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by JESSICA HALE

STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG -According to the Central Kentucky Blood Center, Christmas could bring

CKBC says the region's blood supply could be in

more than just holiday cheer this year.

critical condition by Dec. 25, but participation from communities could not only help save a life, but

also get them a chance to win a University of Kentucky Football Bowl Game Package.

This Dec. 15 will pro-

vide an exciting incentive

for donors to give blood at

Medical Center. Donors

may visit the conference

room at HRMC from 10

a.m. to 3 p.m. to donate

and register for a chance

to win the game package,

which includes two tickets

to the Dec. 29 Music City

Tigers. It will also include a

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tation to an exclusive party

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# Outgoing council hears final audit

by ALEX SMITH STAFF WRITER

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PRESTONSBURG — The last meeting of the current Prestonsburg city council met Monday evening and approved the city's yearly audit, which includes financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

The audit was completed Nov. 10 by the accounting firm Stephens & Lawson out of Louisville and showed the city was operating in the black for the 2006 fiscal year, meaning the city was running with a surplus. Prestonsburg had a total revenue increase of \$581,959 in the 2006 fiscal year.

Council member Gorman Collins said although the audit showed the city was not running in debt for the fiscal year, he wanted to make sure that in the future auditors come in

more often and let the council know the current status and what is happening.

"Let's not go making it all sound rosy when it's not," Collins said, "We need to stay within the budget and that's it."

Don Lawson, of Stephens & Lawson, presented the main points of the audit to the council and answered questions. He said the reason for the increase in revenue came from the three largest sources of revenue for city, which included increases in the amount of money brought in from property taxes, insurance taxes and occupational taxes compared with 2005.

Other portions of the audit highlighted by Lawson included noting the city's expenditures were \$25,172 less than the previous fiscal year, the city repaid its loan to the Prestonsburg

(See COUNCIL, page five)



Santa Claus made an appearance at the Prestonsburg City Council meeting Monday night to say hello. Mayor Jerry Fannin helped select the winner of a local contest with \$1,600 in prizes.

#### CELEBRATES WITH SANTA



## Holiday Happening

photos by Alex Smith Santa Claus received a police escort Monday evening to ensure he was on time to meet with local children at the Prestonsburg tree lighting cer-emony. After the tree was lit several people participated in a candlelight vigil and sang Christmas carols.



# Lawmakers gearing up for 2007 session with prefiled bills

by JOE BIESK ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - More than one would resurrect the gambling issue by proposing an amendment to Kentucky's constitution allowing casinos. Another would require that unless specifically allowed for in law - any state documents must be published in English. Yet another would create accounts in state coffers for those who don't think they're being taxed enough.

Welcome to the legislative prefiling season.

With all that can happen to a bill as it maneuvers the legislative process - ranging from minor tweaks to complete overhauls or being scrapped altogether - being prefiled during the months before the General Assembly meets in Frankfort is not necessarily an indicator of a measure's success.

But it doesn't hurt.

"It gives the legislation kind of a head start in the process," House Majority Whip Bob Damron, D-Nicholasville, said.

The 2007 General Assembly convenes its regular session next month and, so far, state lawmakers have prefiled 100 bills in preparation. That count can change as lawmakers file

more legislation.

Eighteen senators and 42 representatives have either sponsored or signed their names to bills during the interim.

State Sen. D-Owensboro. Boswell, has a bill that would offer voters a chance to decide whether Kentucky should allow casino gambling at different locations, including race tracks. Boswell, who has pushed similar proposals in the past, has another that would allow the Legislature to pass laws that would set up and govern the casinos if voters approved the amendment.

"It's important to keep the issue alive in front of the voters out there," Boswell said.

Damron, meanwhile, has a proposal that would offer Kentuckians a sales tax holiday weekend once a year, beginning with the first Friday in August to help with "back to school." Damron has proposed the measure before, but said he prefiled it to make sure it gets continued discussion.

"It's an effort to try to give a little bit of a break to families who are putting children through school, Damron said, noting that 15 other states have similar

(See BILLS, page five)

# Murder charge filed after Johnson shooting

by ALEX SMITH STAFF WRITER

killed by his brother when he

tried to break up the fight

6 p.m. Saturday at the home of

39-year-old Frank Sowards, on

Route 689 in Flat Gap, when he

The fight began shortly before

between the couple.

Classifieds.....



and his wife, Randi, became involved in a domestic dispute. Randi Sowards left the residence FLAT GAP - A domestic disduring the dispute and ran next pute between a husband and wife door to the home of 35-year-old turned deadly in Johnson County William Sowards, Frank's broth-Saturday, when the husband was

Frank Sowards followed her over to the house and continued to assault her when William stepped in and attempted to stop the fight between the two. This

(See MURDER, page five)



Two children from each public school in the Kentucky State Police Post 9 area were selected to 'Shop With A Cop" at the Pikeville Wal-Mart Superstore Monday morning. Each child had a \$100 limit to purchase gifts for Christmas. "It's a great way for us to give back to the community, let the community know we're here to help," said **Trooper Scott** Hopkins, of KSP.

photo by Alex Smith

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served w/Toast & Jelly Additional Items-99¢ each (1) Hash Browns or Home Fries (2) Orange Juice or Tomato Juice Come in and register for World's Largest Christmas Stockina To be given away December 23rd

# House Republicans seek to repeal business tax

by JOE BIESK ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — House lawmakers are planning to seek a repeal of a 2005 business tax during the upcoming legislative session because it is "killing" smaller companies, members of the 100-member body said Monday.

Joined by other House Republicans, Minority Floor Leader Jeff Hoover, R-Jamestown, said his caucus would focus efforts on eliminating the alternative minimum tax, also known as the "AMC" tax.

"Businesses believe ... that the AMC is killing them, and they want a repeal of that," Hoover said, "Small businesses in Kentucky are the backbone of our economy, they create jobs, manufacturing jobs, they provide to this state's economy like no other sector of our commerce and we are committed to trying to provide them some relief."

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said he has not been a fan of the AMC tax and wants it repealed.

"You pay whether you make money or not — and to me, that's un-American," Richards said.

The AMC was added as part of the 2005 tax code overhaul proposed by Gov. Ernie Fletcher, which imposed an "alternative minimum tax" calculation on the gross receipts of businesses. But business owners with low profit margins said their tax bills increased even when they made little or no net profit.

Fletcher called the General Assembly into a special session in June to alter the provision, and lawmakers gave some tax relief to businesses, but Hoover said more is needed.

Fletcher's budget office has been predicting a \$279 million surplus, and has suggested different possibilities that law-makers could consider — including a tax rebate or depositing some in the state's "rainy day" fund.

Economic Development Secretary Gene Strong said "no one from the business or economic development communities" had mentioned the AMC as a concern since it was dealt with during the special session.

"We have received no calls about it," Strong said in a statement.

Fletcher Chief of Staff Stan Cave noted the governor has made appearances throughout the state seeking input from taxpayers on how to spend the possible surplus.

"Needs like school facility construction, the rainy day fund, underfunded pension liability and even individual taxpayer rebates seem to be attracting the greatest attention," Cave said. "This is another idea that could be considered as well."

Still, Rep. Bill Farmer, R-Lexington, said he was planning to sponsor legislation that would eliminate the alternative minimum tax altogether on Jan. 1, 2008.

"It's becoming apparent that this regressive tax is not really needed," Farmer said.

Other bills on the matter, sponsored by Republican and Democrat lawmakers, are anticipated during the General Assembly's next session.

By abolishing the tax, state government would lose an estimated \$190 million or more per year, Hoover said. The loss, however, would be offset by economic growth, Hoover said.

"It will be an incentive and it will provide — for small businesses and manufacturers — it will provide additional money for them to create jobs and do the things that this economy relies upon them to do," Hoover said about the effects of abolishing the AMC.

A similar version sponsored by a House Democrat would retroactively eliminate the tax back to the beginning of the year, Richards said. That bill would likely have a better chance of passage, Richards said.

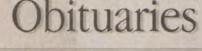
said.

When the legislature convenes next month, Democrats will hold a 61-39 lead in the

The cost of such a move was uncertain, Richards said, but he thought it would cost \$70 million to \$100 million.

Martin Kish, a spokesman for the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers, said the state should drop the tax to help lower the cost of doing business in Kentucky.

"It's difficult enough for Kentucky manufacturers to compete against low-labor costs in nations like China, India and Mexico," Kish said. "But then, on top of that, we have to pay the AMC tax even if we lose money."





Jesus he shall call
weep not for me just know it was
meant to be
Should I leave this world below

angels will accompany me to
Heaven's glow
Should I leave the beauty of God's

creation behind
it will be here for my family all of
the time
Should I leave you without goodbye

do not worry or even cry
Should I leave you my love I leave
you with all I can
I leave a smile, a bit of joy too, I

leave it all just for you.
Be happy to know I am at rest, with my Jesus, he knew what was best.

Poem was written by Judy Hall—the one he wanted on his

#### Atlas D. Hall

Atlas D. Hall, age 58, 4265 River St., Ramseur, N.C., died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006.

He was an ordained minister of Old Regular Baptist of Mountain Liberty Association since 1980 and President of Clan Hall Society for 10 years; and a associate member of the Ben Caudill Camp in Kentucky, and of Amos Reed Camp, AJ May Camp and was a chaplain of Sons of Confederate Veterans, for Craven Camp, Ramseur, North Carolina.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, at Loflin Funeral Home, Ramseur, with Rev. Charles Trout officiating.

Burial will follow in Oaklawn Cemetery.

He was born January 6, 1948, son of Goshen and the late William R. Hall of Kentucky. He is survived by his mother; wife, Judy; two sons, Christopher, Jamie Robinette; three daughters, Melissa North; daughters: Tricha Gibson, Jessica Collins; eleven grandchild; three brothers: Bobby, Riley and Avery; a lot of nieces and nephews.

Memorial may be made to: Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Ben Caudill Camp #1620, Leatherwood, Ky. (Paid obituary)

#### Stella Adams Compton

Stella Adams Compton, 81, of Melvin, died December 10, 2006, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born March 8, 1925. in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Rural Adams and Addie "Lockhart" Adams. She was a homemaker, and a member of Sookeys Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons: Larry Randall (Freda) Compton of Bowling Green, George Jr. (Joyce) Compton of San Antonio, Texas, and Roger Dale (Patty) Compton of Wheelwright; three sisters: Compton Dorothy of Lexington, Jeanette Hall of Beckley, West Virginia, and Patty Bogus of Columbus, Ohio; eight grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 14, at 11 a.m., at Roberts Funeral Home, Robinson Creek, with Ray Williams, and others, officiating.

Burial will be in the Damron Family Cemetery, Sookeys Creek, Pikeville.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obimary)

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#### Earl Moore

Earl Moore, age 82, of Glasgow, formerly of McDowell, husband of Anna Roberta McCloud Moore, passed away Sunday, December 10, 2006, at the T. J. Sampson Community Hospital, in Glasgow.

He was born November 29, 1924, in McDowell, the son of the late Miles Moore and Elvinna Williams Moore. He was a retired coal miner and assembly worker, and a member of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Aundra Kay (Robert) Bonney of Battle Creek, Michigan; a brother, Eugene Moore of Mayer, Arizona; three sisters: Alice Lawson of McDowell, Josephine Lambert of Rittman, Ohio, and Norma Jean Lambert of Kingsport, Tennessee; four sisters-in-law: Delores (Walter) Shirko, Mildred Pruett, Alice Osborne, and Cledith Rhodus; a brotherin-law, Jack McCloud; three grandchildren, Lt. Col. Russell Lee (Jennifer) Taylor, John Michael Taylor, and Clayton Earl (Amy) Bonney; three great-grandchildren: Natalie Grace Taylor, Kaitlyn Delaney

Taylor, and Jesse Morgan Livingston; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 13, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with clergyman Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial will follow in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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#### Willard Osborne

Willard Osborne, age 59, of Teaberry, died Saturday, December 9, 2006, at Pikeville Medical Center.

Born September 5, 1947, in Beaver, he was the son of the late Victor (Buster) and Mildred Hall Osborne. He was a disabled coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Blankenship Osborne.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Willard (Bud) Jr., and Osborne Stephanie Teaberry; four brothers: Leonard Osborne of Grethel, Larry Osborne of Beaver, Carson Osborne of Teaberry, and Glenn Dale Osborne of Beaver; five sisters: Priscilla Newsome, Kathy Bentley, and Glenda Newsome, all of Teaberry, Sylvia Martin of Knott County, and Brenda Newsome of Beaver; and a grandson: Nicholas Chase

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Larry Douglas Osborne.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 12, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church in Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in Osborne-Blankenship Cemetery in Teaberry, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church, with nightly services at 6:30 p.m. (Paid obituary)

#### Charles Walker Prater

Charles Walker Prater, age 67, of Langley, husband of Sheba Webb Prater, passed away Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at Central Baptist

He was born February 2, 1939, in Hueysville, the son of the late Temp Prater and Helen

Hospital, Lexington.

Cooley Prater. He was a retired mechanic. He was a member of Allen First Baptist Church, a past master of John W. Hall Masonic Lodge No. 950, in Martin, a member of El Hasa Shrine, and the Scottish Rite.

Survivors include his wife, Sheba; two daughters: Tamyra Ann Prater (Bryon) Hughes and Pamela Sue Prater (Keith) Frasure, both of Langley; her mother-in-law, Gertrude "Big Mom" Webb of Langley; No. 1 son, Chuckie May of Allen; bonus daughter, Kari (Shawn) Reid of Burlington; two brothers: Gene (Abby) Prater of Prestonsburg, and Darwin (Mary) Prater of Inez; three sisters: Loretta (Don) Frasure of Crown Point, Indiana, and Erma (Dennis) Jackson, and Diane (Jerry) Watts, both of Hueysville; three grandchildren: Brittany Lynn Frasure, Ashton Suzanne Frasure, and Elizabeth Nicole Hughes; bonus grandchildren: Austin Thomas Reid, Alex Graham Reid, Lindsay Marie Webb, and Cory Tyler Conn; and many beloved family mem-

Funeral services for Charles Walker Prater were conducted Sunday, December 10, at 2:00 p.m., at the Allen First Baptist Church, with Clergyman Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial was in the Tom Webb Cemetery in Langley, with the Hall Funeral Home in Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was after 6:00 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home, and after 1:00 p.m., Sunday, at the church.

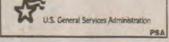
Pallbearers: Steve Little, Steve Webb, Keith Webb, Mike Harris, Mike Pennington, Austin Francis, Travis Francis, Ritchie Fraley, Larry Osborne, Kevin Moore, Shane Dingus, Lance Hall, and Shannon Thornsberry.

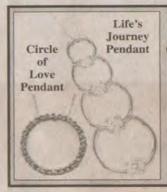
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### Card of Thanks

The family of Loverna Hall Allen wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Buford Little for his comforting words; Francene Wright and singers for the beautiful songs; First Stop Grocery for providing food for our family; for all who served as pallbearers; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate services.

THE FAMILY OF LOVERNA HALL ALLEN

### Card of Thanks

The family of Curtis Moore would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department, for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their unsurpassed services.

THE FAMILY OF CURTIS MOORE

### Card of Thanks

The family of Doris Anne Clark Hyden would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Arnold Turner Jr., and Jerry Workman for their comforting words; the First Baptist Church (Irene Cole Memorial), for all the love and support shown to our family; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family.

THE FAMILY OF DORIS ANNE CLARK HYDEN

### Card of Thanks

The family of Rev. Abe Vanderpool would like to express our appreciation to Riverview Health Care. Center Staff for their loving care of our Dad during his last days. For all who sent flowers; or perhaps said a kind word; to Hall Funeral Home for their excellent care; and to Rev. Bethel Bolen for his comforting words. Also, the pallbearers who honored their grandfather on his last walk.

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#### **Diabetes Support Group**

The Floyd County Health Department Diabetes Support Group will meet on December 19, from 11:00 to 12:00. Classes will be held at the Floyd County Health Department and are free of charge. This month topic is "Holiday Eating with Diabetes." For more information, contact Cheryl Younce at 886-2788, ext. 214.

#### Winter fun at EKSC

Children, grades 2 thru 6, can have fun this holiday break by attending a series of Science Camps, to be held Dec. 18-22 at the East KY Science Center. Enrollment is on a day-to-day basis with a fee of \$15/day (\$10 for members). Camp will begin at 9:30 a.m. each day and end at 2 p.m. A box lunch will be provided.

Campers may pick and choose which days they would like to attend, or come all week.

Daily activities schedule: Monday - Santa's Workshop (puppets, etc.); Tuesday -Flying Objects (mobiles, paper airplanes, rockets); Wednesday - The Sounds of Music (rain stick, pan flute, etc.); Thursday - Ornaments Galore (crystal snowflakes, yarn Santa, etc.); Friday -

Holiday decorations (ginger-

bread house, wreath, etc.) To register, call 889-0303.

#### Carl D. Perkins Job Corps

to host Toys for Tots 2006 The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, in cooperation with the Marine Corps Reserve, will be hosting Toys for Tots 2006 for Johnson County residents on December 21, and Floyd County, on December 22, at the Perkins Gymnasium. Anyone interested in donating a new unopened toy can drop them off at the following locations:

Floyd County locations: All First Commonwealth

Bank locations Big Sandy RECC Brad Hughes Toyota Cash Express Dollar Tree Honda of Prestonsburg East KY Tire IGA at Stanville Layne's Hardware Messer's Department Store

WQHY Johnson County locations: All Citizens National Bank

locations Brown's Ford Fashion Bug Glenda's Little Nook

Save-A-Lot

Ramada Inn All toys collected will be distributed to local children. Anyone in need of receiving toys, for ages infant to 13 years old, needs to contact the Family Resource Center at their local elementary and middle schools.

For more information, contact Marsha Hackworth at 886-1037, ext. 105, or Lisa Moore at ext. 127.

#### Live Drive Through Nativity

Christ United Methodist Church, in Allen, will hold a Live Drive Through Nativity on December 16 and 17, from 6 till 9 p.m. "Come, go back to the night when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Experience the wonder of the special night from the comfort of your own

HRMC December Calendar

•Dec. 14, 21, 28 - Kiwanis, Meeting Place A&B, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

•Dec. 15 - Highlands Blood Drive, Meeting Place A&B, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Hillbilly Travel Club

Now scheduling trips for the upcoming year to: Myrtle Beach (Golf), March 11-15; Washington, DC, Memorial Day weekend; Niagara Falls, Canada, Labor Day weekend. All trips include roundtrip motorcoach, lodging, selected meals. Others include rounds of golf (with cart), guided tours, entry to area attractions (Maid of Mist boat ride, IMAX theater, and more). Call Ed at 452-4149 for more information.

#### ACHS Class of '96

The Allen Central High School Class of 1996 will be holding their 10-year reunion. For more information, call Amanda at 285-9491 or Leslie at 886-8003.

#### PHS Class of '97

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1997 is currently planning their 10 year reunion. The reunion is scheduled to be held on July 14, 2007 at the Best Western, Prestonsburg. Those wishing to attend should please send in all of their personal information including name, address, phone number, occupation, spouse, children, and pets.

All teachers from 1993 to 1997 are also welcome. Classmates may send their information to phs97@bellsouth.net or mail to Mark McKinney, 69 Hospital St., Martin, KY 41640

#### Hope in the Mountains Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the

Trimble Chapel Church. Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freecom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006

#### Social Security Rep to be at Mud Creek Clinic Date: Dec. 26.

or more information.

The representative will assist in filing claims for Social Security retirement, disability, and survivor's benefits. Those visiting may also apply for SSI, Black Lung, and Social Security numbers.

The representative may also assist in filing appeals and answering questions.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club Invites interested profes-

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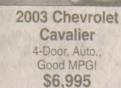
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Guest View

# Attitude adjustment needed on math, science

For all the government efforts to turn on more children to college and math and science, reform is useless unless Americans themselves see the value in the topics.

A new survey casts doubt on that commitment.

Americans are divided about whether college students need to study more mathematics and science in the new economy, according to the report.

Forty-six percent of Americans say colleges and universities should not require students to take more courses in math and science, while 46 percent said students should be required to do so.

Ignorance is not the issue. Americans realize such classes are considered key to preserving U.S. economic competitiveness.

Eighty-six percent were aware that China and India are working to produce more workers with technical skills. And 70 percent said general math and science skills would be "very important" for all college graduates in the 21st century. Rather, too many Americans see math as just too tough or they put grades above learning. When asked why students avoid math and science, 44 percent said, "they think it is too difficult," while 10 percent said "they believe it will hurt their grade point average."

Seventeen percent said "they find it uninteresting" and 16 percent said "the subject material is not presented in an engaging way." The survey of 1,000 registered voters nationwide was released by the American Council on Education. The report underscores a troubling concern: Do Americans care about their own competitiveness and that of their children? If parents do not believe their children can excel in math and science, they are hindering their children's success. Teenagers, in particular, need their parents' and teachers' support and confidence. At ages 11 and 12, children from every socioeconomic class overwhelmingly aspire to attend college, and are confident they can succeed in college preparation classes.

By ages 16 and 17, most of those children have lost their confidence. In Michigan, one-fourth of students drop out of high school.

Americans need to put long-term success ahead of short-term comfort and easy achievement. Parents must encourage their children to pursue math and science. Teachers and colleges can help, too, by using more successful teaching methods. Today's struggles with math and science are worth a lifetime of better opportunities.

— The Detroit News

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### Letters

# Seeking information on Rowe family

I am hoping this letter reaches the eyes of some old-timers who read this paper. I am doing research on the Rowe family who once upon a time lived in Floyd County before the kind citizens of Floyd saw fit to give some land to Pike County.

I would appreciate any information you may have about this family. I am enclosing my email address to make correspondence easier for you. I appreciate any information you may be able to provide.

Mary Ann Reed Cincinnati, Ohio mreed14@cinci.rr.com

# Why hasn't murder been solved?

My name Amy Tackett and I am writing you in regards to the murder of my late uncle, Geaorge Branham. I am asking Floyd Countians to help me draw the recognition this crime deserves.

My uncle was murdered in August of 1999. Today, no arrest has been made. A day doesn't pass by that I don't wonder why he was murdered and why no arrest has been made? In some sense I feel that it is partly because of who he was.

To some he was just another man, just another face, and/or just another victim. To many others he was a friend, brother, son, father, and husband. No human on this planet deserved to die in the way that it is suspected that my uncle did.

My mother and grandmother question daily when are we going to know something, when are we going to get closure? Honestly, at this point I don't think that we ever will, but I am making an attempt to seek help from others.

George was not rich, nor political. It saddens me that a life has been taken and because he wasn't popular with the politicians and his pockets weren't lined with gold, it was okay for him to be murdered. My family is pleading for answers, or just closure. Why, Floyd County do you allow a

murderer to roam your streets and not question it? Yes, I admit my uncle may have

had a drug problem, but did he deserve to die? No!

I hope that the person who committed this horrific crime sees his face and hears his voice until they day they die. It's like he has been forgotten and no one cares.

Please don't allow this brutal murderer to walk the streets in our hometowns and justice not be served. Put yourself in my shoes, and help us find the murderer of my loving uncle, George Branham.

Now, if I am stepping on someone's toes, I'm sorry but they shouldn't have been in my way, so to speak.

Please, Floyd County, help me get this crime the recognition it deserves and solve a mystery that haunts my family daily. Please if you have any information on this crime please report it to the authorities, I request the reports be made to the Kentucky State Police or Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson. Thank you for your time and attention.

Amy Tackett Wheelwright



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## HRMC names new marketing, PR director

PRESTONSBURG Highlands Regional Medical Center has named James Stanley as its new director of marketing and public relations.

Stanley joins the staff of HRMC from Kentucky River Medical Center in Jackson, where he served as the marketing and public relations director for the past six years. Stanley is a 1993 graduate of Belfry High School and 1998 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in public relations.

Stanley's wife, Rebecca Shepherd Stanley, is a 1998 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and a 2004 graduate of

State Rep. Stan Lee, R-

Lexington, is the primary

sponsor of nine bills waiting

for lawmakers' return. Among

the is a bill in which Lee calls

for requiring any state docu-

ments to be published in

English only, unless otherwise

authorized by law. Another

would prohibit university or college employees' domestic

partners from receiving health

require Kentucky public

schools to use A.D., meaning

"the year of the Lord," and

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Two other bills would

Bills

Eastern Kentucky University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She will be joining the Surgical Staff of Highlands Regional Medical Center in early

"I am very proud to be a part of this winning team at Highlands," Stanley said. "This hospital is dedicated to the communities that it serves and I am thankful for this great opportunity to be apart of such a great hospital. Both me and my wife are very happy to be coming back home to work and to raise our daughter, Isabella Grace."

Regional Highlands Medical Center is a 184-bed not-for-profit, community



James Stanley

owned and operated healthcare facility that is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

#### Council

Tourism Commission and the city's assets exceeded its liabilities for the 2006 fiscal year, down nearly \$800,000 from the previous year.

Council member Kelly Moore defended the actions of the council over the previous year, saying that the audit proved that the city council had done a good job by keeping the city out of debt. He said many people had criticized the mayor and the council in the past, but the audit showed otherwise.

The firm Stephens & Lawson performed tests of compliance to make sure the city did not make any misstatements about its finances. The firm said the objective of the audit was not to provide an opinion on these matters, but merely to disclose them, which they found three for the 2006 fiscal year. The report concluded that expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts in some instances, certain funds of the city had a deficit fund balance as of June 30, 2006, and deposits held at local financial institutions were not

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Also discussed at the meeting was the indoor baseball practice facility nearing completion at the Stone Crest recreational area. Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin reported that work on the dugouts has yet to begin, but the project as a whole is on target to open on time for next year's season.

Jerry C. Workman,

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#### Dedman, R-Harrodsburg, wants to make sure that any

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led to an altercation between the two brothers, where eventually William Sowards went into his house, grabbed a handgun and returned to the front porch and shot his brother one time in the upper right portion of his

Johnson County Coroner J.R. Frisby pronounced him dead at the scene, sending the body to Frankfort for an autop-

William Sowards was

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Director. "Give blood and you

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less than \$60,000 per year gets an annual 5-percent raise. Those who make more than \$60,000 would get an annual cost of living adjustment, under the bill prefiled by Dedman.

Some have a different beat. One would designate Louisville's orchestra as the state's official orchestra, while another would name bluegrass Kentucky's official music.

For those who don't think they pay enough in taxes, there is always state Rep. David Floyd's proposal. Floyd, R-Bardstown, wants to create a "tax-me-more account" in the state coffers, which would allow people or businesses that think they're undertaxed to pay more.

Rep. Jesse Crenshaw, D-

■ Continued from p1 state employee who makes Lexington, is among the lawmakers floating different versions of a bill aimed at automatically restoring felons' voting rights when they've completed their sentences. Crenshaw's plan would automatically restore all felons' voting rights when they've completed their court obliga-

> Another by Sen. Gerald Neal, D-Louisville, would offer voters a constitutional amendment that would reinstate voting rights to felons under a tiered system that hinges on how long they were in prison, Rep. Tom Riner, D-Louisville, has a similar proposed amendment that would reinstate voting rights after someone — excluding violent and/or sex offenders - had not re-offended for three years and completed community ser-

"It is going to be an issue and we are hopeful that we can get it through the House and Senate and on the ballot for voters to vote on in 2008, Crenshaw said.

Pre-filing a bill may not ensure it can sidestep all the legislative pitfalls it may meet in the state Capitol. But it does get a bill assigned to a legislative committee the first day of session, Damron said. For a bill to get before the full body, it must first win approval in

"It just gives it kind of a leg up, so to speak," Damron said. A small advantage,

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arrested at the scene without incident and has been lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center on one count of murder. The incident remains under investigation by Detective Mike Goble of Kentucky State Police.

Sowards was arraigned in Johnson District Court Monday morning and had a preliminary hearing in the case set for 9 a.m. Thursday. Sowards remains lodged at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center after his bond was set at \$1 million.

# Orders from headquarters

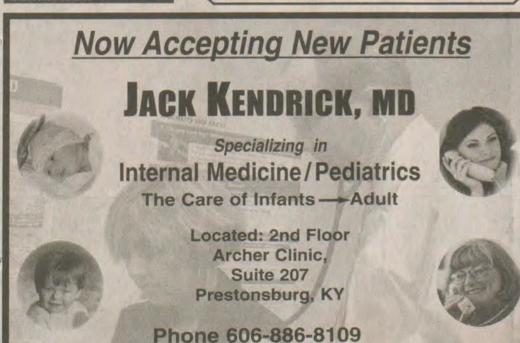
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### Beshear, Mongiardo making campaign announcement

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE

Democrat Steve Beshear, who made an unsuccessful bid for governor 20 years ago, will make an announcement with state Sen. Dan Mongiardo next week concerning next year's governor's race, Beshear said

He scheduled a news conference for next Monday in Frankfort but declined to describe the announcement.

"If I wasn't seriously interested in running for governor, I wouldn't be holding a press conference next week," Beshear told The Courier-Journal.

Beshear, 62, of Lexington, ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1987 and for U.S. Senate in 1996. He has served as a state representative, attorney general and lieutenant governor.

Other potential contenders for the Democratic nomination include Attorney General Greg Stumbo, House Speaker Jody Richards, former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, state Treasurer Jonathan Miller, Louisville lawyer Jack Conway and Louisville businessmen Bruce Lundergan and Charlie Owen.

U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler, state Auditor Crit Luallen, Louisville Mayor Abramson and former Gov. Brereton Jones have all said they would not seek the Democratic nomination.

Republican Billy Harper, a Paducah businessman, has said he will run against Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

### LIHEAP energy assistance ending Dec. 15

The 2006 Subsidy component of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that provides energy assistance to needy families will be ending on Friday, December 15. Any individual or family wanting to file an application should do so before the close of business (4:30 pm) on that date.

The Crisis component of LIHEAP, which provides assistance to households in danger of losing their primary source of heat, will begin January 8, 2006.

If you would like more information, contact the local Big Sandy Area Community Action Program office in your county. The phone numbers are: Pike - 432-2775; Martin -298-3217; Magoffin - 349-2217; Johnson - 789-6515; Floyd - 886-2929.



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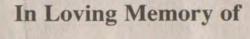










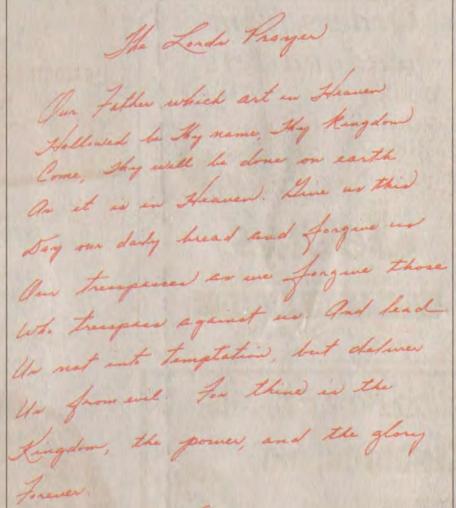


# Norma Jean Stone Neeley

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Thoughts and memories of Norma Jean's life we now treasure in our hearts by remembering her as a wonderful wife, mother, and care-giver, who was also a respected and outstanding school teacher. She was loved and cherished by her family and those who knew her, and as one dear friend commented, "She wore elegance with ease."

Norma Jean reflected her love of the Lord in many ways, and we are especially comforted by the hundreds of hand-written copies of the Lord's Prayer that she left for us. These beautiful manifestations of Norma Jean's faith were found in her desk, in purses, in notebooks, and various other places, and we would like to share one with you:

















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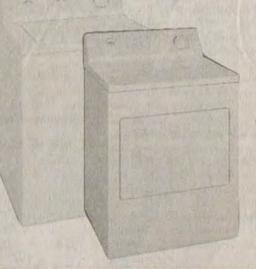
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"Lunch is served at noon and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075; David Kraus at 886-3082; or Nancy Johnson at 886-1156 for more info.

#### UNITE

The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the FIRST Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

Free Body Recall classes
Free Body Recall Exercise

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

#### Senior employment program

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

External Diploma Program Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appoint-

GED classes are also available.

#### Floyd County Extension

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

Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community

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

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ. Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning

Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.

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Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.

Special interest groups: Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension

Office.

Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

#### Looking for a Support Group?

 Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group now meets at Riverview Manor.

•Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

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

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

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

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

\*Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

\*A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 Lake North Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, con-

tact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

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•PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

•East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers -Will hold month-

ly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

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

# Congress approves bill extending abandoned mine program

by KIMBERLY HEFLING ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — About \$1 billion in relief could be headed to rural Pennsylvania communities to clean up hazardous and polluting abandoned coal mines under legislation that passed the Senate early Saturday.

The measure, part of a larger bill, would reauthorize the national coal mine reclamation program for 15 years at a cost of \$5 billion. The House had approved the legislation on Friday; it now awaits the president's signature.

Passage of the legislation ends a years-long fight that has pitted coal-producing states against each other.

Nationwide, it is estimated that more than 3.6 million people live less than a mile from an abandoned coal mine. The price tag to clean up the worst sites is \$8.5 billion.

Particularly in eastern U.S.

coalfields, the unstable former mine land has been blamed for fatal accidents by hikers and ATV riders — 24 deaths in Pennsylvania were reported last year on abandoned mine land. In addition, toxins from the abandoned mines have left about 4,000 miles of streams and rivers biologically dead in the state. There are also fires inside several former underground mines that have burned for years.

Pennsylvania, which once was king of the coal industry, has an estimated 184,000 acres of land scarred by old coal mines. It is estimated it could take \$5 billion to completely clean them up.

The program was created in 1977 as part of sweeping reforms in surface mining. It was based on a per-ton fee that coal companies paid into a fund established for use to clean up the abandoned mine sites. But much of the money over the years was used to pad

coalfields, the unstable former mine land has been blamed for fatal accidents by hikers and ATV riders — 24 deaths in the federal budget. About \$2 billion collected for the fund has not been appropriated for clean-up projects.

In the last decade, Pennsylvania has received about \$250 million to clean up its abandoned mines.

Since the program's creation, much of the nation's mining has shifted from states in the east like Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky to those in the west, like Wyoming

The western states have not struggled as much with abandoned mine restoration issues because much of the mining has been done with modern mining and reclamation techniques.

Under the current program, half the fees collected go back to the state from which the coal was mined.

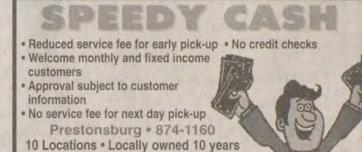
The historic coal mining states have complained that Wyoming uses its abandoned mine land fund for public works. The western states, in turn, have complained of bearing the burden of funding the program.

The bill would lower the fees paid into the program and modify the formula so that historic coal mining states with the more serious problems get a higher stake of the money, while Wyoming would still get a huge chunk. It also would continue to fund health benefits for thousands of retired union miners who worked for coal companies that no longer exist — a key issue for West Virginia lawmakers.

It would make spending for the reclamation program mandatory, which means it would not be controlled through the annual appropriations process.

That's a boon for the coalproducing states, which have long complained that the money is not being used for its intended purpose.

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# Plan to close state FSA offices revisited

FRANKFORT — Eight county offices of the U.S. Farm Service Agency in Kentucky have been recommended for closure by the FSA's state office, lawmakers heard today.

Proposed closure of the offices, located in Anderson, Johnson, Rowan, Scott, Fulton, Larue, McCracken and Wolfe counties, is the first phase of a multi-step plan toward restructuring the FSA in Kentucky following the end of federal tobacco price supports, state FSA Director Jeff Hall told the Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources last week.

Hall said the national FSA office has yet to act on the recommendation, but is starting to move in that direction.

The eight counties were chosen because they either do not have enough employees, payment activity or the workload to stay open, or because of leasing and other issues. A dwindling workload in many county offices in the post-tobacco program economy has reduced some office workloads by as much as 25 percent, Hall said.

Other office workloads have only been slightly affect-

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ed, he said, adding that new statewide FSA figures available next spring will show how great the impact has been.

As far as staffing the offices recommended for closure at a later time goes, Hall's response was not promising.

"There's really no sign that we will be able to hire back staff to operate those offices," he replied.

Hall said public meetings to discuss the recommendation must be held in each of the eight counties before any offices can be closed. Those meetings will likely be scheduled in January or February, he said.

Committee co-chair Rep. Tom McKee, D-Cynthiana, said he is surprised that Anderson and Scott — two strong agricultural counties — are included on the FSA list.

"Anderson and Scott: They're big agricultural counties. It's a little bit of a fooler to think there's not much activity there, but I'm sure you have the records," said McKee.

Hall said workload and the offices' proximity to each other is what put them among the

The second and third phases of the state office's restructuring plan have not yet been submitted. Other offices may be recommended for closure after the state FSA office reviews other counties' office data for fiscal year 2006, he said.

A plan to close more than 30 of Kentucky's 90 FSA offices and several hundred FSA offices nationwide was scrapped last fall after an outcry from farmers and members of Congress.









Members of the Young **Democrats Club at** Pikeville College recently attended the Kentucky Democratic Party's Jefferson Jackson Dinner at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville. Former President Bill Clinton was the keynote speaker for the event. "It was truly an experience to have the opportunity to hear a former president speak that had such an impact on our country," said Curtis Dotson, president of the Young Democrats Club. Dotson said party leaders from across the state also discussed education, health care and the economy. From left are Ryan Stratton, vice president, Ashley Huffman, Adam Lesshafft, Sara Cavins, Dotson, and Jennifer Rose. Not pictured are Derrick Silas. **Eugene Sisco and** Calvin Sidle.



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# Fletcher won't appear at personnel hearing

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Kentucky and won't appear
this week at a personnel hearing, where he was subpoenaed
as a possible witness in the
case of a Transportation
Cabinet worker who claims he
was fired for political reasons.

But while Fletcher won't appear before the state Personnel Board on Wednesday, a letter from his general counsel said his office will cooperate and is ready to "bring this matter to a prompt conclusion."

General counsel James L. Deckard's letter to lawyers for Mike Duncan doesn't guarantee Fletcher will testify in person.

Duncan, a Democrat with ties to U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler, is appealing his dismissal before the board. He alleged he was fired in May 2005 as the top investigator for the Transportation Cabinet's inspector general as part of the Fletcher administration's plan to replace some workers with political supporters.

Thomas Clay, one of Duncan's lawyers, said the Jefferson County sheriff's office served Fletcher the subpoena Friday while he was in Louisville to give a speech. Clay provided The Courier-Journal with the letter.

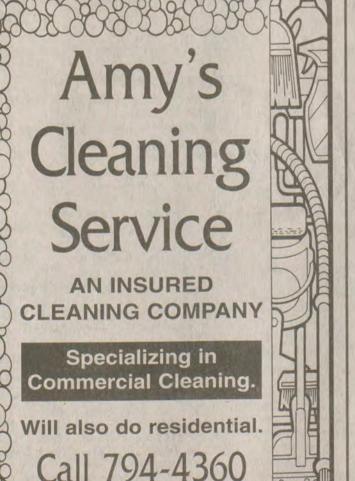
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Clay said he wants to question Fletcher about what he knew about Duncan's dismissal and whether the governor knew about a so-called "hit list" of people supposedly targeted for dismissal or demotion by his administration. Duncan's name appears on the list.



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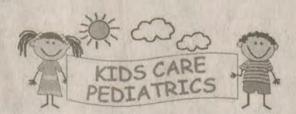
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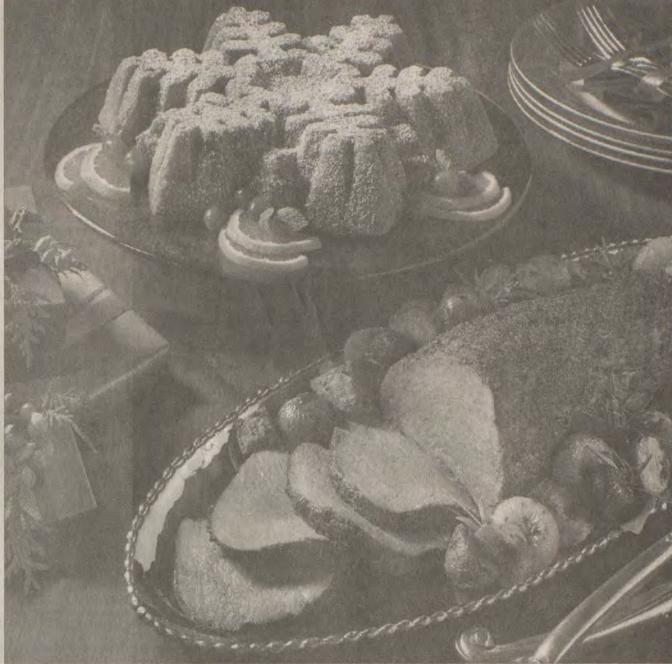
Total preparation and cooking time: 1 to 1-1/4 hours Makes 6 to 8 servings

- 1 well-trimmed center-cut beef tenderloin roust (2 to 3 pounds)
- 1-1/2 pounds baby red potatoes, cut in half 1-1/2 pounds sweet potatoes,
- peeled, cut into 1-1/2 x 1-inch pieces 1 pound cipollini onions,
  - trimmed and peeled 2 tublespoons chopped parsley Salt

Seasoning

- 1 cup tightly packed parsley
- teaspoons smoked paprika 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1. Heat oven to 425°F. Place seasoning ingredients except olive oil in food processor, cover and process until parsley is chopped, stopping and scraping side of container as needed. With the motor running, slowly add oil through the opening in cover, processing just until combined.

- 2. Press 3 nablespoons seasoning mixture evenly onto all surfaces of beef roast. Reserve remaining seasoning mixture
- 3. Place roast on rack in shallow roasting pan. Insert ovenproof meat thennometer so tip is centered in thickest part of beef, not resting in fat, Do not add water or cover. Roast in 425°F oven 35 to 40 minutes for medium rare; 45 to 50 minutes for medium doneness.
- 4. Meanwhile, combine remaining seasoning mixture, red potatoes, sweet potatoes and cipollini in large bowl; toss to coat. Transfer vegetables to metal baking pan. Place in oven with beef roast. Roast 35 to 45 minutes or until vegetables are tender and lightly browned Sprinkle with I tablespoon parsley and salt, as desired. 5. Remove roast when meat thermom-
- eter registers 135°F for medium rare; 150°F for medium. Transfer roast to carving board and immediately sprinkle with remaining I tablespoon parsley. Tent loosely with aluminum foil. Let stand 15 to 20 minutes. (Temperature will continue to rise about 10°F to reach 145°F for medium rare; 160°F for medium.)
- 6. Carve roast into slices; season with salt as desired. Serve with vegetables.



Cran-Orange Snowflake Cake and Smoky Paprika Reef Tenderloin With Roasted Root Vegetables

#### Cran-Orange Snowflake Cake

Total preparation and cooking time: 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 hours Makes 12 servings

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt
- cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine,
- softened 1-1/2 cups granulated sugar

  - 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- cup sour cream 1-1/2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries,
- coarsely chopped 3/4 cup finely chopped pecans, toasted
- Confectioners' sugar 1. Preheat oven to 325°H. Spray snowllake
- pan with vegetable pan spray; set aside.
- 2. Combine flour, baking powder and salt in medium bowl; set aside. Cream butter and sugar in large mixing bowl with electric
- mixer. Add eggs, one at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition. Add orange zest and vanilla extract. Add flour mixure alternately with sour cream; mix well. Gently sur in cranberries and pecans. Spoon batter evenly into prepared pan.
- 3. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 8 to 10 minutes. Carefully invert cake onto cooling rack. Cool completely, 4. Dust cake with confectioners' sugar.



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#### Beef Brisket With Savory Sautéed Apples

Total preparation and cooking time: 3 to 4 hours Makes 6 to 8 servings

- 1 boneless beef brisket, flat cut
- (2-1/2 to 3-1/2 pounds)
- tablespoon vegetable oil 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 tenspoon pepper large onion, coarsely chopped, divided
- large clove garlic, minced
- cup apple cider tablespoons butter
- cups sliced unpeeled apples, such as
- Fuji or Gala (about 1-1/2 pounds) cup fresh or frozen cranberries
- tablespoons packed brown sugar 1/3 cup coarsely chopped walnuts, toasted
- I Heat oil in stockpot over medium heat until hot. Place brisket in stockpot; brown evenly. Remove brisket; season with salt and pepper.
- 2. Reserve 1/2 cup onion. Add remaining onion and garlie to stockpot. Cook and stir 4 to 5 minutes or until onion is tender. Return brisket, fat side up, to stockpot. Add apple eider, bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover tightly and simmer
- 2-1/2 to 3 hours or until brisket is fork-tender. 3. Meanwhile, heat butter in large nonstick skillet over medium heat until melted. Add apples and reserved onion; cook and stir 5 to 7 minutes or until apples are just tender. Add cranberries and brown sugar; cook 4 to 6 minutes or until cranberries are tender and juices are thickened, stirring occasionally. Stir in walnuts. Keep warm.
- 4. Remove cooked brisket from stockpot; keep warm. Skim fat from cooking liquid. Bring cooking liquid to a boil. Cook, uncovered, 10 to 12 minutes or until reduced by half, stirring occasionally.
- Carve brisket diagonally across the grain into thin slices. Serve with reduced cooking liquid and apple mixture.

#### Almond Hanukkah Cookies

Total preparation and cooking time: 1-3/4 to 2 hours Chilling time: 1 hour Makes approximately 3-1/2 dozen 3-inch cookies

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder 3/4 cup margarine\* or butter, softened
- cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon clear almond extract 1/2 cup finely chopped almonds (optional)

- 1-1/4 cups confectioners' sugar
  - to 3 tablespoons water teaspoon clear almond extract (optional) Royal blue icing color Golden yellow icing color
- 1. Combine floor and baking powder in small bowl; mix well and set aside Beat margarine and sugar in large bowl with electric maxer until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs and almond extract. Add flour mixture, and if desired, almonds to butter mixture 1 cup at a time, mixing after each addition. Place cookie dough on plastic wrap; shape

Blue and yellow colored sugars

into a disk. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. 2. Preheat oven to 375°E Roll out dough to about 1/8 inch thick on well-floured surface. Cut with cookie cutters, dipping cutters in flour before each use

3. Place cookies on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned around edges. Remove to wire rack; cool completely.

4. Combine confectioners' sugar, water, and if desired, almond extract in medium bowl, stir until smooth (leing should pour easily from spoon.) Divide icing into thirds; color one third blue, one third yellow and reserve one third white. Spoon over cooled cookies; sprinkle as desired with colored sugars

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# Research opportunities enhance learning, develop critical thinking

group of Pikeville College students, the world outside their classroom has been transformed into a place of learning. From studying the population census and the DNA of small mammals, to conducting ocological research on bird species in their natural habitat, Brian Daniels, Amanda Ramey, Matthew Smith, and Brittany Wright are making the most of their research opportunities.

The students each were awarded Lee B. Ledford scholarships College Appalachian Association (ACA) which provided a research stipend of \$4,840, including funds to purchase equipment. The Ledford scholarship fund supports research experiences for students at ACA colleges with preference going to those from Harlan and surrounding counties in Kentucky.

The students were guided in their efforts by Joe Whittaker, Ph.D., associate professor of biology at Pikeville College. In the classroom, Whittaker teaches stu-

PIKEVILLE - For one dents about the ecological impact small mammals have as far as eating insect pests, dispersing seeds and controlling vegetation. The students' projects were varied, but all have the potential to shed light on the ecology and ecological relationships of mammals and birds found in Eastern

> We have a unique opportunity to study many of these ecological projects. There has been little ecological work conducted in our area so each of these studies provides information not really looked at in this region," Whittaker said.

The students presented their findings during the ACA's annual fall conference, the American Society of Mammalogists Meeting in Amherst, Mass., held this summer, the first annual Environmental Education & Undergraduate Research Conference in Wise, Va., in October, and most recently at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science held at Morehead State University.

"All four students are get-

ting experience conducting real, pertinent research," said Whittaker. "They now have first-hand experience. This will help them with later science careers in planning and executing research and interpreting research conducted by others. Additionally, they have participated in conferences and made poster and oral presentations of their research projects. This is experience few undergraduates get anywhere. Basically, conducting original research gets them thinking and acting like a scientist - instead of simply reading about experiments and conducting simplified versions in a three-hour lab."

Daniels, of Pikeville, researched population census on small mammals at a number of sites in Pike County, looking at small mammal use of natural forest areas, reclaimed mountaintop removal, and valley-fill habitats. Habitat changes and the ecological impacts on animals are more evident in small mammals. Small mammals in particular live their entire lives in an area, making it possible



From left, Pikeville College students Matthew Smith, Amanda Ramey, Brittany Wright and Brian Daniels were awarded Lee B. Ledford scholarships by the Appalachian College Association (ACA), providing each with a research stipend of \$4,840. The Ledford scholarship fund supports research experiences for students at ACA colleges with preference going to those from Harlan and surrounding counties in Kentucky. The students are pictured here with Dr. Joe Whittaker, their professor and advisor on the research projects.

to look at several generations

in a short period of time. Ramey, of Pikeville, studied the barn owl, which is reportedly declining in population around the state. Her research identified small mammal species by examining pellets collected from around a barn owl nest. The pellets provided information on what owls eat. Knowing about their diet can help researchers understand if there a change in the abundance and distribution of food. By studying the pellets, Ramey was able to identify high numbers of a species almost never caught in traps.

Smith, of Elkhorn City. conducted ecological research for five months on bird species in their natural forested habitat, in mountain top removal sites, and valley fills. He focused on bird species that are using newly-created grass-

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land habitat where there had previously only been forest. Studies have indicated that certain endangered species have inhabited reclaimed land. Smith researched whether certain species could be found in this area and which species

were using local grasslands. Wright, of Jenkins, studied deer mice and white-footed mice by examining different forms of saliva. The mice are similar, but one species appears to be declining while the other appears to be expanding its range. One of the mice has also been associated with a particular disease, which makes the research even more valuable.

Wright's research was coauthored by Marie Hargis, a 2005 alumna who currently attends the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, and Bridgette Thacker, a 2006 graduate who is now a student at the Appalachian School of Pharmacy. Their research won the best undergraduate poster award for zoology during the Kentucky Academy of Science Undergraduate and Graduate Research Competition held at Morehead State University in

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE **PURSUANT TO APPLICATION** NUMBER 836-5472 **OPERATOR** CHANGE

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Eastern Fuels LLC, 183 Creek, Tollage Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 intends to revise Permit No. 836-5472 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is McPeek Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 197, Dorton, Kentucky 41520. The new operator will be Goose Creek Energy, Inc., 183 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, KY 41501. The operation is located 1.2 miles

east of Garrett in and all bids. Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.3 miles southeast of State Route 80's junction with State Route 7 and located along Goose Creek. The operation is located on the Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37°29'00"

longitude 82°48'36" The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Suite 6, Drive. Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15)

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5334 Amendment

No. 4 In accordance with the provisions of 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co... Inc., 439 Meadows Branch; Prestonsburg 41653 Kentucky has applied for an amendment to an underground/refuse storage coal mining operation located 2.0 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The amendment will add additional 1521.0 acres of underground area for a total area within the permit bound-2648.16

amendment area is approximately 1.0 miles east from Ky Route 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road and located 0.1 miles north of Sugarloaf Branch.

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**OPERATOR** 

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The operation is and is situated in Floyd County. The operation is approx- date.

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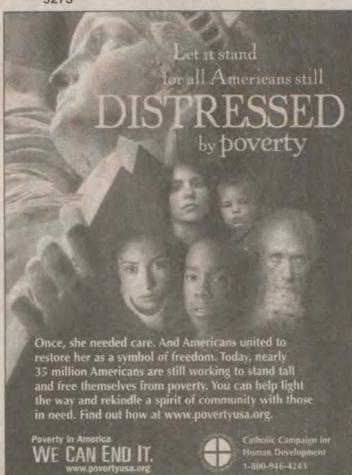
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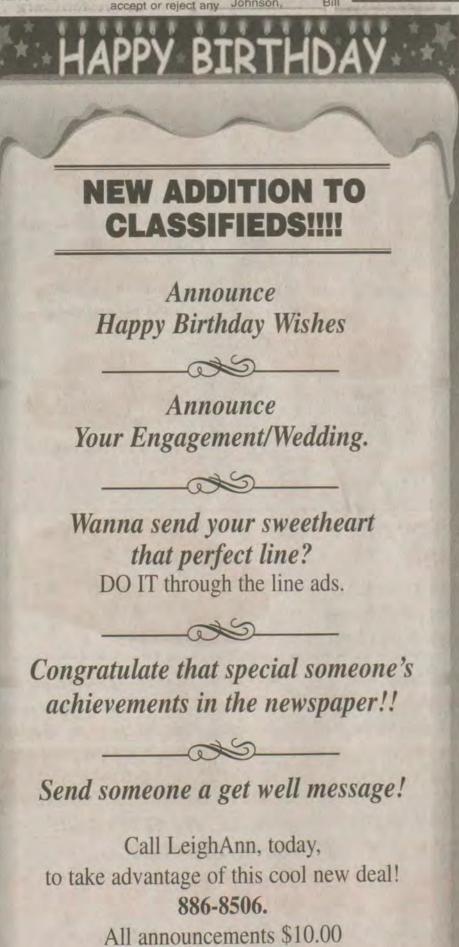
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The Floyd County Fiscal Court will conduct the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference for these three (3) projects at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, located at 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky (on the Second Floor of 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

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# Odds & Ends

PASADENA, Calif. — Llamas have waited 15 years to appear in the Rose Parade.

On New Year's Day, 18 of the animals and their owners will stroll down Colorado Boulevard.

Joan Selby, a member of the Llama Association of Southern California, sent the original application to the parade committee 15 years ago.

She is not sure why it took so long for parade officials to let the llamas into the parade but suggested it might have been fear of the unknown.

"It could be that it just was not our time. Back then, llamas weren't very well known," Selby

Paul Holman, president and chairman of the board of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, said he has been told llamas had not been allowed in the parade because horses fear them and react as if the llamas were predators.

But he did his research and found a solution. The llamas will be staged in a separate area and have a spot toward the beginning of the parade, far from the equestrian units, Holman said.

■ HOUSTON — Taking a cue from a reality TV show, a Houston-area health teacher is offering cash prizes to losers.

The MacArthur Ninth Grade School's Biggest Loser challenge wraps up this week with financial rewards going to the students who lost the most weight or body fat over the past 18 weeks.

At last week's final tally, the 215 students at the school had lost a total of 852 pounds. The boys' and girls' champions will be awarded \$250, while the 10 runners-up of each gender will get \$100.

The Biggest Loser contest,

which is being supported by corporate sponsorships, is based on the reality TV show of the same

Teacher Cathy Roach said the contest gave her a chance to pass on health tips to her students.

"One of the main things I feel I am accomplishing with this is educating them," Roach said. "I tell my kids you are the first generation. If we can just get some of you to break that cycle."

She offered numerous suggestions, such as substituting diet drinks for regular sodas, doing sit-ups during TV commercials, or urging parents to use less cooking oil in their traditional family meals. She also switched health class from the classroom to the gym for two days each week.

Roach said she wants to expand the program to teachers

■ ATLANTA — Living in balmy south Georgia, Gene Long knew his wife Crystal pined for the winter snows of her native Pennsylvania.

So he decided to do something about it.

Armed with a homemade snowmaking machine, the 41year-old paramedic and firefighter stayed up overnight during a rare subfreezing snap and crisscrossed their property.

Saturday morning, he presented her with an inch-deep blanket of snow on their lawn.

"She thought it was pretty cool," Long said. "We actually had a little snowball fight."

Crystal Long said her longing for snow grows deep this time of

"Oh yes, especially at Christmas time, because people down here are still wearing shorts and tank tops in the middle of December," she said. The ing dog to the house and located 23-year-old native of Cresson, Pa., and her husband have lived in south Georgia's Long County for five years. The community is about 46 miles west of Savannah.

Tapping into plans he found on the Internet, her husband built the snow maker from a pressure washer and an air compressor.

"I find it kind of fun," he said. But he added, "It's kind of ironic, because I don't like cold weather."

■ WICHITA, Kan. — A Wichita man called 911 to report he was the victim of an armed

The theft? A pound of marijuana worth about \$1,100 that he had been trying to sell at his

The victim told police Thursday that a buyer had pulled out a sawed-off shotgun and stole the drugs.

more marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

The victim was booked into Sedgwick County jail on several charges, including possession with the intent to sell drugs.

The thief has not been found.

BYRON TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Jason Lee insists he's not declaring war on Christmas, despite what the multicolored lights on his front lawn spell out.

His display of holiday decorations just happens to include the phrase "Bah-hum-bug."

"I like the holidays, and I've always decorated Christmas," Lee told The Grand Rapids Press in Sunday editions. "Can't have too many lights."

Lee, 28, a sheet metal worker, said he was just having fun with the display when he included the sour sentiment made famous by Ebenezer Scrooge in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas

He started the display in mid-November.

It began with the word "bug," followed by "bah" a few days later and finally, "hum," said next-door neighbor John Stryker, who called Christmas catchphrase odd but not offensive.

"They're a real nice family," said Sandy Yocum, another neighbor. "I don't think they're Scrooges at all."

Byron Township Clerk Joel Hondorp, who has seen the display, said he's not sure he "gets it," but there are worse things people could spell out with lights.

■ \MADRID, Spain — The last time it snowed in the sunbaked town of Lepe in southern Spain was in 1954. Now the stuff is falling every day promptly at 8 p.m., for exactly 15 minutes — thanks to a mayor keen on concocting a white

A pair of cannons blasting frozen precipitate over the town square have proven such a hit in Lepe — a town of 22,000 better known for its beaches and lush crops of strawberries — that human and traffic gridlock ensue every evening when it is time to

"More than anything we are doing it for the younger people, who have never seen snow," Mayor Manuel Andres Gonzalez said last week, according to the newspaper El Pais.

The fake weather began Dec. 5 as part of Christmas festivities and is scheduled to last until Jan.

A torrential downpour of rain - the real kind - drenched Lepe on Dec. 5 as people gathered in the town square, jeopardizing their first taste of the cold and white, but the water let up just in time.

"In the end we got lucky and the weather gave us a break,"

### **Today in Histo** import duties on computers, The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 2006. There are 18 days left in the

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 13, 1862, Union forces suffered a major defeat to the Confederates at the Battle of Fredericksburg. On this date:

■ In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman sighted presentday New Zealand.

■ In 1769, Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, received its charter,

■ In 1835, Phillips Brooks, the American Episcopal bishop who wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was born in Boston.

In 1918, President Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

■ In 1928, George Gershwin's musical work "An American in Paris" had its premiere, at Carnegie Hall in New York.

■ In 1944, during World War II, the U.S. cruiser Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack that claimed more than 130

■ In 1978, the Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar, which went into circulation in July 1979.

■ In 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.)

■ In 1994, an American Eagle commuter plane carrying 20 people crashed short of Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, killing 15.

In 2003, Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Adwar, Iraq, near his hometown of Tikrit.

Ten years ago: President Clinton nominated Bill Daley to be commerce secretary and Bill Richardson to be United Nations ambassador. The U.N. Security Council chose Kofi Annan of Ghana to become the world body's seventh secretary-general. Trade ministers from 28 countries meeting in Singapore endorsed a U.S.crafted trade pact to abolish

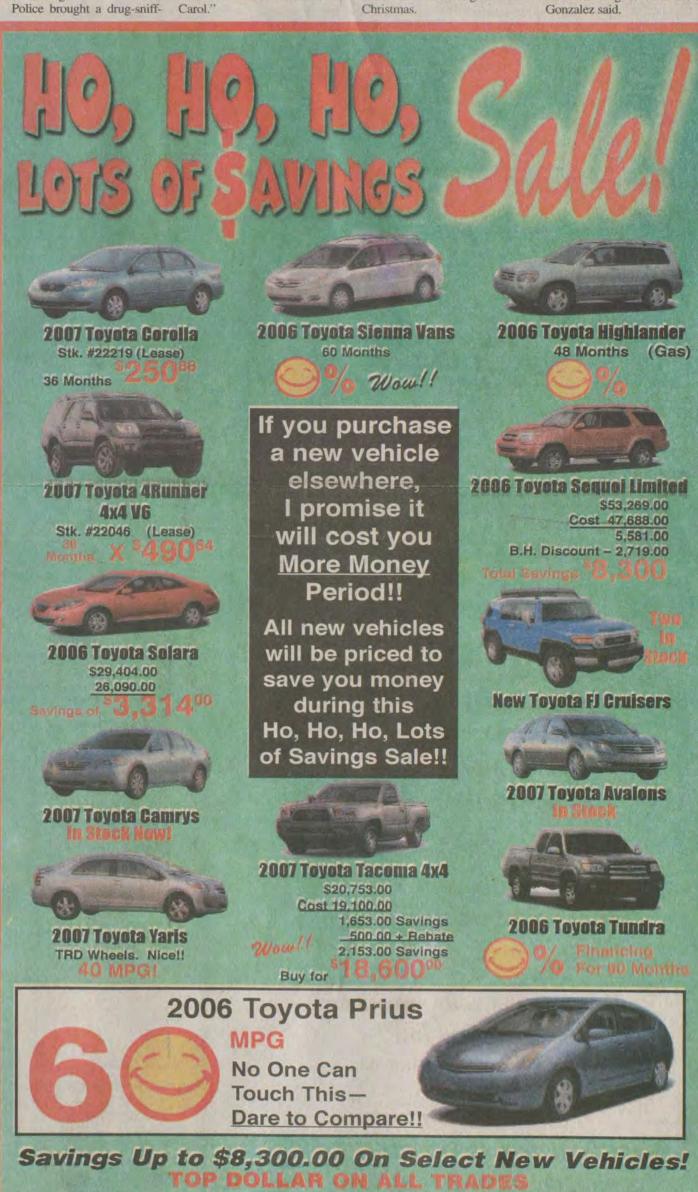
software and other high-tech products.

Five years ago: The Pentagon publicly released a captured videotape of Osama bin Laden in which the al-Qaida leader said the deaths and destruction achieved by the Sept. 11 attacks exceeded his "most optimistic" expectations. Five suspected Islamic militants killed nine people in an attack on India's parliament before being killed themselves. President Bush served formal notice that the United States was pulling out of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with Russia.

One year ago: Crips gang co-founder Stanley Tookie Williams, whose supporters argued he had redeemed himself inside prison, was executed in California for killing four people in robberies. Iraqis living abroad began voting in the country's parliamentary elections. American Red Cross President Marsha Evans

announced her resignation. Today's Birthdays: Former Secretary of State George P. Shultz is 86. Actorcomedian Dick Van Dyke is 81. Actor Christopher Plummer is 79. Actor Robert Prosky is 76. Country singer Buck White is 76. Music/film producer Lou Adler is 73. Movie producer Richard Zanuck is 72. Singer John Davidson is 65. Singer Ted Nugent is 58. Rock musician Jeff "Skunk" Baxter is 58. Country musician Ron Getman is 58. Actor Robert Lindsay is 57. Country singermusician Randy Owen is 57. Actress Wendie Malick is 56. Country singer John Anderson is 52. Singer-songwriter Steve Forbert is 52. Singer-actor Morris Day is 50. Actor Steve Buscemi is 49. Actor Johnny Whitaker is 47. Actor-comedian Jamie Foxx is 39. Rock singer-musician Thomas Delonge is 31. Actress Chelsea Hertford is 25. Rock singer Amy Lee (Evanescence) is 25.

Thought for Today: "To know how to say what others only know how to think is what makes men poets or sages; and to dare to say what others only dare to think makes men martyrs or reformers - or both." - Elizabeth Charles, British writer (1828-



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# Matney spurs rebirth at Johnson Central

by WILL GRAVES ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - Jim Matney never planned on going undefeated. Never planned on packing the stadium at Johnson Central High three hours before kickoff. Never dreamt of a day when he would look down the Golden Eagles' sideline and see 70 players wearing black and gold.

When Matney left the program he built at Sheldon Clark in Inez to take the head coaching job at Johnson Central three years ago, he simply wanted to give his players in the small eastern Kentucky community a chance to be competi-

really struggling, it had become a joke," Matney said. "They had won only 4 games in 3 years and I saw it as a challenge and saw it as meeting the need of a group of good kids struggling real bad. They were good kids and we wanted to give them some direction."

Matney, the Associated Press Coach of the Year, gave the Golden Eagles more than that. Under his guidance, the Class 3A school went 7-3 in 2004 and 8-3 last year, including the school's first appearance in the state playoffs this

Still, nothing prepared Matney for this season. He never imagined the Golden Eagles would go undefeated during the regular season "I felt like the kids of Johnson Central were on their way to a 13-1 record, the best in school

"It was an absolute total shock," said Matney,

Led by running back Shawn Grim and a defense anchored by linebackers Blake Johnson and Michael Tackett, the Golden Eagles rolled through a remarkable season that galvanized the community and included a little magic both on

the field and off. On Nov. 10, the same night Matney and his wife Deborah welcomed their first child - son Thomas Dalton, whose initials "TD" aren't a coincidence - the Golden Eagles trailed Ashland by two touchdowns in the fourth quarter of the second round of the playoffs.

What happened next, Matney still can't

believe. Johnson Central rallied to tie the game before winning it on a double-reverse pass with 11 seconds remaining.

"It was a miracle," Matney said. "I'm a

So were his players. It's a belief that began when Matney took the job three years ago. He spent his first days on the job walking down the halls encouraging students to come out for football, telling them they could help turn the program around.

"We told them that if they would stay with us and keep the faith that we would build them a program and we would have fun," Matney said.

(See MATNEY, page two)

**BASKETBALL ROUNDUP** 

# Eagles, **Tigers** pick up 'district wins

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Crosstown rivals Johnson Central and Paintsville each picked up 57th District wins Friday night.

Paintsville, playing at home, turned back visiting Lawrence County. The Tigers led at the end of every quarter en route to beating the Bulldogs 88-73. Friday night's win was the first victory of the season for Paintsville. The Tigers dropped two games last week in Lexington.

Junior Landon Slone paced Paintsville with a game-high 30 points. Four players reached double figures scoring for the Tigers. Blake Bundy was Paintsville's second-leading scorer with 13 points. J.D. Vanhoose and Van Ferguson each had 12 points for the Tigers. Daniel Meade scored nine points, Shane Grim netted eight and Jared Keaton flipped in four as Paintsville won its first game of the 2006-07 season.

Paintsville led Lawrence County 23-18 at the end of the first quarter. The Tigers took a 43-33 lead into the half.

Chandler Thompson led Lawrence County with a teamhigh 23 points.

The loss was the first of the season for the Bulldogs. Lawrence County fell to 2-1.

At Johnson Central, Jamie McCarty tossed in a school record 56 points as the Golden

(See ROUNDUP, page two)



Josh Martin (left) scored a game-high 22 points Friday night as host Allen Central beat Betsy Layne 57-47.

# Rebels turn back Bobcats, 57-47

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Veteran Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin knows the importance of a basketball team starting the season with early wins and claiming victories in close Friday night, Martin's Rebels got off to a great start in 58th District Allen Central play. outscored Betsy Layne 12-2 in the first quarter and went on to lead at the end of every quarter on its way to beating the Bobcats 57-47.

Allen Central senior center Josh Martin stepped up big in Allen Central's district win. Martin paced Allen Central with a game-

high 22 points. Martin's scoring total consisted of eight field goals and a sixof-10 free throw shooting

"Josh (Martin) has been our most consistent player," said Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin. "He's played real well. Over the summer, he worked on his shooting and jumping and it has shown with the way he's played this season."

J.R. Robinson gave Allen Central a big lift in off of the bench, making four three-point field goals. Robinson scored 14 points

- all in the first half. "J.R. (Robinson) gives us a shooter when he's in



(See REBELS, page two) Alex Hammonds added seven points for the Rebels.

# **New faces** step up as Bears beat Brescia

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Pikeville College placed four players in double figures and got excellent outings from two players in their first game of the season in a 74-69 win over Brescia University Saturday afternoon.

Bo Harris, a sophomore from Winchester, had a double-double in his first effort for the Bears. He finished with 23 points and 10 rebounds in the win. Senior Will Holloman finished with eight points, five rebounds, five assists and three steals.

(See BEARS, page two)

## **Lady Bears** fall to Berea in shootout

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Berea College outscored Pikeville College 57-0 from the arc and rolled to a 120-85 win Saturday afternoon at the Pikeville College Gym.

Pikeville (3-7) led 29-25 after senior Tonya Amburgey hit a jumper with 7:26 remaining in the first half. But in the final seven minutes, Berea exploded to outscore the Lady Bears 27-10 and forced six turnovers with their relentless pressure and sprinting the length of the floor to take a 52-39 lead to the break.

Berea (11-3) didn't have spectacular shooting totals - they hit 40.6 percent from the floor and 33.3 from the arc - but got up 96

(See LADY BEARS, page two)

# Ladycats hold off AC in district opener

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - For one half of Friday night's 58th District girls' basketball opener, Betsy Layne dominated host Allen Central. The Ladycats outscored Allen Central 17-9 in the first quarter and led the Lady Rebels 38-15 at the half. Allen Central was able to outscore the visiting Ladycats in each of the last two quarters, but Betsy Layne's halftime lead went a long way. Betsy Layne shot 75 percent (18 of 24) from the free throw line and defeated Allen Central 59-50 for an all-important district win.

"It's good to get a district win - especially on the road," said Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers. "I thought we played real well in the first half."

Betsy Layne was able to bounce back and return to the win column after falling to Paintsville in a non-district game earlier in the

The Ladycats (3-2) hit 10 of 11 free throws in the first half, Nine different Ladycats scored points. Eight of Betsy Layne's nine scorers struck for points in the opening half.

(See BOBCATS, page two)



**Betsy Layne** played its best basketball in the first half Friday night against Allen Central. The Ladycats defeated the Lady Rebels 59-50. photo by

#### Rebels

the game," commented AC Coach Johnny Martin. "He provided us the spark that we needed in the first half against Betsy Layne."

Alex Hammonds and Josh Prater each had seven points for the Rebels. Seniors Ryan

Collins and Tyler Slone rounded out the Allen Central scoring with five and two points, respectively.

Allen Central (2-1) led Betsy Layne 25-18 at the half. Betsy Layne pulled within a basket of the Rebels in the third quarter, but could get no closer. Allen Central exited the third quarter ahead 38-33.

Robinson had all four of Allen Central's three-point field goals. The Rebels hit for 15 field goals and connected on 15 of 23 free throws.

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owned a 64-53 lead at the end of the third quarter before doubling up the Cardinals 26-13 in the final frame.

Lawrence County pulled off a win over Paintsville.

In the district loss, Kendra Carroll had a game-high 31 points for the Lady Tigers.

The Paintsville girls led at the end of each of the first quarters Lawrence County took the

final period 29-23. The Johnson Central Lady Eagles rolled past the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals, winning

Johnson Central, Chelsey Salyers led four scorers in double figures with a game-high 16 points.

Ashley Sumpter had a team-high 15 points for the Lady Cards.

#### Samuel Keathley followed

Matney

has to be perfect."

Layne dropped to 0-3.

Following the loss, Betsy

Junior guard Brennan Case

Michael Lafferty and Trai Witt

scored six apiece. Jared

"I tried to keep the fun in it and

tried not to think that every kid

Johnson Central had just 35

players that first year. The num-

ber jumped to 50 in 2005. This

season, 70 players came out for

they could win turned out to be the easy part. Convincing them

that it's OK to expect more

took a little more effort.

Matney said he could sense the

players felt making the playoffs

in 2005 was good enough for

them. Johnson Central fell to

Madison Southern 35-28 in the

first round of the playoffs a

Convincing the players that

Still, things started slowly.

led Betsy Layne with a teambest 18 points. Case was the only Betsy Layne player to score over eight points. with eight points for the Bobcats. Justin Collins added seven points for the Betsy Layne cause, while James

Newman rounded out the Bobcat scoring with two points.Betsy Layne struggled from the free throw line, making just seven of 17 attempts. The Bobcats connected on five three-point field goals, but were held to just 11 field goals.

At press time Tuesday, Betsy Layne was hosting Phelps. Results from the Betsy Layne-Phelps game were unavailable at press time.

"Our kids were just so excit-

ed just to be there," Matney

said. "I didn't realize it was

only the third home playoff

game in school history. I wasn't

prepared for the fact that the

before this season with the

phrase "Unfinished Business"

that it wasn't OK just to make

the playoffs," he said. "We had

moved past that point. It just

kept going and going and

state semifinals against

Golden Eagles actually led at

Covington Catholic.

It went all the way to the

Matney printed T-shirts

"We wanted kids to know

kids would be satisfied."

emblazoned on the front.

going.

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the hardwood Friday on the road at South Floyd in another key 58th District game. ALLEN CENTRAL 57,

**BETSY LAYNE 47** 

Allen Central will return in

BETSY LAYNE (0-3) - Collins 7, Case 18, Lafferty 6, Witt 6, Keathley 8, ALLEN CENTRAL (2-1) - Martin 22,

Collins 5, Slone 2, Hammonds 7, Prater 7. Robinson 14. Betsy Layne....2 16 15 14-47 Allen Central..12 13 13 19-57

Roundup

Eagles rolled past Sheldon winning 90-66. McCarty connected on nine three-pointers - the secondmost in school history.

Junior point guard Jaryd Crum scored 15 points and Ian Welch added 11 for the Golden Eagles (3-1).

Johnson Central Sheldon Clark 17-11 at the end of the opening quarter. The Golden Eagles led rival Sheldon Clark 46-34 at the half. Host Johnson Central

girls' basketball,

65-45.

# Bears

Pikeville (5-8) never trailed in winning its second straight game. The teams were tied at 2 and 4, but the Bears then scored nine straight - with four coming from senior Donald Thoras - to take a 13-4 lead and was never headed.

The lead ballooned to 16 (28-12) when Harris converted a three-point play with 8:23 remaining before the Bears settled for a 42-30 lead at the

Brescia (6-8) rimmed the lead to single figures in the second half, but pulling within three twice, including at 69-66 with 1:20 left. But Thomas and Holloman each sank consecutive free throws to stretch the lead to seven as the Bears held on for the win.

Harris was joined in the double-double column by Paul Frazier's 16 points and 10 rebounds. Thomas flipped in 13 and pulled down seven rebounds, while freshman Brad Lowe had 10 on the strength of three three-point-

Brescia got a game-high 29 from senior Matt West. The

Owensboro product also had six rebounds, four assists and four steals. Junior Dustin Neighbors added 12 while junior Randy Cayasso tossed in 10 with a team-high seven

rebounds.

Pikeville will be back in action Monday night when they entertain the bees of Savannah College of Art & Design. The opening tip is set

Brescia will play at Purdue-Calumet on Thursday night, tipping off at 7 p.m.

Megan Hamilton paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 16 points. Kaitlin Lawson and Kristy Flanery each had 11 points for the Ladycats. Andie Meade tossed in six points and Lindsey Martin added five in Betsy Layne's win.

game-high eight rebounds for the Ladycats. Hamilton had six rebounds, three assists and four steals for Betsy Layne. Flanery added five points, four steals and three assists for the Ladycats. Taylor Hott aided Betsy Layne's defensive effort with three steals.

pair of games earlier in the season during a tournament at Cordia.

The Lady Rebels, under the guidance of second-year head coach Jennifer Hopkins, outscored Betsy Layne 19-8 in the third quarter. Betsy Layne managed to play near even with the Lady Rebels in the final

Guard Amanda Thacker led Allen Central with 15 points. added eight for host the Lady flipped in six for the Allen

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the half before falling 38-14. "I think we lost to the better team," Matney said. "But I believe we're not far from having our program to a point where we're going to be in the running for a regional or a state title every year.'

It's a belief that's spread through the community. The school's football stadium is undergoing a multimillion dollar renovation to help accommodate the 4,000 fans who turn out on Friday nights. Not bad for a program that played in front of less than 100 fans a game not so long ago.

"It's incredible," he said. The whole process, everything has just been incredible."

#### Lady Bears

field goal attempts, including 57 three-point tries – to roll to the win.

While the Lady Mountaineers went 19-of-57 from the arc, the Lady Bears were 0-of-4.

Berea had six players reach double digits, including junior Rebecca May and sophomore LaShondra Gray with 19 each.

Freshman Sa'de Mullins followed with 16, while sophomore Candy Walls and freshman Calloray Howard had 12 each while Savannah Brinson tossed in 11.

Pikeville had four starters reach double figures, led by junior Beth Peterson's 16. She tied with freshman Heather Martin with a team-best seven

rebounds.

Sophomore Whitney Hogg had 15 points to go with six rebounds, with senior Tonya Amburgey flipping in 12 and sophomore Alice Daniel adding 11.

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Pikeville senior Jessica Loyell had a career-high 14 assists in the loss.

### **Bobcats**

Lawson pulled down a

The loss was a third straight setback for the Lady Rebels. Allen Central (0-3) dropped a

quarter, preserving the win.

Thacker was the only Allen Central scorer to reach double figures. Brandy Brown scored nine points and Sara Johnson Rebels. Kim Biliter scored seven points and Liz Dingus

Continued from p1 Central squad.

Thacker led Allen Central's second half comeback bid, scoring 10 of her 15 points in the last two quarters.

Allen Central was 11-of-21 from the free throw line.

Each team hit 15 shots from two-point range and three three-point field goals.

#### **BETSY LAYNE 59, ALLEN CENTRAL 50**

BETSY LAYNE (3-2) - Lawson 11. Flanery 11, M. Hamilton 16, Martin 5, Tackett 4, Meade 6, R. Hamilton 2, McKinney 2, Reynolds 2. ALLEN CENTRAL (0-3) - Thacker 15, Biliter 7, Johnson 8, Dingus 6, Brown 9, Mullins 1, Toole 4. Betsy Layne.....17 21 8 13-59 Allen Central......9 7 19 15-50

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# Male's Douglas Beaumont is Kentucky's Mr. Football

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - Douglas Beaumont has added one more postseason award to his collec-

Beaumont, who played wideout, tailback and defensive back for Louisville Male, adds Mr. Football, voted on by a statewide panel of 16 media outlets, to the Gatorade, Paul Hornung and Roy Kidd awards for the best high school football player in the state.

Beaumont received seven votes for Mr. Football, followed by Franklin County's Kaelin Ammons with four, and Louisville Trinity quarterback Nick Petrino with three.

Keith Tandy and Lexington Henry Clay defensive back Chase Minnifield got a vote each.

Beaumont said the award he really wanted eluded him throughout his high school football career.

"The most special would have been helping my team win a championship," Beaumont said. "But I didn't get that. ... Four years come and you always say, next year you can get it.'

A championship was not an unreasonable expectation for him. The Bulldogs have been a fixture in the state playoffs for the past nine years, playing in four final games and winning

Christian County quarterback it all twice. This past season the Bulldogs, who finished the regular season ranked No. 1, lost to Louisville Trinity in the quarterfinals, 38-34. Trinity eventually won the 4-A state championship.

Coming up short in the big doesn't discount Beaumont's season, he said. He finished the season with 1,169 rushing yards, 550 receiving yards, and 32 touchdowns and led Male to an 11-1

Beaumont has committed to play for the University of Louisville next year. There he could play alongside two previous Kentucky Mr. Football winners, Michael Bush and Brian Brohm, if both decide to

D.L. Moore, Bowling Green; Leonard Macon, Danville; Neil

Holland, Owensboro Catholic;

Catholic; Josh Miller, Boyle Co.;

Shawne Lewis, Woodford Co.;

Owensboro

Norcia,

put off their professional foot- becoming a powerhouse now, 'Seeing

ball careers for another season. it's right here in my homeprogram town," Beaumont said. "You family can come see you

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DB - Cory Chapman, Belfry

DB - Scott Gray, Ryle

DB

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE QB - Nick Petrino, Lou. Trinity

RB - Douglas Beaumont, Lou. RB - Victor Anderson, Lou. St.

Xavier Rec. - John Cole, Somerset

Rec. - Clark Jeter, Lex. Henry Clay Rec. Wes Caldwell, Lex.

Catholic OL - Stuart Hines, Bowling

OL - Brad Durham, Rockcastle

OL - Chase Dumphord, Paris OL - Sam Robey, Lou. Trinity OL - Corey O'Daniel, Lou. St. Xavier (tie)

OL - Scott Wise, Highlands, 6-5, 242 (tie) OL - Paul Millay, Owensboro

Catholic (tie) K - Shane Popham, Cov.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE DL - Zack Kieman, Newport Central Catholic

DL - Coty Conley, Johnson Central DL - Gerald Hughes, Danville

DL - Dustin Brumley, Pulaski Southwestern Jamison Johnson,

Owensboro (tie) DL - Sam Blackburn, Mercer Co.

DL - Tristan Jones, Clark Co. DL - William Savoy, John Hardin (tie)

LB - Ben Duvall, Apollo LB - Sam Flynn, Cov. Catholic LB - Brant Slusher, Bell Co. DB - Chase Minnifield, Lex.

Henry Clay DB - Ben Revere, Lex. Catholic DB - Kasey Clark, Russell DB - Antoinne Lightfoot, Henderson Co. DB - Trent Calhoun, Lincoln Co.

P - Ryan Tydlacka, Lou. Trinity

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE QB - Kaelin Ammons, Franklin Co.

RB - Shawn Grim, Johnson Central RB Emanuel Taylor, Hopkinsville Rec. - Clark Jeter, Lex. Henry Clay

Chris Tune, Lex. Rec. Lafayette Cameron Williams, Rec. Caldwell Co.

OL - Devan Patton, Mercer Co. OL - Aaron Warren, Belfry OL - Corey Mason, Lincoln Co. OL - Ethan Gullett, Russell OL - Ben Schlosser, Highlands

OL - Cody Widelski, Graves Co. K - Casey Tinius, Bowling Green

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE DL - Nathan Dials, Johnson Central DL - Brandon Newman, Lou.

Pleasure Ridge Park DL - Galen Kidwell, Highlands DL - Rashaad Buster, Mercer

- Chris Lewis, Mercer Co. - Grant DeVinney, Lex.

Matt Treadway, John Hardin; - Joe Castaneda, Cov. Derrick Stinnett, Warren East; Catholic (tie) DB - Ronnie McDermott, Lou. Jake Tanaka, Henderson Co.; John Johnson, Shelby Valley; Holy Cross (tie) P - Josh Bleser, Cov. Catholic Josh Wills, Russell; K.J. O'Neal, Henderson Co.; Rob Durham, THIRD TEAM OFFENSE Owensboro; Sam Plomin, Lex. Catholic; T.J. Millay, Meade Co.; QB - Keith Tandy, Christian Co., RB - Avery Hibbitt, Bowling K: James Barrett Johnson Central; Kyle Shelton, Daviess Green Co.; Seth Moore, Prestonsburg; RB - Cory Jackson, Mercer Co. Ryan Blake, Madison Central; Mike Vicars, Newport DL: Aaron Rhodes, Warren Central Catholic (tie) Central; Sam Webb, Lou. Male; RB - Rodney Bell, Caldwell Co., Jacheem Gatewood, Hardin; Ryan Eten, Campbell 5-9, 165, Sr. (tie) Co.; LB: Blake Johnson, RB - Xavier Bacon, Fort Knox Johnson Central; Chris Tucker, Bowling Green; Joe Gamsky, Rec. - Josh Williams, Lou. Male South Oldham; Wes Weitlauf, Rec. - Joe Sullivan, Cov. Holy Lou. Trinity; Antoine Robinson, Cross Rec. - Joshua Smith, Frankfort Frankfort; Vince Murray, Ryle; OL-James Shepherd, Christian Billy Jackson, Bethlehem; Chris Roe, Meade Co.; Dustin May, OL - Joe Scott, Lou. Central Hunter Adams, Belfry: Middlesboro; Jordan Walters. OL - Nate Newland, Franklin Co. OL - Bobby Burton, Belfry Pulaski Southwestern; Michael OL - Wes Jeffries, Warren Johnson Central; Michael White, Cawood; DB: K - John Wright Polk, Somerset Duran Jefferson, Cov. Holmes; Michael Clark, George Rogers Clark; Nick Tanner, McLean Co.; Colby Newsome, Shelby Valley; THIRD TEAM DEFENSE DL - Brad Bryan, Pikeville Ricky Rhodes, Madison Central; Ryan Beard, Bowling Green; Will Pope, Harlan.

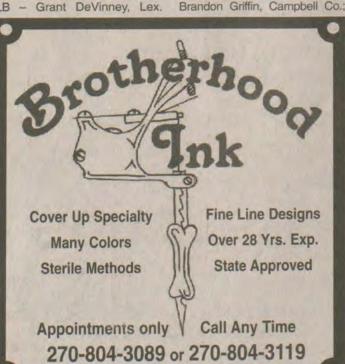
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P - Stewart Ijames, Owensboro Catholic (tie)

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Players who received at least a first-team vote but did not make the first, second or third teams: QB: Ross Deaton, Somerset; RB: Dusty Miller, Rockcastle Co.; Brandon Ford, Mercer Co.; Braxton Miller, Lincoln Co.; Joe Roskopf, Lynn Camp; Huguley, Lou. Central; Alan Williams Marshall Co.; Justin Thurman, LaRue Co.; Mark Terry, North Hardin; Nick Hall, Owensboro; Ryan Smart, Pulaski Southwestern; Wes Hampton, Pulaski Southwestem; Rec: Montrel Williams, Seneca; Kurt Bovard, Cov. Catholic; Nikko Beason, Warren Central;





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# Marshall's rise from plane crash tragedy told 36 years later

by KELLEY SCHOONOVER ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Some call it the greatest sports story never told, a forgotten tale of tragedy and triumph that never got the attention it deserved.

Marshall University's rise from the ashes of a 1970 plane crash that killed most of its football team, half the coaching staff and several prominent members of the Huntington community never caught the attention of Hollywood \_ or anyone in the national entertainment industry for that mat-

Until now.

Screenwriter Jamie Linden's interest was piqued a few years ago when the then-Florida State marketing major read about the tragedy in his school newspaper.

The story stuck with him.
It also stuck with Mary
Viola, vice president of
Thunder Road Productions in
Los Angeles.

She'd heard the story as a child, and after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, she thought America was in need of "a tale of people overcoming great tragedy and continuing on with their lives."

In 2004, Viola and Linden successfully pitched the idea to Warner Bros. and Linden and writing partner Cory Helms started writing the screenplay for "We Are Marshall" the following spring. Part of the movie was filmed this year in Huntington, where it premieres Tuesday. It opens nationwide on Dec. 22.

"It's just such an amazing, incredible story. All I did is sort of write it down," Linden said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "It's one of those things that just deserved to be a movie and that should have happened a long time ago."

But the story "slipped through the cracks," possibly because of the location, he

"I think part of it is it happened in West Virginia, which is a state that gets overlooked, and it happened to Marshall, which is a school in a state that gets overlooked."

Had this happened at a more well-known school, "there would have been five movies and seven books," Linden said.

Director McG says it's fortunate for him that the story "eluded the Hollywood group."

"In a strange way I'm happy because that created a tremendous opportunity for all of us to come together and tell the story now," McG said.

"And it's a timely story now with Katrina and 9/11 and everything else that's going on in the world and how people need to manage grief and move forward – so it makes as much sense in 2006 as it did in '71."

On Nov. 14, 1970, a chartered jet carrying a five-member flight crew, 36 football players, five coaches, the athletic director, four other members of the athletic department and 24 fans crashed into a hill-side near Tri-State Airport while returning from a game at East Carolina University.

There were no survivors in what remains the worst sports-related disaster in American history.

Despite concerns that rebuilding the program would be too painful and impractical, acting university President Donald Dedmon announced that football would continue at Marshall.

"Young Thundering Herd," so named because the team was given special permission from the NCAA to play freshmen. With very few experienced players, the team won two of its 10 games that year – including an upset win over Xavier on the last play of the game.

"The whole thing was unbelievable," said Red Dawson, the assistant coach who called in the winning play – a 213 bootleg screen pass from Reggie Oliver to Terry Gardner.

"The last play of the game, the first home game, nobody would have predicted that in a million years," said Dawson, who was not on the plane because of a recruiting trip.

While the play is slightly different in the movie, Dawson said, "the 213 bootleg screen will always be a part of the legacy of Marshall University."

And the 1970 and 1971 teams "laid the groundwork" for Marshall's future football successes, he said.

Those successes include 20 consecutive winning seasons, two of them undefeated; eight conference crowns; two I-AA national championships; five bowl wins; and multiple players who went on to the NFL, including Randy Moss of the Oakland Raiders, Chad Pennington of the New York Jets, and Byron Leftwich of the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Marshall finished the 1990s with 114 victories, more than any other team in I-A or I-AA in a single decade.

Many in Huntington, an Ohio River town with a population of about 50,000, don't understand why the story of Marshall's climb to prominence in the decades after the crash wasn't picked up on sooner.

Jack Lengyel, who coached the 1971 team, tried for years to drum up interest in a movie.

While athletic director at Navy from 1988 to 2001, Lengyel came to know people at the three major television networks as well as at ESPN and HBO.

"Everybody would express some interest, but it would never rise to the occasion to say 'Well, yes, let's make a movie."

Marshall spokesman Keith Spears says that over the years various production companies had approached him about doing a film, but none had the experience or budget necessary to do the project justice.

Then, last summer, two came to Marshall at the same time.

Ultimately it was Thunder Road, with the backing of Warner Bros., that won out.

"They were absolutely committed to telling the story in a way that was respectful to the families, to the community and also in a way that was hardly maudlin but invigorating and revitalizing," said Marshall President Stephen Kopp

Despite the production company's promises, there was still wariness among those closest to the tragedy.

When Keith Morehouse was first approached about the movie he was a bit guarded and kept the production officials at arm's length. Morehouse was 9 when he lost his father, Gene, Marshall's sports information director and radio play-by-play announcer, in the crash.

But Linden, Viola and others associated with the film spent a great deal of time with Morehouse and other family members to make sure the movie upheld the dignity of the victims.

"I think they went above and beyond to try to accommodate everybody and to make a good movie as well," said Morehouse, who followed in his father's footsteps as a sports announcer and is now sports director at WSAZ-TV.

Oliver was also wary, saying he "didn't want to be a part of somebody coming in pimping Marshall, trying to gain their fame and fortune on the heels of people that have given

their lives for the program."

But after seeing the movie, he believes people will think, "'That was pretty good and those people persevered.' And if you know anything about Marshall now, you'll know it was worth it."

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KIM'S KORNER

# Polar • Express

By: Kim Little Frasure



Kim Little Frasure

This past weekend we were blessed to enjoy my n i e c e Kennedy's first Ballet recital, "Polar Express," in the Pike Auditorium at the Big Sandy Community and Technical

College.
The entire production by Pointe of Joy instructor Lora Jane Hyden was such a magical experience to witness.

Knowing some of the children in the show made the night's performance even more special. Mashawna and Sophia Jacobs along with Olivia and Anthonea Halfhill's "Mommy & Me Ballet" was so sweet and precious.

Getting to see little Catherine Chua during her piano solo as well as performing "It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas" was just too cute, what a good job she did.

Mariana and Isabella Jacobs were just awesome in their performances and have grown so much, they are truly little dolls.

Kennedy's little group was so pre-

(See KORNER, page eight)



Brandon is pictured here with his mother, Terri, who also sings. Brandon and his mother have sung together all of Brandon's life.

#### **Brandon Maynard**

An original member of the Big Sandy Singers, Brandon Maynard began singing with the group when it started in the fall of 2004. He is a senior elementary education major who will graduate in the fall of 2007.

Brandon starting singing at a very young age. "I have been singing all of my life," he said "My most fond memories are of the times I spent singing in church."

In high school, Brandon was a member of the Prestonsburg High School Honor Choir under the direction of Kathy Caudill. He has had many singing experiences outside of the Big Sandy Singers. He has sung solo in concert at the Jenny Wile Festival. He has also sung in the Mountain Arts Center U.S. 23 Talent Showcase, as well as through his traveling church ministry where he loves to sing for the Lord.

Brandon has completed his own solo album titled "You Raise Me Up." "Recording my gospel album was a great experience that helped me through a difficult time in my life," he said. "I will never forget the opportunities I have been blessed with."

About the Big Sandy Singers, Brandon said "I enjoy being with the Singers and spending time with the people I consider to be my best friends. I thank God for each and every one of them."

Brandon sings the Keith Anderson hit "XXL" on the new Big Sandy Singers album "Going Home."

This week, we continue with a series of articles entitled, "Meet the Big Sandy Singers." The Big Sandy Singers is a group of individuals who are students at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The singers, 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 during a special Christmas concert that will be held at 7 p.m., in BSCTC's Gearheart Auditorium. We begin our series with an introduction to the leader of the group, Mrs. Laura Ford Hall. In the weeks to come, we will introduce other members of the singing ensemble.



Brandon Maynard

#### POISON OAK

# \*Searching for the elusive pinto

by Clyde Pack



Clyde Pack

Last week. just as I have from time to time. ever I've since been writing this column, I mentioned my eating a lot of soup beans when I was growing up in a 1940s coal camp. I guess I was

grown before
I realized that there just might be a
few people running around on this big
blue marble of ours who might not

have a clue as to what soup beans are.

Guess about the only thing I know about them myself is that they are actually pinto beans, probably called such for their little brown spots, and that in the days of my youth they were plentiful. Apparently, they were also cheap, and since everybody I knew as a kid ate them, and everybody grew into normal, healthy adults, they must have also been nutritious.

Anyway, soup beans became a topic of discussion the other day when a friend from Floyd County called saying he and his wife had been discussing the one-time, life-sustaining little legume, and wondered just when it had become a food staple of eastern Kentuckians.

Guess I'll have to admit, I'd never given it much thought, assuming I suppose, that soup beans, just like dirt, had been with us since Adam and Eve invented Apple Day.

However, my friend pointed out that pinto beans were "brought on". Since they aren't grown around here, when did grocery stores begin selling

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**Brad Davis** 



Davis, with wife, Jane, and the couple's three children, Emily, Tyler and Ethan.

#### **Brad Davis**

Brad Davis, of Louisa, is a third year nursing student at Big Sandy Community and Technical College and the newest member of the Big Sandy Singers. Brad auditioned in August with the song, "The Dance." The judges fell in love with his voice and because of his outstanding performance of that piece, the Garth Brooks song became his hit on the upcoming album.

Brad began singing at age 5 in church with his grandmother. As time went on, Brad began to love singing more and more. He was a member of the All-State Choir in high school, won the Kentucky Farm Bureau Talent Show, and sang to his wife, Jane, at their wedding.

He and Jane have been married for several years and have three young children:

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#### CRITTER CORNER

#### How much is that doggy in the window?

# What you need to know before buying a Christmas pet

Who doesn't melt when they see adorable puppies with red bows tied around them leaping about in a pet store window? In December, holiday shoppers find them so irresistible that they are eager to pay top dollar to surprise someone on Christmas morning with a cuddly pup under the tree. But, "Buyer beware," says The Humane Society of the United States.

According to Stephanie Shain, director of outreach for companion animals at The HSUS, "The puppy-under-the-tree scenario

has a great image but the reality is not always as warm and fuzzy as we'd like to imagine. A dog is a precious purchase that will be in someone's life for an average of 15 years, so it should not be an impulse buy. And for consumers who insist on buying a dog as a gift, they should never — under any circumstance — buy one from a pet store where most of the 'inventory' come from puppy mills or you just might end up giving the gift of a very sick or dying animal."

She recommends the following holiday gift-giving tips for consumers wanting to give a healthy, happy dog as a gift:

Be practical: Consider giving a gift certificate covering the adoption fee at a local

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"Bennie." Bennie is a 4-year old male Chihuahua owned by Naomi and Green Samons, of Arkansas Creek. Bennie, as you can see, is a UK basketball fan. He is much loved and spoiled by the Samons family.

# School Happenings

#### Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

\*\*Canned food drive now going on. The homeroom that brings in the most canned food will win a party from the YSC. Food items will be donated to local food banks to help with the upcoming holiday season.

\*\*AMS is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts may be given to any AMS student or dropped off at the school office.

Book Club will meet on Thursdays, after school until 5 p.m. New members can still sign up in the YSC office.

Sponsors needed for the YSC Secret Santa program. Call 886-

The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297. Please call for information on center programs and services.

#### Allen Central High School

■ Dec. 13 - SBDM, 4:30 p.m.

■ Dec. 16 - Winter Ball.
■ Dec. 16 - Academic meet, at Prestonsburg.

Dec. 18, 20 - Semester exams.

Dec. 21 - Jan. 2 - Christmas break.

Jan. 3 - First day back to school following Christmas break.

Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3;30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

#### Allen Central Middle School

\*\*Collect Food City receipts and "Box Tops for Education" and turn them in to homeroom teachers!

\*Can Food Drive going on now at school.

Dec. 15 - CPR presentation, 8th

grade.

Dec. 18 - SBDM meeting, 5

p.m.

Dec. 19 - Basketball Homecoming, 8th Grade Night.

■ Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.

The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center 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

Lost and Found items will be located in the center. Items not claimed within two weeks will become FRYSC property.

Denter hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.

The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. 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.

Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

#### Clark Elementary

\*\*On Sale Now: Clark ornaments and framed pictures (autumn and winter scenes). Contact a Clark student or the Resource Center at 886-0815 to purchase. Will make great Christmas gifts and mementos! Boxed ornaments - \$15; framed pictures - \$10.

Dec. 15 - Christmas Dance for Clark students.

■ Dec. 17 - Prestonsburg City "Shop with a Cop" program.

■ Dec. 18 - School Christmas program, 7 p.m., in gym.

F.I.T. Club meets each Tuesday and Wednesday after school, 3:15-4:15 p.m. (Fitness activities for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.)

\*\*Fridays are "School Spirit" days! (All year long!) Wear Clark colors (green and gold) or Clark tshirts. Students, staff, parents - show your support for CES!!

Dec. 14 - Nurse services: Floyd County Health Department nurse will be in the Resource Center. Now taking appointments for 6th grade exams, WIC, and well-child exams for birth-18 years. Flu shots may also be scheduled. Call 886-0815 for an appointment.

Lost and Found located in Resource Center. Items not claimed by Dec. 7 will be donated to "One Warm Coat" program or become a part of FRC Clothing Closet (for Clark students).

■ 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 again this year! Please drop off your receipts at the school, or mail them to: Duff Elementary School, P.O. Box 129, Eastern, KY 41622

Yearbooks on sale - \$22.

Christmas is fast approaching and needs are great while funds are few. Please call the FRC at 358-9878 if you would like to sponsor a child.

FRC is also in need of clothing, sizes 3T thru adult, for emergency clothing use and burnouts. If you have clothing to donate, please call the FRC.

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.

## May Valley Elementary ■ Parent Lending Library is avail-

able 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

■ Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MCA is an accredited nondenominational Christian school.

#### 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.

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

#### South Floyd Youth Services Center

Feb. 1 - Open House. Food will be served. Teacher and parent visits. Date subject to change. Watch school marquee.

Parents needing assitance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.

SFMS parents with concerns about your child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at http://iiod.ssts.com and click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. Questions? Call 452-9607.

FHS and SFMS will be participating in the Apples for Students program. Please save and turn in your Food City receipts.

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.

Call center for: list of visiting speakers and presentations to be held throughout year; to make appointments to attend Parent Volunteer Training sessions; or for information in regard to Adult Education pro-

■ 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.

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 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

# Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

Lost & Found located in Family

Resource Center.

The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

# W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction"

Family Resource Center

Lost & Found located in the
Family Resource Center. Items not
claimed within 2 weeks become the

property of the FRC.

The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated

and utilized by OES students.

The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-

#### Wesley Christian School

■ WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

#### BSCTC Adult Education & GED 2006 Fall Schedule

■ Mondays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Ctr., Auxier Learning Ctr., and BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House, BSCTC; 4:30-9 p.m., Auxier Learning Ctr.

■ Tuesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Dixie Apts., Betsy Layne FRYSC, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.

■ Wednesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - David Craft Center, BSCTC; 6-9 p.m. - BSCTC.

BSCTC, Mud Creek Clinic, Weeksbury Comm. Ctr.; 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC, Betsy Layne YSC., Weeksbury Comm. Ctr.; 4:30-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

Adult Education teachers are: Ron Johnson, Stephania Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Vanessa Adkins and Susan Stephens.

Program manager; Kay Hale Ross (886-7334)

# YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60,

70 years ago.)

### **Ten Years Ago**

(December 18 and December 20, 1996)

Angel, 12, and Charlamaine, 13, two Floyd County elementary students who were allegedly kidnapped, Thursday morning, by their father, Wallace J. Eaton, while waiting for a school bus at an Endicott stop, have been found. They were located Friday, by the Calhoun Police Department in Michigan, at a relative's residence. Eaton was arrested for custodial interference. He was later released from jail pending an extradition hearing, and the children have returned here, with their mother....Remapping of the county E-911 addressing is underway by an Arkansas company, which should complete the project within a year...Former Floyd County Commonwealth Attorney Dan Rowland pleaded guilty, Tuesday, in Franklin County District Court to a charge of criminal attempt to evade paying employees withholding taxes, a class A misdemeanor...Floyd County School Board member, Ray Brackett, did not improperly use school employees to do work at his home. according to the results of an investigation by the Kentucky Department of Education...The trial of Sherry Diane Hurley, 35, of Virgie. charged with one count of prostitution for allegedly propositioning a Kentucky State Police officer for sex in July, has been delayed, because the women was ordered to two days bed rest by a physician...Ross-Tarrant Architects of Lexington, was selected as the architect for a new health and classroom building at Prestonsburg Community College. The project is a joint venture between Prestonsburg Community College and Morehead State University, and college officials are calling it a model of cooperation for Kentucky higher education...Astor Hunter Jr., a former county election official who was scheduled to go to trial. Thursday, pleaded guilty to attempted perjury and could receive up to a year in jail. Hunter testified before the grand jury about irregularities in the May 1993, primary election...Gene E. Blackburn, 41, of Harold, was arrested, December 10, and charged with 10 counts of third-degree rape, after the alleged rapes were reported to the Kentucky Police...Evergreen Bowling Center conducted its first Evergreen Children's Christmas, Wednesday, for all Floyd County Head Start Students...John Dow Horne, Prestonsburg, a fugitive from West Virginia, was arrested in Floyd County on November 26, on a West Virginia Governor's warrant for forgery and parole violation...Prestonsburg City Council will be asked to loan \$10,000 to the Prestonsburg Properties Advisory Committee to pay startup costs for an appraisal and advertisements for a hilltop recreational complex...The cities of Prestonsburg and Wayland have been awarded more than \$160,000 in grants to pay the salaries and benefits of full-time and parttime officers for the next three years...May Lodge at Jerny Wiley State Park, is undergoing renovations, and about 63 parking spaces will be added to the lodge's parking area... There died: Ned Gillespie, 60, of Dana, Saturday, December 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg: Lillian Castle, 82, Monday, December 16, at St. Rita's Home in Columbus, Ohio: Irene Foster Campbell, 83, of Allen, Sunday, December 15, at Rolling Hills Health Care, New Albany, Indiana; Belle Howell, 75, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Wednesday, December 11, at her residence; Virginia Lula Adams Conley, 70, of Martin, Saturday, December 14, at her residence; Martin G. Halbert Jr., 72, of Langley, Monday, December 16, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mable Martin, 77, of Circleville, Ohio, formerly of Wayland, Thursday, December 12, at Americare Nursing Center, in Circleville; Viola Beverly, 72, of Fairborn, Ohio, Sunday, December 8, at Hospice of Dayton; Adarene Mullins, 59, of Utica, Ohio, November 24, at Knox Community Hospital, in Mount Vernon, Ohio; James "Tommy Hall" Allen, 53, of Peebles, Ohio, formerly of Harold, Friday, December 13, at his residence; Verna Martin, 97, of Hueysville, Thursday, December 12, at her residence; Tolvie Hamilton, 57, of Teaberry, Saturday, December 14, at McDowell Regional Medical Center; James Smith, 75, of Stanville, Sunday, December 15, at his residence; Delmer Douglas "D.D." Cole, 54, of Stanville, Wednesday, December 18, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Tilda Ellis Martin. 64. of Hueysville. Wednesday, December 18, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Henry L. "Hank" Boyd, 58, of Laporte, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, December 16, at Memorial Hospital in Michigan City, Indiana; Henry Meadows, 91, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, December 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Oma Hall, 76, of Melvin, Wednesday, December 18, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Charles Donald "Nig" Hall, 67, of Lancer, Friday, December 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

# Twenty Years Ago

(December 22, 1986)

Daniel "Dan" Goble, 66, of Prestonsburg, was killed by a single bullet in the chest during a domestic dispute with his wife, Pauline...Prestonsburg's Old Christmas will be observed January 4, at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, May Lodge...Despite two recent citations for polluting Beaver Creek, any suggestion that Wheelwright Mining Company is careless of the environment is unfounded and unfair, company officials insisted last week...A release from Consolidated Communications Group, the TV cable company serving subscribers in and around Prestonsburg said, "local elected officials will no longer control what CCG charges subscribers for the various cable services it provides."...Floyd District Judge Harold Stumbo ruled, last week, that Debra Gambill, of Spurlock Creek, can present her grievance with Big Sandy Rural Electric

Cooperative Corp. to a jury...There died: George Noe, 78, of Goble-Roberts, last Wednesday, at the Morgan County Regional Hospital, in West Liberty...Charlie Johnson, 73, of Weeksbury, last Wednesday...Lenora Mullins, 75, of Bypro, Friday, at her residence...Thomas Lee Spriggs, 39, of Allen, early Friday, of an apparent heart attack, while incarcerated at the Floyd County jail...and Gracie Allen Collins, 76, of Wayland, Friday, at her residence, following a brief illness.

# Thirty Years Ago

(Wednesday, December 22, 1976)

The office of the Big Y Auto Sales Chrysler distributorship, here, was broken into during the weekend, and \$100 in cash, a typewriter, and various small items were taken. Prestonsburg police reported...More than 33,000 "pirate" eight-track stereo tapes were seized, Saturday, in Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin, and Perry counties, when Federal Bureau of Investigation agents staged simultaneous raids on retailers of such tapes across Kentucky...A spokesman for the Kentucky Department of Transportation said, Tuesday, that it will be represented at the March meeting of the Appalachian Regional Commission, and that, at that time, it will ask ARC to include the Prestonsburg-Paintsville sector of US 23 in its plan for four-lane construction...Tom Nelson, 54, of Cliff, who was shot November 23, on Abbott Creek, near Bonanza, died Friday night, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. here...Commonwealth Property Management, Lexington-based research firm, in a housing market study, made for the town of David, said last week, that some 1600 housing units will be needed in Floyd County, between next year and 1980...The death of 15-year-old Reva Akers

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#### Yesterdays

Hamilton, last Wednesday morning, brought to five the total of deaths caused by carbon monoxide poisoning in this county, last week...There died: Mrs. Phoebe Collins Kidd, 84, of Printer, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, Thursday; Otis Cooley, 68, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Stephen Lee Best, 32, of Cliff, Saturday, at UK Medical Center, in Lexington; Mrs. June T. Likens, 49, of Martin, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Gordon Lee Porter, 53, of Dwale, Wednesday, December 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Tunis M. Daniels, 64, of Harold, Friday, December 17, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Alice Goble, 77, of Emma, died Wednesday, December 15, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville; Shirley Julius Hayden, 47, of Auxier, died Wednesday, Deember 15, at UK Medical Center, Lexington; Irvine Conley, 76, of Garrett, died Friday, December 17, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

### **Forty Years Ago**

(December 22, 1966)

Plans for the community-size swimming pool at Jenny Wiley State Park have finally been completed by a Louisville architect, and bids are expected to be asked on the project, on or about January 1...Those involved in the administration of a variety of public benefit programs in this county, are convinced the cutback in funds ordered by President Johnson will affect most of them, but when, and to what extent, they do not

know...Bill Pettrey and Irvin Harris at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin. were named outstanding members of the Dewey Lake Fish & Game Club here recently...A "truce" in the local option election contest case will prevail until after Christmas, it was said this week...Horseplay, which included an attempt at divesting one of the group of his trousers, resulted in a free-for-all aboard a Floyd County school bus, here, last Friday morning, plus a variety of bruises and scratches for some of the participants and the suspension from Prestonsburg High seven School of male students...Married: Miss Harriet Ann Sandige, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Richard Lee Wiley, of Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 10, at the Irene Cole Memorial Church, here...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clark Sanders, a son, Ronald Clark II, December 18, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor, of Auxier, a daughter, Veronica Lynn, December 5, at the Paintsville Clinic...There died: W. J. Reynolds Sr., 80, former Floyd County magistrate, Saturday, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, W.Va.; Prof. Carl D. Woods, 53, Floyd native and a member of the faculty of Eastern Kentucky University, Monday night, at Richmond; Mrs. Fanny Greenwade, 87, of Cliff, Tuesday, at Russell, Kentucky; Mrs. Lydia Maggard, 46, of McDowell, Friday, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Mrs. Barbara Jean Snell, 25, former Floyd woman, December 10, at Warsaw, Indiana; D. E. (Dave) Chafin, 77, Monday, at his home at Martin; Porter A. Layne, 57, of Harold, Friday, at Huntington, W.Va.; Mrs. Anna Wallen Case, native of Garrett, November 24,

### **Fifty Years Ago**

(December 20, 1956)

A two-lane highway on the side of the Big Sandy river, opposite from the present U.S. 23, was talked by a representative of the Kentucky Highway Department, at a meeting in Paintsville, last week, of the U.S. Route 23 Association...Fire destroyed the one-room Warrix schoolhouse at Water Gap, early Tuesday evening, of last week...County Judge Henry Stumbo and other members of the Kentucky County Judges Association, last Wednesday, heard J. B. Wells, rural highway commissioner, discuss a proposed plan for the state to take over construction and maintenance of county roads, where it is requested to do so...Gary Wendel Williams, 18, of Bypro, was fatally injured, Sunday night, on the Bypro-Melvin road, when the auto in which he, and three teen-age friends, were driving toward Melvin, crashed into the hillside bordering the highway...The United Mine Workers Union finds the coal industry did so well in 1956, and its prospects for 1967 are so good, that its spokesman proclaimed; "Coal is king again."...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Wallace, of Prestonsburg, a son, Charles Martin Wallace, November 30, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Price, a son, David Kenneth, Dec. 13, at Johnson City, Tennessee...There died: John L. Little, 54, of Beaver, last Wednesday, at UMWA Memorial Hospital; Bud Hoover, 78, Monday, at his home at Eastern; Mrs. Bertha Layne Hall, 51, Wednesday, at her home at Tram; Mrs. Evelyn Moran, 36, of Martin, Tuesday, of last week, at the Hazelwood Sanitarium, Louisville; Mrs. Rosa Bell Leslie, 86, at her home at Mossy Bottom.

#### **Sixty Years Ago** (December 19, 1946)

Circuit Judge E. P. Hill Jr., this morning, entered an order postponing the effective date of prohibition in Floyd County, until a final judgment, is reached in the Floyd Circuit Court in the contest suit of Bill Hall vs. Troy B. Sturgill, et al. County whiskey dealers thereby gained a respite beyond the December 28 prohibition deadline...Plans for a hospital to serve the miners of the Big Sandy and Hazard coal fields were announced, this week, by Tom Raney, Pikeville, international UMWA representative...Bobby Joe Martin, 14 years old, of Harold, is in critical condition in the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, as the result of a skull fracture sustained, Friday night, at Harold, when struck by a passing truck...The Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club, at its Thursday evening meeting, heard R. L. Shepherd, Vocational Agriculture teacher here, discuss plans for strawberry-growing in Floyd County...Workmen employed by John Allen and G. C. Spradlin, last week, began construction of a two-story building on the Mayo Trail, here to be occupied by the Warfield Natural Gas Company...Dr. G. C. Collins, veteran Martin dentist, last week, had his

Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Watson David Alphoretta...Married: Miss Margaret Philomena, of Australia, and Mr. John Calvin Hopkins Jr., of Mt. Sterling, November 15, at San Francisco, California...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Graham Dingus of Prestonsburg, a daughter-Elizabeth Graham-December 13, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville...There died: Mary Alka Skeans, 13 years old, of Dock, Monday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Charlie George, 73, at his home at Betsy Layne, Thursday; Mrs. Ed Hall, 54, Tuesday, at home at Drift; Mrs. Georgia Banks Frazier, 41, at her home at Prestonsburg, Monday; Dennis Ray Gibson, 15, at his parent's home on Steele's Creek, Wayland, Saturday.

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# **Seventy Years**

(December 18, 1936)

Jeff Harris, 24 years old, of Emma, was killed, Thursday, when the truck he was driving left the road at the top of Greasy Creek hill...Completion of the interior of the courthouse is expected, this week, and practically all offices are occupied at the present time...Matthew Shelton, 47 years old, of Wayland, was instantly killed, Tuesday, when he was caught beneath a slatefall in the mine of Elk Horn Coal Corporation at Wayland...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Burchett, of Cow Creek, a son-Woodrow Jr., December 12.

### Oak

them to folks in this area?

He more or less challenged me to find out. So far, my exhaustive research has offered absolutely no clue as to when, or from where, soup beans were introduced to our supper tables. I can personally attest to the fact they were here when I got here,

because when I first became old enough to eat solid foods, Mom always said that I loved them, and soup beans were my solid food of

As far as I know, she had only one soup bean recipe, so any inventive eating fell upon the eater. One of the things I'd do as a kid to add variety to my meals was mix a gob of prepared mustard from the ever-presented big yellow jar, and mash it all together with a fork.

Anyway, I've not been able to find out much about the pinto bean, except the scientific name for it is phaseolus vulgaris. Guess it's a good thing I didn't know that when I was a kid. I'd likely have delighted in telling my friends I'd had phaseolus vulgaris and combread for supper.

youngest patient. He extracted a tooth

for four-months-old Marena Elaine

I also learned that soup beans are rich in fat-free, high quality protein. Hmm, must have been the cornbread

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Anyway, if anybody out there has any idea about how and when the goodie came our way, I'd appreciate your letting me know. In the mean-

time, I'll keep searching, too.

#### Critter

shelter, rather than choosing a dog for someone else. Wrap the certificate with a dog bowl and toys so there is something to unwrap. "Not as cute as a live puppy, but a much more thoughtful decision for the animal and the recipient." It is best to let the recipient pick out the dog they connect with rather than you nicking out the one that you connect with.

Do your research: Does the recipient have the time to exercise a dog daily? Are they ready for the expense of vet bills and any emergencies that will come up? Do they have time to train a dog? How do they feel about dog hair on the furniture?

Where to start: Once you determine that you want to give the gift of an animal for the holidays, shelters are the best place to start. One of four shelter dogs is a purebred, and adopting from a shelter will save you hundreds of dollars, and save a life.

Alternatives: No luck at the shelbut still want to buy a puppy gift? Number one tip, according to Shain, "Find a reputable breeder. A responsible breeder will NEVER sell a puppy to someone who they have not personally met. No one should purchase a dog without physically visiting where the puppy was born and raised. Pet stores and online dealers will tell you what you want to hear to move that puppy out and stock the cage with another.'

Beware: Most dogs sold in pet stores - and via the internet - come from puppy mills. Puppy mills are mass breeding facilities where dogs are crowded into cages and puppies churned out with little r their health or to sound breeding practices. Mills often hide behind the "legitimacy" of a neighborhood pet store. The worst gift you can ever give is the puppy who looks fine when you pick her out at the store, then "crashes" after a day or two. "Your gift will end up costing the

recipient thousands of dollars, not to mention Christmas heartbreak. It happens way too often around the

Free guide: To make this process easier for anyone looking to buy a dog, and for free information on adopting, rescuing or finding a repbrochure "Puppy Buyer's Guide" from The HSUS. Visit www.puppybuyersguide.com, or send your request to HSUS - Puppy Buyers Guide 2100 L St., NW Washington, DC 20037.

The Humane Society of the United States is the nation's largest animal

■ Continued from p6 protection organization with nearly 10 million members and constituents. The HSUS is a mainstream voice for animals, with active programs in companion animals, disaster preparedness and response, wildlife and habitat protection, marine mammals, animals in research, equine protection and farm animal welfare. Th HSUS protects all animals through education, investigation, litigation, legislation, advocacy and field work. The nonprofit organization is based in Washington and has field representatives and offices across the country. On the web at www.hsus.org .



# Hancock sworn in to second term as PVA

Connie Hancock was sworn in as Floyd County's Property Valuation Administrator on Friday, December 1, by Circuit Judge John David Caudill. This is Hancock's second term in office. She was appointed in September, 2000, and then elected to the office in 2002, following the death of her father, Lovel Hall, who held the position for 27 years.

Connie and her staff would like to express their gratitude to

the citizens of Floyd County. They are thankful for the opportunity to continue serving Floyd County and are committed to their duties in the PVA office.

# Making smart snacking choices

(NAPSA)-An apple a day may not just keep the doctor away. It could stop guilt in its tracks, too. A recent survey commissioned by Dole Packaged Foods found that more than 35 percent of women say they feel guilty when they snack. That doesn't have to be the case, though, as long as people make smart snack choices. Many nutritionists say the key is to cravings find delicious snacks, such as fruit, that let you indulge without the bulge-a fact that most people seem to understand, but don't necessarily apply to themselves.

According to the survey, most women provide healthful fruit snacks for their families, but they tend to keep the candy or baked snacks for themselves. Here's a look at some additional snack facts from the sur-

What We Crave

Sweet beats salty when it comes to

Snack attack veterans probably won't be surprised that taste was the most important factor for respondents craving indulgent snacks-or that "sweet" was the taste they craved

most. If you want a guilt-free way to home. Work and school came in secindulge your sweet tooth, try a healthful snack such as DOLE Fruit Parfaits. They offer refreshing fruit, like apples, peaches and pineapples, layered over a light-tasting crème and served in take-along containers that make for easier portion control. They provide approximately 25 percent of the RDA for vitamin C, only have about 115 calories and are low in fat.

Where And When We Crave Cravings hit at home

The survey found that the most popular location for snacking was at

ond; snacking while driving, traveling or on the go came in third. Prime snacking time occurs throughout the week from lunch until the evening. About 60 percent of respondents said they snack one to two times a day. Approximately 20 percent snack three or more times daily.

Do Calories Count? Most people keep their snacks to

200 calories or less

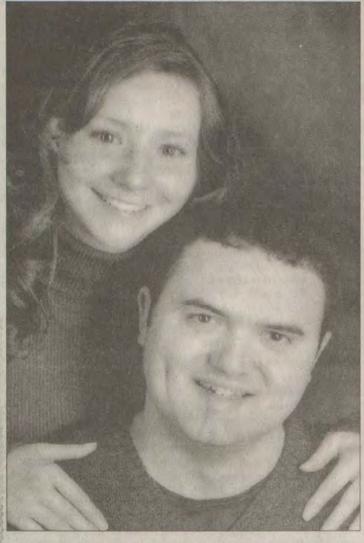
According to Dr. Nicholas D. Gillitt, Ph.D., research chemist, Dole Nutrition Institute, it's important to consider nutritional, caloric and fat content, as well as serving size, when choosing a snack. Almost two out of five respondents agree with Dr. Gillitt and say they keep their snacks to 200 calories or less. One out of five people snack on 200 calories or more and two out of five respondents take the carefree approach and never count

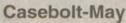
For more information on healthy snacking, visit www. dole.com.

# Wedding

# Birthdays

# Birthdays cont.





Mr. and Mrs. Tony Casebolt, of Fords Branch, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ryan Casebolt, to Jon Thomas May, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. May, of Prestonsburg.

Kimberly is a 2000 graduate of Shelby Valley High School. She is currently attending the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy.

Jon is a 1999 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Mining Engineering. He is currently employed with Coal Mac, Inc., of Holden, West Virginia.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, December 30, 2006, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Fords Branch Church of Christ, located on US 23 South, Pikeville.



Hall-Blackburn

James and Lyda Hall, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Leslie Sue Hall, to Danny Paul Blackburn, the son of Danny Lloyd and Edna Blackburn, also of Prestonsburg.

The couple will wed on Saturday, December 16, 2006, at half past the hour of twelve o'clock in the afternoon, at the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church. A reception will immediately follow in the church annex.

The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be

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.

# Family reunion?

Share your family news. If your family is having a reunion, the

Times will publish a picture, along with basic information, about the happy gathering. Stop by the Times office, located on 263 South Cental Avenue (across from Ray Howard Furniture), or send info, to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email to: features @ floydcounty-times.com.





Look who's 6!

Sarabeth Renea Johnson celebrated her sixth birthday on Thursday, August 31, 2006. She celebrated her special day with a "Bratz" theme party held on Saturday, September 16, at Archer Park Skating Rink. Many family members and friends attended, making the day extra-special. Sarabeth is the daughter of Bryan and Amie Ousley Johnson, of Prestonsburg. She is the granddaughter of Fairon and Sandy Johnson and Johnny and Debbie Ousley, all of Prestonsburg. Her paternal great-grandparents are Fred and Flora Johnson, of Salyersville, Ruth Couch, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Lackey, and the late James Couch. Her maternal great-grandparents are the late Clyde and Sarah Ousley, formerly of Dock, and the late Jesse Pheonis and Naomi VanHorn, formerly of Lancer.

Sarabeth attends Prestonsburg Elementary School where she is in Mr. Tackett's first grade homeroom.

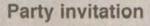
Sarabeth recently welcomed home a new baby sister, Chloe LeShea, born Friday, July 28, 2006.



Look who's 3!

Lesley Hughes, the daughter of Chayla and Randall Hughes, of Harold, turned three years old on December 2, 2006. She celebrated her special day with a "Little Mermaid" theme party held December 10, at Pizza Hut. Lesley has one brother, Christopher. She and Christopher send a big "Hello" and "We love you" to their daddy, who is currently stationed in Irag.





Brandi Shae Innis will turn nine years old on December 17, 2006. She will celebrate her special day with a birthday blast party to be held on Friday, December 15, from 6-8 p.m., at the Little Mud Community Center. All friends and family members cordially invited to attend.



Alex is 2!

Alex Joseph Begley celebrated his second birthday on November 10, 2006 with a "Thomas the Tank Engine" 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.

#### Davis

Emily, Tyler, and Ethan.

Brad says his favorite thing about being a vocalist in the Big Sand Singers is "the opportunity to share my Godgiven talent with a group of some of the best people I have ever met."

Outside of the Singers, Brad is a full-time student, is very involved in his church, ■ Continued from p5

and enjoys four-wheeling and writing.

"Recording the album was a very exciting experience for me," Brad concluded. "It was my first experience in a professional recording studio and the experience of singing along with the great talent that the Big Sandy Singers offers

has been very exciting.'

#### Korner

cious you just wanted to cam squeeze each and every one of them. They could bring smiles prod

them. They could bring smiles and tears all at the same time. Little Hannah Ratliff's smile could light up the stage.

When Spouse and I went to the photo op before the show began, Ms. Hyden instructed the girls for their pose and told them to give those of us with camera's a big smile, and a big smile we got from little Lily

Gardner, too.

I take it Lily really likes the

■ Continued from p5 camera.

camera.

All the others in this year's production were equally

adorable and all performed amazingly as well.

Kennedy, although a mere three years old, loves ballet and has her sights set on tap. And whichever she chooses, ballet or tap, or both, if I know

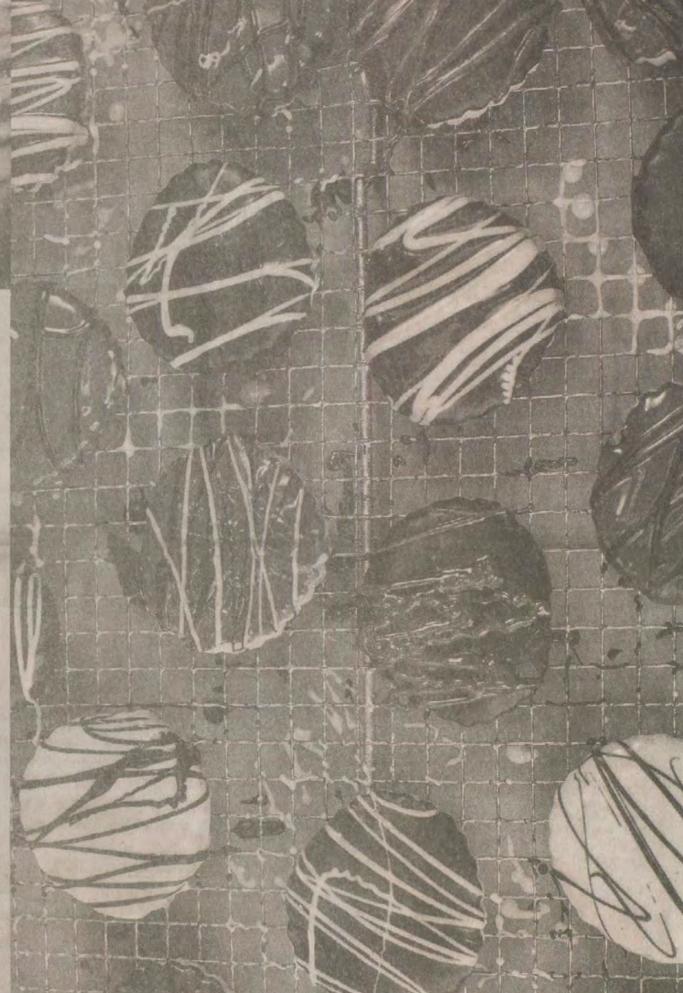
to capture every moment.
Good job my snuggle bug,
Til Next Week..
God Bless

Kennedy, we'll be right there

# Give the Gift of Ander

BAMILY PRATITION

ith the holidays upon us, you may be feeling pressure to come up with gift ideas that are not only unique, but heartfelt. Nothing says "love" more than the time and energy poured into a homemade treat. With chocolate being the ultimate in indulgence, pamper your friends and family this season with these one-of-a-kind recipes that will transform a beloved holiday staple into the sweetest gift of all.



#### Sumptuous Chocolate Cookie Cake

Your host or hostess would surely be delighted if you showed up on his or her doorstep with this rich and decadent treat. A sureline party pleaser!

Ereparation time: 15 minutes Chilling time: 4 hours Use: 8- x 3-inch loaf pan Makes: 10 harge stices

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) plus 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup corn syrup 7 ounces Green & Black's
- 7 ounces Green & Black's Organic 72 percent Bittersweet Baking Bar; broken into pieces 1 egg
- 2 ounces graham crackers
- (about 8) 1/2 cup whole walnuts
- 1/4 cup golden raisins
  1/3 cup candied cherries,
  reserve a few for

Line loaf pan with waxed paper or alternately butter pan. Set aside

Melt butter and corn symp together in small saucepan over gentle hear until they begin to holl Melt chocolate in top of double

boiler over burely similaring water, then mix thoroughly with butter and corn syrup mixture. Beat egg slowly and continu-

custy into het chocolate inixture, in separate bowl, break grafiam crackers into large choaks. Add walnuts, raisins and most of charnes to cracker mastere.

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Pour chocolate mixture into cracker mixture and mix with spatish or wooden spoon.

Press mixture into part and decorate with reserved chemes. Refrigerate mixture about four hours. To serve, peel off waxed paper and cut into slices or cubes. Serve chilled.

## Tips for Easy Holiday Entertaining

- Plan in advance so that entertaining goes from a buge effort to being effortless.
- Commit only to what you know you can do well in the time trame you have, and set a budget for yourself
- Ask a few good mends to arrive on time to get the party into fullswing quickly.
- Send guests home with a simple, elegant favor such as a selection of chocolate bass wrapped with a ribbon.



#### Chocolate That Gives Back

Green & Black's full range of organic chocolate bars, gift boxes, her chocolates, cocco and baking bar are all produced using 100% organic ingredients; the Company also funds a large fair trade project in Belize. This means that Green & Black's pays the Mayan farmers with whom they trade directly a fair and susuamable price for their organic cocco. This security has helped the farmers to improve the quality of their lives and those of their families and communities. For more information, check out www.greenandblacks.com.

#### Festive Butter Cookies

These rich, crumbly cookies with their colorful array of chocolate coatings make a yummy party favor. Wrap a few in colored cellophate and decorate with a ribbon.

Preparation time: 10 minutes Chilling time: 15 minutes Cooking time: 15 to 20 minutes Use: 2 1/2-inch fluted cookie cutter Makes: 50 cookies

- 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour Large pinch of salt 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 3/4 sticks unsulted butter, chilled and diced
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten 1/2 tenspoon vanilla extract
  - dounces each of Green & Black's Organic Milk, White. Maya Gold and 72 percent Bittersweet Baking Bar chocolate,

broken into pieces Proheat even to 325°F. Butter large baking sheet.

baking sheet.

Sift together flour and salt. Add sugar and butter and blend with food processor or by hand until mixture resembles bread crumbs. Add egg and vanilla and blend again until mixture becomes firm dough. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill at least 15 minutes.

Roll out dough on lightly floured board to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut out cookies using fluted outer.

Place on baking sheet and bake 15 to 20 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool on wire rack.

Once cookies have cooled, melt chocolate in top of double boiler over harely simmering water. Be careful when melting white chocolate to make sure bowl does not touch the water, as chocolate will seize easily. Pour individual chocolates onto separate small plates and dip one surface of each cookie in chocolate before returning coolde to wire rack to set. Decorate by drizzling chocolate over previously dipped cookies for a colorful contrast.

#### Pear and Chocolate Spread

Delicious as a sance with ice cream or on toast at breakfast, this sophisticated variation on chocolate spread makes a wonderful hostess gift. The a colorful ribbon around the jar for a lovely presentation.

Preparation time: 20 minutes Chilling time: overnight Cooking time: 40 minutes to 1 hour Use: heavy saucepan, two to three 1 1/2-cup canning jars, waxed

paper circles

Makes: 1 3/4 pounds

- 3 pounds Bartlett pears,
- ripe but firm
  3 1/2 cups granulated sugar
  Juice of 1 large orange
  Juice of 1 lemon
  - 9 ounces Green & Black's Organic 72 percent Bittersweet Baking Bar, chopped

Peel and quarter pears; remove cores. In large heavy saucepan, mix sugar with crange and lemon juices, Add pears and nax together carefully.

Heat gendy until mixture begins to simmer. Remove from heat and pour into bowl. Add chocolate and mix until chocolate has melted. Cover bowl and let cool before placing in fridge overnight.

Pour mixture back into heavy sauce pan, bring to a boil and let bubble 40 minutes to 1 hour. Mixture is done when small amount dropped onto cold plate becomes thick and gelatinons.

While maxture is bubbling, wash

saming jars, lids and seals in warm soapy water, rinsing thoroughly. Sterilize jars by immersing fully in boiling water 10 miantes or by washing them in dishwasher.

Spoon pear and chocolate spread into jars to within 1/2 inch of rim. Cover with circle of waxed paper and secure lid immediately.



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