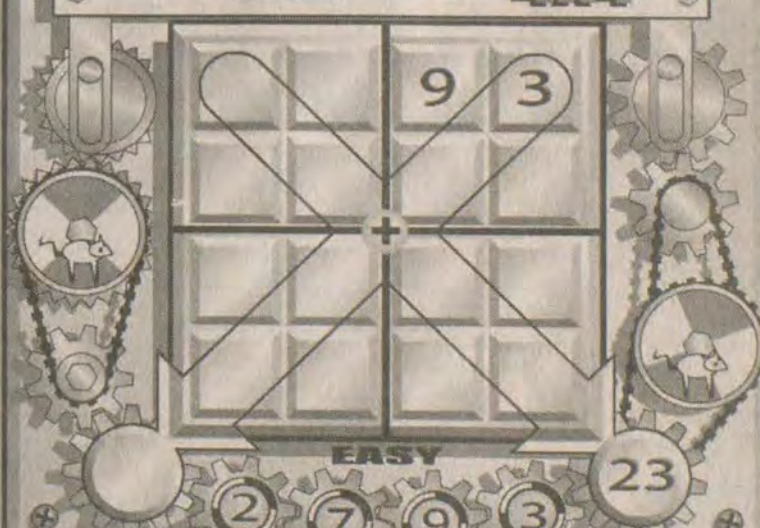
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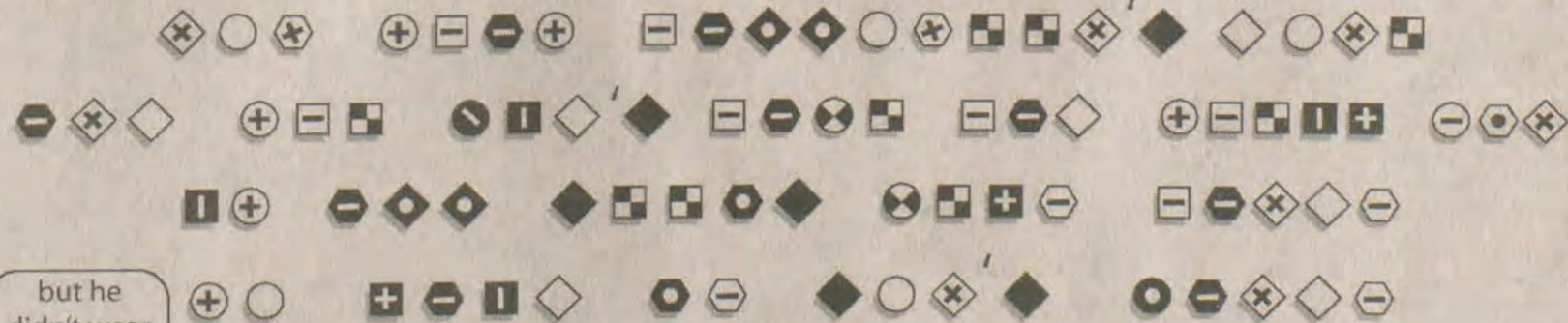


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#### 150-Misc.

**FOR SALE**  
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**FOR SALE**  
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ence number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

### 210-JOB LISTINGS

**HELP WANTED**  
 Front Desk Clerk Please apply in person at Hotel Best Western (formerly Prestonsburg Inn)

**JOB OPENING**  
 Mountain Manor of Painstville is taking applications for a LPN (7a-7p) position. Excellent wages and benefits. Apply in person at 1025 Euclid Avenue, Painstville, Ky from Monday thru Friday between 8a to 4:30p.

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 We are seeking a full time Driver at our Manton, KY location, to operate company vehicles to transport products to and from specified destinations. This position is responsible for operating company equipment at the job site under the direction of the Blaster in charge, performing duties of load/print crew or shot service crew and or assisting plant manager. Must possess a current class A CDL with Hazmat and Tanker endorsement and 1 year driving experience. Please forward your response information to 152 Manton Rd, Martin, Ky 41649; or Fax 2854-5171.

**Job Opening**  
 Summit Engineering is seeking a Rodman to work with the survey crew. Applicants must have a up to date surface and underground training and a new employee drug test is required. Applicants must be willing to work underground. Applications may be pick up at Summit Engineering, INC. 131 Summit Drive, Pikeville, KY 41501, between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** is seeking caring applicants to fill opening positions to assist individuals with mental retardation applicants must have high school diploma or GED. Experience is preferred but not required. Apply in person at Community Connections, 4633 US 23 South, Ivel,

KY. (Old Unisign Building)

**HELP WANTED**  
 Heavy equipment steam cleaning company needs employees. Must have valid drivers license and up to date surface mining papers. Mine emergency tech. Is a plus. Call Mon thru Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm 606-886-1759.

**JOB OPENING**  
 Renos Roadhouse in Prestonsburg is now hiring for all positions. Shifts- Day and Night. Apply in person only.

### MERCHANDISE

#### 410-Animal

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#### 445-Furniture

**FOR SALE**  
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#### 450-Yard Sale

**YARD SALE**  
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#### 480-Misc.

**FOR SALE**  
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**FOR SALE**  
 Windows for sale. Five 36x62 Double Pane insulated windows. Never been used. Windows open from the inside for easy cleaning. Call

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#### 530-Houses

**HOUSE FOR SALE**  
 3 BR 2 bath, fireplace, nice lot, 1500 sq. ft. Less than one mile to Highlands Regional. Woodland Heights Subdivision. \$78,000. Call 424-1342.

#### 570-Sale or Lease

**FOR SALE**  
 1996 14X65 Fleetwood Mobile Home 2 BR central heat and air. Books for \$13,000 asking \$10,000. 874-0262

**FOR SALE**  
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**FOR RENT**  
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Furnished 1 bed

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#### 630-Houses

**HOUSE FOR RENT**  
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**HOUSE FOR RENT**  
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#### 650-Mobile Homes

**FOR RENT**  
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**FOR RENT**  
 Trailer for rent, all electric. Call 587-1004

#### 850-Personals

**LOOKING FOR A FEMALE** Roomate 40-50 years of age. Needing someone to help out around the house with the cooking and cleaning. Please call 886-9297.

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### LEGALS

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0337

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that PIA Company, Inc., P.O. Box 1590, Martin, Kentucky 41649, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 1.55 mile southwest of Blue Moon, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 46.93 acres of surface, and have 70.00 acres overlying highwall mining area, for a total of 116.93 acres within the total permit boundary. The proposed operation is located on Little Mud Creek of Big Mud Creek, approximately 0.80 mile south from the junction of Morgan Fork (CR) with Little Mud Creek (CR). The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Akers Estate, Dedra Hall, and Terry Hall. The permit area will underlie land owned by Akers Estate, Dedra Hall, and Terry Hall. This operation will use the contour and highwall methods of mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake

Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ernie and Yvonne Gullett, 83 Bosco Tipple Rd., Hueysville, Ky. 41640, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to placement of fill, 82° 51' 6.42", 37° 29' 46.03". The property is located on Bosco Tipple Road. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410.

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5518

In accordance with Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410.

the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, has filed an application for a permit for an underground mining operation with Hunts Fork located 1/4 mile South of Dana, in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 3.40 surface acres and underlies

474.16 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary is 477.56 acres. The facility is approximately 1/2 mile South of KY 1426's junction with Hunts Fork County Road and located adjacent to Prater Creek. The latitude is 37-33-02 and the longitude is 82-41-11.

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The facility is located on the Harold USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by the Mont Gibson, Jr. Heirs. The permit underlies land owned by Mont Gibson, Jr. Heirs, Wilford Boyd, Gwen Hale Est., Roy and Mitchail Williams, Josephine Akers, Ruth Boyd, Anna Akers, Linda Watson, Bertha Boyd, Daniel & Nelvie Boyd, Larry Howell, Mary Alice Boyd, Appalachian Land, Daniel Boyd, Gary & Connie Conn, Joseph & Clare Whittaker, Myrtle Akers, Clayton & Lora Akers, Montis Boyd, Cornela & Mickey Conn, Earnest & Amy Kimbler, Arthur Boyd. The operation will affect an area within 100 ft. of a public road, KY 1426. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or request for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY

40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections and/or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that Equitable Gathering, LLC, 1710 Pennsylvania Avenue, Charleston, WV 25302, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a building within the flood plane of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The property is located one (1) mile west of Langley, Ky., off Ky. Rt. 2554. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0330 Amend. No. 2**  
1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Wolverine Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel,

KY 41642, (606) 889-8440, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.0 mile southwest of Brainard, Kentucky, and in Floyd and Magoffin counties. The amendment will add 386.77 acres of surface disturbance, making a total area of 632.67 acres within the amended permit boundary.  
2) The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.75 mile southwest from KY 114's junction with Prater Branch, and located 0.92 mile southwest of Middle Creek. The latitude is 37°39'26". The longitude is 82°54'44".  
3) The operation is located on the Ivlyton U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Kennie Carpenter Jr., & Ron Cooley, Debbie & Philip Ousley, Luther Miller Estate C/O Kathleen Miller, Fork Farm Inc. C/O Della W. Burke, Osie Dunn, Green Holbrook Heirs C/O Charles Bays, Bill England Heirs C/O Glen Allen, Jamie & Lisa Powell. The operation will use the area mining method of surface mining. The operation will affect an

area within 100 feet of Puncheon Camp Creek Road and Rough and Tough Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.  
4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Permits, Department for Surface

Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, phone (606) 889-1746. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits,

#2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections and/or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this date.

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**Bid #1**-County Line (West 82 degrees 56' 33.62" North 37 degrees 41' 51.87") to Rough & Tuff (West 82 degrees 52' 21.46" North 37 degrees 38' 53.32").

**Bid # 2** - Rough & Tuff (West 82 degrees 52' 21.46" North 37 degrees 38' 53.32") to Intersection of KY Route 404 & KY Route 114 (West 82 degrees 48' 55.90" North 37 degrees 39' 3.82") and

**Bid #3** - County Line (West 82 degrees 56' 33.62" North 37 degrees 41' 51.87") to Intersection of KY Route 404 & KY Route 114 (West 82 degrees 48' 55.90" North 37 degrees 39' 3.82") in Floyd County, Kentucky, through funding from the PRIDE Community Grant Program. In order to participate in the bid process, all interested contractors must participate in a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference for these three (3) projects, as proven by the signatures of their authorized representatives on the sign-in sheet at the Conference.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will conduct the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference for these three (3) projects at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, located at 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky (on the Second Floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse) on Friday, December 15, 2006, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. Bids for these projects will be accepted till Friday, January 12, 2007, and awarded at the Friday, January 19, 2007, meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the County Courtroom, located on the Second Floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, at 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. All interested contractors are invited to attend.

Paul Hunt Thompson  
Floyd County Judge/Executive  
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**LEGAL NOTICE  
FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
ORDINANCE NO. 06-008**

Notice is hereby given that the following proposed Ordinance was given its First Reading at the Special Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, held on November 14th, 2006, to wit:

**FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
ORDINANCE NO. 06-008**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

WHEREAS, the County of Floyd, acting by and through its Fiscal Court, is authorized, pursuant to KRS 67.083(3)(a), to enact ordinances, issue regulations, appropriate funds, and employ personnel in performance of the public function of the control of animals within its jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the County of Floyd, acting by and through its Fiscal Court, is required, pursuant to KRS 258.195(1), to "employ, appoint, or contract with an animal control officer" and "may adopt additional standards and ordinances related to public health, safety, enforcement, and the efficient and appropriate operation of their shelters and their animal control programs."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FLOYD, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

1. By this Ordinance No. 06-008, there is hereby enacted an ordinance which shall be known as the "FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE" and which shall conform to all applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, presently in effect and as from time to time amended, regarding animal control in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY & PURPOSE**

The statutory authority and purpose for the enactment of this Ordinance by the Floyd County Fiscal Court is set forth in those powers granted by KRS 67.080, et seq., KRS 67.083, et seq., and KRS Chapter 258, as presently in effect and as from time to time amended, including but not limited to the control of animals in Floyd County, Kentucky, pursuant to KRS 67.083(3)(a) and KRS 258.195.

**JURISDICTION**

3. The jurisdiction of each animal control officer employed, appointed, or acting pursuant to a contract with Floyd County, Kentucky, by and through its governing body, the Floyd County Fiscal Court, shall extend only to the unincorporated areas of Floyd County, Kentucky. Each city lying within the jurisdictional boundaries of Floyd County, Kentucky may enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement with Floyd County, Kentucky for the enforcement of KRS Chapter 258, and the county's animal control ordinance by any animal control officer employed, appointed, or acting pursuant to a contract with Floyd County, Kentucky. The interlocal cooperation agreement between Floyd County, Kentucky and each respective city shall include, but shall not be limited to, the jurisdiction, compensation, liabilities, and duties of the animal control officer while performing his or her duties with the jurisdictional boundaries of the city in question.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

4. This Ordinance, Floyd County Ordinance No. 06-008, shall become effective upon its Second Reading, adoption and passage, as required by law.

Motion by: Gerald Derossett

Seconded by: Larry Stumbo

**INTRODUCED, SECONDED, AND GIVEN FIRST READING AND APPROVAL** at a duly convened meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court held on this the 14th day of November, 2006.

/S/ Paul H. Thompson  
**PAUL H. THOMPSON,**  
FLOYD COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVEN SECOND READING AND ADOPTED** at a duly convened meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court held on this the 15th day of December, 2006.

**PAUL H. THOMPSON,**  
FLOYD COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:  
**CHRIS WAUGH, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_, D.C.

Notice is now given that this proposed Ordinance will be considered for passage and given its Second Reading at the Regular Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, to be held on December 15, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the County Courtroom, located on the Second Floor of the Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

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